

## AWARD BALLOT BOX CONTRACT

Commissioners Reject Four Previous Bids, Give Job To Local Firm.

County Commissioners today rejected all four former bids for 750 ballot boxes, opened a new set of bids and awarded the contract for the boxes to the F. M. Bachman Lumber Co., 1601 Madison Ave., the low bidder.

The Bachman Co.'s bid was \$2120 for all-wooden ballot boxes with locks and safety clasps.

Bids submitted last week were rejected following a dispute between the bidders and the County Election Board. The Election Board had recommended purchase of ballot boxes from Fletcher Misner, Anderson lumber dealer, whose bid was second high, but who had included a safety gadget in his plans. Other bidders argued that the specifications did not call for the safety gadget.

In the new set of bids received today, all bidders included the safety device in their offers, but kept their bids approximately the same as before. The Bachman Co. was low in the first set of bids.

## PETERS ANNOUNCES SIX TALKS ON FHA

R. Earl Peters, Federal Housing Authority director for Indiana, today announced dates for six meetings at which he will discuss FHA programs before construction industry leaders, bankers, real estate men and home builders. Mr. Peters is expected to announce his candidacy for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination next week.

Wednesday he will speak at a 6 p.m. banquet at Richmond, sponsored by the First Federal Savings and Loan Association. He also will speak once during the Ft. Wayne Home Show, which opens Thursday and runs through April 2.

Friday Mr. Peters will speak at an FHA meeting here. On April 3 he is to speak at 9:30 a.m. at Manchester College and at noon before the North Manchester Kiwanis Club.

He will be the speaker for the Service Club luncheon in the Riley Room of the Claypool Hotel on April 15, and on April 18 he will speak on "FHA and Home Financing" before a 2:30 p.m. meeting of the State Planning Board.

## Plane Aids Candidate



When State Senator William E. Jenner (left) of Shoals has to go to another city for a speech or conference in his race for the Republican gubernatorial nomination, he travels in this plane. The "aerial chariot" is owned and flown by Mr. Jenner's fellow legislator, Ben Herr, (right) Lebanon, Ind.

## Ickes Takes 3d Term Drive Into Garner's Home State

By LYLE C. WILSON

United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Interior Secretary Harold L. Ickes leaves tonight to deliver a speech in Texas, to be followed shortly by an ambitious effort to persuade the state to desert Vice President John N. Garner and support a Roosevelt third term.

These are the facts. But, whether Mr. Ickes' Texas appearance is coincidental or was arranged thoughtfully to enable him to play a part in the third-term boom there, remains to be seen.

The Secretary denied political objectives would take him to Texas. It was recalled, however, that on his last previous journey from Washington he appeared in California

this month and smoothed over a quarrel which was jeopardizing the election of a third-term delegation from that state to the Democratic National Convention.

Mr. Garner and Mr. Roosevelt will be opposed in the May 7 California Presidential primary which will bind the state's 44 convention delegates. Texas will select its 46 convention delegates May 28 in a state party convention. Until the past fortnight there had been no intimation of a contest there against Mr. Garner.

**Ferguson, Moody in Fight**

But former Governors James E. Ferguson and Dan Moody are taking over third-term leadership in Mr. Garner's home state. Mrs. James E. (Ma) Ferguson, who served two terms as Governor after a campaign for vindication of her husband, who had been impeached, is sampling Texas sentiment on two third-term questions.

"Ma" says she might run for a third term, herself, and in that event would be for a third term for Mr. Roosevelt. That Mr. Ickes could go in and out of a state where such developments were current without making some political medicine is more possible than probable. He will speak in Kilgore, Tex., Wednesday in ceremonies marking the 10th anniversary of the fabulous East Texas oil field and proceed to Chicago.

