

O. K. CAFETERIA SOUND-PROOFING

School Board Approves
\$5000 Expenditure at
Shortridge.

The Shortridge High School cafeteria is to be equipped with a \$5000 acoustical system to eliminate the noise which school officials describe as resembling a boiler factory.

Installation of the system was approved by the School Board at a special meeting yesterday at which a \$6000 temporary loan to operate the schools until the 1939 tax levy is collected, also was approved.

The \$6000 worth of time warrants will be dated March 1, 1940, and will be due on June 29, 1940, with interest rate not to exceed 6 per cent. Bids on the warrants will be received by the Board at 8 p. m., Feb. 27. A. B. Good, school business director, said that taxes now in process of collection for the School City Special Fund amount to more than three times the amounts of the warrants.

Increase PWA Grant

The Board also accepted an offer made by the United States increasing a PWA grant for School 20 from \$108,000 to \$112,838.

A contract with the Roland M. Cotton Co., contractors building the M. H. Stuart Memorial Building at Tech High School, was increased by \$203. This was to change heating equipment motors from direct to alternating current.

Two buildings located on the site of the proposed athletic field for Crispus Attucks High School were sold to the Cleveland Wrecking Co. for \$75. The buildings could not be used for school or library purposes, Mr. Good said. The company agreed to remove them within 15 days.

Portable Building Sold

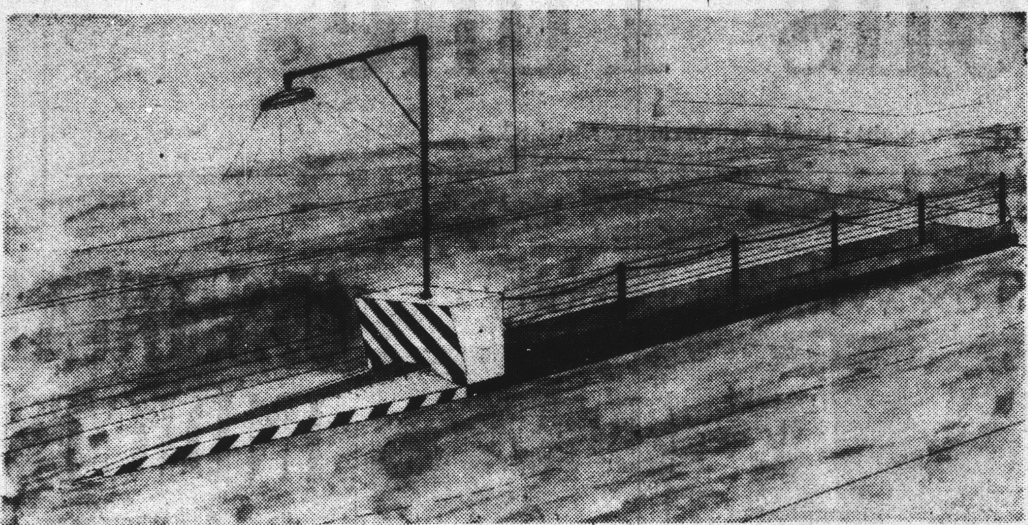
The Board also sold portable building No. 24 at 1125 Spruce St. to Jay Kidwell for \$107 with the understanding the building must be removed within 30 days.

A vacuum pump for School 46 was purchased on the Colby Equipment Co.'s bid of \$444, and 10 art tables for Washington High School were bought for \$399.99 from the Business Furniture Co., which made the low bid. Library books for Washington and Howe High Schools were purchased from Baker & Taylor Co. on its bid of \$1180.41.

FINNS TO STAY AT FAIR

NEW YORK, Jan. 31 (U. P.).—Finland is the first nation to sign a renewal agreement for participation in the 1940 New York World's Fair, it was disclosed today.

'Island' Haven for Trolley Riders



Here is the two-way, accident-proof safety zone which the Safety Board will try out at Market and Illinois Sts. Devised by the Indianapolis Accident Prevention Council, the new zone simply can be struck by the oncoming motorist, no matter how hard he tries. The 15-foot triangular approach takes up the impact so gently, he'll hardly feel it. And if the motorist hits the triangle a glancing blow, he'll be forced off by the sloping sides. A concave metal splash board running the length of the platform prevents the pedestrian from getting splashed. Local industrial concerns are to construct the new zone at no expense to the City.

IRVING AND COOPER STAMPS SOLD HERE

First of a series of 35 new commemorative stamps went on sale at the Postoffice here today.

They are two in the group of authors stamps which honor five American writers. The pair are the Washington Irving 1-cent green and the James Fenimore Cooper 2-cent red.

The stamps were on sale at each of the four regular stamp windows. Postmaster Adolph Seidensticker said business did not warrant having a special window for their sale.

Both stamps were first sold Monday, the Irving stamp at Tarrytown, N. Y., and the Cooper stamp at Cooperstown, N. Y.

