

Judge O'Byrne Named to Head Indiana PSC

Brookville Ex-Jurist To Replace Yoder

Former Circuit Judge Roscoe C. O'Byrne of Brookville has been named chairman of the Indiana Public Service Commission by Democratic Governor-elect Henry F. Schriener.

Judge O'Byrne, who retired from the Franklin County circuit bench in 1944, will succeed LeRoy Yoder of Elkhart on Jan. 10. Judge O'Byrne served three terms as circuit judge and in 1942 was the Democratic candidate for judge of the State Supreme Court.

Mr. Schriener departed from a tendency to name members of his first administration to key posts in his new official family in the selection of Judge O'Byrne.

Judge O'Byrne is a native of Indiana and has lived all his life in Franklin County. He began practicing law in 1918, after his discharge from the army after service in World War I.

She was elected at the national convention of the group last May in Washington, the third Hoosier woman to hold the office.

Mr. Schriener did not announce appointments of members of the Public Service Commission to serve under Judge O'Byrne.

Charles Gardner Dies in Hospital

Charles Wesley Gardner, 1534 N. Hamilton Ave., native of Nashville, was buried in Floral Park Cemetery following services at 1 p. m. today in King & King Funeral Home.

Mr. Gardner died Sunday in General Hospital. He was 42. An Indianapolis resident 26 years, he was employed as a machinist for the Light Metals Co. for the past six years. Formerly he worked for the Methodist Hospital. He was a member of the Christ Temple Church.

Among his survivors are his wife, Marie; a son, Charles Wesley Gardner Jr., Indianapolis; two daughters, Mrs. Phyllis Davis and Miss Mercedes Gardner, Indianapolis, and his mother, Mrs. Georgia Gardner, Nashville.

Others are four sisters, Mrs. Rosetta Moore, Louisville; Mrs. Lincolna Bowe, Chicago; Mrs. Estella Cecil, Nashville, and Mrs. Mary Hicks, St. Louis, four brothers, Melvin Gardner, Indianapolis; George Gardner, Chicago; William Gardner, Nashville, and Arthur Gardner, Louisville, and a stepson, Ronald Moore, Indianapolis.

Nannie Sullivan

Services for Mrs. Nannie Belle Sullivan, who died yesterday in her home, 3103 Broadway, will be held at 2:30 p. m. tomorrow in Plummer & Buchanan mortuary. Burial will be in Crown Hill. She was 58.

Mrs. Sullivan was born in Clayton and lived here 60 years. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Lillian C. McGinnis, Indianapolis; two sisters, Mrs. Sue Coleman, Indianapolis, and Mrs. Agnes Watta, Louisville, and a grandson, Robert F. McGinnis, Indianapolis.

Perfect Circle Strike At Tipton to End

TIPTON, Dec. 22 (UP)—Striking United Steelworkers (CIO) at the Tipton plant of the Perfect Circle Corp. last night voted to accept a company offer of a 5-cent-an-hour increase and return to work.

The acceptance, announced by M. J. Havers of Local 2754 of the Steelworkers, ended a six-week strike here. But negotiations of the Hagerstown and New Castle plants of Perfect Circle, where the United Auto Workers (CIO) were on strike, still were halted.

Hostel Youths Plan Brookside Square Dance

A holiday square dance will be held in the Brookside Park Community House starting at 7:30 p. m. next Tuesday. The program, sponsored by the Indianapolis Council of the American Youth Hostels, Inc., will feature such folk dances as the Schottish, polka, Virginia reel and others.

Margaret Frances and Carolyn Louise Neff, co-chairmen of the dance arrangements committee, are being assisted by Thelma Patterson, Rose Marie Moynihan, Bob Carnahan and Ralph Kinzer.

Moose 17 to Give 75 Christmas Baskets

Chapter 17 of the Loyal Order of Moose will distribute 75 Christmas baskets to as many families beginning at 9 a. m. Friday.

Named President



Edwin McClure, Indianapolis attorney, will serve as the 1949 president of the Hillcrest Country Club. Other officers are Robert Potter, vice president; J. W. Fulton, treasurer, and Thomas E. Neale, secretary.

