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FORECAST: Partly cloudy with local thundershowers tonight or tomorrow; not much change in temperature.

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PRICE THREE CENTS

A. L. BLOCK, 71, L. SCHAFFER CO. HEAD, IS DEAD

Long Leader in Civic and
Business Affairs of
Indianapolis.

MOURNED BY MANY
Merchant Had Been Ill
Several Years From
Heart Disease.

(Editorial, Page 10)

Abram L. Block, president of L. SCHAFFER CO., Indianapolis department store, died at 2 a. m. today at his home, the Marott Hotel. He had been ill for several years with heart disease. He was 71.

In spite of his illness, associates said he maintained a personal contact with the store, and visited the store on business one week ago.

He also maintained an active interest in civic affairs and in the conduct of many Jewish social, educational and religious organizations in the city, associates said.

Donated Race Trophy
Throughout his long business career in Indianapolis, during which L. SCHAFFER CO. expanded from a "relatively small store" to one of the largest in the city, Mr. Block took part in every major civic enterprise, his associates said.

Starting in 1916 he donated a trophy for the Memorial Day race at the Indianapolis Speedway every year.

He was a member of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation.

L. SCHAFFER CO.'s store was closed today and is to remain closed until Thursday. Funeral services are to be held at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation Temple, 10th and Delaware-sts., Wednesday at 10:30 a. m. The body is at the Flanner & Buchanan Mortuary. Burial is to be in Indianapolis Hebrew Cemetery.

Born in Cincinnati

He was born in Cincinnati, O. Sept. 27, 1864, the son of Lazarus and Sarah Moerel Block. His father died when he was six weeks old. His mother then moved to Rochester, N. Y. Later he entered the wholesale branch of the men's wear business there. In 1892, he joined a Brooklyn tailoring firm, remaining until 1897.

A year later he came to Indianapolis and joined the late Leo Strauss, whom he is known to have many years. In 1912 Mr. Block became president of L. SCHAFFER CO. at which time he also acquired the entire interest of Mr. Strauss.

Mr. Block also was president of the Circle Theater Co., and Monogram Realty Co. He was a member of Columbia Club, Marion Club, Indianapolis Athletic Club, Hoosier Athletic Club, Indianapolis Club, Broadmoor Country Club, Chamber of Commerce, New York Bridge Club, Old Colony Club, B. P. O. E. and a life member of the Valley Lodge 108, Free and Accepted Masons of Rochester, N. Y.

He was married to Miss Rachel Fisher in Rochester, Sept. 19, 1888. He is survived by his widow, a daughter, Mrs. Joseph Gelman, and a granddaughter, Alma Lyon, all of whom live at the Marott Hotel.

**DOG BREEDERS WIN
ORDINANCE DELAY**

Mayor Announces Rabies Vaccination Order to Be Studied Further.

A delegation of dog breeders today asked Mayor Kern to delay action on the proposed ordinance calling for inoculation of all dogs.

Mayor Kern said the ordinance would not be presented at City Council meeting tonight and that the group would have two weeks to study the proposal.

Dr. Herman G. Morgan, City Health Board secretary, said he would co-operate with the delegation in making a thorough study of the inoculation serum and its effects.

The delegation included Harold W. Brady, Stowell C. Wesson, Frank Hirschfeld, H. A. Meyer, Clifton Hirschman and E. R. Etter.

**CIVIC CLUB PLEADS
FOR WATER MAINS**

Board Asked to Order Installation on 21st.

A committee representing the East Twenty-First Street Civic Club today asked the Works Board to order installation of water mains a mile stretch between Sherman-dr and Emerson-av on 21st-st.

More than 100 homes and one public school lack fire protection, the petitioners said. "Twelve years ago mains were ordered installed but the water company upset the order by proving there was not enough water to warrant the action. Mrs. Zelah Price and George G. Bruce led the delegation today.

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MERCHANT DIES

CITY REJOICES IN COOL SPELL

Likely to Last Three Days,
Is Promise; Showers
Help Crops.

HOURLY TEMPERATURES

Midnight	75	7 a. m.	69
1 a. m.	73	8 a. m.	74
2 a. m.	70	9 a. m.	77
3 a. m.	68	10 a. m.	80
4 a. m.	67	11 a. m.	80
5 a. m.	67	12 Noon	82
6 a. m.	66	1 p. m.	83

Indianapolis today had subnormal temperatures and enjoyed the comfort of a cool wave that moved in over the week-end and is going to stay from "one to three days," the Weather Bureau forecast.

And although only .27 inch of rain fell, according to official measurement, growers and gardeners said that, accompanied by cooler weather, it was quite beneficial to crops.

Even with a bright sun and clear sky, the temperature was only 77 at 9 a. m. today.

Balance Is Known

Gov. McNutt said that total income from new sources of revenue for the year just ended was \$24,385,000. He compared this to \$17,901,773 for the previous year, and \$10,055,541 for 1933.

Of last year's total, the intangible tax contributed \$1,240,000; gross income tax, \$16,800,000; alcoholic beverage tax, \$5,600,000; auto tax, \$205,000, and weight tax for trucks and busses, \$740,000.

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TRAFFIC ARRESTS

M'NUTT BARES CASH SURPLUS OF \$10,892,205

Fiscal Year Ends Without
State Owning Cent, He
Says on Radio.

PROPERTY TAX IS LESS

New Sources of Revenue
Net 24 Millions; Report
Is His Last.

Gov. McNutt said today there probably would be no increase in the state tax rate for 1937, after revealing last night that the state had a cash balance of \$10,892,205 in unbilled funds when it closed its books for 1936 on June 30.

He said the balance represented the estimated amount needed for the social security program and operation of institutions.

"If any money is left, perhaps it would have the effect of reducing taxes," the Governor said.

In his last financial report as Governor, he told a radio audience last night that Indiana ended the year "with all bills paid, not one cent of indebtedness, and with just \$2.47 less than \$33,000,000 in the treasury."

In analyzing the trend in the state's sources of revenue in the last few years, he said that property tax collections had dropped to where they now do not far exceed \$4,612,747 from property taxation in 1933.

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