

VanNus Nominated, McNutt Boomed as Party's Presidential Candidate in 1940; 21-Gun Salute Opens Favorite Son Drive

Unity Plan Triumphant; All Candidates Named By Acclamation.

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convention opened, leaving Mr. Thompson as the only candidate. Mr. Thompson, majority leader of the Indiana House, had been opposed by some labor leaders.

Townsend Lauds Roosevelt

In his keynote address, Governor Townsend lauded President Roosevelt, the New Deal and democratic processes. He pointed proudly to the accomplishments of the State Administration, and called for a united party.

In a five-minute speech after the Governor had turned over the gavel to him as permanent convention chairman, Senator Minton eulogized the President and urged that the Roosevelt leadership be followed.

VanNus by Acclamation

When nominations for U. S. Senator were opened, the chairman called on the First District delegates, who yielded to the Marion County delegation.

Reginald Sullivan, Democratic candidate for Indianapolis Mayor, rose and said: "Marion County wishes to place in nomination the name of Senator Frederick VanNus."

Shortly thereafter, amid strains and applause, Senator VanNus was announced the nominee by acclamation.

Senator Minton, chairman, then said: "Ladies and Gentlemen, I present Senator VanNus, and Senator VanNus said: "First, I want to express my deep appreciation for the high honor that has been bestowed upon me today. I have the knowledge and belief in looking back over the past 40 years, and cannot but compare the conditions now with the conditions then."

Acknowledges United Stand

"In 1933, we faced a condition of collapse in the state and in the nation. But under the leadership of former Governor McNutt, Governor Townsend and Franklin D. Roosevelt, we almost have solved that complex situation. In the next four years we must stand united, toe and face, to face to fight the specter of social unrest and insecurity."

"We must restore peace, happiness and prosperity to the people. I thank you again and again."

A tumultuous demonstration followed the reading by Mr. McHale of the McNutt plank in the platform. For 15 minutes delegates marched in front of the speaker's platform, carrying their county and district identification banners.

Simultaneously there was a 21-gun (Presidential) salute of cannon crackers set off at the back of the hall. Strains screamed and the band began a furious arrangement of "There's a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight."

Delegates milled, yelling and waving as they passed the speaker's platform, and the band literally played itself out and had to quit for three minutes.

Senator Minton, convention chairman, banged the gavel and said: "This is only a one-day convention. Gentlemen, take your seats." Several shouted back:

"We don't care. We're having fun," and kept on milling.

Senator Minton banged the gavel again and repeated his first warning. Then the demonstration began to break up, and the delegates slowly went to their seats. The reading of the platform continued, with about one-fourth of the delegates still unseated.

For the first time in many years, the complete personnel of the pre-convention platform committee was made by the convention committee on resolutions without change.

This was cited as another indication of the disciplined control exercised by the McNutt-Townsend organization.

The Rules and Permanent Organization Committee, which met shortly after the district caucuses last night adopted substantially the same convention rules as were used two years ago. At the same time, the Credentials Committee met for only a few minutes. No contested credentials were reported at the time of the meeting.

Delayed in getting started, the important Resolutions Committee adopted a lengthy platform, and party workers were kept busy unrolling mimeographing the committee report.

With most of the surprise element taken out of the Senatorial race, delegates spent much of their time discussing the program for the special session of the Legislature called for July 19. Several county leaders said they thought the proposal to repeal the Automobile Title Card Holder Law, as suggested yesterday during the Democratic State Senators' caucus, was particularly good since this act was attacked by the Republican state convention. Repeal of the law by Democrats in the special session would take "wind out of Republican sails," they said.

Ludlow Backs Change

Discussion of returning the nomination for all offices to the direct primary also occupied delegates. Rep. Louis Ludlow, Twelfth District Congressman, telegraphed Anderson Reichenbach, Twelfth District chairman and platform advisory committee chairman, that the party should "take an unequivocal stand for this reform."

Threats of an anti-VanNus move in the Eighth District caucus last night failed to materialize. One Evansville delegate, who had opposed Mr. VanNus said:

"Lack of some kind of leadership is the only thing that is stopping a block Mr. Koeneemann's candidacy."

A few hurried conferences among delegates resulted in Mr. Koeneemann calling his party in Evansville and arranging to sign a union contract. A short time later, labor delegation leaders announced they had withdrawn all opposition to Mr. Koeneemann's candidacy.