Four Promoted On Police Force

Four Demotions Also Are Made

A number of promotions and demotions in the Indianapolis Police Department were announced today by the Safety Board as Chief Roush juggled the department for the coming year.

Lt. Michael Kavanaugh, for many years a top member of the department's homicide squad, was promoted to captain to direct the police internal security division.

Sgt. Forrest Higgs, head of the Juvenile Aid Division, was promoted to lieutenant.

Lt. Robert Reilly, investigator for Mayor Feeney, has been assigned to the detective division where he will retain his rank. Mayor Feeney said he did not have enough work in his office to require a full-time investigator.

Two Demoted

Detective Sgt. Edward Moore was promoted to lieutenant and patrolman Howard Allen of JAD was made sergeant.

Two lieutenants in the detective division were demoted to sergeants. They were George Gilby and Charles Burkett.

Both were reassigned to the prosecutor's office which calls for only sergeant ratings.

Two other sergeants in the detective division were demoted to patrolmen. They were Andrew Heller and James Senteney.

Forrest Euliss, a patrolman, was transferred from the uniform division to the detective division but received no promotion.

The broadcast, speaking in broken English, identified the station as one "broadcasting from Peiping in Communist-held China."

He messaged foreign embassies in Nanking an assurance from Acting President C. W. Liu of Yenching University that all foreigners at the university were safe after Communist occupation of the campus.

The broadcast gave no details of the radio station's location or whether it actually was within the walls of Peiping. It was heard by the American amateur station J2USA in Tokyo.

Thieves Rifle Safe Without Directions

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 22 (UP)—Garter Paper Co. officials kept the combination to the safe pasted on its door for the last several years, with the explanation that would-be-thieves only records were kept inside.

The company removed the paper the other day after two recent thefts of money from an office drawer.

Last night thieves wrecked the safe and stole \$200 kept inside.

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Landis Tosses Hat in Ring For Comeback

Expects to Return To Seat in House

By DAN KIDNEY
Times Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22—Retiring Republican Rep. Gerald W. Landis of Linton will try and win his House seat back in 1950 he announced today.

Mr. Landis came here to attend the Congressional "watchdog" committee established by the Senate and House to police the Taft-Hartley law.

They made some recommendations, but since the committee is Republican dominated and chaired by another lame-duck like Mr. Landis, Sen. Joseph W. Ball of Minnesota, it is not expected to carry much weight with the Democratic 81st Congress.

Mr. Landis expects his successful Democratic opponent, Representative James E. Noland, to be a one-term man.

"I am not retiring from politics and have no intention of going back to teaching school," Mr. Landis said. "I'll cultivate my 30-acre peach orchard, where I raise about the best peaches in the U. S. A., and at the same time start building my political fences."

"President Truman's new Congress will not be able to deliver all that he promised in the campaign. Even if they should do so, the cost will be so great that the economy will suffer."

"I expect to see some unemployment by 1950 and the Democrats will get blamed for that. So I expect the House to return to Republican control in 1950."

Mr. Landis said that he is for Sen. Homer E. Capehart's re-nomination in 1950 in "either a primary or convention."

"I expect to see the Indiana legislature get into the direct primary for both the senatorship and governorship," he asserted. "I am for that also. If I had a direct primary I would have run for something beside the House and believe that I could have won."

He declined to say whether he would run for Governor or Senator but merely said "for something."

Had the Republicans carried the House and Mr. Landis been re-elected he would have been chairman of the House Labor Committee.

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The weekly crop bulletin of the Weather Bureau announced today that winter wheat in Indiana continues good. Corn is all picked in the northern portion of the state and 90 per cent picked in the south. Rye and barley are reported good, the report said.

Unseen, But They Will Be Heard



Unseen but heard . . . Philip Murray, 3149 Ruckle St., and Lois Gorham, 3151 Ruckle St., who will supply flute music backstage for the Junior Civic Theater's production of "The Sleeping Beauty" in four performances at 2:30 p. m., Dec. 28, 29, 30 and 31. The young musicians, who both attend School 76, are pupils of Nellie Jones at Jordan Conservatory.

