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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 selection 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 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 Haferford Ave.

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

Mr. Clemens, 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—Republican: George E. Moore; Democrat: H. Bell, John Bennett, Harrison White and William F. Rugg. Democrats: Raymond C. May, Andrew Jacob and Chester Carter.

For Prosecutors—Republicans: Judson L. Stark, Frank Fairchild, E. Dean Miller (withdrawn), Daniel J. O'Farrell, Robert Becker, George S. Dailey.

For Sheriff—Republicans: Al Magenheimer, Otto W. Gasper and Charles H. Clemens; Democrats: John W. Hagan, Albert Barnett, Benno Flieger, Robert Howell and John W. Cochran.

For Treasurers—Republicans: Louis W. Fletcher (withdrawn); Democrats: Charles A. Greathouse, Boston McQueen and Harry C. Koesters.

For County Commissioners—Republican: Dr. Roy B. Sterns, Dr. Ralph Hudson, Dr. H. M. Demarest; Democrat: Jerome E. Holman, Frank W. Smith (withdrawn).

For County Commissioners—First District—Republicans: Arthur E. Grayson, William J. Hamilton, Ray Burdette, George Kincaid and William T. Ayres. Democrats: William M. Allison and Leo J. White.

For County Commissioners—Third District—Republicans: Arthur E. Grayson, William J. Hamilton, Ray Burdette, George Kincaid and William T. Ayres. Democrats: William M. Allison and Leo J. White.

For Sheriff—Democrats: Paul R. Brown and George G. Schmidt. Democrats: James A. Dohle and Darrel G. Walton.

Appointed to Free Information Delegation

GENEVA, Switzerland, April 5 (UPI)—Hugh Baillie, president of the United Press, today was appointed consultant to the American delegation at 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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THE KKK at the time was tops in Indiana politics, although it soon hit the skids. Evans, whose headquarters was in Atlanta, was battling with the Indiana dragon, Dr. C. Stephenson, who is now serving a life prison term for murder at Michigan City.

And Stephenson was succeeded by the late Walter Bonsert 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.

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 is still 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 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 some 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.

THE ASSOCIATION has since dissolved, but some part of the Lyons law business still comes 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 a senior partner in a firm called Lyons, Cohen, Waters and Baldwin. 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 office here. He is Nelson Daranian, 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. He lives with his family at 1448 N. Delaware St.

SEN. JENNER is chairman of the subcommittee on privilege and elections and he appointed Mr. Daranian 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. Daranian 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.

Skipper, the Cat, Helps In Polio Campaign

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

The cat is the 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.

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

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