

Rep. Harden Opposes Jenner-Capehart Move To Oust Ex-Gov. Gates

Believes National Committeemen Ought To Have Chance to Fill Out Terms

By DAN KIDNEY, Times Staff Writer
WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Rep. Cecil Harden, Covington, Republican national committeewoman from Indiana, today took a dim view of the Jenner-Capehart plan to oust Republican National Committeeman Ralph Gates.

Having just returned from the 50-54 national chairmanship fight at Omaha, where she voted for Gates, Mrs. Harden sort of ceased firing upon arrival here.

"I feel that when the state committee elected Gov. Gates as national committeewoman for a four-year term in 1945, we should be permitted to carry out that term," Mrs. Harden said.

"I have never favored this election and then ousting national committeemen."

Claims Control

The plan of Sens. William E. Jenner and Homer E. Capehart, who now claim control of all but seven of the 22 state committee votes, is to "name" Mr. Gates into resigning. The committee majority would adopt a resolution charging that the party was "wrecked" in Indiana during the administration of Mr. Gates as governor and, therefore, he should check out.

Had it not been for this factional fight in the Hoosier GOP forces, Mr. Gates might well have succeeded Rep. Hugh Scott Jr. of Pennsylvania as Republican National Chairman. Instead, Rep. Dunn of Minnesota was put up as Mr. Scott's opponent and lost by a 50-54 vote. Mrs. Harden voted for Mr. Scott and Gov. Gates with the Dunn forces.

Sen. Capehart was present with a meat-ax for Mr. Gates and Sen. Jenner assisted him by sending anti-Gates telegrams from his home in Bedford.

Sen. Jenner went back to Indiana to help elect Ollie M. Berry, Lebanon, as the successor of the late Rue J. Alexander as sixth district chairman. Mr. Berry's opponent was Gilbert E. Ogles.

Mr. Berry was reported backed by the Gates faction led

Five Missing In Hotel Fire At Ripon, Wis.

College Students Help in Rescue Of 48 Guests

RIPON, Wis., Feb. 1 (UP)—The 75-year-old Grand View Hotel burned to the ground early today and at least five persons were missing.

Firemen dug through tons of smoldering debris in a search for possible victims. Fire Chief William Burroughs said he feared the missing guests may have died in the flames.

"But there's a lot of confusion," he said. "They may also have taken refuge in some house or building we haven't checked."

Most of the hotel's 48 guests fled into the street in their night clothes or were rescued as the three-story brick building was engulfed in flames.

Fire Spreads Quickly

Witnesses said the fire broke out in the maid's quarters on the top floor, apparently because of a defective fuse box. It flashed through the entire hotel within a matter of minutes.

Many of the guests were rescued by students from Ripon College who climbed ladders and groped through the smoke-and-flame-filled corridors.

Guests clinging to the windowills and begged for the firemen below to spread nets they could leap into.

Tailors Let George Do It

LONDON, Feb. 1 (UP)—King George VI has started a new fashion.

It is a new style double-breasted suit. Instead of the usual three sets of two buttons each across the front of the suit-coat, it has only two sets—both fairly high.

The King wore the new style suit at the African conference in London last fall. Since then, hundreds of orders for the suit have poured in on Saville, Row tailors.

Man Found Stabbed, 5 Others Questioned

Police answering a call to the rear of 407 1/2 W. Michigan St. last night found Henry Adams, of that address, stabbed in the left side of his chest. Mr. Adams was taken to General Hospital in critical condition.

Investigating officers said they found a number of men living in an old ice locker at that address and were told Mr. Adams was stabbed by a man who later fled. Five men were taken to police headquarters for questioning.

In Indianapolis

EVENTS TODAY
Indiana Jewelers 24-Carat Club Convention—Lincoln Hotel.
Indianapolis Council of Women Meeting—19 S. W. L. S. Ayres Auditorium.
Babson-Bagwell Post and Auxiliary Open House—122 S. W. 20th Street.

