

## GORDON BIDS FOR TOWNSEND'S AID IN SENATE RACE

Labor Leader Invades Home District of Rival in Fight For VanNuys' Seat.

FT. WAYNE, Jan. 27 (U. P.).—Alex Gordon, Indianapolis, railroad labor leader and candidate for the Democratic nomination for U. S. Senator, bid for Governor Townsend's support today.

Invading home territory of his rival, Samuel Jackson, Ft. Wayne, who also has announced his candidacy for the post held by Senator VanNuys, Mr. Gordon declared labor was "100 per cent back of the Governor who, in turn, is in sympathy with labor."

In an interview, Mr. Gordon declined to state whether he had the Governor's support, but added: "In my travels throughout the state, many party leaders and workers have volunteered their services."

### Urges Labor Unity

Politicians have speculated whether the State House organization would support Mr. Gordon or Mr. Jackson—or both—for the nomination.

Addressing an organization meeting of Labor's Nonpartisan League here last night, Mr. Gordon urged "unity of labor at the ballot boxes."

"Get your committees in action," he said, "and your influence with the party powers. Get your men nominated. Investigate all the candidates and select those friendly toward labor."

"President Roosevelt is one of the best friends labor has had. Governor Townsend also desires labor's support."

Speaking of the business recession, Mr. Gordon said:

"Industry has been on a sit-down strike, but we are coming out of the recession now."

### Co-operation Essential

"The President has every right to expect co-operation from business. Business, in turn, has every right to expect Governmental co-operation. Labor and industry also should pull together. When the wages and hours bill passes Congress, we will have gone along way to end this recession."

He traced the history of labor and labor legislation since 1890. He outlined legislation against "cut-throat" competition, and for better working conditions.

In 1930, labor went to sleep at the ballot boxes, he said, and reactionaries were elected to office.

"A third party was organized, but that blew up," he declared. "Labor went backward until 1932, when we had a revolt at the ballot boxes."

**RETIREMENT PLAN INTEREST SUSTAINED**

Public interest in personal and corporation retirement or annuity plans has not been lessened by the Federal Social Security Act, William T. Earls, Cincinnati Chartered Life Underwriters vice president, today had told the Indianapolis Life Underwriters Association.

"It was thought the act would lessen public interest in various types of personal and corporation retirement or annuity plans, but the reverse is true," Mr. Earls said at a meeting yesterday. "The public is more than ever conscious of the need for a retirement income plan."

**TALKS ON STREET PLANS**

Important street improvements in recent years and plans for future development of thoroughfares in the city are prominent factors in relating and increasing property values.

Val B. McLeay, City Plan Commission secretary, told members of the Apartment Owners' Association yesterday at the Hotel Washington.

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## Lions Scout Troop Gets Commissions



Members of the newly formed Lions Club Boy Scout troop received their commissions at the club luncheon yesterday at Hotel Washington. F. E. Thornburg (left), Lions president, and R. J. Webb, Boy Scout field executive, present membership cards to Joe Noonan, 12 (center), and Frank Brock, 17. A Lions committee is to sponsor troop activities as an added youth activity.

**JUDGE PIGG UPHELD; STATE SCANS RECORD**

Evidence of Contempt Is Sought After Dispute.

The Attorney General's office today studied records of a Sullivan County Circuit Court dispute to determine if anyone involved was in

contempt of the Indiana Supreme Court.

Culley C. Lanham appealed to the Supreme Court when he said he was unable to secure a change of venue from Judge Martin L. Pigg in a Sullivan County divorce case. Judge Pigg said Mr. Lanham had not filed a petition for a venue change.

Acting on recommendations of a special committee appointed to conduct an investigation, the Supreme Court yesterday decided the dispute in favor of Judge Pigg. A fine of \$380.50 was assessed against Mr. Lanham. Records then were turned

over to the Attorney General's office.

The special committee named by the Supreme Court was composed of three Indianapolis attorneys, Arthur L. Gilliom, Alan W. Boyd and Walter Myers.

**PROFESSOR TO TALK**

Prof. Mabel M. Harlan of the Indiana University Spanish department is to discuss "Significant Politico-Cultural Trends in Spanish History" at the Indianapolis Spanish Club meeting tonight at 160 W. 44th St.

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## STATE CONTROLS MAIN HIGHWAYS THROUGH CITIES

Traffic Signals on Principal Routes to Be Operated By Commission.

The State Highway Commission is providing for maintenance and operation of traffic signals on Indiana highway routes through cities, Chairman Earl Crawford reported today.

Meanwhile, it was announced some sections of the State highway system had been closed temporarily to vehicles with a gross weight of over three tons on account of the weather.

**State Takes Control**

On Jan. 1, the Commission took over control of streets over which State highways are routed in all cities but Indianapolis. Agreements are being made with city officials and utilities for State control of stop-and-go signals and other traffic regulations on these streets.

The Commission also will keep these streets cleaned, it was announced. Sanding of intersections and snow removal already have been started by the State maintenance force.

**Heavy Traffic Restricted**

Mr. Crawford said alternate freezes and thaws required the closing of heavy traffic of some secondary roads. The order will not affect automobiles.

From experience of past winters, Mr. Crawford said, the Commission had found these temporary closing orders protected highway surfaces.

## New Examiner



Robert D. Stover of Minneapolis has been appointed senior examiner in the State Personnel Bureau, Richard W. Bunch, director, has announced.

Mr. Stover is a Columbia University graduate and served two years on the University of Minnesota faculty.

Signs are placed at both ends and at intersections along roads closed to trucks, and violators may be required under law to pay damages they have caused.

Restrictions on heavy vehicles are to be lifted as soon as weather conditions permit, it was said.

**NURSERYMEN TO MEET**

The Indiana Nurserymen's Association is to hold its annual meeting and election of officers in the Hotel Lincoln tomorrow. Approximately 75 Indiana nurserymen from over the state are expected to attend.

## TO SPEAK AT 'Y' MEETING

Dr. E. R. Bartlett of DePauw University is to speak on "Magnificent Illusion" at the Y. M. C. A. Big Meeting at English's Theater Sunday.

Robert Shultz is to direct the Shortridge High School Band in a concert.

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