

# 2 Democrats File Suits In Court Battle For County Offices

## Demand Name Be Placed On Ballot

### Candidates Contend Offices Are Vacated

By NOBLE REED

Court fights by candidates for their right to run for at least three offices today highlighted the opening of the May 4 primary election campaign.

Two Democrats filed suits in Superior Court 5 demanding that the election board and secretary of state place their names on the primary ballot.

They were Lewis K. Murchie, whose declaration of candidacy for judge of Superior Court 3 was refused, and Louis J. Wahl whose filing for Marion County assessor was turned down.

#### Contend Offices Vacated

The candidates are contending that the offices are up for election because both were vacated by resignation and death since the last election. Republican appointees to these jobs contend they are eligible to serve out their predecessors' terms to 1951.

A hearing on both suits was scheduled in Superior Court 5 tomorrow.

Another suit was expected to be filed in connection with a controversy over the question of whether the Marion County Juvenile Court judge should be up for election this year.

Scott A. McDonald, a deputy prosecutor, said he filed his candidacy for the Republican nomination for Juvenile Court judge although his name did not appear on the regular candidate listings at the Secretary of State's office.

#### Quotes 1945 Law

Mr. McDonald quoted a 1945 law which, he said, recreated Juvenile Courts here and in Lake County with a provision that new judges be elected in 1948.

Judge Joseph O. Hoffmann, Democrat, who was elected to a four-year term in 1946, said the law for a special judge election applied only to Lake County.

A last-minute race developed Saturday night for the Republican prosecutor nomination when Frank H. Fairchild, member of the County Council and former deputy prosecutor, filed against Prosecutor Judson L. Stark, seeking renomination.

#### Support Not Clear

Although factional alignments behind Mr. Fairchild were not clear, it was presumed that some of the ward chairmen of the regular organization backed his entrance in the race. Mr. Stark was nominated two years ago in a fight against the regular organization leadership.

Mr. Fairchild began practicing law here in 1934 and was a deputy prosecutor from 1944 to 1946. He resigned Saturday as GOP chairman of the 21st ward to make the race.

He pledged an "aggressive and constructive" campaign and declared he will stress the need for "closer co-operation between the prosecutor's office and the courts and other law enforcement agencies."

#### Long Active in GOP

Active in GOP work for 10 years, Mr. Fairchild also is president of the Indianapolis Social Hygiene Association and past president of the Indiana Lawyers Association. He recently was appointed to the State Crime Study Committee.

He is a member of the Irvington Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis Bar Association, Washington Township GOP Club and the Delta Tau Delta fraternity. He lives with his family at 6034 Haverford Ave.

The GOP sheriff contest finally developed into a three-way race between Sheriff Al Magenheim, Otto W. Gasper and Charles H. Clements, retired police officer, who entered the contest in a surprise filing Saturday night.

Mr. Clements, of 430 N. Arsenal Ave., retired from the police department in 1938 and until recently has been an agent in the federal narcotics bureau. He is a graduate of Manual Training High School and Indiana Business College.

The list of candidates for county offices and 11th District Congress follows:

For 11th District Congress—Republicans: George L. Denny, Hoyt Moore, Ellis H. Smith, John Bankett, Harrison White and William F. Ruge; Democrats: Raymond C. Murray, Andrew Jacobs and Chester Carter.

For Prosecutors—Republicans: Judson L. Stark, Frank Fairchild, E. Dean Miller (withdrawn); Democrats: William C. Becker, George S. Dailey.

For Sheriff—Republicans: Al Magenheim, Otto W. Gasper and Charles H. Clements; Democrats: James F. Cunningham, Albert Barnett, Emma Flieger, Roscoe Bredel and John W. Cochran.

For Treasurer—Republicans: Louis W. Fletcher (unopposed); Democrats: Charles Henry C. Kestlers.

For Coroner—Republicans: Dr. Roy B. Storms, Dr. Ralph Hamer and Ralph M. Call; Democrats: Jerome E. Holman, Preston Smith (withdrawn).

For County Commissioner (First District)—Republicans: Charles F. Koehler, George Kincaid and William J. White; Democrats: William M. Allison and Lee J. White.

For County Commissioner (Third District)—Republicans: Arthur W. Grayson, Neil Hamilton and Ray McQueen; Democrats: Fred W. Nordstieck and David A. Taylor (withdrawn).

For Surveyor—Republicans: Paul R. Brown and George G. Friedman; Democrats: James A. Dobbs and Darrell C. Walton.

