

FEENEY ORGANIZES DEFENSE POLICE

Recruits Volunteer for Emergency Service in County Areas Outside City; Men to Be Deputized and Subject to Immediate Call.

A County police system for the protection of areas outside the City is being organized by Sheriff Al Feeney. A part of the Civil Defense program about which little has been heard so far, the system is being quietly effected in the townships where key men already have been selected.

Men being chosen for the force will be deputized. As volunteers, they will receive no pay. But as deputies, they will be responsible to the Sheriff and will operate under the same discipline as the regular deputies.

The size of this County-wide force has not been determined, but its functions have.

Men who are selected must be ready at a moment's notice to respond to emergency calls.

Always Subject to Call

They will be used not only in emergencies, but at times when the possibility of an emergency is anticipated. This means that all men sworn in as volunteer deputies will be subject to call at any hour.

The force will supplement the Sheriff's regular deputies in guarding power and oil lines, highways, bridges, industrial plants and utilities and in preventing looting.

The selection of this force, to be composed of men who live and work in the townships outside the City, is being arranged by the Sheriff in co-operation with township trustees and town board officials.

Expects Hard Work

"We are attempting to select the best men we can find who are willing to do the job," Sheriff Feeney said. "We will pay absolutely no attention to any politics the man may have. The job these men will be expected to do will be tough and it will have to be done right."

The "key" men in each township will have charge of five or six deputies, each of whom will have a group of men working under him. In an emergency, the Sheriff would call the key men, who would assemble the township deputies and relay instructions. By this system of co-ordination, the Sheriff hopes to weld his deputies into a "minute-man" force, available on the double-quick.

Forms Bicycle Brigade

This organization is being supplemented by emergency communications groups which will be organized shortly.

These will consist of boys' bicycle brigades which can be used for courier service if telephone service is disrupted and "ham" radio operators who will talk to township posts over the airwaves if radio stations are put out of action.

Neither of these two plans have been fully developed. The Sheriff anticipates a big response from the "hams" and the cyclists.

He hopes to have the system ready for try-outs in another month.

10,000 WOMEN SIGN FOR HOME DEFENSE

The women beat the men in registering for civilian defense, it appeared today.

That made the women feel fine, and not a little superior, too.

Estimates compiled last night at County Defense headquarters indicated that more than 10,000 women signed up for defense work Tuesday.

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RUSSIAN BLOWS STAGGER NAZIS

Snow-Gliders Towing Red Ski Troops in Chase From Moshaisk.

By M. S. HANDLER

MOSCOW, Jan. 22.—Red Army troops slashed into the staggering German lines today on the blood-stained snow of Borodino where Napoleon on Sept. 7, 1812, won the victory which opened the way to Moscow but cost him his empire.

They were driving straight for Smolensk, 160 miles to the southwest, tirelessly, with the precision of a machine and a relentless engered by bitter hatred, in one of the most astonishing offensives of history.

Gliders Tow Ski Troops

Snow-gliders towed ski troops along the ragged German flanks while infantrymen marched in close ranks through breast-high snow, mile after mile in 40-degree-below zero cold, to make a path for the tanks and trucks.

Parachutists dropped behind the German lines from great transport planes while Stormovik dive bombers hurtled down on troop and truck columns in the German rear.

The Russian pincers on the central front was reported closing slowly on the German forces retreating from Moshaisk.

The northern arm of the pincers was reported to have captured a strongly fortified village, believed to be the key to Rzhev, 140 miles northwest of Moscow. Rzhev is a vital point in Hitler's winter defense line.

Records for Lenin

The southern arm at last reports was but 60 miles from Smolensk, while a central force of Russian troops rolled back the Germans toward Vyazma despite stubborn rear guard action which may permit escape of at least some of the 100,000 Germans who had been reported in Moshaisk.

It was the opening of the eighth month of the war and it was the 18th anniversary of the death of Nikolai Lenin, father of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

But today, usually a holiday, found war factories working at peak speed, eager to make records in Lenin's honor, and the men at the front who normally would have honored him in garrisons all over the Soviet Union, sought to speed their pace.

