

Creighton Lauds State GOP For Work in Traffic Safety

By LOUIS ARMSTRONG

Robert Creighton, GOP gubernatorial nominee, praised recent Republican Legislatures and especially their work in traffic safety at a Republican rally in Peru last night.

"The cut in the state death rate from traffic accidents," he said, "can be largely attributed to Indiana's Traffic Safety Commission established by the 1945 General Assembly."

He declared he was "proud of the record of the last three Republican General Assemblies" which have taken "progressive steps forward in health, traffic safety, labor-management relations" and other fields.

Death Rate Reduced

He told the Miami County meeting the Indiana death rate has been reduced from 12.3 deaths per million miles of travel in 1944 to 7.4 per million miles of travel in 1948.

Meanwhile, John Watkins, Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, struck back at recent Republican attacks in a speech at Tipton last night.

He took exception to a statement by Mr. Creighton that during Henry Schricker's term as governor the Republicans began to "rebuild from New Deal political wreckage."

Hopes for Clarification

"I am wondering," Mr. Watkins said, "if Mr. Creighton means his party is against such New Deal policies as social security, aid to crippled children, old-age and blind assistance, bank deposit guarantee, rural electrification, minimum wage, maximum hours and better collective bargaining."

"I hope that Mr. Creighton will

clarify his position so that he is against a great deal which Americans are proud to claim as part of their government," the candidate said.

At an Elwood Republican meeting last night, the GOP candidate for lieutenant governor, Rue Alexander, charged that when Mr. Schricker left office "Indiana was suffering from a severe case of New Deal neglect."

"When the Republican administration of Gov. Gates took over it was necessary to spend \$27,000,000 on the immediate repair of state institutions to keep them from literally falling to pieces," he declared.

Henry Schricker was too busy attending banquets to pay any attention to matters of state," he added. "Indiana has made more progress in public health under Republicans the past four years than at any other comparable period."

Dual Job Holding Rapped

Charles Fleming, Democratic candidate for secretary of state, blasted away at dual job holding by Republicans during Gov. Gates' administration.

"The constitution is plain enough for even Gov. Gates to understand," he declared. "It says no person may hold more than one lucrative office at the same time, nevertheless, the Governor appointed to State House jobs members of the General Assembly who were already drawing an annual salary as legislators."

He added, "It is true that members of the legislature were appointed to positions of public trust during the administration of Henry Schricker but they did not draw two salaries at the same time."

And at Bowling Green last night, Appellate Judge Frank Hamilton of Terre Haute told Republicans, "The record of Henry Schricker as Governor of Indiana fails to disclose one single construction act during the four years of his administration."

He also charged that as a legislator Mr. Schricker voted to put the liquor business in state politics and that during his four years of office he "did nothing to divorce liquor from politics."

Raps GOP

Charges that the Republican Party has adopted a policy of disfranchising the Negro voters in Marion County were made today by Mrs. Edna Young Collins, vice chairman of the civil rights bureau of the Democratic County Committee.

