

## Air Pollution Board May Be Dissolved

Opinion Holds Group Was Created Illegally

By LOUIS ARMSTRONG  
Indianapolis' Air Pollution Board appeared to be on its way out as City officials prepared to create a new smoke advisory group as a subdivision of the Board of Public Safety.

Mayor Al Feeney would issue no comment on the move but it was disclosed yesterday the City legal department has ruled the present Air Pollution Board was created illegally.

The legal department, without detailed explanation, issued the opinion that the City Council did not have the power in 1945 to create a new division of the city executive department — namely the Air Pollution Board.

Sugest 5-Man Board  
Several groups have suspected this for some time. Among them is the League of Women Voters which has suggested the board be reduced to five members and placed under the Safety Board.

City officials would not express their plans for the air pollution department but indicated the office's rightful place is under the control of the Safety Board.

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ATTORNEYS—H. Gene Emery (right), formerly of Indianapolis, and Robert D. Risch, Washington, Ind., both 1948 cum laude graduates of Harvard University, have joined the Ross, McCord, Ice & Miller Law Firm. Mr. Risch is now general agent for Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co. in Nashville, Tenn.

### IU Junior Researchers To Talk Atomic Energy

Nuclear fission and atomic energy will be among the topics discussed at the 16th annual Junior Academy of Science at Indiana University this week-end.

The junior researcher's meeting is to be held in connection with the 64th meeting of the Indiana Academy of Science.

Other topics will be Indian relics, birds and their habits, new drugs, and experiments with dry ice.

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## In Indianapolis—Vital Statistics and Events

### EVENTS TODAY

Bonar Cramer Piano Recital—3:30 p. m., Murat Theater.

### EVENTS TOMORROW

Community Fund Luncheon—12 noon, Clay-

ton Hotel. Officers Association Dinner—6:30 p. m., Hotel Lincoln.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Christine Freida Brasier, 19, Paragon.

Fred Bonner, 21, La Porte; Althea Wil-

liam, 21, Villa Park.

Harold Chapel King, 32, R. 3, Box 307,

Betty Jean Baldwin, 24, 2330 Mooresville.

Charles Ronald Carr, 28, 5029 E. New

York; W. M. Waggoner, 21, 1047 Concord; Diana

James E. Page, 26, 1631 W. Market.

Maurice Carl Saeger, 22, 2311 N. New

Central; John De Meader, 28, 646 Union; Reba

Louise White, 18, 1518 Churchman.

John E. H. Johnson, 20, 1724 E. 73rd.

Denison, 19, 1122 Churchman.

Patricia Ann Gurtis, 17, 4929 W. Me-

Cray Speedway Club.

John Whitted, 21, 1115 Martindale; Nellie

Joan Ruth Utterback, 16, 1460 Columbia.

William Lancaster Beanning, 30, 3381 Ken-

wood; Mary Ruth Carey, 30, 3185 Suther-

land.

Jack William Atkin, 27, 2003 N. Meridian;

Harold Arden Cavey, 20, 3125 Suther-

land.

Arthur Gen Cochran, 20, R. 1, Box 173.

Walter Beutler, 22, Dixon, Illinois; Bey-

Roy F. Fife, 21, Dixon, Illinois.

Ralph G. Hendrickson, 21, 1937 S. Emer-

son; Harold Green, 18, R. 9, Box 1.

James D. Gray, 30, 6400 River Road;

Ester Rieger, 21, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Robert E. Brown, 20, 1138 Garhart; Anne

Smith, 21, 612 W. 12th.

Chester Buford Smith, 22, 538 N. Ham-

ilton; Marcella Louis Shaffer, 22, 110½

William H. Aikire, 58, 3708 W. 16th; Al-

freda Fern Ashby, 58, 3708 W. 16th.

Raymond Shotts, 31, 406 E. 15th; Emma

Howay Chittwood Jr., 22, Marionville; Mary Elizabeth Rose, 30, 235½ W. 14th.

John W. Dill, 21, 1115 Martindale; Nellie

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