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## NAMES FOUND MISSING FROM VOTERS' LISTS

Discovery of Omissions of Republicans Made by G. O. P. Probers.

50 AFFIDAVITS FILED

Ralston Offers Explanation After Making Check With Harrison.

(Local Politics, Pages Two and Four; National Politics, Page Seven)

A check of official County registration records today disclosed that several Republicans whose names do not appear on the voters' lists issued Saturday night actually are qualified to vote in Tuesday's election.

The discovery was made when a Republican investigating committee, headed by W. H. Harrison, presented to the County Election Commissioners affidavits from 50 voters who contended their names should be on the lists.

The names were checked personally by County Clerk Glenn B. Ralston. Afterward, both Mr. Ralston and Mr. Harrison said they found a large number of the 50 were legally registered.

### Probe Continues

Meanwhile, Prosecutor Herbert M. Spencer continued his investigation of between 400 and 500 reportedly false registrations discovered by Democratic precinct workers in house-to-house canvases yesterday. Mr. Ralston said these challenged registrations will not be thrown out of the registration files but that a list of them will be prepared for either party to challenge at the polls should anyone attempt to vote under those names.

Precinct workers of both parties continued to report finding additional names of persons on the registration lists who were not living at the addresses given. These reports came mostly from rooming house districts where large numbers of voters move from one address to another at frequent intervals.

One Democratic precinct committee member reported that he found eight persons registered in the South Side home of a Republican precinct committee member.

### Explanation Offered

Republican Party leaders prepared to obtain additional affidavits of voters whose names do not appear on the voters lists and check them with the official registration lists. Mr. Ralston said the reason those checked this morning did not appear on the voters lists prepared Saturday was that the registration lists at that time had not been completed.

These names all will be on the registration lists at the polling places next Tuesday, he said. Mr. Harrison said those whose names could not be found on the registration lists will be asked to furnish some receipt showing their registration and if these are produced, certificates will be issued to them permitting them to vote Tuesday.

### 'Come In Every Hour'

Carl Vandiver, County Republican chairman, said "wholesale irregularities in the registration lists continue to come in every hour." "Committees have collected and are continuing to collect affidavits from those (Republicans) who have been legally registered, but whose names do not appear on the voting lists," he said.

"We will have the facts, established by affidavits before the proper authorities in time to insure to every legal qualified voter his right to vote on election day. "This is one election that is not going to be stolen or bought. Every affidavit will be preserved and presented to the Federal Grand Jury for consideration."

"Prosecutor Herbert Spencer may conduct any kind of a whitewash investigation the machine may dictate but this is an investigation which will be beyond his control."

### 'Deliberate Attempt'

Wilbur A. Royce, G. O. P. candidate for judge of Superior Court, Room 1, stated that from five to 75 persons to a precinct were not on registration lists after having duly registered. "I have learned from a checkup with every Republican Ward and Township chairman that in almost every precinct, names of Republican voters who have properly registered to vote in the election Nov. 8 are not now on registration lists." Asked if alleged discrepancies could have resulted from error in transcribing names, Mr. Royce said, "There isn't any error. This is a deliberate attempt to disfranchise Republican voters."

## FORMER PRESIDENT OF TAYLOR U. DIES

UPLAND, Nov. 2 (U. P.).—Funeral services will be held here tomorrow for Dr. Monroe Vayhinger, president of Taylor University from 1908 to 1921, who died yesterday at the home of a daughter in Spencer, Va.

Dr. Vayhinger, a native of Delaware, Ind., was graduated from Moores Hill College, which later merged with Evansville College.

### WHERE TO VOTE

The official list of voting places for the Nov. 8 election is on Page Seven.

## Dog in Mine For 2 Weeks May Be Alive

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., Nov. 2 (U. P.).—A veterinarian held out hope to the little mountain community of Spelter today that Sport, the "community dog," is still alive in the rock fissure that has held him captive for two weeks.

Worried that the 5-year-old beagle hound might have died in the sink hole of an abandoned mine, the rescue workers who have been blasting into the side of Spelter Mountain called Dr. F. K. McClure to the scene.

Dr. McClure listened for several minutes at the narrow crack and cheered Sport's loyal human friends with the announcement:

"I have every reason to believe that Sport is alive." Dr. McClure said the exhausted dog that has been the hunting companion of almost everybody in Spelter probably was unconscious. That would account for the rescue workers having heard no barks or whines for 12 hours, he said. A few thought they heard a weak cry from the dog last night.

## VICTIM BETTER AFTER 'ILLNESS'

Recovering at Home of Parents; Partner Is Released On \$2100 Bond.

