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# Score Overcrowding In Grade Schools

## State Survey Reports Need Of Supervision

### Urges Principals For Full-Time

Crowded elementary school classes and lack of adequate supervision in most of the smaller township schools in Indiana were scored in a report of the Indiana School Study Commission yesterday.

Some cities and towns last year had elementary classes as large as 53 pupils per teacher, the report revealed. Township schools reported classes as large as 63 pupils per teacher.

Since needed instructional materials, adequate library facilities and effective teaching aids are not provided, teachers are deprived of effective administrative and supervisory leadership, the report stated.

### Need Supervision

The Commission report recommended full-time teaching principals be abolished in buildings with eight or more teachers and that a full-time principal be employed to provide more adequate supervision.

Only five percent of the township schools have a supervising principal who teaches half-time or less, contrasted with 32 per cent of the cities with supervising principals.

"Even when principals are employed," the report states, "they are unable to function effectively in a supervisory capacity because the major portion of their time is consumed by teaching."

The report recommended immediate steps be taken to provide additional classrooms and teachers "to reduce the present 'excessively large' classes in the elementary schools."

### 25 to a Teacher

Other recommendations of the commission were:

ONE: Use of school facilities by community groups should be encouraged.

TWO: Greater attention should be given to the improvement of school administrative units.

THREE: More adequate provision should be made at the state level for leadership in improving instruction and curriculum development.

FOUR: The number of pupils per teacher should be reduced to 25 as soon as needed classrooms can be provided and a sufficient number of teachers can be obtained.

FIVE: All five-year-old children should have the opportunity to attend free public kindergartens.

## State Guard Open To Enlistments

Once again the ranks of the Indiana National Guard have been thrown open for enlistments.

Indiana Adjutant General Howard H. Maxwell said "all out" recruiting orders have been sent to more than 105 ground and air guard units throughout the state.

An order from Washington lifted the recruiting ceiling, he said, and enlistments are open in all batteries, special troops and squadrons.

### Guard 'Well Along'

The open enlistments are expected to cut down the long waiting lists built up by some state units.

Gen. Maxwell said the Indiana Guard is "well along" in its long range planning for next summer's annual two-weeks training period, although it is not known whether or not Camp Atterbury will be used.

Gen. Maxwell pointed out that men enlisting before reaching 18 1/2 are exempt from the draft and would be free to continue their schooling or jobs under the one night per week training program of the National Guard.

### OIL OUTPUT RESTORED

CARACAS, Venezuela, Nov. 27 (UP)—A spokesman for the Cope oil Corporation said today that Venezuelan oil production is back to "approximately normal" after this week's successful military revolution.

## IN INDIANAPOLIS

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

John H. Ruch, 25, Sharon Hill, Pa.; Joan Smith, 22, 1827 N. Talbot Ave.; Lewis E. Ladd, 21, 205 Congress Ave.; Blanche Lee Marendi, 20, 644 N. Summerville Ave.; Lewis Eugene Moore, 21, R. R. 16, Box 529; Jean Stultz, 18, R. R. 16, Box 546; Robert Gossett Jr., 24, 2350 Carrollton Ave.; Leona Lee Daugherty, 22, 1812 N. Capitol Ave.; Leon T. Tuck, 21, 4404 W. Washington St.; Daniel May Maynard, 18, 3028 N. Colorado Ave.; Lester E. Brink, 25, 2902 Woodside Ave.; Betty Ann Beavers, 19, 3302 E. Fall Creek Pkwy.; Leilan R. Wamsley, 18, 1515 Millburn St.; Leila Marie Morgan, 18, 1024 Oliver Ave.; William V. Lowe Jr., 20, 418 S. Oxford St.; Marilyn Mundell, 20, 1202 N. Oakland Ave.; Lawrence E. Shelly, 19, 2557 N. James St.; Mandy Lee Johnson, 18, 443 W. 30th St.; John Johnson, 44, St. Louis, Mo.; James Hodge Green, 40, 1526 N. Senate Ave.; Betty Jean Teves, 19, 1914 Ruckle St.; Earl E. Black, 23, 2015 E. 22d St.; Birdie Frances Smith, 23, 519 N. Pine St.; Maurice S. Lucas, 20, 212 Clay St.; Myrtle J. Hughes, 24, 829 Church St.; Lester Martin Hancock, 28, 1630 Wicker St.; Robert Johnson, 26, 3000 Ruckel St.; Howard Foster, 37, 1915 Mississ. St.; Gladys Velma Showalter, 19, 408 W. 11th St.; Winford Action, 28, 1915 Central Ave.; Sam L. Wilson, 29, 1806 Illinois St.; Floyd R. Thompson, 21, 1200 Blaine Ave.; Juanita Dicks, 18, 1005 S. Holmes Ave.; Charles Davis, 18, 1433 Beloit Avenue; Mamie Strawberry, 18, 2081 Highland Park.