Lawyers Address Delegates

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"There was representation at this meeting from every part of the state. The sense of the meeting was unanimous that the judges of the Supreme and Appellate Courts now seeking re-election should be re-nominated."

"Their records deserve it. Plain justice demands it. They found decks with cases so many years old that their calendars were a disgrace to the State. These they cleared up with such effect that the docket of the Supreme Court was clean a year ago, and remains so, and currently the Appellate Court docket is clear also."

"Such public service is entitled to the highest recognition. No valid reason has been advanced from any source as to why anyone of these judges should not be re-nominated at this convention."

"Integrity Unquestioned"

"The judicial acts and integrity of the persons mentioned is unquestioned and unchallenged, and their social views as expressed in their opinions have been entirely sympathetic with liberal aims and policies."

"To fail to nominate any one of these men without good cause is to drag the judiciary into the mire of the give and take of petty political maneuvering."

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"I understand there has been a political deal between the state organization and the Marion County delegation in favor of my opponent, Supreme Court Judge Hughes. The chairman first asked for a voice vote and no opposition to our re-nomination."

For this reason, I was caught flat-footed and made no effort to contact delegates. If this question were left to the lawyers of this state, 90 per cent would be in favor of me."

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Gordon Makes Statement

Alex Gordon, labor leader, withdrew from the Senate race last night with the following statement: "Some months ago, at the request of many friends with whom I have worked to further the welfare of the laborer and the farmer, I announced my candidacy for the U. S. Senate."

Within the last few days I have been asked whether I would submit my name to the Democratic state convention. I now announce that I am withdrawing my candidacy. "I have made this decision for two reasons. First, I believe that complete harmony within the ranks of the Democratic Party will insure victory this fall and continuation of liberal government benefiting the common people. Second, I have been assured that Senator VanNus will continue to support the cause of labor."

Most Caucuses Short

All districts but the First, completed their caucuses within a few minutes last night. The First District caucus went out of control when Joseph Glinther, East Chicago printer, demanded that District Chairman Chester Foster, Gary, ask for a roll call on the state.

The slate was presented by Archie Spoorne, Hammond, City Clerk. The chairman first asked for a voice vote and had shouted that the nominees were elected before cries of "roll call vote" went up.

The slate finally was approved. Youngsters Shouted Down

Before the show of hands, several young East Chicago delegates attempted to reopen nominations. They were shouted down.

After the heated session, Mr. Mr. Foster said the Lake County delegates would "go into the convention united on nothing." Other delegates from the district said they believed that all but a few would support Mr. VanNus.

McHale Praises Party Members

Speaking at the Second District caucus, Mr. McHale praised party members for "putting party above self," and said he "coffed his hat to men like Governor Townsend."

Both he and Lieut. Gov. Schrieker, who also spoke, minimized the recent split between Mr. VanNus and the State House group.

Declaring himself "an old-fashioned Democrat who believes in harmony in the party if we expect to win," Mr. Schrieker said leaders patched up differences "to give the party another brilliant victory in November."

Mr. McHale echoed his sentiments, declaring that "the success of the party is paramount to the ambition of any individual."

Opposition Stopped

Opposition of Eighth District labor organizations to the candidacy of Mr. Koeneemann for Secretary of State was stopped, Mr. Koeneemann is one of the owners of the Koeneemann-Riehl Printing Co., which is reported to have been employing nonunion printers for many years.

A delegation representing the Evansville Typographical Union came to Indianapolis late yesterday, announcing a state-wide movement to block Mr. Koeneemann's candidacy.

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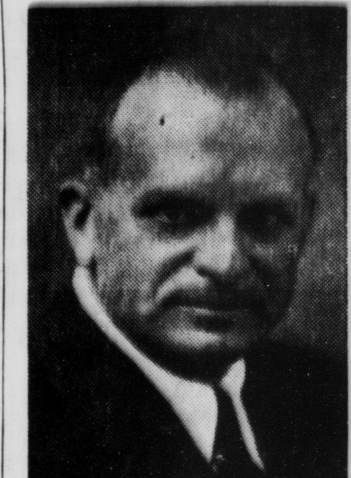
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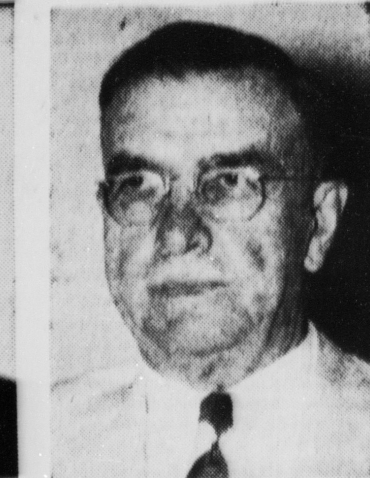
Paul Stump, Supreme and Appellate Court Clerk.