Miss Edna Kirch, 28, was recovering at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Kirch, 1319 Leonard St., today from a "mysterious illness" with which she was confined to St. Vincent's Hospital for nine days.

Her business partner, Cecil Talkington, 47, of 1303 E. Michigan St., was freed on a bond of \$2100 on charges of assault and battery and vagrancy in connection with the case. His bond was reduced from \$10,000 in a habeas corpus hearing yesterday in Superior Court.

### Raps High Bonds

In lowering the bond yesterday, Judge Pro Tem Russell Dean criticized the practice of the Police Department of fixing "excessive bonds" for prisoners under investigation.

"Law enforcement would be better served if police officials would temper some of these bonds," Judge Dean said. "The facts as presented here do not warrant holding this man under high bond," Judge Dean said. "If further investigation shows nothing more than assault and battery the bond should be cut to \$250 or \$500."

Chief Morrissey said, "I don't approve of high bonds unless they are warranted, but the police can't be mind-readers. I don't approve the vagrancy charge, but in the absence of a suspicious persons law which most other states have, we are forced to use the vagrancy charge to hold persons suspected of crimes until the case can be properly investigated."

"We don't want to hold a person longer than necessary, but an example is the one yesterday where the man had been held only 24 hours which was not too long to make an investigation." During the hearing Dr. R. N. Hargis, Indiana University Medical School toxicologist, testified Miss Kirch's illness was not caused by poison as the police at first suspected.

### Denies Striking Her

"This is an excellent example of the 'poison mysteries' the doctor faces so frequently," Dr. Hargis said. "In three of five cases we analyze to solve a 'mystery' there is no poison present."

Police said that 12 days ago Miss Kirch had informed Mrs. Edna Caldwell, Marion, owner of the Moorefield Studios, 2225 N. Meridian St., which Mr. Talkington and Miss Kirch had been buying as partners, that the partnership was to be dissolved.

Alvin Caldwell, son of the owner, informed police that on that day Mr. Talkington struck Miss Kirch as she was about to leave her studio apartment, and signed an affidavit to that effect. This Mr. Talkington denied.

## G-MEN SMASH KIDNAPING AND MURDER GANG

1 Victim Slain, 2 Freed; Song 'Tisket, Tasket' Reveals Hideaway.

\$14,900 RANSOM TAKEN

Body of Bronx Sand and Stone Firm Manager Was Burned in Furnace.

(Photos, Page 15)

NEW YORK, Nov. 2 (U. P.).—J. Edgar Hoover announced today that his Department of Justice agents had captured a gang of former convicts believed responsible for three kidnappings in New York.

The kidnappings had not been disclosed heretofore. All the victims were adults; one was murdered.

A radio playing the song, "A Tisket, A Tasket," was one of the major clues that "broke" the case. Arthur Fried, missing since Dec. 14, was shot to death and his body burned in a furnace while the gang was demanding \$200,000 ransom for his safe return, Mr. Hoover said.

The men seized were Joseph Stephen Saccoccia, 27, Demetrius Gula, 30, John Virga, 34, and William Jackins, 27, all of New York. All had prison records for crimes ranging from counterfeiting to burglary and arson.

A total of \$14,900 was paid in ransom in two of the kidnappings. In the third, Mr. Hoover said the gang also was wanted for three robberies which netted \$1798. Those kidnapped besides Mr. Fried were Benjamin Farber, 38, Brooklyn coal proprietor, and Norman Miller, 19, whose father, Charles, has a stevedoring business.

### Car Forced to Curb

The disappearance of Mr. Fried had been a mystery. On the night of Dec. 4, Mr. Hoover said, two men in an automobile forced a car driven by Mr. Fried to the curb in White Plains and made him get into their car.

The next day, Mr. Fried was forced to write his family a note demanding \$200,000 for his release. The ransom negotiations continued until Jan. 3 when Hugo Fried, a brother, agreed to contact the kidnapers. He was to have gone to a theater and drop the ransom money from the mezzanine floor to a man on the street below. He did not drop the money.

Mr. Hoover said the victim already was dead when the contact was arranged. He said Mr. Fried was killed by one of the kidnapers four days after he was seized. He said the body was burned in a furnace in the basement of the Ukrainian Hall, the same hideaway used when Mr. Miller was kidnapped.

### Released for \$1900

Mr. Hoover said that Mr. Farber was kidnapped last April 18 while he was walking in front of the National City Bank, Brooklyn. He was released for \$1900, although \$25,000 was demanded.

