

## SCHOOL BOARD CLOSES DOORS TO DO BUSINESS

75-Minute 'Private' Session Precedes 19-Minute Open Meeting.

The School Board transacted its business last night in a 19-minute-long public session that followed a 75-minute closed session to which the public was not admitted.

The Board already was in informal conference at 6:45 p.m. although the regular meeting was scheduled for 8 p.m. The doors of the meeting room were locked and reporters were refused admittance.

"Is this meeting closed?" one member who unlocked the door in response to a knock was asked.

"Yes," he replied, "you can get all the material you want at the meeting upstairs."

Later the same member explained that "there is a more free discussion when reporters aren't present."

The Board member emphasized that no formal action, only discussion, could take place in the closed meeting.

William A. Evans, schools publication advisor, said the closed meetings have been a School Board practice "at least since 1931."

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A. B. Good, schools business director, said all the real estate needed for the new School 22 has been purchased with the exception of two lots.

"Difficulty has been experienced in procuring a price from the owner of one lot," he said. "However, recently the owner has indicated that he would be willing to accept the sum of \$5,000. In the course of acquiring the real estate for this school building, I have obtained appraisals of the lots needed and the highest appraisal which I have on the lot is \$450."

In his resolution asking the Board's permission to apply for the PWA grant, Mr. Good stated the PWA originally granted \$108,000 for the project on the basis of an estimated total cost of \$240,000. The project will cost \$263,000, however, because the cost of acquiring the land was not \$10,000, as was expected, but \$23,600, Mr. Good said.

### Warrants Sold

The \$300,000 time warrants, in anticipation of tax collections, were sold to the only bidders, a group of six Indianapolis banks. They were the Union Trust Co., Indiana National Bank, Indiana Trust Co., Merchants National Bank, American National Bank and Fidelity Trust Co.

The bid was \$300,081.52. The interest rate was 1 per cent, as compared with the previous interest rate for time warrants of 1/4 of 1 per cent. Harvey B. Hartwick, Board member, said it was a "fair bid in view of the present market."

Contractors working on the Milo H. Stuart Memorial classroom building on Technical High School campus were voted contract extensions permitting them to do the work on the second floor wing. This was not included in the original contracts because of lack of money, Mr. Good said.

## Struck by Bullet



## RITES ARRANGED FOR BATESVILLE LAWYER

Times Special

BATESVILLE, Ind., Sept. 27.—Albert Barnes Wycoff, a member of the Ripley County bar, who died Sunday at his home, to be buried at Versailles, Ind., tomorrow. He was 65.

Services will be held at the First Methodist Church, of which he was a member. Members of the church's Bible class will be pallbearers. Mr. Wycoff had conducted the class for the past five years.

His wife and a son, Paul Wycoff of Batesville, survive him.

## U. S. Reports Nation's Cupboard Far From Bare

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27 (U. P.)—The Agriculture Department took inventory of the nation's larder today and found plenty.

Officials said that not only are present supplies ample, but that there is no cause for concern in future years even if the war continues. Improved farm methods now produce ample supplies on 75 per cent of the ground available for low-cost production. Under the AAA control system, acreage can be increased in time to meet any demand.

They hoped that this would reassure anxious American housewives whose rush to buy food stuffs when the European War began caused rapid price increases and led to fears that profiteering might have started.

Moderate increases in some food costs may be expected as national prosperity increases, officials said, but they pointed out that farm prices are low compared to manufac-

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and industrial wages.

Some increased European demand also is expected to strengthen prices of farm products.

An insurance against any short-

age or sudden price increase, huge

supplies of wheat, corn, cotton, wool, dairy products and dried fruits

have been accumulated in reserve in the other principal grain, corn, under Government loans. These supplies can be released to break any

moment said, will assure consumers

large future supplies of meat, lard and dairy products. Livestock on farms being fattened for market this winter is the largest in five years. Hog slaughter is expected to be about 20 per cent larger than last year.

Fruit and vegetable supplies, perishable goods which are subject to changes more than other foods, are larger than last year and ample

to meet demand, the department said.

Virtually the same situation exists

## KOSCIUSKO COUNTY FAIR OPENS TUESDAY

Times Special

WARSAW, Ind., Sept. 27.—The 25th annual Kosciusko County Fair is to open Tuesday and will feature lightweight horse-pulling contests, an industrial parade, horse show, a horse parade and a pony race.