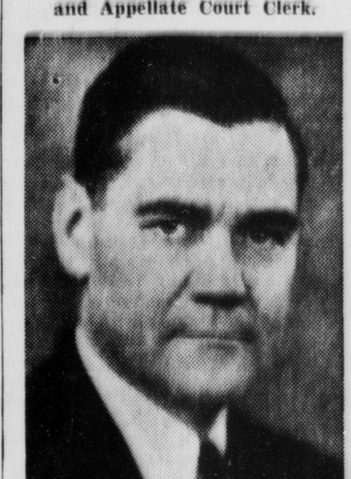
William H. Bridwell, Appellate Court Judge, Third District.



Frank G. Thompson, Auditor of State.



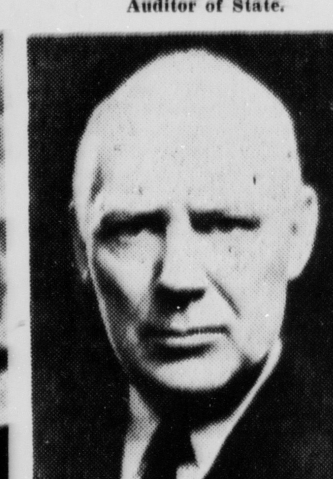
Edward A. Koeneemann, Secretary of State.



Curtis G. Shaker, Supreme Court Judge, First District.



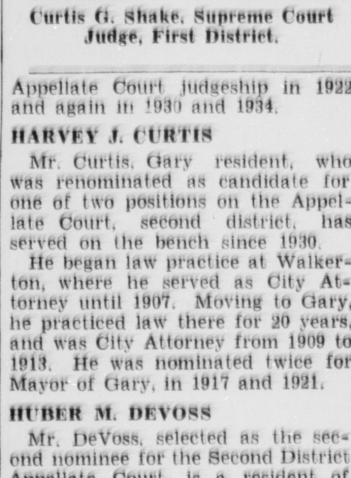
H. Nathan Swain, Supreme Court Judge, Third District.



Michael L. Fansler, Supreme Court Judge, Fifth District.



Harvey G. Curtis, Appellate Court Judge, Second District.



A. J. Stevenson, Appellate Court Judge, First District.



Hubert M. DeVoss, Appellate Court Judge, Second District.



Floyd L. McMurray, Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Appellate Court Judgeship in 1923 and again in 1930 and 1934.

HARVEY G. CURTIS

Mr. Curtis, Gary resident, who was re-nominated as candidate for one of two positions on the Appellate Court, second district, has served on the bench since 1930.

He began law practice at Walkerton, where he served as City Attorney until 1907. Moving to Gary, he practiced law there for 20 years, and was City Attorney from 1908 to 1913. He was nominated twice for Mayor of Gary, in 1917 and 1921.

HUBERT M. DEVOSS

Mr. DeVoss, selected as the second nominee for the Second District Appellate Court is a resident of Decatur, Adams County.

He was named to run for the office vacated by Alphonso C. Wood, Angola.

MICHAEL L. FANSLER

Judge Fansler, nominated for the Indiana Supreme Court Fifth District, has been a member of the Court since Jan. 1, 1933. He lives at Logansport.

EDWARD D. KOENEEMANN

Mr. Koeneemann has been one of the leaders in Vanderburgh County Democratic politics for more than 30 years.

He was elected Vanderburgh County Auditor in 1920 and was re-elected in 1924. When the first Federal public work-relief step was organized in Evansville, he was elected active charge of the CWA as chief of the payrolls.