**Appointed to Free Information Delegation**

GENEVA, Switzerland, Apr. 5 (UP)—Hugh Baillie, president of the United Press, today was appointed consultant to the American delegation on the international conference on freedom of information.

With Baillie's appointment the United Press now has two consultants with the American delegation. Robert L. Frey, United Press executive assistant to the president, is the other. He sailed with the delegation from New York and has been working with them since then.



BETTER THAN WALKING—Students bound for Washington High School this morning on the first cross-town bus run on Belmont Ave. struck up their school song as they rode along.

## Does 'Mystery Man' Lyons Pull Strings for Jenner?

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Treasury, The Lyons office has one of the largest tax law practices in the U.S.A. The richness of the place leaves little doubt about the bankrolls of its clients.

BACK IN Richmond the old-timers say that "Bob" is "shrewd." They may tell you that his first "good deal" was to marry a smart and pretty neighbor girl—Alma Gretz—who now is a lovely lady, as well as mother and six times grandmother.

At any rate, the Getz-Lyons nuptials were performed before young Bob marched off to World War I in 1917. He was in the famed First Division and on the first boatload of U.S. soldiers to arrive overseas.

Second lieutenant Robert W. Lyons was on the First Division headquarters staff with a captain named George Marshall. Together they translated a French army manual for use by American troops. As a general and chief-of-staff this same Marshall had a great deal to do with World War II. He still is in there fighting for his country as Secretary of State.

Having begun the study of law at the University of Chicago before the war, when Lt. Lyons was mustered out what he finished his courses at what is now the Indianapolis branch of IU law school. His first son, Ross, was born while he was overseas. So the Lyons' family contribution to the second world war was Maj. Ross Lyons, Capt. Robert W. and Lt. John. All were pilots and the combat record of the trio covered every front.

MAJ. LYONS flew a B-29 over Tinian and Tokyo. It was his assignment to fly low and drop fire bombs to light up the target for the blockbusters. Meanwhile, Capt. Lyons was "flying the hump" in and out of China and Lt. John was a fighter pilot from North Africa all through Europe. They all came home safe and now are three of the busiest businessmen in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Ross runs hotels and restaurants and the other two are building materials dealers—all in a big way. Two other Lyons children, Sue 14 and Tom 11, spend their winters in school there. The family home here was sold to Sen. Homer E. Capehart (who later resold it) and Mr. and Mrs. Lyons live in Florida during the winters and spend the summers at their home in the swank Williams Creek section of Indianapolis. "Bob" Lyons' first introduction to Indiana politics came when he was called a "fiscal agent" for Wizard Hiram Evans of the Ku Klux Klan back in the middle 1920's. The Indianapolis story is that it was from his Klan connections he made enough (general figure quoted is \$20,000) to begin his road to riches.

## In Indianapolis—Vital Statistics

### EVENTS TODAY

Indianapolis Public Library, 75th anniversary—Opening event, 7pm Music Center Concert—8pm

### EVENTS TOMORROW

Indianapolis Medical Society—8:15 p. m. Luncheon and Dinner Meetings of Indianapolis Association of Business Men—10:30 a. m.

### BIRTHS

At St. Vincent's—William, Betty Stokes, boy and girl.

At St. Francis—Ralph, Robert Spilker, girl.

At St. Francis—George, Mary Renzell; Max, Doris Hutchinson.

At Coleman—Bedford, Marie Johnston; James, Edda Hiland; Victor, Blumaine Long; Oscar, Ray Sharp; Patsy, Ashley; Robert, Ruth Goldstein; William, John Yeager; Howard, Mary Kendall.

At Methodist—Lew, Betty Sandlin; Edward, LeDore; Croucher, Harold; Louis Ott; Sidney, Elizabeth Lawson; Robert, Madeline; Dodd, Jess; Mary Edith; Keith, Benish Knotts; Harold, Betty Knobel; William, Katherine Butler.

At St. Vincent's—Charles, Frances Lang; Henry, Albert Prather; Ernest, Virginia Hamm.

At St. Vincent's—Charles, Grace Fletcher; George, Martha Daly; Marvin, Opal

### THE KKK at the time was

top in Indiana politics, although it soon hit the skids. Evans, whose headquarters was in Atlanta, was battling with the Indiana dragon, D. C. Stephenson, who is now serving a life prison term for murder at Michigan City.

