

## Local Scientist Is Entered In Blood Test Competition

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scientific course that will qualify her for laboratory work.

Dr. Clyde Culbertson, chief of the Bureau of Bacteriology and Pathology of the State Health Board, said that the Mazzini test is a variation of the Kline test, but that it has proved more sensitive. He said it is in wide general use in the country.

The value of the test for syphilis, Dr. Culbertson said, is that it detects the disease in earlier stages, and that it also affords a better diagnosis in later stages. Some other tests tend to grow less and less sensitive to the presence of the disease as the disease grows older and after treatment.

For the present study, the second ever made in this country and the fifth ever made in the world, blood and spinal fluid specimens from 1200 syphilitic and non-syphilitic donors have been collected. The specimens are known to the Public Health Service, and the scientists must test them and determine whether the donors are syphilitic or not.

Besides Mr. Mazzini, the scientists are Dr. Hugo Hecht, Cleveland, O.; Dr. M. B. Kurtz, Lansing, Mich.

### BRITAIN'S ATTLEE IS FLYING TO U. S.

LISBON, Oct. 24 (U.P.)—Clement Attlee, Lord Privy Seal in the British Cabinet, leader of the Labor Party, and considered second only to Winston Churchill in the British Government, left for New York today by Clipper plane.

Mr. Attlee is flying to New York to attend a meeting of the International Labor Office, one of the few surviving departments of the League of Nations, which opens there Monday.

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## Finds Wabash a Haven



Dr. Frank Hugh Sparks.

### Dr. Sparks to Be Inaugurated As 8th President Tomorrow

By LOWELL B. NUSSBAUM  
Times Staff Writer

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Oct. 24.—Frank Hugh Sparks, successful manufacturer who detoured into the educational field as an afterthought, will be inaugurated tomorrow as the eighth president of 109-year-old Wabash College.

Alumni and friends of the businessman-educator began arriving on the wooded campus today for a reception tonight in the Masonic Temple.

Quite a few prominent educators will be on hand tomorrow for the inaugural ceremony at 10 a. m. in the college chapel.

The man they are honoring has had a varied career. Grant County farm boy, auto mechanic's helper, auto accessories manufacturer—the Sparks of Noblitt-Sparks Industries; student—he got his A. B. degree from Butler only six years ago—and now college president.

**Businessman Type**

Dr. Sparks, a handsome, well-built man of 50, differs quite a bit from the popular conception of a college president. He's the smartly dressed man of the world type. About five feet, 10 or 11 inches tall, he weighs around 150. His eyes are blue; he wears rimless spectacles, and his light brown hair has scarcely a trace of gray.

He's been at the college a month and a half now, and admits he hasn't found the need for any revolutionary changes. In fact the way things have been going there seems in general to meet his own ideas pretty well.

He says he has no thought of expanding the student body. There are 374 now—all males—and the entrance requirements are fairly stringent.

He wants to keep the college a small liberal arts school able to give attention to the development of the individual student. Right now the ratio is only 11 students to the instructor, and in some of the advanced classes the ratio drops as low as two to one.

**Wants Strong Faculty**

Dr. Sparks says he isn't particularly interested in new buildings. He's more interested in the faculty and "wouldn't turn down any funds to make it even stronger than it is already."

Most of the buildings on the campus are pretty old, but they're quite serviceable and tradition-hallowed. Still in use is the college's original frame building, finished in 1862.

The pre-Civil War center hall, he has only one small room—no reception room. In one corner of the room rests the old Wabash Monon bell which disappeared several weeks ago and mysteriously reappeared one day on the Butler campus.

**Views Post as Haven**

The new president looks on Wabash College's presidency as an ideal haven for any businessman weary of ever increasing governmental restrictions and regulations.

Privately endowed and operated, the college is about as far from governmental interference as you can get, he says. It's described as the only school west of the Alleghenies without either church or state affiliations.

Dr. Sparks began his business career in 1916. Following his graduation from Culver High School he got a job with the old Carl G. Fisher plant where he met and became a helper to Quentin G. Noblitt, then an auto mechanic.

**Set Up Motor School**

The two later went to the Haywood Tire & Equipment Co., then in 1918 set up the Indianapolis Motor School. They closed the school when World War I robbed them of most of their students.

In 1927 they organized the Indianapolis Pump & Tube Co. which in 1927 became Noblitt-Sparks Industries.