On April 1 the Moody-Ferguson forces will begin their formal campaign for a Roosevelt-instructed delegation to the Democratic convention which will meet in Chicago July 15. But Garner organizers in Texas are willing to fight and are planning a big rally of their own. The Vice President's presidential campaign would fold up, of course, if New Dealers could break through his home state defenses.

**Farley Also Makes Tour**

Postmaster General James A. Farley also goes traveling this week through a dozen or so states, including Texas, on Post Office business and politics. It is believed generally here that Mr. Farley's swing is part of his campaign for the Vice Presidential nomination. And since Mr. Farley is considered to be friendly to the idea that State Secretary Cordell Hull would make a good Presidential nominee, it must be assumed that the Hull candidacy will benefit from the journey.

Mr. Roosevelt says nothing of his own plans. But he has raised a mighty prop under Mr. Hull's pre-convention campaign. Word has reached Democratic Senators that Mr. Roosevelt would veto the bill to continue the reciprocal trade agreement program if it is amended to require Senate ratification of the treaties.

The politically important fact is that the Mr. Hull's reputation is tied up with the trade agreement program. For Congress to amend or materially amend that program at this time would diminish Mr. Hull's availability as a compromise 1940 Democratic candidate upon whom conservatives and New Dealers could get together at Chicago.

**REYNAUD TO SPEAK**

PARIS, March 25 (U. P.)—Premier Paul Reynaud will make a radio speech from the Foreign Office at 8 p.m. tomorrow. (1 p.m. Indianapolis Time), it was announced today.

**They included:**

For State Representative—Charles L. Coffin, Parke County; Downey Newberry, Gibson County; Charles T. Misick, DeKalb, Corydon, and James F. Countryman, Elkhart County. All four are Republicans.

For Prosecutor—Lee W. Kirkpatrick, Democrat, Owen County; R. Leon Connally, Republican, Kosciusko County; and Waldo Hendrickson, Republican, Warrick County.

For Circuit Judge—Rolin A. Turner, Republican, Decatur County.

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## RAFERT MAKES 1ST BID TONIGHT

Senator White to File Again; Dr. Salb Will Seek Coroner's Post.

George O. Rafert, former resident of Indianapolis, said today he will assume the candidacy for the Republican nomination for Lieutenant Governor at the meeting of the Irvington Republican Club tonight.

At the same time, several others announced their candidacies. Included were:

William Abel, Democrat, 107 Sheriff.

State Senator E. Curtis White, for Democratic renomination.

Dr. John A. Salb, former deputy coroner, Democrat, for Coroner.

**Rafert Born Here**

Ernest T. Lane, attorney, Republican, for State Representative.

Robert E. Brown, attorney, Republican, for State Representative.

Mr. Rafert was born here and for a number of years was in the building and real estate business here. In 1926, he moved to his farm near Fortville, Ind., and since then has been farming, selling cattle and associated with a grain elevator. He is 57, and a graduate of Shortridge High School and Indiana University.

Mr. Rafert has never held any political office. He is an elder of Fortville Christian Church and a member of that church's official board. He is married and has three daughters and two sons.

**Abel Files With Clerk**

Mr. Abel, who filed an official declaration of his candidacy with the Marion County Clerk today, was born and reared in Indiana and has been an employee of the U. S. Hubber Co. seven years. In the last three years he has spent much time helping find jobs for the unemployed.

He is 46, is married and has two children. He has been active in Democratic politics 25 years but never has been a candidate for a public office previously. He lives at 350 S. Oakland Ave. is a World War veteran and a member of Wayne Post 64, American Legion.

Mr. White was president pro tem. and Democratic floor leader in the Senate sessions of 1938 and 1939. He has been in the Senate since 1933.

**Lives Near Maywood**

He lives on a farm near Maywood and has been prominent in agricultural activities several years. Since 1933, he has been a member of the Indiana Board of Agriculture and sponsored building of the new Coliseum at the Fair Grounds. He also is president of the Jersey Farmers' Association.