## Legless Medal of Honor GI Outstrips U. S. in Corn Crop

### Grows 100 Bushels an Acre in Iowa; Does His Own Plowing and Discing

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27 (UP)—The Veterans Administration tonight told the story of a legless war veteran who recently harvested a 120-acre corn crop almost three times as rich as the estimated national average.

The veteran is Ralph G. Neppel, 25, of Carroll, Ia., operating his own tractor, and doing his own plowing and discing. Mr. Neppel

produced a crop of about 100 bushels an acre. The average for the nation is estimated at 41.7.

Mr. Neppel's only complaint, the veterans agency reported, is that he wears out his artificial legs too fast. He lost both legs above the knee in December, 1944, in the explosion of a German shell at Birgel, Germany.

Mr. Neppel got the Congressional Medal of Honor on that occasion. Still conscious but bleeding heavily, he pulled himself on his elbows 25 feet to a machine gun.

## County 'Justice' Stalled 7 Years

### 4 Indicted in 1941 Never Came to Trial

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limit of three terms of court (18 months) without a trial.

Under the law if a defendant in a criminal case fails to get a trial after three terms, has elapsed the court must dismiss the case providing, of course, that the defendant hadn't filed any delaying actions himself.

The state (Prosecutor Blue) then hurriedly went through the records to defend its position against dismissal and found some actions had not been put into the records for some reason.

The prosecutor then filed on May 10, 1943, a motion to bring the records up to date. This was granted and the missing entries were used by the state to prove it had not caused all the delay in trial.

While the defendants' motion for dismissal was pending their attorneys decided to take Judge Bain off the Bench in a motion accusing him of being prejudiced.

Then, on July 9, 1943, Harvey Grabill, Indianapolis attorney, was selected as special judge which position he still holds after five years.

Five months later hearings were started on the defendants' motion to dismiss the case. Then on Jan. 17, 1944, Judge Grabill ordered all defendants discharged and the case dismissed on the ground that the state had delayed trial beyond the legal limit.

### Ruling Reversed

The prosecutor's office appealed the decision to the Indiana Supreme Court which reversed the ruling on the ground that it had not been handed down on sufficient evidence.

This put the case back where it was in May, 1943, and Judge Grabill instructed the state to present more evidence to support its argument against dismissal.

The second round of hearings on the dismissal started Nov. 11, 1945, one year and a half later.

After several days of hearings Judge Grabill continued the case while the state and defendants filed briefs.

Finally on Feb. 28, 1946, nearly five years after the indictments were returned, Judge Grabill again sustained the motion to dismiss the case on the ground of undue delay in going to trial.

Prosecutor Blue as one of his last acts in office late in 1946 appealed the dismissal decision back to the Indiana Supreme Court.

Another Reversal  
Nearly a year later, on Oct. 22, 1947, the Supreme Court again reversed the dismissal decision and ordered Criminal Court (Judge Grabill) to set the case for trial on the merits of evidence against the defendants.

On Dec. 11, 1947, the records show the court ordered the defendants rearrested and placed on new \$1000 bonds each to await trial.