The fair will close Saturday afternoon following the pony race. Following custom, the fair is to be held in the streets of Warsaw. Milo Mallow is president of the Fair Association.

## GIRL'S SHOOTING STARTS INQUIRY

Wounded as Officer Chases Fugitive at Ohio and Illinois Sts.

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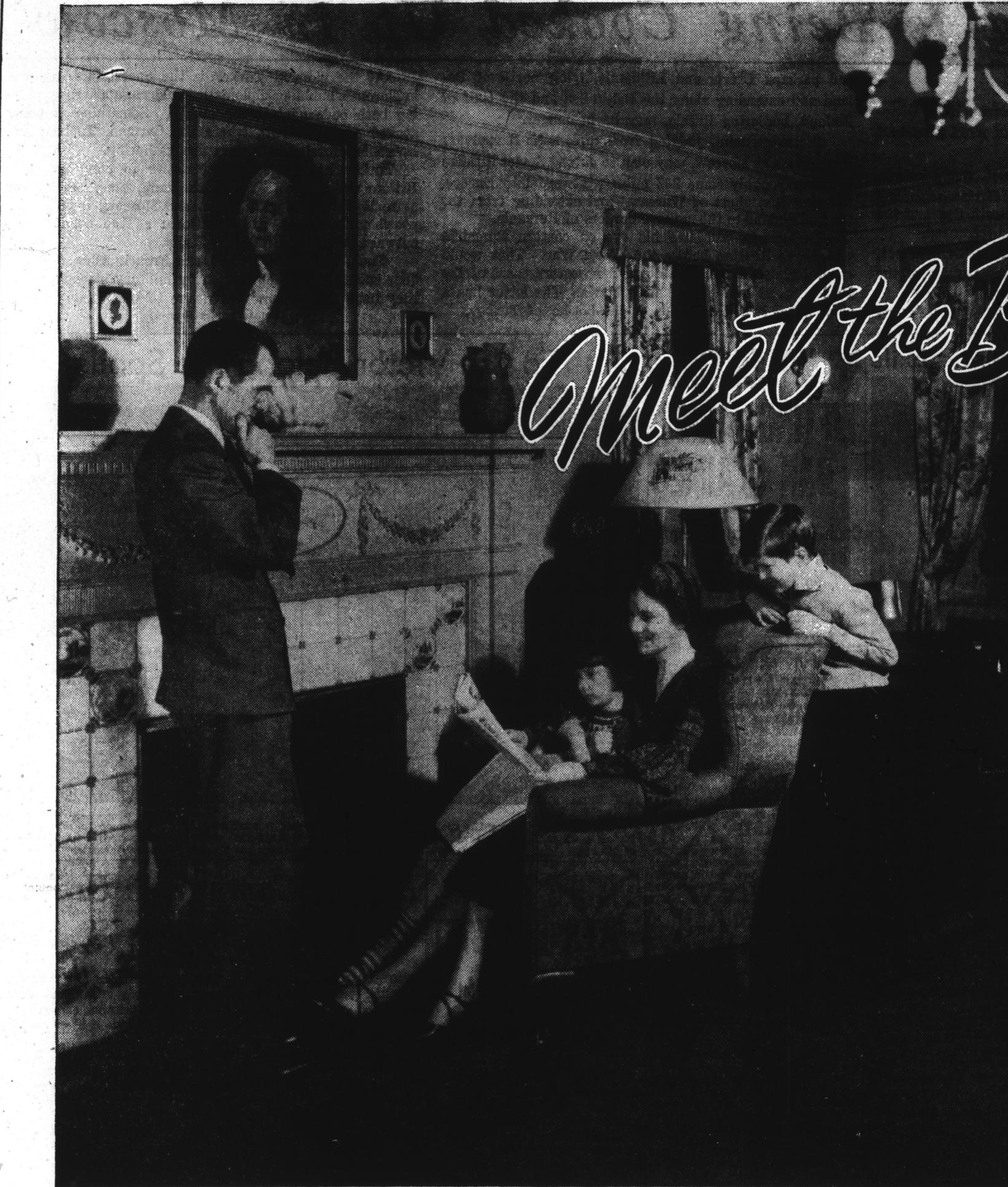
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