

# SCHOOL COSTS DROP \$600,000 OVER 10 YEARS

Lessen Despite Enrollment  
Gains and New Buildings,  
Good Reports.

The cost of operating the Indianapolis public schools has decreased more than \$600,000 during the last 10 years while enrollment has increased 7 per cent, A. B. Good, school business director, said today in a review of budgets.

The budget for 1939-40 was \$7,481,293, he said. The proposed budget for 1940-41 is \$6,881,218, or \$600,075 less.

The enrollment at the end of the 1938-39 school year was 58,050. Last June 30 it was 63,215.

The property tax levied for schools has decreased from \$1.02 to 96 cents during the 10 years, Mr. Good said. Property taxes collected for schools during the period decreased \$1,686,346 to \$4,953,030.

**Income Taxes Aid Schools**

If total assessed valuations were as high now as 10 years ago, the revenue to be obtained for schools from property tax could be raised from a levy of 71 1/2 cents instead of the 96-cent levy fixed by the School Board, Mr. Good contended.

While property tax revenues have decreased, schools have obtained increased revenues from other sources, particularly the gross income tax. The amount received from these other sources for the last school year was \$1,852,694, or \$1,249,499 more than for 1929-30.

Between Jan. 1, 1930, and Dec. 31, 1938, the net bonded indebtedness of the School City has been reduced from \$11,521,000 to \$8,104,781, or about 30 per cent.

Despite the reduction in revenues, the School Board has carried on an extensive building program, Mr. Good said. Thirteen elementary school buildings or additions have been erected. One junior high school and a high school building have been erected and additions made to three high schools.

**School Year Longer**

Children remain in school longer than they did 10 years ago, Mr. Good said, citing that all but nine pupils who finished the eighth grade last month plan to enter high school in September.

Rapidly changing economic conditions during the last 10 years have made it necessary for the public schools to assume responsibilities in addition to those which were considered regular school functions 15 or 20 years ago, Mr. Good said.

Special fields such as achievement and mental testing, vocational placement, speech correction, lip reading, dietetics and remedial work in the fundamental processes have been deemed essential to the best work in developing children. Special teachers are employed in these fields.

# THREE ARE DROWNED IN LAKE MICHIGAN

GARY, Ind., July 10 (U. P.).—Three persons were drowned yesterday in Lake Michigan in separate mishaps at beaches in this vicinity.

Andrew Verga, Hammond, disappeared in rough water when he went swimming near Chesterton while on a picnic with friends.

Richard Mustafa, 6, drowned in shallow water a few feet from shore at the Gary Municipal Beach. His mother and stepfather were on the beach nearby.

The body of Peter Urban, about 57, also was taken from the lake near Chesterton. He evidently had been dead for several hours.

# BOY LAYS TROUBLES TO HIS TOOTHACHE

A 16-year-old boy told Municipal Court Judge John McNelis today that he escaped from the Boys' School at Plainfield Saturday night because his teeth hurt.

After he got to Indianapolis, he said, he got hungry and decided to break into a house and eat. This he did. After he had eaten his fill from the ice box, he said, he decided he needed clothes and money and he ransacked the house.

While he was doing this, the judge was told, the owner of the house returned, heard a noise in a clothes press, discovered and arrested the boy.

The house was at 950 W. 35th St., and the owner was Police Sergeant William P. Trent.

Judge McNelis bound over the boy to the grand jury under a \$2500 bond.

**BECK KIN SENTENCED**

NEW YORK, July 10 (U. P.).—Mrs. Lillian Schrein, niece of Martin Beck, was sentenced to from two to four years in State Prison today for theft of \$60,000 from the 71-year-old producer.

**Steam Oil**  
Croquinole  
Permanents  
Guaranteed  
New Styles  
\$1.00 to \$8.00

Mr. Commis. Grey and white hair guaranteed not to turn yellow. Expert hair cutting, dyeing and shampooing by Mr. Commis. French hair stylist from Paris.