Jubilant, military leaders talked of driving the Germans entirely off Russian soil.

Smash Last Spearhead

The Russians were on the offensive at Leningrad, as well as far west of once-threatened Moscow, and over the entire front for the 600 miles from Moscow southward to the sea.

In capturing Moshaisk, 63 miles west of Moscow and six miles from Borodino, the Russians had smashed the last German spearhead pointed toward the capital.

Dispatches from the front indicated that the Russians might already be past Borodino, six miles from Moshaisk on the main Smolensk highway.

Dispatches described how the gliders raced over the snow, to pounce upon tired, shivering German troops whose only warning was a sudden cloud of snow dust in the distance and the hail of machine gun bullets and trench mortar shells from batteries quickly set up commanding the junction points.

50-Below Fighting

Western military experts expressed amazement that it was possible for the Russians to continue their drive. In a five-day train journey from Kuibyshev we recorded temperatures as low as 50 below zero.

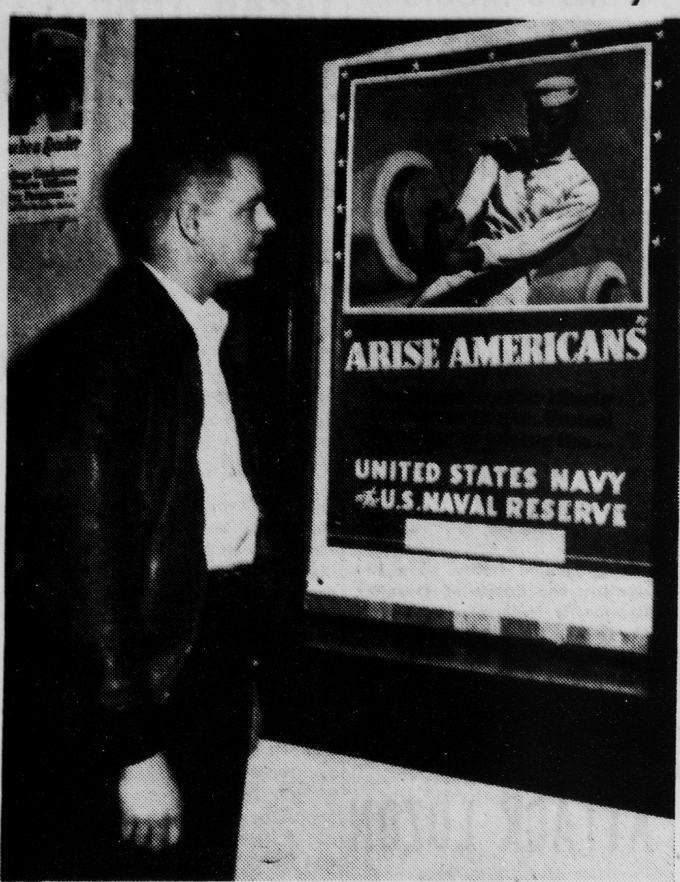
Our powerful armored train was sheathed in ice when we arrived at Moscow, where even a short exposure to the open air brings out the tell-tale white spots of frost bite on the face.

NAZI AFRICAN CORPS EXTENDS SCOUTING

CAIRO, Jan. 22 (U. P.).—Offensive operations at least to the extent of reconnaissance in force, against British imperials near the Cyrenaica-Tripolitania frontier have been launched by Gen. Erwin Rommel's Africa corps, British General Headquarters for the Middle East said today.

Three strong enemy columns, including tanks, yesterday made a reconnaissance in force to a depth of about 10 miles east of a general line running south of Mersa Brega, the communiqué said.

He's 17 and in the Navy



Ralph Hostetter reached his 17th birthday today. That made him old enough to join the Navy. He celebrated by doing just that. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Andrew Hostetter, 554 1/2 Fletcher Ave., formally gave their consent, a procedure that is necessary even when a boy attains a sailor's age of 17.

