

## Name Emil Schram 'Hoosier of Year'

NEW YORK, March 31 (U.P.)—The Sons of Indiana today announced the selection of Emil Schram of Peru, Ind., president of the New York Stock Exchange, as the "outstanding Hoosier of the year."

Mr. Schram will be presented with a citation April 11 at the annual banquet of the group, which consists of some 500 Hoosiers living in the New York City area.

Past recipients of the award included Wendell Willkie, Ernie Pyle, Lt. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, the United States ambassador to Russia, and Roy W. Howard, president of The Indianapolis Times.

Mr. Schram has been president of the New York Stock Exchange since 1941. He was born in Peru Nov. 23, 1893, and was graduated from the high school there. He began his business career as a bookkeeper at Peru.

## Spelling Bee Survivors Study for Next Round

City, Parochial Pupils Face Second Test  
Week of April 7th; County Matches This Week

By ART WRIGHT

Activity in The Times' Spelling Bee this week will be devoted to study by the grammar school pupils who survived the first round of preliminaries.

There will be no matches this week, except those listed in the county school system.

City and parochial pupils will face their second test the week of April 7 when they return to the centers where they spelled last week.

In the second round, the group will be spelled down to a winner and runnerup for each district. The pair will spell against winners of other districts and the townships on April 18 in the first semi-finals in the Indiana World War Memorial auditorium.

The grand finals will be held May 9 in the War Memorial auditorium. The Indianapolis champion, determined that night, will go to Washington, D. C., May 26, with all expenses paid by The Times.

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## 'A Little Learning Dangerous,' for Dog

CHICAGO, March 31 (U.P.)—Police Detective Robert Murphy felt sorry for his pet water spaniel who always waits up for him while he is working the night shift.

Murphy taught the dog how to push open a door with his nose to help him while away the time.

This morning Murphy found the ice box door open, the food all eaten, all the water faucets turned on and the dog gone through the open back door.

## Neighbors of 'The Egg'

### Author Sue for Libel

SEATTLE, March 31 (U.P.)—Betty MacDonald's best-seller, "The Egg and I," today hatched a \$100,000 libel suit.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Bishop, formerly neighbors of Mrs. MacDonald when she lived on a chicken ranch on the Olympic peninsula, filed suit for \$50,000 damages each for allegedly being portrayed in the book as "Mr. and Mrs. Hicks."

Their complaint filed in King county superior court said the references in the book exposed them to hatred, contempt and ridicule, and destroyed their right of privacy.

## The Tie That Binds Is Pain in His Neck

MEDFORD, Ore., March 31 (U.P.)—Ingemund Stennerson, local lumberman, was relieved today.

Doctors at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., decided after a week of examinations that chronic pains in his neck were the fault of his haberdasher.

Their diagnosis said his shirt collars were too tight.



## IS THERE LABOR TROUBLE AT THE GAS UTILITY?

As a user of gas it is natural that you should be concerned with radio and newspaper reports of a possible strike at the Citizens Gas & Coke Utility. If wages and working conditions are not all they should be—if employees are dissatisfied, you are entitled to know the reasons why. Here are the facts:

### Do employees have a voice in setting wages and improving working conditions?

Yes. When the present management took over the operation of the Gas Utility, the employee representative plan was installed (on February 18, 1936). Approximately each 50 employees elect one of their own number as a representative. These representatives meet with management once a month for the purpose of discussing safety, job classifications, working conditions and wages. Once a year, on April 1, an agreement is signed by employee representatives and management, setting forth conditions of work and wages for one year. This agreement is the result of conferences and negotiations and contains the thinking of both employees and management—in accord after friendly negotiations.

