

FRIDAY, OCT. 3, 1947

Fletcher Diaries Still a Court Issue

Appellate Judges Uphold Publication

The Indiana Appellate Court has ordered Marion County Probate Court to proceed with trial of a lawsuit to force publication of the century-old personal diaries of the late Calvin Fletcher, pioneer Indianapolis attorney and banker.

The lawsuit was brought two years ago by the Attorney General's office against trustees of the estate of Mrs. Laura Fletcher Hodges, granddaughter of the pioneer banker, who died 25 years ago.

The suit charged that the trustees of the estate had failed to carry out terms of Mrs. Hodges' will in which she provided that her grandfather's diaries be published in book form for public distribution.

Trustees Protest

The trustees protested publication of the diaries at an estimated cost of more than \$25,000 in a demurral filed in Probate Court more than a year ago.

Trustees of Mrs. Hodges' estate contended they had complied with terms of the will when they had typewritten copies of the diaries filed in the state archives in the Historical Bureau.

Judge Dan V. White of Probate Court upheld the trustees' demurral. The Appellate Court reversed that decision and ordered the lower court to proceed with trial of the Attorney General's lawsuit.

The state's suit contended the diaries contain valuable data on the early history of Indianapolis and Indiana between 1821 and 1866. The petition stated that information in the diaries is not available in any other historical sources and that it should be made public.

Workers Get Raise, To Dine Bosses

SOUTH BEND, Oct. 3 (U. P.)—CIO clothing workers drew higher pay today and looked forward to their annual banquet next week at which the seven clothiers who gave them their raise will be special guests.

A new contract granting an 18-cent hourly wage increase was signed yesterday by the union and clothing merchants. It affected 59 tailors.

James G. Louis, president of Local No. 8, said the negotiations were "characterized by friendly relationship," and invited the merchants to join the tailors at the union's banquet.

Ohio State Alumni Plans Program

Members of the Ohio State University Alumni Club of Indiana are planning a week-end of activities coincident with the Ohio State-Purdue football game at Lafayette.

On the eve of the game the club will give a stag smoker at the Ulen Country Club in Lebanon. Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Bruce are in charge of reservations. Charles T. Harman is president of the club.

Hoosier Gets 10 Years For Home Robbery

PT. WAYNE, Oct. 3 (U. P.)—Harry David Stewart, 26, of LaGrange, Ind., today faced a 10-to-20-year prison term for stealing \$11, some food and a half a pint of whisky.

Judge William H. Schannen sentenced Stewart yesterday in Allen Circuit Court. He was charged with first degree burglary. Stewart was also disbarred for 10 years.

Authorities charged that Stewart broke into a house and took the money from a savings bank.

Local Veteran Awarded Bronze Star Medal

The bronze star medal has been awarded to T. Sgt. Jesse F. Mock, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Mock, 421 W. 41st St., for "exemplary conduct in ground combat" on Jan. 10, 1945.

On that date Sgt. Mock was a member of the 108th Infantry Division in the Philippines which was engaged with the Japanese. He is a former Technical High School student. His wife and their two sons reside in Seymour.

BUCKELSHAUS TO SPEAK

John K. Buckelshaus, local attorney, will speak on "Our Place in Europe" at a meeting of the Scitech Club in the Antlers Hotel, at noon Monday.

State Highway Department Adds 2 New Detours

The State Highway Department added two new detours to Hoosier highways this week.

Ind. 37 at the south edge of Indianapolis is closed for railroad crossing repairs, and U. S. 27 is closed north of Liberty while a culvert is being replaced.

Six detours have been fitted.

Roads closed for construction are:

IND. 1—Closed south of Farmington, 26 miles; construction was completed. IND. 27 and 37 (bridge out) closed 14 miles over 1000 ft. of bridge. IND. 20 over 22, 30 and 18 (bridge construction); from Ind. 27 northeast 14 miles over Ind. 27 in county of Marion (surface paving).

IND. 11—From Bedford to Ind. 135, 26 miles over Roads 14 and 10 (construction).

IND. 16—From Bedford to Ind. 135, 26 miles over Roads 14 and 10 (construction).

IND. 18—From Spindale 7½ miles over county oil and gas (construction).

IND. 20—From Bedford to Ind. 135, 26 miles over Roads 14 and 10 (bridge construction).

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