The Miller family agreed to pay \$13,000, according to Mr. Hoover, and dropped the money into a garbage can. Mr. Miller then was released.

Mr. Hoover gave no details of the manner in which the four men were arrested. Some of them confessed, he said.

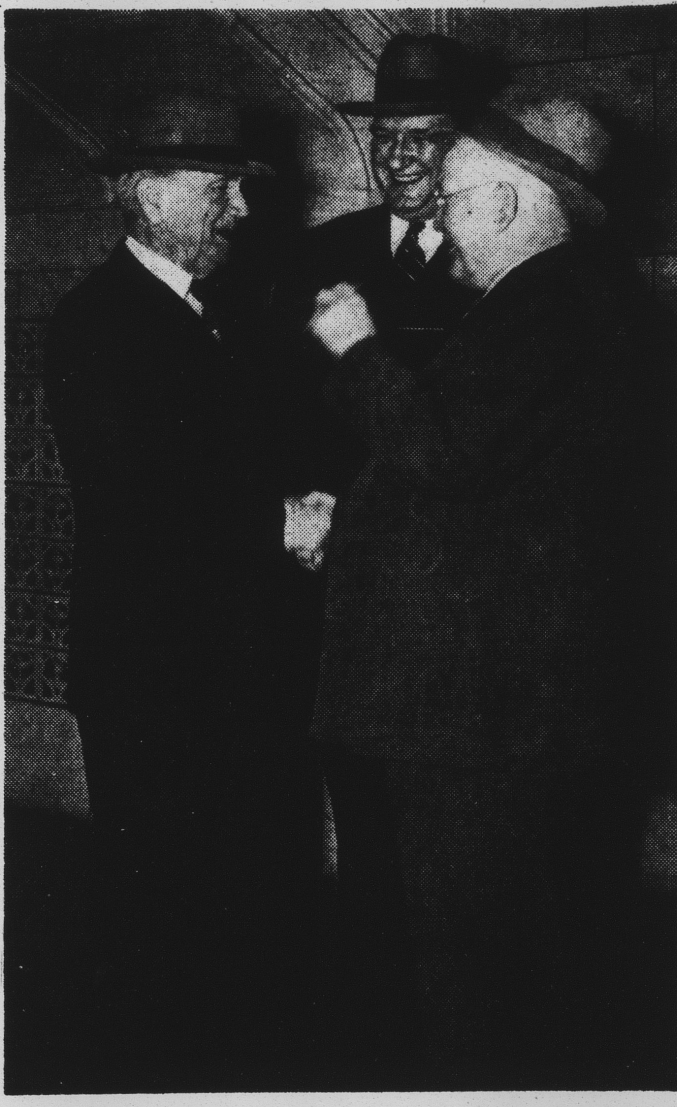
Mr. Fried, 32, was manager of the Bronx plant of the Colonial Sand & Stone Co.

Mr. Miller told Federal authorities that he had been blindfolded but that he felt the walls of the lodge hall for possible identification marks, studied the voices of his captors and listened to noises. When he entered the hall he noted that a radio was playing "A Tisket, A Tasket."

The G-men checked with radio stations and found the one and the time when the song was broadcast. Mr. Miller also noted church bells were in the neighborhood, heard pool balls clicking and determined that the sound of assembled people led him to believe he was in a lodge hall.

Federal agents, after checking 703 billiard parlors and 200 churches, finally reached the Ukrainian Hall. The arrests followed.

## Cabinet Official Greeted



Secretary of Commerce Daniel C. Roper (left) was greeted at Union Station by Bowman Elder (center), Democratic leader, and J. J. Liddy, Indianapolis Union Railway superintendent.

## Bids Opened On 'Indiana' Battleship

Times Special

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—Bids were opened here today for a new battleship to be named "Indiana" upon orders of President Roosevelt.

The ship is to be one of four to be constructed on the 1939 building program. Others are to be named Alabama, Massachusetts and South Dakota.

This is the third U. S. battleship to bear the name of the Hoosier State. The first was Coast Battleship No. 1, authorized in 1890 and Commissioned Nov. 20, 1895. It took part in the Battle of Santiago during the Spanish-American War.

In April, 1919, the name Indiana was assigned to a battleship authorized by Congress Aug. 29, 1916, and the old No. 1 was sunk in 1920 in underwater bombing experiments and the hull sold for junk in 1924.

The second Indiana battleship was scrapped under the terms of the Washington Treaty for limitation of naval armament.

In today's bids, the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corp., the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Co. and the New York Shipbuilding Corp. submitted one bid each for the construction of three of the battleships.

The Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corp. was the apparent low bidder with a bid of \$42,145,000, with the company furnishing the boilers, turbines, gears and other machinery.

## PROGRESS IN CANCER RESEARCH REPORTED

TORONTO, Ontario, Nov. 2 (U. P.).—The Toronto Mail & Globe reported today that Dr. Frederick Banting, codiscoverer of insulin, has made definite progress after 12 years of research in the development of a cancer resistant and "hopes" that a treatment for that disease may be perfected as a result.

Dr. Banting is head of the Banting Institute here, where most of his years of experiment with cancer have taken place. The newspaper said that the scientist would go no further than to say there was hope he may be able to develop a serum or treatment for cancer.

## JAPAN DECREES NEW ASIAN BLOC

### IN FAR EAST

TOKYO—Japan intimates renunciation of China's Nine-Power Treaty. Manchukuo invasion by Russia claimed.

PALESTINE—Arabs reported planning boycott of U. S.

### IN EUROPE

LONDON—Chamberlain asks recognition of Ethiopia as part of Italy.

VIENNA—Austrian Czech-Hungarian dispute.

BERLIN—German-Polish parley opens.

HENDAY—Spanish Rebels claim Ebro River gains.

### IN THE AMERICAS

WASHINGTON—U. S. Navy opens bids on battleships. Hull tells dictators: "No retreat on trade pact."

PORT AU PRINCE—Haitian uprising attempt reported quashed.

### BULLETIN

LONDON, Nov. 2 (U. P.).—The British steamer Montwood advised the Admiralty today that a naval engagement of the Spanish war was fought off the east coast of England. The dispatch said a Spanish armed auxiliary cruiser was firing on the Spanish steamer Carthage, 10 miles north of the Cromer lighthouse, on Norfolk coast.

TOKYO, Nov. 2 (U. P.).—The government today declared its determination to found "a new order" in East Asia for the purpose of uniting Japan, China and Manchukuo in a political and economic bloc opposed to communism and possibly aimed at renunciation of the Nine Power Treaty.

The official government statement did not clarify Japan's intentions toward the Nine Power Treaty nor the "open door" policy other than to say that the government was "confident" foreign powers would adapt their attitude to the "new conditions."

But a foreign official spokesman expressed the personal and unofficial (Continued on Page Three)

ROSIE 'DELINQUENT CHILD' PRESTONBURG, Ky., Nov. 2 (U. P.).—A six-man jury in Floyd County Court today declared 10-year-old Rosie Columbus, child-bride of Fleming Tacket, 24, a "delinquent child," as a step toward her admission into an orphan's home.

## ROPER LAUDS STATE'S LEAD IN RECOVERY

Balance Between Industry And Agriculture Is Credited.

BUSINESS HELP PLEDGED

Cabinet Aid Says More Markets Necessary to Insure Prosperity.

Indiana's business recovery, consistently above the Nation's average as measured by recognized indexes, is due to a "balance between agriculture and industry that keeps its economy functioning," Secretary of Commerce Daniel C. Roper said this afternoon.

The Indiana situation is part of an "upward trend that will lead to permanent prosperity," he said. Secretary Roper, here to address Indianapolis businessmen in a meeting at the Indianapolis Athletic Club, told them that a broader development of domestic and foreign markets was necessary for that permanent prosperity.

"This intermediary election," he said, "is having no retarding effect upon the upward trend in the Nation's business. I believe that businessmen are convinced that there will be no radical changes." "I believe that the Democrats will continue to control the Congress for a certainty after the election."

"The fact that the Democratic Party will continue to control the Congress has caused the belief in business that the legislative efforts of the present Administration will continue. Businessmen are confident because there will be no radical changes in Congress to affect this legislative program."

### Aid for All Sought

"We are now studying the problem of the small businessman to see what further can be done in Congress to liberalize provisions affecting them. In the past the difficulty with aiding small business was that a large part of it had lost all of its capital in the depression of 1929."

"We have been helping that section of small business which has retained some of its resources in co-operation with RFC. We anticipate assisting in development of a program that will assist all small businessmen."

Secretary Roper warned that the future policy of the Nation's business must include a more equitable distribution of goods at home and greater efficiency to meet competition abroad.

Asserting that the economic and social changes in the last 20 years cannot be met by "old methods," he said: "In the case of agriculture, the welfare of which affects all divisions of society, we must adjust ourselves to the fact that our position has been changed from that of a debtor to a creditor nation."

### 'Give-and-Take' Necessary

"This fundamental shift necessitates a free flow of international trade if the farmer is to be relieved to a proper extent from the impossible position of selling his products in a free market and buying his supplies in a protected market."