Shampoo, Set and Rinse . . . 35c  
Trim, Shampoo, Set, Rinse and Neck . . . 50c  
Trim, Shampoo, Set, Rinse and Neck . . . 65c

**SMILE BEAUTY SHOP**  
422 Mass. Ave. L1-0026

**THERE IS NOTHING  
IN THE WORLD THAT  
IS MORE IMPORTANT  
THAN YOUR EYES!**

**DR. C. A. MANKER**  
Registered Optometrist  
With Offices at  
**MILLER Jewelry Co.**  
29 on the CIRCLE

Don't abuse them! Don't neglect them! Give them every advantage that modern science in the prescription and fitting of eye wear makes possible! A Registered Optometrist is here to check up on your vision, and to prescribe the eyeglasses that will do justice to nature's great gift—YOUR EYES!

**EASY TERMS!**

# Hey, Mr. Mars, We're Watching You



With a telescope and two astronomers to aid her, Miss Katherine Durham, 3345 Washington Blvd., Indiana Astronomical Society president, and Walter Wilkins, 6124 N. Dewey Ave.

# Astronomers Here Scan Planet 'Visiting' Earth

Mars, which is looking like the amber light in a traffic signal these evenings, is practically within commuting distance this month.

On July 27 it will be within 36 million miles of the earth, which is just a wild pitch at astronomical distances.

Since the planet hasn't brushed so close in some 15 years, the Indiana Astronomical Society is holding public watch parties on Sunday and Wednesday nights at its open air observatory, 72d St. and Crooked Creek.

**Rain Washes Out Party**

Rain washed out the first scheduled open-house on Wednesday. Last night, however, approximately 200 persons had gathered at 8:30 o'clock to await the planet's arrival.

Mars, which has a cruising speed of 15 miles a second, didn't show up in the eastern horizon until around 9 o'clock.

The society has more than 100 members and 50 telescopes, all home-made. Emsley W. Johnson, 3447 Washington Blvd., is president and a supporter of the man-made Martian canal theory.

Walter Wilkins, 6124 N. Dewey Ave., is editor of the society's monthly bulletin and one of those who won't commit themselves on the canals or Martian life. Outlining the planet's points of interest, Mr. Wilkins explained that the controversy hinges upon the personal equation rather than celestial mathematics.

**No Heat Wave There**

One thing is certain: Mars would be an ideal place to spend the next heat wave. Even at the equator, the temperature seldom gets above 50 degrees. And at night, the whole planet freezes solid.

Last night's visitors did not get to see the planet through the largest of three telescopes at the observatory, for one of the members forgot to show up with a counterweight necessary for successful operation. Viewed in the smaller instruments, Mars looked like nothing more pretentious than a small orange with one overripe spot in the center.

At the next meeting Mr. Johnson promises the 10-inch telescope will be in working order and, weather permitting, a good look at our planetary neighbor is guaranteed.

The society is expecting its largest crowd of visitors two weeks from Wednesday, a night before the planet's closest approach. A majority doubtless will be trying to catch a glimpse of Orson Welles.

# CONTRACTS INVALID IF CASH IS LACKING

The State Tax Board today notified officials of all Indiana counties that contracts awarded where no money is available in their budgets for purchases are invalid.

Philip Zoercher, Board chairman, said that the order was based on a recent Indiana Supreme Court decision in which the court held that a county was forced to cancel a contract for the purchase of a fire engine because no funds were previously earmarked for the purchase.

The Board warned all public officials that they first must make funds available before advertising for any type of bids.

# TECH KEEPS OFFICE OPEN UNTIL JULY 25

Technical High School offices will remain open until July 25 for the purpose of enrolling students for the fall semester, school officials announced today.

This procedure will give pupils from out of town schools a chance to enroll now, thus avoiding delay when school opens in September, officials said. It also will enable former pupils to enroll who were not enrolled at the close of school in June.

The procedure of permitting late summer enrollment for the fall term was adopted last year and proved successful, officials said.