REPORT F. D. R. BACKS MURRAY

Says Now Is No Time to Attempt Labor Merger, Leaders Claim.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (U. P.).—President Roosevelt has held a secret conference with Philip Murray, president of the C. I. O., and labor circles reported they had agreed that present circumstances were not advantageous for seeking a merger of the A. F. of L. and the C. I. O. as proposed by John L. Lewis.

It was learned that Mr. Murray had met with Mr. Roosevelt yesterday regarding the peace proposal unexpectedly put forth by Mr. Lewis on Saturday without Mr. Murray's knowledge.

Mr. Murray rebuked Mr. Lewis with a statement that he would submit the proposal in due course to the C. I. O. executive council, but that no action could be taken except by the council.

Merger Need Lessened

Mr. Roosevelt was reported to have agreed with Mr. Murray that an overt attempt to bring about "peace" between the two organizations might impair the present war production drive because such a merger would lead to internal competition among various union heads for high posts in the new organization.

Informed labor leaders said that Mr. Roosevelt also had agreed with Mr. Murray that the necessity of an A. F. of L.-C. I. O. merger had lessened considerably in view of the recent no-strike agreement between labor and industry. That agreement was reached at a conference which led to the establishment of the new War Labor Board.

DEMOCRATIC WAR VETERANS TO MEET

Members of Marion County Chapter 4 of the Indiana Democratic Veterans will meet at the Spencer Hotel at 7:30 p. m. tomorrow.

Reports of the national defense, membership and political organizations will feature the meeting. Veterans ward captains and precinct sergeants will be appointed for Marion County. The officers will work under the supervision of the regular organization.

Commander Glen F. Kline announced that the first meetings of the chapter will be open to all persons who served honorably in any military branch of the United States.

ASKS UNIONS TO REGISTER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (U. P.).—Chairman Carl Vinson (D. Ga.) of the House Naval Affairs Committee today introduced legislation to require labor unions, businessmen and trade organizations to register with the Department of Commerce.

New Flag Waves At 'Empco' Plant

THE STARS AND STRIPES waved over "Empco" today.

"Empco" is the nickname employees have given the Engineering Metals Products Corp. plant at 401 S. Harding St. The flag is the gift of the shop employees who presented it to the plant yesterday. Carl Shimer made the presentation in behalf of the employees and James H. Carmine accepted it in behalf of the firm.

Mr. Carmine said: "Some of the most enthusiastic of those participating in the gift of the flag are men who had been born . . . in the countries with whom we are now at war."

"Empco" employees have subscribed an average of 7 per cent of their wages in defense bonds.

BISHOP LOWE IS HOSPITAL HEAD

Succeeds Brown on Board At Methodist; Trustees Rename Dr. Benson.

Bishop Titus Lowe of the Indianapolis area today was elected president of the Methodist Hospital Board of Trustees to succeed Arthur V. Brown.

Mr. Brown, who has been president for the last 21 years, withdrew his name from consideration for the nomination because his health does not permit active duties. He will continue as a member of the board, however.

Dr. Benson Renamed

The board, meeting today at the nurses' home, re-elected Dr. John G. Benson as general superintendent and secretary for the 11th consecutive year.

Other officers elected were W. H. Forse of Anderson, first vice president; Dr. Jean Milner, second vice president; Arthur Wolf, third vice president; J. Floyd King, treasurer; A. K. Cox, assistant treasurer, and Harry F. Guthrie of Muncie, trustee-at-large.

Patients Increase

Dr. Benson, in his annual report, said the hospital cared for 31,069 patients last year as compared with 10,729 in 1932. There were 2324 births in 1941, compared with 915 in 1932.

Other reports were made by Miss Bertha L. Pullen, superintendent of nurses, and Dr. William C. Hartinger, hospital physician.

HOUSING FUND O. K'D

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (U. P.).—President Roosevelt today signed legislation authorizing expenditure of \$450,000,000 for housing, school, health and recreational facilities in communities cramped by expansion of war industries. The bill authorizes expenditure of \$300,000,000 for housing of war workers and \$150,000,000 for other community facilities.

