

# Merchants, Fountain Square Banks Propose Merger

## 2 Institutions Here Allied Many Years

### Approval Sought From Stockholders

A proposal to merge the Merchants National Bank and the Fountain Square State Bank, allied for many years, was announced today.

The merger is subject to ratification by stockholders following consolidation agreement already drawn.

Announcement of the projected merger was made jointly by J. P. Frenzel Jr., chairman of the board of Merchants, and Val F. Schneider, Fountain Square State Bank president.

First National Bank Merchants National was the first national bank established in Indianapolis. It opened its doors in 1885. The Fountain Square State Bank was the first neighborhood bank in the city. It was established in 1908.

The consolidation has been approved by the Boards of Directors of both banks and has had the tentative approval of the Controller of the Currency, and the Department of Financial Institutions of Indiana. Approval of stockholders is sought in proxy statements mailed today.

The Fountain Square branch will be the fifth maintained by the Merchants National Bank. Others are at 2355 Station Street, 811 Massachusetts Ave., 21 W. 38th St., and the newest one which opened last fall at 2134 W. Washington St.

Exchange of stock. The consolidation will be effected by a share-for-share exchange of stock. The capital stock of the merged bank will be \$2,025,000 divided into 202,500 shares of common of \$10 par value. Of this, stockholders of the Merchants will receive 137,500 shares and those of the Fountain Square will receive 15,000 shares. No additional stock will be authorized or sold.

"By uniting the two banks, the Fountain Square branch will be able to provide its customers—the businessmen, the industries and the residents in the growing South Side of our city—all the services offered in the main downtown and other branch banks," the announcement said.

"We expect, as a result, that the oldest neighborhood bank in Indianapolis thus will become even more helpful in the growth of its community."

Stock Split. The new capital structure is to be achieved by what is, in effect, a 50% stock dividend, after which the stock will be split 10 shares for one. Thus, all shareholders will own 15 shares of stock in the consolidated bank; with a par value of \$10 a share, for each share of \$100 par value stock they now hold.

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## Mrs. Amelia South Dies Here at 69

Mrs. Amelia E. South, the first Indianapolis Gold Star mother of World War II, died yesterday in the Johnson Nursing Home. She was 69.

Her son, Elmer Wayne South, was killed at Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941. He was in the Army Air Corps.

Mrs. South was a native of Huntington. She lived in Indianapolis 40 years. Her home was in 2335 N. Talbot St.

She was a member of the Gold Star Mothers, the Broadway Methodist Church, the church WSCS, the church service Sunday school class and the Red Cross and the Red Cross Guild.

Services will be held at 9 a. m. Monday in Shirley Brothers Central Chapel. The Rev. Newman S. Jeffrey, pastor of the Broadway Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Crown Hill.

She is survived by a sister, Mrs. W. E. Struckman, Huntington; three brothers, W. C. and Roy R. Katterhenry, Indianapolis, and J. E. Katterhenry, Evansville.

## Two Local Firemen Among Parley Nominees

ANDERSON, Sept. 4.—Two Indianapolis men were among the nominees for officers in the Indiana Firemen's Association election here today.

Ralph Aldridge, captain at Engine House 25, and Frank King, of Marion, were named at Friday's session as candidates for president. Harry Fulmer, retired Indianapolis fire chief, and Vern Konepasek, Griffith, were nominated for treasurer.

Gary and Lafayette were making bids for the 1949 convention.

## Polio Nurses Here

Graduate nurses for polio cases are needed at once at Riley and Long Hospitals. Mrs. C. G. Culbertson, disaster nursing chairman of the local Red Cross, said today.

During the last six weeks the Red Cross has obtained 45 nurses for polio cases at these hospitals and General Hospital, but more are urgently needed.

Mrs. Culbertson said. She asks that nurses by the Red Cross be phone LI-1441.



HEIGHT OF FASHION—No work is too tedious and no hours are too long for stock owners to labor preparing their prized stock for the show ring at the Indiana State Fair. Here Ed Brown of Plainfield works over one of his Shropshires. Last month, at the Illinois State Fair, he won two firsts and a reserve championship besides other places.

## Expect 50,000 At Fair Today

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and. The two teams will represent Indiana in the 4-H Club and Future Farmers of America contests at Waterloo, Ia., in October.

Marion County Team. Members of the Marion County team are Cecil Palmer, West Newton; Robert Beasley, Camby; Joe Murphy, R. R. 7, Indianapolis; and Joe Dillon, Bridgeport.

William Anderson, vocational agriculture teacher, is their coach.

At the close of the opening day 4-H judging, Phyllis Gardner, Connersville; Phillip Gracia, Crawfordsville; and Marilyn Leap, Shelbyville, received first awards for ability in showmanship.

More than 5000 boys and girls and their parents saw the Boy Scout Jamboree and fireworks display in front of the grandstand last night, climaxing the first Youth Activities Day. A highlight of the program was introduction of Ronald Bell, Boy Scout Troop 179 of Indianapolis, who was credited with saving three persons from drowning in Crooked Creek this summer.