**PIONEER DESIGNER DEAD**

BERLIN, July 10 (U. P.).—Dr. Adolf Rohrbach, a pioneer airplane and flying boat designer, died at Kampen, a seaside resort, Saturday of heart disease. He was 51.

**There is nothing in the world that is more important than your eyes!**

**DR. C. A. MANKER**  
Registered Optometrist  
With Offices at  
**MILLER Jewelry Co.**  
29 on the CIRCLE

Don't abuse them! Don't neglect them! Give them every advantage that modern science in the prescription and fitting of eye wear makes possible! A Registered Optometrist is here to check up on your vision, and to prescribe the eyeglasses that will do justice to nature's great gift—YOUR EYES!

**EASY TERMS!**

# 100 KILLED BY SPANISH BLAST

1500 Hurt as Fire Wrecks  
Penaranda; Evacuation  
Ordered by Army.

BURGOS, Spain, July 10 (U. P.).—Military authorities ordered complete evacuation of Penaranda de Bracamonte today after an explosion which killed an estimated 100 people, injured between 1000 and 2000, and started fires which nearly destroyed the town.

It was reported without confirmation that a railroad train which was approaching Penaranda station when the explosion occurred had disappeared with its passengers and crew and the station personnel.

The sun's heat ignited a big gun powder supply in the suburbs. The countryside within a 30-mile radius was shaken by the resulting explosion. So terrific was the blast that some people were killed by concussion, and the injured included not only people in the immediate vicinity, but people in villages nearby.

Penaranda was set on fire and it was asserted that almost every house was either wrecked by the explosion or burned in the resulting fire.

A call was sent at once for civil guard and army reinforcements. A cordon was put around the town to prevent townspeople, who had fled to open country, from returning to seek missing relatives.

Early today the fire was still burning, and Penaranda townspeople watched from the open fields as the houses were consumed along with the barns in which livestock was trapped.

A little tent city was erected in the fields. Wounded were taken to hospitals in half a dozen towns and the dead were placed in rows in the wheat fields.

# Union Presses Strike in G. M.

Terms 'Back-to-Work' Move  
'Complete Failure'; 50  
Out at Saginaw.

PONTIAC, Mich., July 10 (U. P.).—A "back-to-work" movement sponsored by General Motors in opposition to a United Automobile Workers (C. I. O.) strike was described by the union today as a "complete failure."

Hundreds of pickets massed at the gates of the Fisher Body plant and said they had forced it to close in defiance of a company invitation for all workers to return to their jobs.

The union announced meanwhile that the strike was being extended with orders for a walkout at the Cleveland Fisher Body plant.

At Saginaw 50 skilled workers in the General Motors steering gear plant left their jobs shortly before noon. Alva W. Phelps, plant manager, said approximately a dozen others refused to leave. The plant, he said, continued operating with approximately 200 men not affected by the tool and die strike remaining at their jobs.

The "back-to-work" movement was regarded by the union as a challenge for a showdown.

The Cleveland Fisher plant, which manufactures body dies for Chevrolet, was ordered struck in continuation of the union's plan to force one of more plants each day until the company agrees to negotiate a supplemental agreement for skilled workers. The Cleveland plant was the 11th ordered closed. It employs approximately 700 men, bringing to nearly 7000 the total number placed on strike.

# STOKELY-UNION CASE DELAYED UNTIL FALL

A hearing on the suit of Stokely Brothers and Van Camp, Inc., seeking to enjoin the Teamsters and Chauffeurs Union, A. F. of L., from picketing its plant, was postponed today until fall in Superior Court.

Judge Herbert Wilson said the delay was at request of the unions.

A temporary injunction which permits "peaceful picketing" but does not allow the pickets to carry signs, will be in effect until the hearing.

# HOOSIER IS ELECTED BY WOMEN LAWYERS

OAKLAND, Cal., June 10.—Mrs. Florence K. Thacker, 171 W. 44th St., Indianapolis, has been elected treasurer of the National Association of Women Lawyers in session here. Helen Cerise, Chicago, was elected president.