After delay of almost another year since the Supreme Court ordered the defendants to stand trial, attorneys for the defendants last week filed another motion to dismiss the charges on the same old grounds.

If Judge Grabill overrules this motion the next step will be to set another date for the trial.

## Dock Strike Ends On East Coast

### Radio Operators Block Pacific Truce

NEW YORK, Nov. 27 (UP)—The East Coast dock strike was called off tonight and shippers prepared to revive the nation's foreign trade immediately.

The 65,000 members of the International Longshoremen's Assn. (ILA) voted overwhelmingly to end the 18-day strike which had up ports from Maine to Virginia.

Union president Joseph P. Ryan said 60 of the union's 71 locals had accepted new contract proposals. Five locals voted to continue the strike.

CIO longshoremen who have tied up Pacific coast ports for 87 days still were voting on a new contract proposal and the final results were not to be announced until tomorrow. All but five of the 6000 stevedores in San Francisco voted to go back to work.

**Radio Men Reject Offer**  
But on the West Coast, CIO radio operators damped hopes for labor peace by rejecting wage proposals and ordering the Pacific waterfront picketed. No ships sail without radio operators.

The east coast vote ended a strike which has cost shippers \$30 million a day, left 300,000 sacks of overseas mail and \$30 million in Marshall Plan aid piled on the docks and stranded dozens of ships in American and foreign ports.

## Illinois Women, 102, Dies on Birth Site

PARIS, Ill., Nov. 27 (UP)—Hannah E. Van Houtin, who would have celebrated her 103d birthday next March, died today on the same spot where she was born in 1846.

Mrs. Van Houtin, known throughout Edgar County as "Aunt Phen," died at the home of her 81-year-old nephew, W. O. Wright, six miles east of Paris. Mr. Wright's home is built on the same site as Miss Van Houtin's parents' home where she was born.

## Parachute Food To Two Airmen Stranded in Idaho

BOISE, Ida., Nov. 27 (UP)—Food and firemaking equipment late today were dropped to two Idaho pilots stranded, one of them since Wednesday, in the bitterly-cold Idaho primitive area by plane accidents.

Ronald L. Campbell of Boise has been snowbound on the Bruce Meadows emergency landing field, deep in the primitive area, for three days since his plane nosed over while he was attempting a landing.

**BILL WOODS**, veteran mountain pilot from Boise, spotted Mr. Campbell but couldn't land because his plane had wheels and skis were needed.

Later, Bob Fog, another veteran pilot, flew to Bruce Meadows. When he did not return soon, state Aeronautics Director Chet Moulton flew over the field again. They found that Mr. Fog's plane had nosed over on the strip field.

Both men were uninjured.

Members of the organization

had issued a plea for furniture

furnished by the Army.

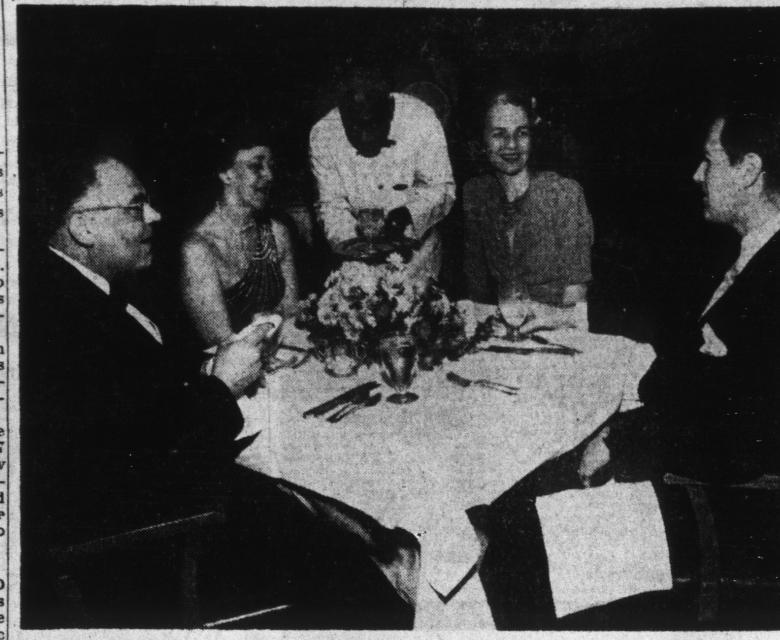
The local Red Cross has opened a drive to equip two day rooms for enlisted men and their families at Ft. Harrison and Stout.