TOMORROW. War Veterans' Day (veterans with proof of service and service men admitted free).

10:00 a. m.—State Fair Hymn Sing, Coliseum.

10:30 a. m.—American Legion band and bugle corps parade across grounds to machinery field.

1 p. m.—Horse show and Indiana Legion band, Coliseum; Chitwood Thrill Show and Indianapolis Concert band, Grandstand.

2 p. m.—Sheep shearing contest, sheep arena.

7 p. m.—Parade of Champions and Horse Show, Coliseum.

7 p. m. to 8:15 p. m.—Indianapolis Concert band, Grandstand.

8:15 p. m.—State Fair Folies, Grandstand.

9 p. m.—Fireworks.

Celtin & Wilson shows and rides open until midnight.

MONDAY. 10:30 a. m.—Columbia City High School band, parade ground; style show, Women's building.

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## Stempel Named Head Of Journalism Group

BOULDER, Colo., Sept. 4.—John E. Stempel, professor of journalism at the University of Indiana, took over as president of the American Association of Schools and Departments of Journalism today.

Other officers elected at the close of the group's 28th annual convention at the University of Colorado included H. P. Everett, University of Washington, vice president, and Elmer F. Beth, University of Kansas, secretary-treasurer.

The association chose the University of Minnesota for its 1949 convention.

## Child Prodigy Pianist Dies of Polio Upstate

SOUTH BEND, Sept. 4.—Abdul Kahn, a 12-year-old who could play intricate music scores almost perfectly from memory after glancing at the notes, died yesterday of polio.

The boy was hailed as a child prodigy pianist when teachers observed his ability about a year ago. He was stricken Thursday.



RUB TO HIGH POLISH—William Carey, R. R. 2, Greenfield, sprays one of his Spotted Poland China hogs with floor wax to get a sheen on the hair. Many exhibitors use various types of mineral oil to achieve the same effect.

## Care of Stock Comes First Among Fair Contestants

Proud Exhibitors Cater to Animals. Every Whim in Preparation for Ring

By VICTOR PETERSON

If ever livestock lived well, they do at the Indiana State Fair. Care of the stock comes first. Personal care of the owners, second.

The proud exhibitors of the prized hogs, cattle, sheep, horses, chickens and fancy birds cater to their every whim.

With meticulous care feed is mixed in exact proportions. It would never do for a potential champion to go off his diet at such a crucial time.

There is no stale water around. Buckets are emptied and refilled to insure constant freshness. Bedding of straw is replaced by many morning and night. The stalls are kept as clean as the proverbial whistle.

Then comes the hour. With loving hands these farm-folk prepare their pampered pets for the show ring. Days are spent sponging, clipping, brushing and currying them. Many are sprayed with mineral oils or floor wax to give them a high sheen.

Then comes the big hour. Tired from days of work and nights of restless sleep at the side of their stock, the owners lead or drive their animals into the ring.

Exhibitors know when they step out on the tankard floor that there will be but one champion in the class. Each knows he is showing the best. It could not be any other way.

Slowly the judges walk back and forth, back and forth, eyeing each animal critically. The owners watch the judges carefully for any sign that might raise hope or cast doubt.

Each owner has tricks for showing his animal to best advantage. One will tug on the lead rope, another will slap buttocks, still another gently will step on a hoof.

The animals understand and respond. They instinctively seem to know they are aristocratic stock and their bearing is proud. Then the judges get their heads together. This is it.

The exhibitors sense it, the spectators sense it. There is a tenseness in the air much like that which hangs over a football stadium when the playmaker in the air will decide the game.

The public address system bawls out the champion. A big grin crosses the faces of the winning exhibitor. Many faces are sad, but the tenseness remains. There are other places to be awarded.

"I'm Sorry Ferd"

As the top spots dwindle, there is a natural reaction of drooping shoulders.

Then it's all over. The losers don't blame their stock. They take it as a personal defeat. They have failed their stock somewhere along the line.

In one cattle show a dejected young lady headed back for the barn leading her bull calf by the nose ring. Her boy friend joined her.

They didn't say anything, just shook their heads. It looked as though he were going to take her hand. He didn't. He took hold of the nose ring.

Another owner rubbed a hand over his calf's head, and said into the animal's ear: "I'm sorry Ferd. Let's go."

INDIANAPOLIS CLEARING HOUSE. Credits for the day: \$ 8,837,000. Debits for the day: \$ 1,713,000. Clearings for the week: \$ 47,016,000. Debits for the week: \$ 10,387,000.

### The Orchard School

FOR GIRLS AND BOYS

Kindergartens for 4 and 5-Year-Olds  
Elementary School Grades through Eighth

A country day school founded and maintained by parents for 27 years, stressing the 3 R's, creative arts, use of community resources, afternoon supervised sports and playground. A program where the child lives in the present and prepares for the future. Open Sept. 13. Registrations are NOW being taken for the Grades at the School, 9 A. M. to 12 Noon.