YOUTH LEADER HEARD BY DIES

Say First Lady Arranged Audience for Protege Seeking Navy Post.

By DANIEL M. KIDNEY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Joseph P. Lash, the seasoned youth leader from New York City, spent several hours in secret session with the Dies Committee last night.

His appearance is said to have been arranged by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, who has been trying to get Mr. Lash a commission in the Navy's Intelligence Service. He is a frequent White House guest.

The Navy has turned him down. The Dies Committee has a long record on his affiliations with, and leadership of, allegedly Communist and pacifist organizations.

The story, as it leaked from the committee, was that Mrs. Roosevelt sent for Chairman Martin Dies (D. Tex.) and had a two-hour conference regarding her protege.

Sought to Correct Record

The purpose, it is said, was to arrange for Mr. Lash to appear before the committee and correct his record there, in order to facilitate his getting a Navy commission.

The Office of Naval Intelligence is the Navy's highly confidential counter-espionage service.

Mr. Lash always has denied he ever was a Communist Party member. After the Stalin-Hitler pact he split with the Communist leadership in the American Student Union, of which he was executive secretary.

Accused by Ex-Member

On Oct. 9, 1939, Oliver Kenneth Goff, an ex-Communist, told the Dies Committee he knew Mr. Lash to be a Communist.

Dies Committee exhibits include an article Mr. Lash wrote in 1937 for the magazine "Champion."

"American Youth," he wrote, "does not intend to lay down its life in shellholes around Shanghai or Timbuktu. The program of the A. S. U. states that we will not support any war which the United States Government may undertake for we recognize that such a war would be imperialist in character."

'A. S. U. Means Business'

"The A. S. U. means business by that declaration. That is why it carried through the anti-war strike last spring which enlisted the support of 500,000 students. For the strike against war is a dress rehearsal of what we intend to do in a war crisis."

He was co-author of a book called "War Our Heritage." The book, as advertised in the "Communist International" of November, 1936, dealt with "the deep-seated anti-war sentiment and activity in the universities today."

Some years ago Mr. Lash took the "Oxford oath," promising not to support the United States in any war.



Indiana Politics

By Vern Boxell

THE BEST LEGAL guess around the State House is that the skip-election law decision, anxiously awaited by every mayor and politician in Indiana, will be handed down by the Supreme Court in short order—possibly around Feb. 1.

A study of the various briefs and oral arguments of the five attorneys who participated in the case show that the issues are:

1. Whether the Legislature could separate Indianapolis from other cities in setting the mayoral election date for 1943 in all cities except those of the first class, and
2. If it had that right, is the law valid since the Legislature provided no specific municipal election date for Indianapolis.

Entire Law Invalid?

OF COURSE, THERE are many other legal technicalities involved in the various contentions, but from the layman's standpoint, these appear to be the ones upon which the case will be decided.

One of the arguments was that the court could construe the repeal clause of the act to exclude Indianapolis from its provisions, thereby enabling us to elect this year, all other cities next year.

Another was that by removing the "excepting first class cities" clause—just 17 words—the court could set all elections in 1943.

Most attorneys say, however, that to make this possible, the court would be forced to insert some words in the repeal clause or in the 1933 law, which would put the court illegally into the legislative business.

The other contention is that the whole law is invalid, and that all cities must elect this year. That's the way most attorneys think it will wind up.

Feeney Causing Worry

SHERIFF AL FEENEY, who has caused some of those worry wrinkles worn by county Democratic leaders, can have a spot on the State ticket if he wants it, according to some of his friends. He has been conferring with high State party leaders recently and there's considerable speculation on what has been offered him. Some say Secretary of State, but it's believed that State Rep. Winfield K. Denton of Evansville is the present favorite for that place.

The object, of course, is twofold—getting Mr. Feeney out of the Mayor race and getting a strong Indiana vote-pulled on the State ticket. Practically all local Democrats say an all-out slugging match in the primary between Mr. Feeney and Judge Dewey Myers would hurt the party's November chances. State leaders know, too, that Marion County must be recaptured to assure victory for their ticket. So they want to keep everything as harmonious as possible here.

