

Business

Purdue Is Hunting a President to Succeed Elliott But It Isn't Easy

By ROGER BUDROW

PICKING A COLLEGE PRESIDENT is no snap, least of all in these times when so many men of presidential timber are busy in some vital war-related activity.

Edward C. Elliott, Purdue president, is so Hale and hearty at 70 that he leaves many younger men on his staff in his dust. For years the tall, spry educator has walked from his home in Lafayette, across the river and up the hill to the campus, and back again in the evening, a several-mile jaunt.

But when Purdue's board of trustees adopted a policy of retiring all staff members when they reach 70, they thought they couldn't make any exceptions. Mr. Elliott is to retire, therefore, and his successor is sought.

There have been all kinds of rumors. One had it that Paul McNutt, now in Washington as war manpower commissioner, would get the job. Another had it that Herman B. Wells would take the Purdue presidency and McNutt would succeed him at Indiana university, where McNutt was dean of the law school before he became Indiana governor.

Also suggested were ex-Governor Townsend (now working for an up-state food processing firm) and Schriener (nowly-elected vice president of Fletcher Trust Co.). Henry Wallace's name was even rumored and one conservative trustee said he would vote for Wallace if he thought Purdue could get him, adding that he thinks Wallace is a far-thinking man whom many mis-understand.

WELL AS USUAL these rumors don't jibe with the facts. Informed persons say the trustees committee which is looking over possible presidents isn't considering these names. They are looking outside the state.

They are not interested in anyone who is "campaigning" for the job and they want a fairly young man. They hope that the men they are looking over don't know it—but they can't be too sure of keeping such secrets.

To attract the man they want, they offer the top job in one of the nation's best universities, renowned for its agricultural and engineering schools, a physical plant in good condition, an opportunity to leave a crutch.

Paswater Given The Purple Heart

Marine Sgt. Richard A. Paswater, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Paswater of 3021 S. Meridian st., has been awarded the purple heart for wounds in the Guam campaign.

Sgt. Paswater, who is 23, was helping stem a Jap's break-through when a hand grenade exploded near him. He received aid in a front line station and immediately returned to duty.

A quartermaster clerk with the 3d marines, he also served at Bougainville.

EDITORS CONTINUE SUPPORT OF GATES

The Indiana Republican Editorial association has decided to "continue to support and co-operate" with the administration of Governor Gates and the state G. O. P. committee.

After several weeks of rumored friction over the recent reorganization of the state committee, the editors met here yesterday and adopted a resolution, "commending the record" of the party's leadership.

The editors were ruffled last week over the removal of one of their members, Claude Billings, of Akron as state committee secretary but this apparently was explained away to the satisfaction of all.

The resolution also "welcomed the leadership" of former U. S. Senator William E. Jenner who was elected state committee chairman recently.

The association officials then called upon Governor Gates and personally informed him of their action, clearing away all smoke of dissension between the editors and the party leadership.

HIGH WATER BLOCKS SIX ROADS IN STATE

Six roads in southern Indiana were reported blocked by high water today.

They were: Highways 150 east of Shoals, 54 at French Lick, 245 at Santa Claus, 130 east of Prospect, 30 at Aurora and 31 at Speed.

INDIANAPOLIS CLEARING HOUSE

Clearings Today \$ 6,182,000

Debits This Week 18,821,000

Clearings Debits \$ 31,673,000 161,477,000

That's My Baby" show play show "Seven Doors to Death."

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