### What are prevailing wages at the Gas Utility?

As they have done for the past 11 years, preceding the expiration of the annual working agreement, employee representatives and management got together and on March 20th, 1947, signed a new agreement containing a 15% increase for hourly wage employees. Last year, in 1946, the increase agreed upon was 10%. The base labor rate since 1936, when the first agreement was signed, has increased 120%. Gas Utility employees make steady wages, 52 weeks out of each year. There are no seasonal lay-offs, there are no work stoppages. The lowest weekly paycheck at the Prospect and Langsdale Plants (for common labor) is \$47.04; at the Distribution Plant it is \$43.12. The wage scale BEGINS at this point, and goes up according to classifications of jobs that require more skill—producing greater weekly earnings for men holding these jobs.

### What are working conditions at the Gas Utility?

To Group Life Insurance, in effect when the present management took over, Hospitalization Insurance has been added. Paid for by employees themselves, low rates are possible because of group action.

In 1937 a Vacation Plan went into effect for hourly wage employees—a benefit heretofore enjoyed by salaried employees only. Liberalized in June 1945, this vacation plan adds additional time off for each additional year of service.

In February 1945 a Pension Plan was inaugurated. The Gas Utility spent \$988,704 (or just under a million dollars) to buy past service pension benefits for all employees on its payroll with over-three years of employment. Future service pension benefits are paid for both by employee and by Gas Utility. Employee contributions are matched dollar for dollar by the Gas Utility. In 1946 the Gas Utility's share of these future service pension payments amounted to \$37,906.28.

The Utility does not hire or fire employees promiscuously. It is proud of its Quarter-Century Club, an organization of employees with 25 or more years of service to their credit. In 1946 this organization had 87 active and 32 retired members—119 employees who have served you as a gas user for over 25 years. Quarter-Century Club membership represents better than 12% of the Gas Utility's payroll.

### Is there a dispute between the Gas Utility and its employees?

To the best knowledge of the management there is NO dispute between it and its employees. This statement is based on the fact that duly elected employee representatives have given voice to no such dissatisfaction. Employee representatives met with management, as they have for the past 11 years, and negotiated a 15% wage increase on March 20th, 1947. They signed this annual working agreement AFTER consulting with employees they represent, who have expressed satisfaction with the results of these negotiations.

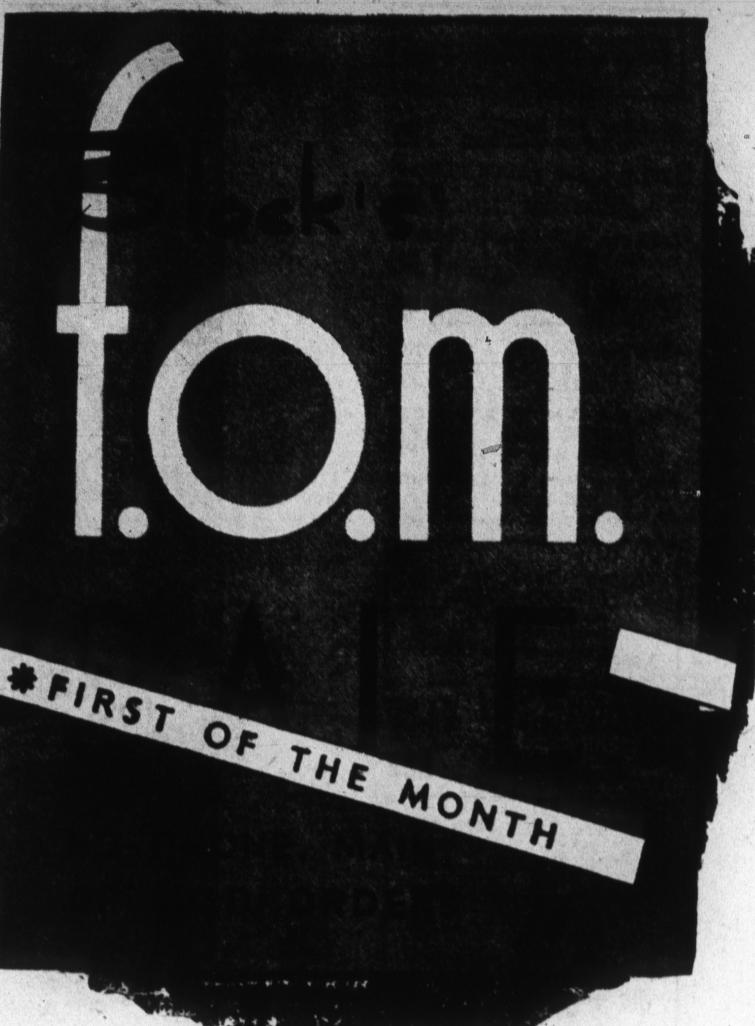
The Gas Utility does not claim to be a perfect employer—perfection is never reached. But the Gas Utility DOES lay claim to honestly trying to improve the lot of its employees: Paying them better wages, improving working conditions and creating such employee benefits, for instance, as the pension plan, when circumstances and business conditions permit. The Gas Utility's record of the past 11 years speaks for itself. It is a record of working in harmony with employees on the democratic principle of sitting down with duly elected employee representatives and talking it over.