# SMITH'S STORY OF L. S. U. CASE MAY BE ISSUED

Federal and State Officials  
Continue Probe Into  
Market 'Flyer.'

BATON ROUGE, La., July 10 (U. P.).—Attorney William Hamlin of New Orleans indicated today that a formal public statement might be issued soon by Dr. James Monroe Smith, former president of Louisiana State University now under indictment on charges of embezzlement.

Mr. Hamlin was expected to confer with him today. He was retained as counsel by Dr. Smith.

State and Federal investigators were active here probing irregularities revealed by Dr. Smith's \$2,000,000 attempt to corner the wheat market and by his flight to Canada.

**Use of Mails Probed**

Three postal inspectors were ordered to investigate rumors that the mails had been used in Dr. Smith's deals.

East Baton Rouge Parish district attorney, Dewey J. Sanchez meanwhile prepared new charges against the former president of L. S. U., who rose to head the giant educational institution under the guidance of the late Senator Huey Long. Senator Long found him in a country college 10 years ago.

In New Orleans, a Federal grand jury probed into alleged relief abuses, Dr. Smith's income and the possibility that Federal funds were involved in the 5 per cent kick-back from State employees to finance the State political machine.

# Two Freed Under Bond

Two of the three men arrested by WPA investigators for diverting WPA labor and materials to private construction were free under bond.

Big George Caldwell, nabbed by Federal agents at the Postoffice building in New Orleans, was back at his palatial home in Baton Rouge free under \$10,000 bond.

Eugene Barksdale, 39, acting superintendent of construction at L. S. U. after Caldwell was arrested, was freed last night after posting \$7500 bond. James Marshall was held in jail here on default of bond on like charges.

# KIDNAPED ME, SAYS MOTHER, 67, OF SON

STOCKTON, Cal., July 10 (U. P.).—A woman accused her son today of kidnapping her in the hope of gaining possession of her property, valued at \$150,000.

The law must take its course, although my heart is broken," Mrs. Elsie Middlecoff Emery, 67, said. Her son, Hubbard Middlecoff, 35, of Los Angeles, and six others were held on a charge of kidnapping.

Mrs. Emery was taken from the home of a friend Saturday. She was found with her son in a San Francisco hotel seven hours later.

Charged with Middlecoff were Mrs. Sylvia Farley, Mrs. Gertrude Farley, former wife of a caretaker at the Emery home, Fred Abdallah, night club operator and former prize fighter; William Bergman, 25, and Leo and Jess Quinlin, brothers. Mrs. Olga Chadd, with whom Mrs. Emery makes her home, filed the charge.

All seven denied kidnapping. Conviction would carry prison terms of from one year to life. Bergman and the Quinlin brothers told authorities Middlecoff had told them his mother was under Mrs. Chadd's "influence" and was being mistreated.

# Accused 'Designer' of Tortures Executed

BARCELONA, July 10 (U. P.).—Alfonso Lauren Cik, Yugoslav architect accused of designing torture chambers for the Loyalist Government of Spain during the Civil War, was executed by a firing squad at dawn yesterday.

Lauren Cik was tried and found guilty last month. The Government produced testimony that he had been imprisoned by the Loyalists and tried to win favorable treatment from his jailers by designing the torture chambers, which were painted with fantastic geometric designs intended to have a demoralizing mental effect on anyone forced to gaze on them for days at a time.

# Byrd Planning Polar Voyage



Conqueror of two poles, Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd (right) points out on a globe to Coast Guard Commandant R. E. Waesche the Antarctic region for which he will sail next October to stake U. S. claims to land where earlier expeditions planted the American flag. His commission for the venture came from President Roosevelt.

# ARMY TO BE READY, WOODRING REPORTS

WASHINGTON, July 10 (U. P.).—The Army will be "ready for any eventuality" when the present national defense program is completed, War Secretary Woodring reported today.