It was the illness of the first Mrs. Sparks that started Dr. Sparks on his educational career. Because of her illness, he took her to Arizona. In 1934, Mrs. Sparks' health was improved and they returned to Indianapolis where he resumed his duties with Noblitt-Sparks, meanwhile attending Butler.

After receiving his A. B. degree,

## TEACHERS BACK OUR DEMOCRACY

### Voice Plans to Promote Its Principles in Schools; Elect Officers.

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"destined to safeguard the security of the American people."

That all laws dealing with the sale of liquor and narcotics be endorsed fully.

That the present method of State textbook adoption be abolished and a statute empowering the State Board of Education to establish approved lists for local adoption be

That all Federal educational functions be integrated under the U. S. Office of Education.

That the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction be made a statutory office for a four-year term.

That the size of the teaching unit on which State funds are distributed be reduced to a point "more in harmony with sound educational practice."

In discussing its pledge to democratic principles, the Resolutions Committee said:

"We believe that our lives and liberties depend upon the preservation of the form and the spirit of government as established under the Constitution. We stand united against all philosophies of government alien to and opposed to the spirit of democracy which established this republic under the Constitution."

"We recognize the serious threat to our sacred institutions in the rise of that spirit which begets totalitarianism. We urge all teachers to be alert in recognizing influences that create atmosphere in which totalitarianism lives and thrives."

"To meet this threat, we plead for a new emphasis with students upon devotion to common welfare, upon spirit of tolerance, harmony and national unity, all of which is so necessary to avert the type of catastrophe which so recently befell the democracies."

### EDUCATORS TO SPEAK

Among the educators scheduled to speak at the inauguration tomorrow are George V. Kendall, dean of the faculty; President Alfred E. Johnson of Miami University; President Herman B. Wells of Indiana University; President Rufus B. Kleinsmid of U. S. C.; Lee McCanlis, New York, president of the board of trustees; Dr. Sparks, and President Albert G. Parker of Hanover College.

Joseph J. Daniels, Indianapolis attorney, will be toastmaster at a banquet tomorrow night at which the speakers are to include President Daniel S. Robinson of Butler; Mark A. Brown, of the board of trustees; Prof. James L. Osborne; President Clyde E. Wildman; DePaul; Alfred O. Kauzman, Chicago, and President of the Link Belt Co.; and President Edward C. Elliott of Purdue.

**Old Grid Foes Meet**

Included on the program tomorrow will be the annual homecoming luncheon, served by the ladies of the Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church in the college gymnasium.

In the afternoon, Wabash will renew its football rivalry with Hanover College. The two teams have been playing since 1886.

The following Saturday's game will present complications for the new president. It's to be with Butler, from which President Sparks received his A. B. degree.

But he's got the matter solved.

"Butler plays nine football games this year—I think it's nine—and I am rooting for them to win eight of those games. Figure that out."

### HOOSIERS SCORE IN FARM COMPETITION

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 24 (U.P.)—Richard Sturgis, Wolcottville, Ind., today held seventh place in the individual judging of all classes of livestock at the national judging competition held here in connection with the Future Farmers of America Convention.

Other Indiana winners were:

Richard Sturgis, Wolcottville, sixth high in individual judging of sheep; and Byron White, New Castle, ninth high in individual judging of holsteins and fifth high in individual judging of Jersey.

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## Report Senate Leaders Agreed On War Zones Repeal Plan

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (U.P.)—Senate leaders were reported today to have agreed on an attempt to broaden the pending ship-arming bill to authorize American merchant ships to carry cargoes into belligerent ports and through combat zones.

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A survey of Senate sentiment reportedly showed a minimum of 55 votes in favor of such a plan with a possible maximum of about 60. The survey indicated seven Repub-

licans would vote for the broader measure.

Meanwhile, the committee heard more opposition testimony during its last day of secret hearings on the armed ship bill. One of the witnesses was Prof. Maynard Krueger, professor of economics at the University of Chicago and 1940 Socialist candidate for vice president, who condemned the bill to arm merchant ships as "the method of the Roosevelt administration to provide shrouds for American seamen."

Miss Margaret McNeilly, president of the National League of Women Voters, left a statement advocating repeal of all except Section 12 of the Neutrality Act, which provides machinery for controlling the export of munitions.

The ship arming resolution would amend Section 6 of the Neutrality Act, which now prohibits such

action. Authority for U. S. vessels to pass through combat zones and put into belligerent ports would be achieved through repeal of Sections 2 and 3.

The Senate gave a brief preview of the coming debate when it passed the second lend-lease appropriation bill yesterday, 50 to 13.

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