And Stephenson was succeeded by the late Walter Bosert as Indiana Klan head. Mr. Lyons was one of the witnesses to appear before a Marion County grand jury in the Klan investigations of the time.

Republican Gov. Ed Jackson and the late "Cap" Coffin, Marion County GOP boss, were indicted for alleged bribery but escaped trial through pleading the statute of limitations.

Mr. Lyons moved to New York in 1927. Six years later he came here. His title at the time was executive vice president of the National Chain Store Association. Testifying before the Patman Small Business Committee he explained that his job was to see that state or national laws detrimental to chain store merchandising were not passed. His salary was then \$25,000 (in the middle 1930's), but he also had a \$150,000 expense account. Whatever he "saved" out of that also was his, the Patman committee record shows.

THE ASSOCIATION has since dissolved, but some part of the Lyons law business still come from its former members. It is said there are other clients with worldwide interests in lumber, oil and the like. Mr. Lyons also was employed by the Dutch government to try and get back some of its sequestered gold from France.

He first opened his law offices here in the Shoreham building. At that time, he was senior partner in a firm called Lyons, Cohen, Waters and Baldrige. Now he runs his own show with the other lawyers as his associates.

Since none of the Lyons boys are lawyers (Ross went to Princeton and the other two "old soldiers" to Michigan) Bob brought a young Republican from Indianapolis and placed him in his offices here. He is Nelson Darganian, who presently is on leave to the Senate Rules Committee which is carrying on an investigation of the election of Sen. Harley M. Kilgore, West Virginia Democrat.

SEN. JENNER is chairman of the subcommittee on privileges and elections and he employed Mr. Darganian at \$10,000 a year. To date he has been working on the West Virginia case and not, so far as is known, helping to arrange the "Jenner draft" in Indiana. Mr. Darganian does know politics. He was a GOP organization man in Marion County before going off to war. He also was an IU classmate of Sen. Jenner.

### Mr. Lyons long has been

looked upon as an "angel" for helping to finance this campaign and that. Whether he is providing brains and/or money for the Jenner campaign is a bit hard to pin down. That is the point at which the mystery begins.

It is well known that Mr. Lyons long has been both a personal and political friend of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York. Perhaps he would like to see Indiana vote for Dewey in the Republican national convention.

SOMETIMES Mr. Lyons is mentioned for a possible "cabinet post. But after getting his fingers burned in Indiana, with his short-lived national committeeman fiasco, it is unlikely that he will ever take a public office by appointment again. Nor is he apt to run for anything. He will remain behind the scenes as king-maker and be content with that.

He is credited here with letting the idea of an appointment for former Sen. Raymond E. Willis come from the Jenner camp. The story was that if majority leader Charles A. Halleck turns down a Senate appointment to the Jenner seat (to be made by Jenner as governor) it would be given to Mr. Willis. This is an appeasement policy for the Indiana Republican Editorial Association, but so far it hasn't seemed to take.

Who would Gov. Jenner name then? If Mr. Lyons and Mr. Jenner's dislike for Gov. Gates is genuine, it would not be Gov. Gates. Although he may be consulted in the matter, it seems perfectly safe now to predict that Bob Lyons wouldn't take it himself.

He has been cured.

## Morton Seeks Legislative Post

Frank W. Morton, local attorney and World War II veteran of the Second Infantry Division, has filed his candidacy for the Republican nomination for state representative.

He advocated a "return of fundamental democracy in government, a veterans' rehabilitation program and modernization of the criminal code."

He is a member of the law firm of Morton and Tumbrove, the Speedway Christian Church, Irvington Masonic Lodge, American Legion, Indianapolis and Indiana Bar Association. He lives with his family at 1448 N. Delaware St.

## Skipper, the Cat, Helps In Polio Campaign

EPPING, N. H. (UP)—Skipper Macfarlane, a cat, again has begun collecting dollars for the infantile paralysis drive in Epping.

The cat is mascot for the area drive and most of the dimes and dollars contributed are listed as coming from "pals of Skipper," the pet of Judge and Mrs. Arthur G. Macfarlane.

At Methodist—George, Helen Dowling; Wesley, Helen Rieple; Fred, Margaret Karna; Carl, Mary Harting; Homer, Lois Shrike.

At St. Vincent's—Ezra, Audrey Busle; Donald, Lois Sebree; James, Joan Bennett; Wayne, Betty; Raymond, Edith.

At Home—Leonard, Onella Edwards, 917 E. 21st; Edward, Catherine Price, 622 E. 21st.