The Sheriff has been offered a chance at the County Treasurer post, but reportedly has declined. It's said that some Republicans also are casting about for a strong Indianapolis candidate on their State ticket. Some of them are

talking about the Secretary of State spot, which will head the ticket, and the name of Herman Wolf, 1938 Mayoral candidate, is being mentioned.

G. O. P. Omens Seen

HOOSIER REPUBLICANS are feeling pretty good about their Congressional chances next November. They point to the results of the two special elections held recently, in which Democratic strongholds swung over to the G. O. P.

One was in Connecticut, where a Republican triumphed in a district that had been Democratic since 1934. The other was in Colorado, where a Republican was chosen from a district represented by a Democrat since 1914.

And the most encouraging sign, say our own Republicans, was the heavy G. O. P. vote in the industrial areas of these districts. They hope and believe Indiana labor will go the same way.

CHARTER PRESENTED C. OF C. SAFETY UNIT

The Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce safety council received its charter as a member of the National Safety Council at a luncheon today at the Indianapolis Athletic Club.

The charter, for which the council has worked since its organization last spring, was presented by Paul Stricker of Chicago, National Safety Council representative.

The traffic committee of the local council submitted a unanimous report urging County officials to improve the physical facilities of Municipal Court Room 3 which committee members branded as "disgraceful."

At a meeting last night, the committee decided to attempt the problem of enforcing regulations governing pedestrians in traffic after a City-wide education campaign on pedestrian rights and duties has been completed.

FARMER BURNED FATALLY

RICHMOND, Ind., Jan. 22 (U. P.).—In an apparent attempt to save some of his belongings, John R. Thornburg, 81, died yesterday of burns received when his farm home near Hagerstown was destroyed by fire. Coroner S. Edgar Bond said neighbors found the elderly man's body under a tree, with several household articles lying beside it.

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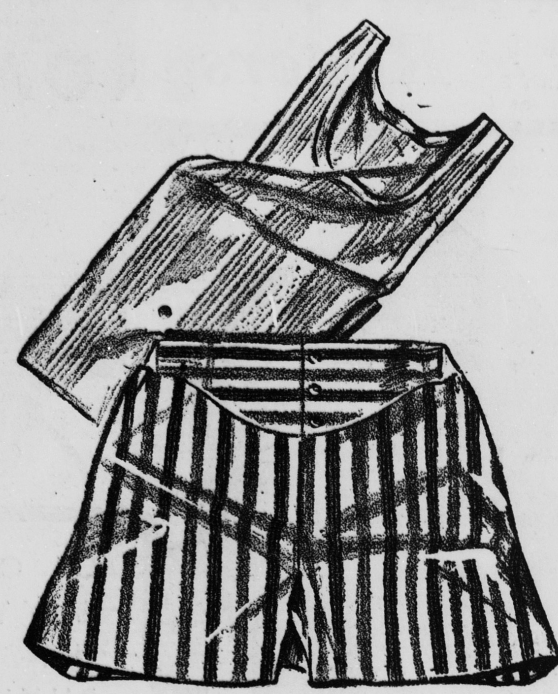
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IN INDIANAPOLIS—VITAL STATISTICS

Here Is the Traffic Record

FATALITIES

County City Total

1941 5 4 9

1942 4 7 11

—Jan. 21—

Accidents . . . 15 Arrests . . . 216

Injured . . . 8 Dead . . . 1

WEDNESDAY TRAFFIC COURT

Cases Convic- Fines

Tricked . . . 6 \$56

Speeding . . . 6 5 78

Reckless driving . . . 6 5 78

Failure to stop at through street . . . 1 1 11

Disobeying traffic signals . . . 1 0 0

Drunk driving . . . 2 2 30

All others . . . 7 7 8

Totals . . . 23 21 \$183

MEETINGS TOMORROW

Indiana Hardware Lumber Association, convention, Hotel Severin, all day.

Indiana Teachers' Association, convention, Claypool Hotel, all day.