Traffic Death Brings Term, Fine

Leslie Roberts, 23-year-old Converse truck driver, today began serving a 180-day sentence on the state farm on a drunk driving charge growing out of an accident Dec. 17 that resulted in the death of Albert E. Roberts, no relation, of 1912 Congress Ave.

Municipal Judge Alex Clark yesterday fined Leslie Roberts \$100 and costs and revoked his driver's license in addition to giving him the jail term. The fine was the maximum allowed for a misdemeanor under existing law.

The accident occurred on 16th St. east of Fall Creek Pkwy. Albert Roberts was taken to General Hospital where he later died.

Salvation Army to Stage Yule Party

The 18th annual Statehouse Salvation Army Christmas Party for underprivileged children of Indianapolis was to begin in the rotunda of the statehouse at 9 a. m. today.

Guest of honor Gov. Ralph F. Gates was to deliver a Christmas message following the singing. He was to be introduced by Frederick E. Schortemeier, Indianapolis attorney and president of the Salvation Army Advisory Board.

Magician Jimmy Trimble, of Terre Haute, was to perform. Afterward gifts were to be distributed by Santa Claus.

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Book on Effect Of Drink OK'd For Schools

State Education Board Issues List

A textbook on the effects of alcohol and tobacco was listed today by the state superintendent of public instruction among a group approved for use in Hoosier classrooms.

Superintendent Ben H. Watt announced the selections of the textbook commission of the State Board of Education in certain subjects for the next five years.

A book entitled "Effects of Alcohol, Drunks, Tobacco, Sedatives, and Narcotics," published by the Wheeler Publishing Co., was chosen for use in health and hygiene classes.

The lists were mailed to city, town and county school administrators for their use in selecting books to be used beginning July 1, 1949, for a five-year period.

More Choices Given

For the first time, the school administrators were given choices of three publishing companies in most subjects. Books on the list included those in reading, writing, arithmetic, and safety.

Textbooks for other subjects will be selected for a five-year period beginning in 1941.

Mr. Watt said "many" of the books were new and numerous books now in use were eliminated by the commission.

Classroom instruction on the effects of alcohol and tobacco has been required since passage of a law to that effect by the 1947 general assembly. A special course of study prepared by the Board of Education has been used in most schools since no textbook had previously been approved.

SNOW IN BRITAIN

LONDON, Dec. 22 (UP)—Britain today had its first snow of the winter—one inch in Cumberland in northwest England.

Dutch Capture Refinery Center

BATAVIA, Dec. 22 (UP)—A Dutch armored column has driven into the Indonesian capital of Jogjakarta to link up with paratroop units that captured the city last Sunday, it was announced today.

Other Dutch forces captured Soerakarta, largest city of the Indonesian republic, and the great oil refining center of Tjepu in northeastern Java.

An official announcement from Dutch headquarters at Semarang said the Dutch armored column entered Jogjakarta from the west yesterday and took over the town from airborne units.

'Complete Surprise'

Paratroopers said their descent on the capital last Sunday morning took the defenders "completely by surprise." Some type-writers in deserted offices still held unfinished letters, they said. The republican army withdrew into the nearby hills, they added.

Other Dutch forces advancing on the neighboring island of Sumatra captured Bukittinggi (Fort De Kock), the republican capital 45 miles north of Padang, a communique said.

Aid to East Indies Cut Off by Hoffman

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (UP)—Recovery Chief Paul G. Hoffman today cut off all recovery aid to the Netherlands East Indies until the Dutch conflict with the Republic of Indonesia is settled.

Local Sailor Arrives Home for Holidays

Jack Roberts Lynn, lithographer third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lynn and husband of Mrs. Jack R. Lynn, 230 N. Noble St., arrived in Indianapolis Sunday on holiday leave and will stay until Jan. 10, 1949.

Mr. Lynn, who is serving with the Flag Administration Unit of the Commander in Chief, Atlantic Command, and US Atlantic Fleet in Norfolk, Va., attended Technical High School. He worked as a sprayer for Moldings, Inc., before enlisting in the Navy, Sept. 12, 1944.

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