In a statement on the "financial status of the national defense program at the beginning of the new fiscal year," he detailed what the War Department is doing or plans to do with the approximately \$1,000,000,000 appropriated by Congress or authorized expenditures for the War Department for the 1940 fiscal year.

"Among items of major interest, these funds insure an air armada of 3500 airplanes in the Army alone, exclusive of the airplane strength of our Navy," Mr. Woodring said.

"The enlisted strength of our air corps will be more than doubled and some \$60,000,000 will be expended in air corps construction, utilization of civilian flying and mechanics schools in the training of our army pilots and mechanics is a new and worthwhile step in our growing air defense program."

# 'WHAT'S IN A NAME?' ASKS JOB EXECUTIVE

HAMMOND, Ind., July 10.—"Teeth knockers out" and "back splitters" may sound slightly mayhemish to the average citizen but they are important to Bryon Jordan, Jr.

Those unusual names apply to certain workmen in packing companies who secure jobs through Mr. Jordan, who is local office manager of the State Employment Service. Another packing company employee is called a "scalper."

The Oldest National Bank in Indianapolis

**Commercial Banking**

The distinguished character of those served is the best recommendation of a financial institution. . . . The Merchants National Bank is proud to render its many services to a clientele of outstanding individuals, institutions and corporations who know the requirements of sound commercial banking.

**The  
MERCHANTS  
NATIONAL BANK**

J. P. FRENZEL, JR., President

Branch Offices  
38th Street  
37 West 38th St.  
Massachusetts Ave.  
815 Mass. Ave.  
Brightwood  
2355 Station St.

MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Allied with THE INDIANA TRUST COMPANY

**Beat the Hot Weather  
With a Machineless  
Permanent Wave**

No wires, no electricity, no unnecessary discomfort under the electric heat. A real summer treat for comfort and beauty. Our machineless Oil Permanent will add lustre, glamour and life to your hair.

A \$8.00 VALUE for only . . . \$2.00

**GENUINE REALISTIC  
Special** . . . \$3.00

All our work strictly supervised and guaranteed.

**International Beauty School**  
229 N. Pennsylvania Street.

**You'll Ride  
SAFELY  
on KENTUCKY  
ROCK ASPHALT**

**ON THE  
INDIANAPOLIS  
SPEEDWAY, RACING  
CARS NOW TAKE THE TURNS AT BET-  
TER THAN 100 MILES PER HOUR ON  
KENTUCKY ROCK ASPHALT!**

The same sand-paper finish that makes possible dare-devil driving at the Speedway also makes safer driving for you under all weather conditions . . . more gripping traction . . . less slippage . . . less tire wear.

**IT'S ECONOMICAL, TOO . . .**

The thin seal coat protects the base from damaging surface water. No more corduroy roads because the surface stays put and does not corrugate in summer nor crack in winter.

**LOW LAID COST . . .**

50 cents worth per square yard will extend the life of ordinary macadam 8 to 10 years. It will last as long as the base holds.

**GREATER SAFETY FOR  
ROADS AND STREETS**

A Sign That's  
**NEVER  
Needed on a  
KENTUCKY  
ROCK ASPHALT ROAD!**

**KENTUCKY  
ROCK ASPHALT  
INSTITUTE**

FORMED AND SPONSORED BY THE COMPANIES WITH  
LONG STANDING IN THE PRODUCTION OF KENTUCKY  
ROCK ASPHALT.

**7 Facts  
ABOUT COSTS**

- ★ The cost of every HARRY W. MOORE service is marked in plain figures.
- ★ The charge is for a COMPLETE service.
- ★ No extra charge is made for any facilities provided by this organization . . . including use of Peace Chapel, organ music, motor equipment, etc.
- ★ Costs are never higher than at other establishments, regardless of the fact that services here are almost invariably more complete.
- ★ Consult our advisory department NOW for full facts regarding funeral costs and procedure. Just phone Cherry 6020 for an appointment. No obligation, of course.

**HARRY W. MOORE**  
PEACE CHAPEL  
2050 E. MICHIGAN ST. • CHERRY 6020