Thousands of evergreen cuttings will be given to the Monument late this week by street department employees to begin what

William A. Hanley, chairman of the Indianapolis Christmas Committee, says will be the largest and most lavish decorations since the custom of decorating the Circle started.

More than 60 groups with a total of 4000 voices have volunteered to sing on the Monument steps. Carolers will be heard each day and night from Dec. 15 until Christmas Eve. At other times, recorded music will be played on the Circle through the courtesy of the Harold Meeker Co.

## Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon Entertain Before Play



## Employment Takes Seasonal Drop

### Loss Offset by Call For Retail Workers

Indiana employment was sliced 1.2 per cent when Hoosier canning factories laid off 18,000 seasonal employees last month.

A report from the Indiana Employment Security Division of the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics discloses total employment dropped 14,400 below the mid-September all time high to 1,222,400 in mid-October.

The call of retail trade for almost 4000 workers offsets the loss. Manufacturing employment, which includes the canning industry, fell 3.1 per cent, caused by a steel shortage and incomplete contracts.

Of the 20 groups of manufacturing industries covered in the division's study, there were 12 increases and eight decreases. Employment decreased more than one per cent in food and kindred products groups, which were influenced also by the canning industry.

Employment also fell more than 1 per cent in industries of non-electrical machinery, lumber and timber products and petroleum and coal products.

The employment figure in non-manufacturing industries rose .5 per cent between mid-months, as retail trade advanced 2.2 per cent.

Weekly factory pay rolls decreased in Indiana for the first time since July, dropping one per cent from mid-September to \$27,084,000 by the middle of October.

Average hourly earnings of Hoosier factory workers climbed 2.7 per cent within the month.

Earnings reached their highest at mid-October at \$1.466 1/2 an hour, due to fewer figures from canning factories, where almost a million hours in lower rate were omitted.

Average weekly earnings increased by \$1.60 to \$59.35 last month.

## Koreans Warned Red Puppets Plan Attack

SEOUL, Korea, Nov. 27 (UP)—A former North Korean official warned today that the North Korean People's Army will start marching on South Korea on the very day the United Nations concludes its General Assembly in Paris.

Chung Sang Chin, Deputy Minister of Agriculture in the Soviet-sponsored puppet regime who fled to the south, said the invasion will be delayed only if Soviet troops remain in the North.

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## DEAR MADAM! DON'T ROBE HIM THE WRONG WAY!

There are so many strange and "funny" (mirthless) robes loosed on the holiday tide—that this friendly note of warning seems apropos!

What he wants is a robe made with a clothing view point—that fits him and surrounds him with comfort!

Something agreeable to the eye—something that has a warming influence on the body (including the heart) in a half dozen plain blunt words—"A ROBE FROM THE MAN'S STORE!"

PRICES BEGIN, for a rayon robe at 9.95

—AND GO UP by easy steps to a Masterly Hand-painted Robe—Neckwear Silk—(pure silk)—silk lined (It's from di Sarto who makes such wondrous neckties—the price is

\$150

AND IN BETWEEN—are robes of various descriptions

AN OUTSTANDING FEATURE—a full lined Rayon Robe, with a custom look to it—nicely jacquard 17.95

Other feature groups at 22.50 and \$25

There are those PENDLETON ROBES of choice virgin wool—plain colors and shadow plaids. (Pendleton makes those wonderful wool shirts that have sportsmen's preference.) These robes are 18.50

An IMPORTED WOOL CHALLIS ROBE—light weight, smart, neat patterns