

JAN. 8, 1948
case a Steer
by a dozen school boys
squad joined in the
steer outdistanced in its flight.
, seeing their plight
across the road to a
a cornfield, swam
a ravine, ran through
for another mile and a
White River for a
a motorboat, the
land again. It was
lapping through the
all going south.

THURSDAY, JAN. 8, 1948

Plants Cautioned On Drivers' Law

Bath Won't Delegate Licensing Powers

Secretary of State Thomas E. Bath put his foot down today on plans by a number of industrial plants and business establishments to handle drivers' license applications for their employees.

At the same time, he went into huddle with H. Dale Brown, director of the bureau of motor vehicles, and the two came up with a plan to prevent unnecessary loss of working time for wage earners or loss of manpower to industry.

The new drivers' license law requires each motorist to apply in person during his birth month for a new driver's license.

Complaints Received

Mr. Bath estimated that he and Mr. Brown had received nearly 50 complaints that this meant many employees working six days would have to take time off to make application and would lose wages as a result. The plant spokesman also argued that any loss of production, however slight, was serious in these times when all production is at a premium.

Many such plants have offered to provide facilities for employees to make application. Several have pointed out that their plants are better equipped to weed out unfit drivers than the state itself.

Mr. Bath pointed out that the bureau has spent more than two months training specialized help to administer the new license law. He said persons employed by private industry would have to undergo at least a similar training period to do the job properly.

Complicates Task

He also said that permitting plants and businesses to help administer the law would greatly complicate the state's problem because each plant would be placed under bond and charged out with numbered applications just as is done with regular license branches.

"It would have the effect of creating possibly hundreds of small branches all over the state," he said.

The policy of the bureau now will be that any plant which finds the license problem interfering with its production or causing substantial loss of wages to its employees may ask license branches to provide a regular state employee who would come to the plant for a certain period each month to issue licenses.

\$5000 Bond Fixed In Hog Theft Case

Times State Service
SHELBYVILLE, Jan. 8 — Mrs. Margaret Chandler, 43, alias LaVonne Mafford, of Fairland R. R. 1, was held here today under \$5000 bond. She is charged with grand larceny and conspiracy in the theft of 10 hogs from the Frank Linville connection with the case.



THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

Gates Picks Seven For Fuel Board

Group to Aid Groves In Advisory Capacity

Gov. Gates today appointed seven oil men to act as an advisory committee for A. W. Groves, state fuel co-ordinator.

The committee was named from a list of oil executives submitted by representatives of the oil industry who conferred with the Governor and Mr. Groves on the shortage of heating oils Jan. 5. The Governor said district and county advisory committees may be named later if the situation remains serious.

J. G. Sinclair, manager of the Indianapolis division of Shell Oil Co., will head the new committee.

Others on Committee

Other members named were Russell Williams, president of Gasteria, Inc.; C. H. (Red) Matson, district manager of Socony-Vacuum Oil Co.; J. E. Fehsenfeld, president of the Crystal-Flash Petroleum Corp.; F. L. Cochran, manager of the Indianapolis division of Standard Oil Co.; K. E. Kincannon, vice president of Rock Island Refining Co., and P. H. Durham of Kokomo, vice president and manager of Shell American Petroleum Co.

In addition, the announcement said, two other oil officials have pledged full assistance to the committee and to the co-ordinator. They were George Hofmayer, secretary of the Indiana Independent Petroleum Association, and Sam Hurd, secretary of the Individually Branded Petroleum Association of America.

Protests Unlock Cell for Woman In Dog Shooting

EAU CLAIRE, Wis., Jan. 8 (UPI)—Sheriff Lloyd Thompson said today he had received so many telephone calls protesting a five-day jail sentence imposed on a 74-year-old woman that he released her from jail.

County Judge Merrill R. Parr, who imposed the sentence on Mrs. Ellie Thayer after she admitted shooting a neighbor's dog, said Sheriff Thompson's action was "highly improper" but that he would not order Mrs. Thayer back to jail.

Judge Parr pronounced the sentence "regretfully" after Mrs. Thayer said she would "do it again" if the dog, owned by Lester Steen, continued to chase her "valuable" cats.

Sheriff Thompson said he released Mrs. Thayer after 75 or 80 persons called to protest the sentence.

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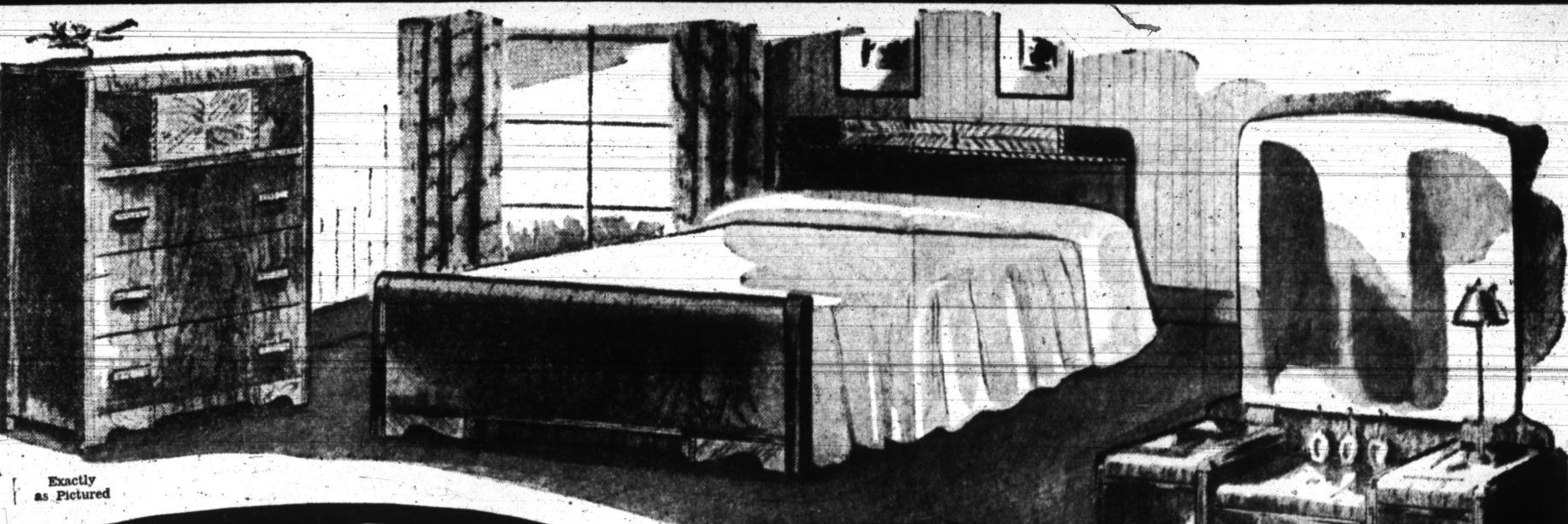
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