Mr. Roper cited the Administration's reciprocal trade agreements, which Republican orators have assailed, as the "only procedure" that would deal with the foreign tariff barriers raised against this country by the 1930 tariff law.

"Under present conditions," he said, "the only hope is a give-and-take arrangement in foreign trade that will harm none, but help all."

Secretary Roper praised WPA. (Continued on Page Three)

## \$738,000 BONDS BURN BECAUSE OF ERROR

County Commissioners today watched \$738,000 of new bonds just issued go up in smoke in the Court House incinerator.

After Commissioners had signed all \$738,000 worth of them, they discovered there was an error in the printing of dates on the bonds which made them invalid. New ones were ordered printed.

The bonds were issued two weeks ago to finance poor relief in townships for the remainder of this year.

## MERCURY NEARS ALL-TIME HIGH; RAIN IS NEEDED

U. S. Declares Wide Area Affected by Drought.

WHEAT HARD HIT

Ohio Valley Growth Is At Standstill; No Relief Seen.

Flowers Are Blooming In Many Sections Of City.

SHOWERS ARE DUE

Warmer Tonight and Tomorrow Is Forecast.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2 (U. P.).—The Weather Bureau reported today "one of the most severe and widespread fall droughts of record" between the Appalachian and the Rocky Mountains.

In its weekly weather and crop bulletin, the Bureau said that the entire area had "one of the driest, if not the driest, October of record." "While a few sections in this large area that had heavy September rains are still in fair to good conditions with regard to soil moisture, there is a general need of rain which has become urgent in many places."

### Growth Halting

It listed as "most favored sections" the Texas Panhandle, eastern New Mexico, eastern Nebraska, southern Minnesota, northern Iowa and most of Wisconsin.

"While fall-seeded wheat continues to make good progress in the more Eastern States, there is now a general need of rain throughout the entire wheat belt," the Bureau said. "In the Ohio Valley early seeded grain is still in fair to good condition, but is mostly at a standstill in growth. The late seeded needs rain badly."

"In the Great Plains states wheat made practically no growth during the last week except in eastern Nebraska and in the Panhandle of Texas."

The mean daily temperature for last month was 59.4 degrees, which was topped only in the October of 1879, 1881, 1897 and 1900, the highest of those years being 1900 with 63.4 degrees. The 1917 October had a mean temperature of 46.9, the lowest since records began here in 1871.

During last month there were 18 clear days, and a total of 276.6 hours of sunshine out of a possible 345.2 hours. In other words, the mean daily percentage of possible sunshine was 79.8, whereas the normal is 61 per cent.

The first and only killing frost of the month was on the 24th, as against the earliest killing frost on record, on Sept. 21, 1897. A light frost occurred on the 7th of last month.

Lowest Was High Too

The lowest for last month, 34, set the 24th, was 12 degrees higher than the all-time low for the month set the 30th in 1887 and repeated the 30th in 1895.

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## BACONIANS SEARCH FOR SPENSER TOMB

LONDON, Nov. 2 (U. P.).—Advocates of the theory that Francis Bacon wrote Shakespeare's plays dug vainly for Edmund Spenser's tomb in the poets' corner of Westminster Abbey today in an attempt to prove their 170-year-old argument.

They got permission to open the tomb—if they could find it—on the argument that fellow poets, including Shakespeare but not including Bacon, dropped original manuscripts on the coffin when Spenser died in 1599. Discovery of a Shakespeare manuscript might solve the argument that has long intrigued scholars.

### ORDERS 50 U. S. PLANES

CANBERRA, Australia, Nov. 3 (U. P.).—Prime Minister Joseph A. Lyons announced today that the government was ordering 50 Lockheed-Hudson bombing airplanes in the United States and intended to double the strength of the militia, so that the strength would be 70,000 men.

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## FARMERS INSPECT HYBRID CORN



Several thousand Indiana farmers gathered at the Clark Hutchinson farm near Acton today to inspect samples of hybrid corn grown from specially selected seeds. William Schilling, left, seed expert, and Mr. Hutchinson inspect some of the scientifically nurtured ears.

## TESTS SHOW IT SUPERIOR



K. E. Beeson, Purdue soils and crops specialist, is telling the farm boys how to shuck the big, healthy ears from the stocks preparatory to tests which showed the scientifically-bred corn to be superior to the common varieties.

## IT'S HEAVIER AND BETTER



After it is shucked the ears are put through tests. Abbot, Marion County Agricultural agent (left), supervises the weighing of a sackful of corn. The hybrid varieties are better adapted to local climatic conditions, he said.