Senator White has sponsored much of the legislation championed by the Indiana League of Women Voters, and was the author of several labor bills. Two years ago he was given an appreciation dinner with leaders of industry, agriculture, labor and education, as well as policemen, firemen and Negroes, praising his work.

In announcing his candidacy, he pledged himself to make every effort to obtain free school books for all children.

**Dr. Salb Was Police Surgeon**

Dr. Salb served as deputy coroner five years under Dr. William E. Armbuck and was police surgeon under the Babb Administration from 1914 to 1917.

He was the second physician in the nation to enlist in the U. S. Navy for World War service, enlisting April 12, 1917, and serving until 1924. He was born in Jasper, Ind., Sept. 6, 1884, was graduated from the old Indiana Medical College in 1907 and the Navy Medical School in 1920. He is a member of the Indianapolis, Indiana and American Medical Associations.

Mr. Brown is 25, is married, has one daughter and lives at 3501 N. Euclid Ave. For the last four years he has had law offices in the Tract Terminal Building. He is chairman of the First Ward Young Republicans, and has been connected several years with the Indianapolis Community Fund as a group leader.

**Lane Served in Army**

Mr. Lane, who has been active in Marion County Republican politics many years, is secretary of the Marion County Young Republicans. He served with the U. S. Army in the Philippines, China and Alaska, was chief bugler of the 30th Infantry during the Mexican Border disturbances in 1910 and 1911, and served with the Intelligence section of the Army in the World War.

He returned here in 1918 and was connected with the Indiana Attorney General's office until 1924. Then he went to Columbus, O., to study law, his legal education and from 1926 until 1933 again was connected with the Attorney General's office. Since 1933, he has practiced law here, with offices at 531-33 Security Trust Building.

Meanwhile, eight candidates filed declarations with the Secretary of State today, bringing to 179 the number filing since March 8.

**Four Seek House Seats**

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## In State Race

### Hoosiers in Washington—BOTH PARTIES CLAIM INDIANA

Democrats Confident, G.O.P.

Committeewoman Is "Certain" of Victory.

By DANIEL M. KIDNEY  
Times Special Writer

WASHINGTON, March 25.—In its personal surveys of Midwestern states, Democratic National Headquarters rates Indiana tops in party organization and activity.

The person sent into the state to sound out sentiment for the National Committee turned in a secret report glowing with high praise for the generalship and organization ability of State Chairman Fred Hartford.

Instead of "listing" the state as "doubtful," the Democratic high command at the moment feels confident of an Indiana victory this fall.

Mrs. Grace Reynolds, Republican committeewoman from Indiana, is touring Eastern seaboard cities making speeches and doing organization work for the Republican National Committee.

She had charge of the Midwestern women's division with headquarters in Chicago during the last national campaign.

On a stopover at headquarters here, Mrs. Reynolds this week expressed certainty of a Republican landslide in the Midwest and puts Indiana very definitely in the G. O. P. column.

So, putting the two views together, it becomes clear that either the Hoosier Republicans or Democrats are going to win in Indiana in November.

Rep. Gerald W. Landis, Seventh District Republican and member of the steering committee for the Townsend Plan, put a long speech in support of the new Townsend bill into the Congressional Record this week. Included was the following:

"Benefits to the elders will be determined by the number of eligible citizens divided into the amount of money produced by the 2 per cent tax. No one knows what this amount will be."

"We should be willing to try the Townsend Plan out for one year."

As an old-time newspaperman, Rep. Louis Ludlow, Tenth District Democrat, wrote his own story of how he is trying to get a new Federal post office and service building for Indianapolis costing \$1,325,000. The last line of that story read:

"It is believed that in any event an appropriation for this new building is certain to be made within a year or two."

## Women at I. U. Better Scholars

By DANIEL M. KIDNEY  
Times Special Writer

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 25.—Margaret Shaw, Civil War widow who will celebrate her 85th birthday April 25, has no trouble remembering birthday dates and ages of three of her children.

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