Selected quality sheets were sold at the Philatelic Agency in Washington yesterday.

WABASH COLLEGE RECEIVES \$7000

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 31 (U. P.).—Receipt of a gift of \$7000 to remodel Kingery Hall, third oldest building at Wabash University, was announced today.

Dr. Louis B. Hopkins, president, said the gift was from an anonymous donor and will be added to a previous contribution of \$1000 from Mrs. Richard H. Webber of Detroit.

Neutrals' Peace Appeals Put Roosevelt on Spot

By LUDWELL DENNY
Times Special Writer

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The President's dilemma as a peace-maker is spotlighted by the new appeals of the Dutch Foreign Minister, and of the American Conference on the Cause and Cure of War, for peace negotiations.

Mr. Roosevelt does not want negotiations now because the Allies are not ready. Secretary Hull has intimated that this Government will make no move until the Allies are agreeable.

The Pope, like the President, is not ready to move. But the European neutrals are more than ready. They are endangered now, and fear they may be crushed if the war continues.

Germany, of course, has asked for negotiations.

Most of the organized American peace groups favor neutral mediation because they oppose war, and because they think the longer the war the worse the terms of the peace settlement.

In this complicated situation the President is more and more exposed. The longer he waits to join in mediating efforts, the more he will be accused of playing the Allies' game and the less effective he can be as a non-partisan peace-maker. But if he acts now he will be accused of playing into the hands of Hitler and Stalin.

Meanwhile the extreme isolationists—whose number seems to be increasing—would have him keep out of the peace as well as out of the war. They point to history to prove that peace terms are dictated by victors, and that the United States as a non-belligerent could not have any real voice at the peace table. The only voice it could have would be as a Charlie McCarthy for the Allies, which

would be worse than none, they say.

Many peace organizations want the President to act, but insist that he move in concert with the other neutrals. This presumably would prevent him from appearing in the role of a Chamberlain stooge, and also minimize the risks of such entanglements as isolationists fear.

But that method does not fit into the President's plan. Instead of co-operating with the neutrals as a group, he has chosen to work with the Pope.

Protests of Lutherans and Southern Baptists against White House-Vatican consultation for peace have been based on religious or separation-of-church-and-state grounds. These widely publicized protests, however, have obscured an entirely different type of objection.

This other objection is that the Vatican is not free, in the sense that an American president is free, of partisan European interests. The Vatican not only has many special interests but many special commitments. Its relation with Mussolini is close—as in the case of Spain. The Catholic state was an issue in Austria and Poland, and will be an issue in any peace settlement.

Obviously the President has no intention of becoming involved in such Vatican politics—any more than His Holiness wishes to be involved in American politics. But the question raised by some peace advocates is whether the President, in co-operating closely with the Vatican instead of with the neutral powers, can avoid the suspicion in Europe of being used by the Vatican or Mussolini or both.

Apparently the President, with his supreme self-confidence as a tightrope walker, thinks he can maintain his balance despite the many dangers inherent in such exposed peacemaking.

Some who profess to know the President's mind predict that he will avoid European entanglements and American anger by staying out of European political and territorial discussions and confining himself to matters of military and economic disarmament. Just how these closely related issues of European balance-of-power can be separated is not explained.

HAM-'N'-EGGS PLAN BECOMES LEANER

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31 (U. P.).—The ham-and-eggs pension sponsors have reduced their demands by \$10 and the \$30-every-Thursday scheme has been replaced by a \$20-every-Thursday proposal.

Lawrence W. Allen, pension plan author, filed an amended petition with Attorney General Earl Warren yesterday asking permission to circulate a new initiative petition for the "Retirement Life Payment Amendment."

From a 3 per cent gross income tax on individuals and corporations, supplemented by portions of other state revenue, it would pay \$20 a week to every unemployed person more than 50 years old.

TOWNSEND TO OPEN RADIO SERIES SUNDAY

The first of a series of radio broadcasts by Governor M. Clifford Townsend and other state officials on "Problems of State Government" will be given at 10:15 p. m. Sunday over WIRE.

The program will be given every Sunday night for the remainder of 1940. The Governor and other administration officials will be interviewed on government activities.

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STORE OWNER KILLS GUNMAN

Proprietor Is Wounded in
Exchange of Shots;
Feared Holdup.

A man who entered a liquor store at 1108 N. Senate Ave., gun in hand last night, was shot dead by the proprietor who himself was wounded in an exchange of gunfire.

The man, shot before he could say a word, was identified as James Anderson, 22, of 442 Cora St., and City Hospital physicians said he was wounded five times, once through the heart.

The store proprietor, Glascoe Knox, 42, told police that he and his wife were in the backroom of the store when the man entered.

Seeing a gun in his hand, Mr. Knox said he feared a holdup and reached for his gun and opened fire. The gunman dropped dead as a bullet from his gun broke bones in Mr. Knox's left hand.