Mr. Koeneemann also was active in getting Federal funds for active in educational activities all his life. He served for six years as high school principal in Montgomery and Clinton Counties; for six years as State Board of Education, he was elected to the State Board of Education, he was appointed to the State Superintendent's position to fill the un-

expired term of George Cole, then was elected to the office in 1934.

Mr. McMurray is a past president of the Indiana High School Athletic Association and a trustee of Ball State Teachers College and Indiana State Teachers College.

JOSEPH M. ROBERTSON

Mr. Robertson, Brownstown, nominee for State Treasurer, began his political career as a precinct committeeman when he was 21.

He served in the State Legislature from Jackson County in 1916. In 1922, he was elected Joint State Senator for Jackson, Scott and Washington Counties. He was re-elected in 1926. In the 1927 session, he was chairman of the Senate Patrologue Committee.

The head of a clay products business, he also has been active in banking and farming. Married, he is the father of a 6-year-old boy and two older daughters.

CURTIS G. SHAKER

Judge Shaker, Vincennes, nominated for the Supreme Court, First District, was appointed to the Supreme Court bench Jan. 4 to succeed Judge Walter Treanor, who was appointed to the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals at Chicago.

Mr. Stump, who has been clerk of the Supreme and Appellate Courts for one term, lives in Crawfordsville, where he attended public schools and Wabash College.

He was a teller in a Crawfordsville bank until the World War when he enlisted in the Thirty-Third Balloon Co. After the war he served as commander of the Byron Cox Post of the American Legion.

He has served the Democratic Party in various capacities from county committee treasurer to precinct committeeman. He served

Montgomery County Auditor, two terms beginning in 1925, as

H. NATHAN SWAIN

Mr. Swain, nominated for the Supreme Court, Third District, has been active many years in Marion County Democratic politics.

He served during two campaigns as Marion County Democratic chairman. He served as Park Board and Health Board attorney during the Sullivan administration. Mayor Roemer, named him City Controller.

Born in 1890 at Zionsville, he was graduated from the University of Chicago law school in 1916; after teaching in the Zionsville High School two years.

Later, he moved to Indianapolis and began the practice of law. He served in the Army during the World War.

FRANK G. THOMPSON

Mr. Thompson of Bluffton is floor leader of the Indiana House of Representatives. Mr. Thompson has been active in Wells County politics for many years. In 1922 he was elected representative from both Wells and Adams Counties.

He served as House floor leader through the 1295, 1296 and 1297 sessions of the Legislature.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

Here is the Traffic Record

County Deaths (To Date) 1938 63 1937 81

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Accidents July 11 8 Injured 5 Dead 0 Arrests 40

Running Preferential Streets 4 Running Red Light 14

Drunk Driving 0 Others 14

MEETINGS TODAY

Boat Club, luncheon, Clavon Hotel. Alpha Tau Omega, luncheon, Board of Trade Club. Delta Club, luncheon, Board of Trade Club. Gamma Club, luncheon, Board of Trade Club. Kappa Club, luncheon, Board of Trade Club. Lambda Club, luncheon, Board of Trade Club. Mu Club, luncheon, Board of Trade Club. Nu Club, luncheon, Board of Trade Club. Xi Club, luncheon, Board of Trade Club. Omicron Club, luncheon, Board of Trade Club. Pi Club, luncheon, Board of Trade Club. Rho Club, luncheon, Board of Trade Club. Sigma Club, luncheon, Board of Trade Club. Tau Club, luncheon, Board of Trade Club. Upsilon Club, luncheon, Board of Trade Club. Phi Club, luncheon, Board of Trade Club. Chi Club, luncheon, Board of Trade Club. Psi Club, luncheon, Board of Trade Club. Omega Club, luncheon, Board of Trade Club.

MEETINGS TOMORROW

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MARRIAGE LICENSES

(These lists are from official records in the City Clerk's Office. The Times, however, is not responsible for errors in names or addresses.)

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OFFICIAL WEATHER

United States Weather Bureau

INDIANAPOLIS FORECAST—Fair tonight and tomorrow; somewhat warmer.

Sunrise 4:28 Sunset 7:13

TEMPERATURE

7 a. m. 56 1 p. m. 68

BAROMETER

7 a. m. 30.03

Precipitation 24 hrs. ending 7 a. m. 0.00

Excess since Jan. 1 0.58

MIDWEST WEATHER

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