*John R. Koenig*  
GENERAL MANAGER

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(1) Reg. \$7.50 PIGSKIN HAT AND SHOE BOX, fine topgrain quality **37.50**  
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(4) Reg. 46.50 MATCH-ING 2-SUITERS **24.95**  
(100) Reg. 8.50 to 55 BILLFOLDS AND WALLETS, men's and women's **1 Price**  
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### RADIO CENTER

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(2) Reg. 115.00 ANSLEY RADIOS, wall panel, 7 tube. **57.50**  
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(1) Reg. 117.50 TABLE AUTOMATIC COMBINATION, radio-phonograph. **74.95**  
(3) Reg. 94.10 TABLE AUTOMATIC COMBINATION, radio-phonographs. **64.95**  
(2) Reg. 47.50 TABLE RADIOS, standard and short wave, 6 tubes. **34.95**

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(2) Reg. 69.95 TABLE PHONOGRAFS, with automatic changes. **52.50**  
(3) Reg. 37.50 PORTABLE ELECTRIC PHONOGRAFS. **26.95**  
(2) Reg. 62.95 PORTABLE COMBINATIONS, radio-phonographs. **47.50**  
(2) Reg. 52.95 PORTABLE PHONOGRAFS, battery and electric. **39.45**  
(3) Reg. 16.25 RECORD PLAYER ATTACHMENTS. **12.95**  
(2) Reg. 34.67 AUTOMATIC RECORD PLAYER ATTACHMENTS. **24.95**

### TOYS

In the Annex

(100) Reg. 1.00 VARSITY FOOTBALL GAMES. **25c**  
(75) Reg. 1.50 STAMPEDE GAMES. **75c**  
(125) Reg. 1.00 JOLLY ROGER GAMES. **50c**  
(75) Reg. 1.50 WHIZ BASEBALL GAME. **79c**  
(85) Reg. 1.00 DOLL FURNITURE SETS. **35c**  
(100) Reg. 1.25 PLASTIC PLANE SETS. **50c**  
(98) Reg. 1.25 to 2.75 TOYS **25c to 1.50**  
(125) Reg. PLASTIC TEA SETS. **25c**

### KITCHEN FURNITURE

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(3) Reg. 205.00 DINETTE SETS, wrought iron. **79.50**  
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(4) Reg. 79.50 DINETTE SETS, refectory type tables with porcelain tops. **39.50**

### SLEEP SHOP

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(1) Reg. 69.50 SOFA BED, floor sample, slightly soiled from display. **49.50**  
(2) Reg. 89.50 SOFA BEDS, floor samples, slightly soiled. **64.50**  
(1) Reg. 99.50 SOFA BED, floor sample, slightly soiled. **69.50**  
(1) Reg. 145.00 SOFA BED, floor sample. **79.50**  
(1) Reg. 149.00 SOFA BED, floor sample, slightly soiled. **84.50**  
(11) MATTRESSES, floor samples, slightly soiled. **1 Off**