GORDON B. THOMPSON, Director

615 West 43d Street HU. 2300

## New Tunnels Aid Fair Traffic Flow

### Free Wrecker in Grounds

Arriving by auto during the last year at a cost of \$70,000, in use to facilitate traffic.

An added convenience for motorists will be special wrecker service, available free of charge for those who may have difficulties with flat tires or minor engine trouble. The safety officer will have charge of the service. The same wreckers will haul illegally parked cars to a special parking lot.

One hundred and seventy-five state fair policemen, identified by orange at waist and yellow badges, are helping keep traffic unsmarled on the fairgrounds. State policemen are stationed in every building to maintain order.

Three Marion County girls are attending the State Fair Girls School. They are Julia Ann McConnell, Lawrence Township; Joan Glusenkamp, Perry Township; and Carolyn Bolander, Wayne Township.

The Indiana State Medical Association has an exhibit, equipped with assorted gadgets, push buttons and mirrors, to illustrate the dangers of self-diagnosis and self-medication. Free blood pressure tests are being taken by senior medical school students. Persons with abnormal blood pressures are given cards to take to their family physicians.

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## Dice Game in Park Ends in Knifing

A "friendly" dice game in the park ended with the flash of a knife, a scream and the rapid footsteps of a fleeing assailant early today.

Critically wounded was Bernard Wilson, 46, of 2834 Martindale Ave. He gasped out the name of his assailant to police.

A man named Gene, he said. General Hospital physicians were trying to save his life today.

## Skunk Surrenders, Raises No Stink

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 4.—A skunk wandered into Portland's city hall yesterday.

Zoo keepers Lloyd Floesler and William Clark, responding to an emergency call, tracked their quarry through the administrative corridors and bagged him beneath a bucket.

The skunk went quietly. No retaliation.

## Schuman to Try French Rule Again

PARIS, Sept. 4.—By a neat French finesse, Robert Schuman, the persistent politician from Lorraine who resigned only yesterday as premier-designate, took over the job again today for another crack at forming a new French government.

Mr. Schuman gave up yesterday because he was unable to find anyone to fill the post of interior minister and labor minister in a nation riven by strikes against the steadily rising cost of living.

But today, on request of President Vincent Auriol, the popular Republican Party leader who twice within 10 months had resigned as premier agreed to make another attempt.

## Man of Times Isn't Hiding—He's at the Fair, Worth \$75

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brown shoes. He carried an umbrella to ward off the rain that marred the opening day of the fair.

Today, of course, he won't be wearing the same clothes.

The gateman at the 42d St. entrance of the fair took his ticket yesterday but hardly gave him a second look.

He watched the barker and chatted with several Cettin-Wilson show people when he strolled around the midway. At the Conservation Department exhibit he ran into a couple of friends and along with other spectators watched the fish and animals.



ANOTHER DAY, ANOTHER \$25—This picture should help you in your hunt for the Man of The Times. If you correctly identify him and hand him a copy of The Times, you will be \$75 richer.

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If the young lad at the concession stand in front of the Indiana University building can remember the friendly man who bought a sandwich and a coke from him yesterday afternoon, he can win the \$75.

Watched Judging. For a time he sat in the Coliseum and watched the cattle judging. But the people sitting beside him didn't have the slightest inkling he was the Man of The Times.

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## Defends Mitchum As 'Sick Man In Wrong Crowd'

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 4.—(UP)—Movie hero Robert Mitchum's wife, who sped to his side after police trapped him in a marijuana raid, defended her husband today as a sick man who got mixed up with the wrong people.

The pretty brunette, who married the film star when she was 14 and he 16, walked out on him a few months ago because, she said, he had "gone Hollywood."

"But we are reconciled now," she announced. "I love my husband and I am back home to stay with him."

"Anybody ought to be able to see that he's a sick man."

THE 31-YEAR-OLD actor, who faces a grand jury hearing on narcotics charges Tuesday, welcomed her at the door of their home yesterday when she drove in from the East with their two sons, Josh, 7, and Christopher, 5.

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Began at Terre Haute. He began his newspaper career in 1911 on the Terre Haute Post, coming to Indianapolis in 1919 to work for the Indiana Daily Times. After 17 years with The Times, he continued with the Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance for an additional seven years.

He subsequently served 10 years as publicity director for Jordan Conservatory of Music and was associated also with the Martens Concerts Series.

Known as an outspoken labor reporter in his early days in Terre Haute, Mr. Hickman was an intimate friend of the late Eugene V. Debs.

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He supervised convoys of patients from both hospitals to Indianapolis to attend Symphony concerts and theatrical events.

He was a member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.

Survivors are his mother, Mrs. Warren D. Hickman, and a sister, Miss Ella Hickman, both of Clinton.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery here.

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