EVENTS TOMORROW
Scientific Exhibition, "Light Sorecery"—4 p. m., War Memorial Auditorium.
Forum Series, "Can Modern Capitalism Meet the Demands of Modern Living?"—8:15 p. m., Kinshausen Center, 2114 N. Meridian St.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

William Wenzel, 23, Edwardsville, Illinois; Michele Deolting, 21, St. Louis, Mo.
Charles Wesley Minor, 24, Chicago; Mary Bernice Hutchens, 21, Louisville, Ky.
Russell Hart, 26, 35 W. Walnut; Mary Deiter, 20, 434 W. Washington.
William Griffith, Jr., 328 Arsenal; Alice Joan Fritz, 16, 167 E. 12th.
Homer H. Edwards, 18, 148 New York; Rose Ellen Huggbanks, 19, 1236 W. New York.
Maxie Glenn, 49, 2221 N. Oxford; Lucille Calvert, 24, 2412 Parker.
Gene H. Phillips, 21, Chicago, Illinois; Rosalie Maggetta Collins, 18, 4040 W. 15th.
Tom Allen, 21, 2035 Yandes; Irene Riddley, 19, 534 W. 26th.
Philip Collins, 21, 525 W. Maryland; Gladys Hurt, 21, 304 Douglas.

DIVORCE SUITS FILED

Mary P. vs. Theodore F. Koonak; Anna vs. William H. Speer, Jr.; Mearl vs. Etta Lee Brown; Etta Lee Brown vs. Raymond; Mary vs. Harley Ball; Charles vs. Mary Ball; Peter vs. Frieda Mae vs. John J. Meyer; Marion vs. Margaret Cobb; Paul vs. Georgia Richmond; John C. vs. Mary E. Friedman; Robert F. vs. William E. Perryman; Virginia D. vs. Charles E. Knapp; Charles vs. Thelma; Ruth E. vs. Leslie O. Ball; Pearl vs. Joseph A. Nicely.

BIRTHS

At Home—Tellers: Edna Pollard, 815 W. Hadley; Phillip, Ollie McQuinn, 428 N. Fulton.
At Methodist—Deimas, Edna Schmidt; Robert, Eda Dale; Harvey, Violet Hiesman; Donald, Mickey; Roland; Catherine Henry; Robert, Anna Belle; Thelma; Robert; Robert, Betty; Robert, Donald; Gerald; Mary Louise; George; Violet Brown; Frank, Betty; Hood; Kenneth; Doris Adams; Earl, Betty; Lowe; Donald; Rose Ottiger.
At St. Vincent—Robert, Edith Alderson; P. Dale, Marilyn Weintraut.
At General—George, Marjorie Anderson.
At Home—Claude, Lillie Cantrell, 102 Eugene.
At St. Vincent—Ernest, Rosemary Rudon; Robert, Elizabeth Kemper; Joseph, Catherine Gerber; James, Stella Thomas; Catherine, William; Phyllis Boland; Don; Margaret; Constance; Robert, Natalie; Christine; Lester; Sylvia Glover.
At General—Louis, Mae Ford; Ray; Rita; Foster; Clifton; Margaret; Owen; Al; St. Francis; Loren, Mary McKinnon; Everett, Edith Taylor.
At Methodist—Melvin, Margaret Winsen; read; William, Betty Rider.

DEATHS

June Dunbar, 55, at 1617 N. Rural, carcinoma.
John Hurt, 54, at General, hypertension.
Mary Bibbe, 45, at 1118 N. Miller, nephritis.
Alfredus A. D. at St. Vincent's, coronary occlusion.
Charles Ireland, 79, at 820 E. Vermont, cerebral hemorrhage.
Anna Barbara Maguire, 88, at 2246 N. Illinois, myocardial.
Harry M. Moore, 80, at 131 Berkeley, carcinoma.
Carl Schoenfeldt, 79, at 246 N. Keystone, pneumonia.
John N. Swadner, 92, at Veterans, hypertension.
Anna M. Egan, 80, at 2643 N. Illinois, cerebral hemorrhage.
Vernie Hollingsworth, 94, at 1357 Finley, cerebral hemorrhage.
Carolyn Sue Boser, 5, at General, cerebral thrombosis.
Florence A. McAdams, 87, at 3641 N. Meridian.
Mollie A. Prather, 81, at 1146 Laurel, cardiac.
Fred Carl Bering, 56, at General, pneumonia.
Arthur C. Stanley, 79, at Methodist, arteriosclerotic heart.
Gertrude M. Brown, 66, at 1964 N. Keystone, pneumonia.
Raymond F. Klein, 48, at 1109 N. Rural, coronary occlusion.
Lew Leverton, 56, at 4928 N. Capitol, coronary occlusion.
Robert Wayne, 43, at Methodist, thrombosis.

