

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. Schricker.

Judge O'Byrne, who retired from the Franklin-Union circuit bench in 1946, 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. Schricker 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.

Judge O'Byrne was first elected judge of the 37th judicial circuit in 1928. He was re-elected in 1934 and 1940. He left the bench Dec. 31, 1946.

His wife, Mrs. Estella A. O'Byrne, is the president-general of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

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

Mrs. O'Byrne formerly headed the Indiana DAR and won the national election by 55 votes.

Judge O'Byrne, who has been practicing law in Brookville since he left the bench, graduated from Indiana University and the IU Law School. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Delta Phi scholastic honoraries.

He served as state chairman of committees on American citizenship and membership of the Indiana State Bar Association and is a member of the American Bar Association.

Mr. Schricker 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 25 years, he was employed as a machinist for the Light Metals Co. 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, Mazie; 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. Lincoln Bowie, 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 Bell Sullivan, who died yesterday in her home, 3103 Broadway, will be held at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow in Flanner & Buchanan mortuary. Burial will be in Crown Hill. She was 86.

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 Watts, Louisville, and a grandson, Robert F. McGinnis, Indianapolis.

Perfect Circle Strike At Tipton to End

TIPTON, Dec. 22 (UPI)—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. Havens of Local 2784 of the Steelworkers, ended a six-week strike here. But negotiations at 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, Ross Marie Moynahan, 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.

The organization, with Charles McCall as chairman of the Christmas distribution committee, will supply families whose names were provided by charitable groups in the city.

Clean Cleaners, Inc., 924 E. 9th St., will donate the use of company trucks to make deliveries.

Named President



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 chairman 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.

Directors include Paul W. Bendorf, Kenneth Foster, J. W. Fulton, Charles D. Grissom, Edwin McClure, Thomas E. Neale, Robert Potter, Alfred Schaefer and H. L. Tudor.

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.

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"I am not retiring from politics and have no intention of going back to teaching school," Mr. Landis said. "I'll cultivate my 39-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 also. So I expect the House to return to Republican control in 1950."

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