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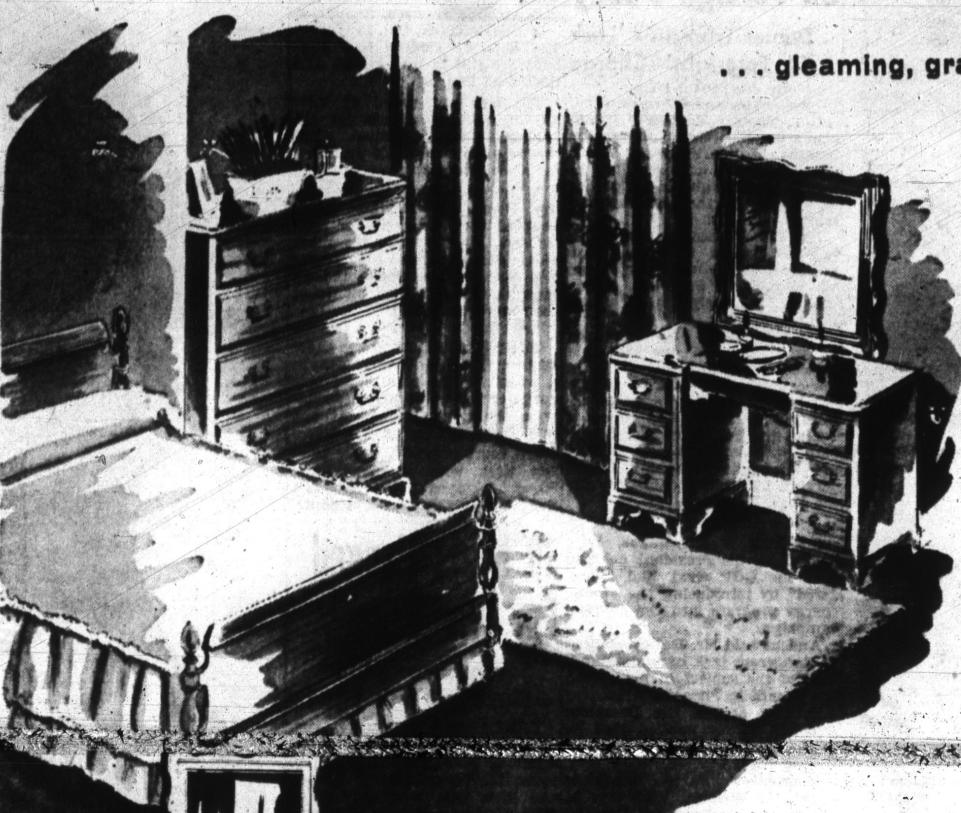
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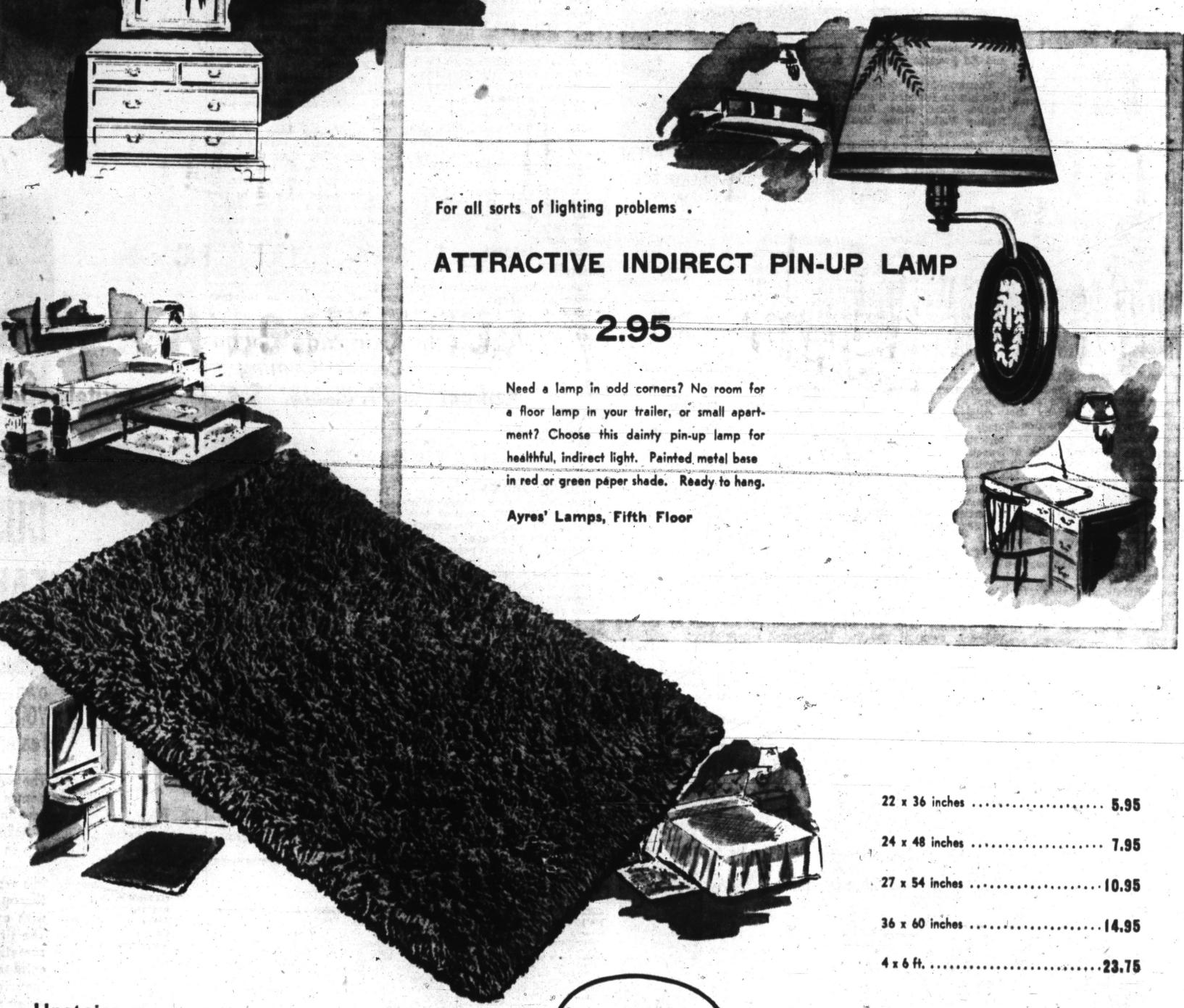
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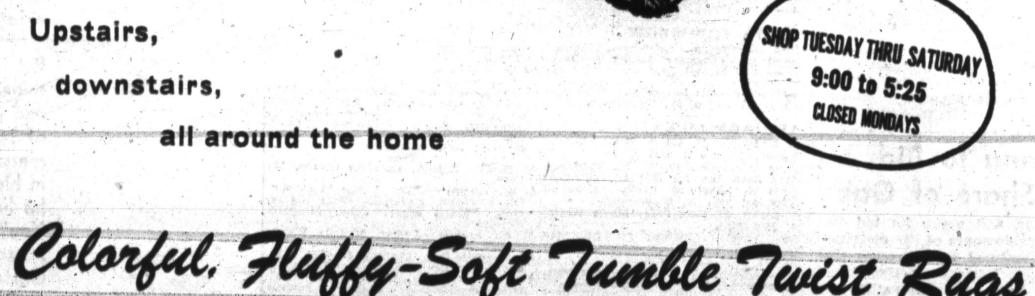
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