A 42-year-old man was held today under a \$10,000 bond while police investigated the shooting last night of Mrs. Rachael Johnson, who was in a critical condition in City Hospital with a bullet wound near her heart.

The shooting occurred, police said, in the 300 block of W. Michigan St. after a quarrel.

WIFE OF HAMMOND GRID COACH IS DEAD

Times Special
HAMMOND, Ind., Jan. 31.—Services are to be held at 8 p. m. today for Mrs. Kathryn Huffine, wife of Karl B. Huffine, Hammond High School football coach, who died Monday. She was 48.

Mrs. Huffine was born in Boone County and married Mr. Huffine July 18, 1912. She was a member of the Lake Shore Kennel Club, the Martha Circle, and the First Presbyterian Church.

She also is survived by a daughter, Mary, and her mother, Mrs. Mary Chalk.

The services at the Oexmann Funeral Chapel here will be followed by burial at Lebanon.

THREE SENTENCED IN LIBERTY THEFTS

LIBERTY, Ind., Jan. 31 (U. P.).—Three persons held in connection with a series of thefts from Liberty business establishments have been sentenced in Circuit Court.

Forrest Leonard, former city night watchman, was disenfranchised, fined \$50 and given a three-and-a-half-year prison sentence.

Charles Smith was disenfranchised, fined \$50 and sentenced for three years, and Luther Grege was sentenced to one year and fined \$10.

Firemen 2d, But Win Race

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Jan. 31.—People here wondered what had happened when a fire truck and ambulance pulled up in front of the Allen Building in almost a dead heat.

The ambulance was carrying Mrs. Harry Holman and her infant son to the apartment home of her mother, Mrs. Ina Harris, on the second floor of the building.

Ambulance doctors got out to carry Mrs. Holman and her son into the apartment just as firemen dashed up the stairs with chemicals.

Mrs. Harris' apartment had caught fire and the rooms were filled with smoke.

Mrs. Holman and her son stayed with neighbors.

HOOSIERS BORROW \$2,336,716 ON CORN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (U. P.).—The Commodity Credit Corp. reported today that it loaned farmers \$50,521,211 on 88,646,040 bushels of 1939 corn through Jan. 26. Indiana farmers borrowed \$2,336,716 on 4,099,242 bushels.

The largest loans were made in Iowa and Illinois. Iowa farmers received loans totaling \$17,991,346 on 31,445,209 bushels. Illinois farmers received \$15,759,521 on 27,649,242 bushels.

Loans in other states included Minnesota, \$6,518,596 on 11,452,446 bushels; Nebraska, \$3,034,442 on 5,346,759 bushels; South Dakota, \$2,402,052 on 4,245,640 bushels; and Missouri, \$1,734,300 on 2,951,590 bushels.

MARINES STEP UP RECRUITING DRIVE

The U. S. Marine Corps recruiting station at the Federal Building here announced today it is stepping up a drive to enlist new recruits.

The local station, which only recently opened, will accept young men for four-year enlistment. First Sgt. G. H. Bailey explained applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 30, at least five feet four inches tall, single, of good character and be able to meet the high physical standards of the Marine Corps.

The applicant must have at least an eighth grade education. "To these young men the Marine Corps offers advantages in the nature of opportunity for additional education, assured income, advancement, and to those especially interested in the Marine Corps as a career, provisions in old age," the announcement stated.

The Marine Corps is at present about 2000 men short of the increased strength allowed. Sgt. Bailey said effort is being made to bring the Corps up to its authorized allotment by Feb. 29, 1940.

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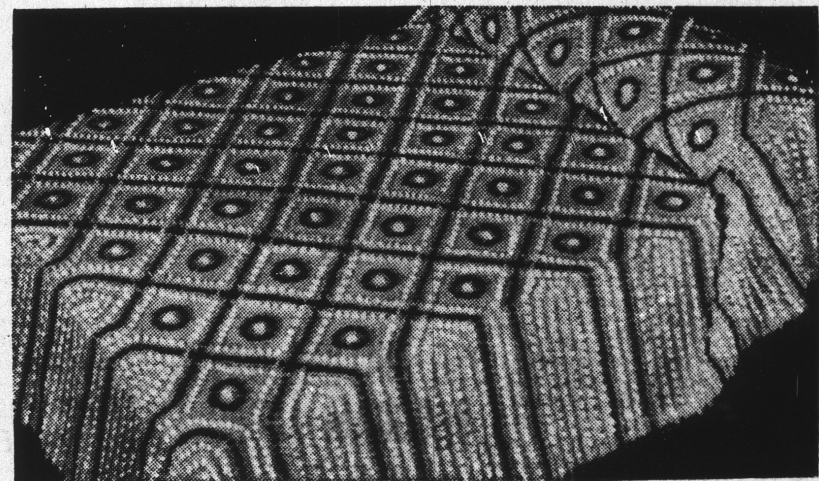
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