Beauty Spot on January Day



Winter in the Park... a lonely track winds through this section of Garfield Park blanketed by the first snow. The quiet beauty of a January afternoon attracted the camera of Times Photographer Bill Oates.

Tech Stagecraft Students Building Ice-O-Rama Set

Promise One of Most Elaborate Yet Produced; Good Seats to Extravaganza Still Available

By ART WRIGHT

One of the most elaborate stage settings ever produced for The Times Ice-O-Rama is promised by students of the Stagecraft and Makeup classes of Arsenal Technical High School.

Under the direction of C. S. Stewart, the Tech students are building the huge set which will fill the west entrance to the Coliseum rink. The stage set will be in the same location it has been for past Times Ice-O-Rama shows.

The job of painting the set also is being done by the Tech students as their contribution to the Infantile Paralysis Fund. Net proceeds from admissions to the show are turned over by The Times to the Polio fund.

Seats Still Available

Good seats for the Feb. 24 extravaganza still are available despite the record-breaking advance sale of tickets. Persons desiring tickets in advance should mail their orders with check or money order and stamped, addressed envelope NOW to: Ice-O-Rama Tickets, Indianapolis Times, 214 W. Maryland St.

Prices are: Box and parquet chairs, \$1.20; side mezzanine, 85 cents; end mezzanine, 50 cents. Prices include tax. Seats are reserved, except the end mezzanine. Tickets remaining are: Boxes, on the East end circle; none on the North or South sides; Parquet, on the East end circle; Mezzanine, goods seats available on both the North and South sides. East end mezzanine seats, unreserved, also are available by mail in advance, to avoid standing in line.

Next rehearsal for the cast will be at 11 p. m. tomorrow when the groups which have been rehearsing Wednesday nights will practice.

3 Children Die In Muncie Fire

MUNCIE, Feb. 1 (UP)—Three children were burned to death last night in a fire that destroyed their home at the east edge of Muncie.

The children were Jackie, Sue Deicer, 4, and her two brothers, Jerry Lee, 3, and Dennis Kay, 2. They were three of nine children of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Deicer, Muncie.

Firemen said all the children were asleep when the fire broke out. Their mother was ironing at the home of a neighbor, Mrs. May Rittenhouse. Mr. Deicer was at work at a packing plant.

Five of the Deicer children are in the Delaware County home and another, six weeks old, is at the home of relatives in Anderson.

Shotgun Blast Stops Fugitive

BLOOMINGTON, Feb. 1.—Leonard Ray Siscoe, 23-year-old escapee of the Indiana Reformatory, was returned there yesterday after his capture in a gun battle with Monroe County and Bloomington officers near here.

When the posse of Monroe County officials closed in on him in Friendship Hollow, five miles southeast of Bloomington, Siscoe took to his heels. He halted with his hands up after police fired a warning shotgun blast.

He fired several return blasts, said Sheriff Noble Siscoe. Four of them were struck by pellets, but were uninjured.

Siscoe, missing from the Reformatory since Dec. 4, told deputy sheriffs, "I didn't really mean to run. But my feet just wouldn't be still."

Elect Allison Credit Union Officers Here

William S. Mayer, 966 W. 35th St., has been elected president of Allison's Employment Credit Union.

Other officers elected at a meeting yesterday in 1010 Main St., were Dave Brown, vice president; Donald F. Dower, secretary; Dan Troutman, treasurer; and Emery Place, educational director.

New directors of the credit committee are Hubert Clodfelter, Charles Beaver and Herman Bakster. Walter Qualls, John Durham and Forrest Bose were elected directors of the audit committee.