At St. Francis—Edward, John; Bradshaw, John; Clara, Clara Beaven.

At Coleman—Raymond, Esther; Robert, Ruth Subenstien; Wilbur, Leah Lampher; Eugene, Dorothy Corbett; James, Thelma; Edward, Mary Rich.

At Methodist—Charles, Donna Ray; Rex, Ruth Page; Elizabeth Smith; Kenneth, Mary Blackwell; Donald, Catherine Gabel; John, Carolyn Thompson; Jr., Robert, Charlotte Meek.

At St. Vincent's—Raymond, Edith; Dore, Paul; Edna Leslie; James, Edith; Robinson, R. Vincent; John Baker; Douglas, Norma Barton; William, Berdella Proctor; Herman, Editha Burnstein.

At Home—Willie Lee, Beatrice Jones, 104 S. South Arts; Pierce, Willie Mae Harrison, 120 W. 12th; Burrill, Lois Roberts, 187 N. Pershing.

At St. Francis—Edward, Marie Minor; Raymond, Wilma Wheeler.

At General—Geneva Newman; Fred, Roscoe McCaskey.

At Coleman—William, Elizabeth Savers; at Methodist—Loren, Joia Dewey; Bernard, Maxine Hines; John, Georgia Peak; Arthur, Louise Wilson; Lawrence, Hazel Martin; James, Marion Pals; Ser-

## Italian Regime Alert for Coup

### 20,000 Troops Parade in Rome

ROME, April 5 (UP)—New week-end election violence flared in both northern and southern Italy today, but Romans were reassured against a possible Communist coup after viewing 20,000 security troops parading through the heart of Rome.

More than 500,000 Romans turned out to view the parade yesterday. Included were British and American tanks, armored cars and artillery, but the emphasis was on automatic weapons. One detachment included 2000 federal police, all armed with tommyguns.

#### Stresses Force

"If it comes to force in Italy, that force is in the hands of the government," said Premier Alcide De Gasperi.

An attempt to hold a Communist rally in Gorizia, on the Italian-Yugoslav border, ended in a near riot. Leftists, on the other hand, attacked a meeting of the Fascist Italian Social Party in Naples and three were injured seriously.

Sixty-five leftists were arrested by police in a new Naples arms roundup. In addition to guns and ammunition, police also found a ton of high explosives.

#### EARLY, LATE EASTER

Easter is the first Sunday after the first full moon to follow the beginning of spring; Mar. 22 is the earliest possible date.

## Plan to Open Coatesville To Visitors Again Sunday

### 80,000 Visitors Come to Ravaged Town; Give \$15,778, Weep at Sight of Damage

Tentative plans today were to open tornado-stricken Coatesville again next Sunday to the warm-hearted neighbors of central Indiana and adjoining states.

Opening of the road yesterday resulted in an overwhelming response from motorists, who edged their way through a traffic jam tighter than the annual Speedway motoring crowd.

A sympathetic stream of visitors totaling an estimated 80,000 poured out \$15,778 into baskets and other containers set up along the town's recently-cleared streets.

14,000 Autos in Pilgrimage  
State police, who supervised traffic along roads leading into the almost completely leveled town, said that 14,000 automobiles bearing Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Kentucky and even Tennessee licenses made the pilgrimage.

Maj. Robert O'Neal, state police executive officer, said that the heaviest-traveled road, from Indianapolis to Coatesville, carried a line of cars extending 25 miles by early afternoon.

As cars crept along at 2-3 miles an hour with frequent stops, motorists alighted to group together and discuss the little town's plight. It was a patient and kindly Sabbath crowd.

#### Some Visitors Weep

As the long train entered Coatesville, some wept quietly as the devastation was unfolded.

Long after dark, the line continued to pass. Lights were installed temporarily to reveal the damage.

"I never saw so many one-dol-

## Argument Leads To Fatal Shooting

STEELETON, Pa., Apr. 5 (UP)

—One man was shot to death and a second was in a critical condition today following a factional argument over selection of a pastor for the Macedonian Bulgarian church.

The dead man was Koche Atzeff, 24, who was shot in the chest during the argument. Boris E. Miorff, 32, Harrisburg, Pa., was in critical condition from a chest wound.

George Minoff, 51, Steleton, accused by District Attorney Carl B. Shelley of firing both shots, was immediately charged with murder.

Minoff was identified as the leader of one of the two-church factions split on the issue of local and synod control. The applicant pastor was opposed by one of the factions.

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