Freed on Bond In 'Scare' Slaying

STRAUSS SAYS:

Mrs. Vera Hamilton Bound to Grand Jury

Mrs. Vera Hamilton, 23, of 2632 Graceland Ave., was free on a \$500 bond today on charges of involuntary manslaughter in the fatal shooting Sunday of Donald L. Mullens, 23, of R. R. 17, Box 513, New Augusta. Charges were filed in Municipal Court 3 yesterday.

After Judge Howard dismissed vagrancy charges, Mrs. Hamilton waived preliminary examination and was bound over to the grand jury.

Police said that Mr. Mullens had been visiting the home of a friend, Sam Taylor, 326 N. Senate Ave., when Mrs. Hamilton, also a guest, picked up a gun and pointed it at him, "to scare him." When she pulled the trigger, the bullet passed through his cheekbone and pierced his brain, police said.

Mr. Mullens died en route to General Hospital.

Pacific War Veteran

A native of Indianapolis, Mr. Mullens had been an employee of Eli Lilly & Co. the past three years. He attended Pike Township High School and was a veteran of 18 months service in the South Pacific.

Besides his parents Mr. and Mrs. Chester Mullens, New Augusta, a sister, Betty Mullens, and a brother, Chester Mullens Jr., both of New Augusta, survive.

Services will be held at 1:30 p. m. Thursday in the Peoples Funeral Home. Burial will be in Crown Hill.

'Thanks' Train Due Here Feb. 12

'40 and '8' Car To Be Dropped Off

Anybody need an undersized box car?

The "Thank-You Train," expression by the French people of their gratitude for the United States' Friendship Train, will arrive here at noon Saturday, Feb. 12.

One car of the train containing gifts for Indiana will be dropped. The French "40 and '8" cars are being hauled on American flatcars. The Governor's office understands the whole works is to be dropped off.

Indiana will be able to accept, of course, all the historic treasures and works of art presented by the people of France, but the problem is what to do with the box car itself.

One possibility suggested to date is that the car may be offered to the American Legion or some other veterans' group as a souvenir of the Thank-You Train. One statehouse wag suggested it be converted into a house to help relieve the housing shortage.

Gifts of People

Contents of the train have been given by individuals and by cities and towns in France. Nothing is aboard the train that might be construed by Americans as an advertising scheme, such as champagne or perfume.

When the train left Paris, with one car for each of the 48 states and one to be divided between Hawaii and the District of Columbia, thousands of gifts offered by Parisians had to be left behind for lack of space.

The train will arrive here on the New York Central line. The French cars are being hauled across the country in two sections, a service donated by American railroads.

A committee of 15 Hoosiers, headed by Mrs. Charles Great-house Sr. of Indianapolis, will be in charge of the Indiana car and distribution of the gifts it contains.

Pleads Not Guilty In Robbery Case

Time State Service

ANDERSON, Feb. 1.—Ralph Smith, 38, Indianapolis, pleaded not guilty to charges of automobile banditry and armed robbery in Madison Circuit Court here yesterday. Trial was set for March 3.

He is charged with the \$900 holdup of an Elwood grocery last May 26.

Smith also faces kidnapping and robbery charges in Delaware Circuit Court in connection with the abduction and robbery of a Muncie grocery store manager and his fiancée early last year.

He was turned over to local authorities after a Delaware County jury failed to agree on the verdict in the trial on the Muncie charges. Smith's companion is alleged to have obtained \$7000 in the Muncie robbery.

Mayor of Portland, Ind., Dies After Long Illness

PORTLAND, Ind., Feb. 1 (UP)—Mayor Fred B. Jones died last night at his home following a long illness. He was 63.

He was elected mayor in 1947 on the Democratic ticket and had served previously as a township trustee eight years. He was active in civic club work and had been in the grocery and service station business several years.

Survivors include the widow, a son, three brothers and three sisters.

Civic Group to Meet

The Mapleton Business Association will be guests of Maple Road Branch of Indiana National Bank for a dinner at 6:30 p. m. today. Following the dinner will be a business meeting and election of officers. T. Lorin Driscoll, president, will be in charge.



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