

Carry Mortuary Fight to Court

Broad Ripple Group To Appeal Ruling

Broad Ripple residents protesting erection of a Flanner & Buchanan branch mortuary at 1305-13 Broad Ripple Ave. today planned to carry their fight to the Marion County courts.

Attorney John J. Watkins, representing the objectors, said his clients will appeal a ruling by the city Board of Zoning Appeals which yesterday authorized construction of the business in the residential area. An earlier petition by the mortuary operators was rejected by the board last Nov. 8.

Some objecting home owners were furious when the board returned its six-to-three decision in favor of the mortuary. Outside the chamber doors, one woman wept openly.

Fear Values to Drop

Spokesmen said they feared a drop in their property value if a mortuary were constructed in the neighborhood. Mr. Watkins declared that court rulings throughout the country have "ruled time and again" mortuaries are detrimental to property values.

Their statements followed presentation of written declarations by Howard W. Pleber, president of the Indianapolis Real Estate Board, and Fred Tucker, past president that in their opinion the new funeral home would not decrease home values.

The home owners' delegation said they also feared the effect of a mortuary on their school age children, although the Rt. Rev. Raymond R. Noll, vicar-general of the Indianapolis Archdiocese, wrote that in his opinion there would be no adverse results.

Present Letters

Petitioners for the mortuary presented 12 favorable letters from owners of property located beside other funeral homes as evidence that values were not effected by proximity of the establishments.

An increased traffic hazard would result from erection of the business in a location not designed to bear a heavier flow of cars, residents declared. They added that if one business is permitted in the residential area, others will follow.

About 35 delegates, who said they represented residents who occupy 126 homes in the zone, told the board they bought their homes with the understanding that businesses would be restricted from the neighborhood.

Seth L. Hutsell Rites Tomorrow

Services for Seth L. Hutsell, 136 N. Gladstone Ave., who died Sunday in the home of a neighbor, Les Bonair, 115 N. Gladstone Ave., will be held at 3 p. m. tomorrow in the Shirley Brothers Irving Hill Chapel. Burial will be in Washington Park. He was 60.

Mr. Hutsell operated a wholesale lumber company, the Seth L. Hutsell Co., and had been a telegraph clerk in the New York Central Railroad since 1942. The lumber company was formed by his father, the late Seth Hutsell.

Mr. Hutsell was a member of the Delaware Masonic Lodge, No. 46, Muncie; the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, and was a former member and secretary of the Lions Club.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Ethel Hutsell; two sons, Robert L. and Edward M. Hutsell, Indianapolis; a sister, Mrs. Thomas Hossgood, San Diego, a brother, Warren Hutsell, Indianapolis, and four grandchildren.

Robert F. Oaks Dies in Home Here

Robert Frank Oaks, Spanish-American War veteran and Indianapolis interior decorator for the past 35 years, died early today in his home, 1504 Broadway. He was 75.

Born in Johnson County, Mr. Oaks came to Indianapolis 46 years ago following his discharge from the Army. He was a member of the Harold G. Megrew Camp, Spanish-American War Veterans' Ingleswood Lodge, F. & A. M., and the Methodist Church in Edinburg, Ind.

Surviving are his wife, Rhoda Mae; two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Manning, Chicago, and Mrs. Mary Oaks Thatcher, Indianapolis; a son, Fred W. Oaks, Chicago, and two granddaughters and two great-grandchildren. Services will be held at 3 p. m. Thursday in the G. H. Herrmann Funeral Home. Burial arrangements are incomplete.

Mrs. Roy Hickerson

Mrs. Esther Hickerson, 46 Johnson Ave., died today in Methodist Hospital following an illness of two years. She was 48.

A native of Flat Rock, Ill., Mrs. Hickerson had lived here since 1943. She was a member of Irvington Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are her husband, Roy D. Hickerson; a daughter, Jean Carol, and son, Robert, all of Indianapolis.

Services will be at 1:30 p. m. Thursday in Shirley Brothers Irving Hill Chapel. Burial will be in Washington Park Cemetery.

Purdue Center Sets Fall Registration

Registration for courses in the Purdue University Indianapolis Center during the fall term, Sept. 22-Feb. 3, 1950, will be held from noon to 8 p. m. next Monday through Wednesday at the Center, 802 N. Meridian St.

Classes will include advanced courses in English composition, modern English and American poetry and fiction. Other courses are being offered in creative writing, which includes short story, poetry, radio scripts or newspaper articles. Classes will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p. m. each Tuesday and Thursday.

Court Costs Contain Additional \$1.75



Primary School Roll Gains 1000

Total Registration Reaches 54,003

The number of children entered in Indianapolis primary schools this fall shows a jump of more than 1000 over the fall of 1948, first reports showed today.

The total enrolled so far this year is 40,027, according to William A. Evans, administrative assistant to the superintendent of schools.

High school enrollment showed a gain of only six students over last year.

Total enrollment for primary and secondary schools, including kindergartens, is 54,003.

Mr. Evans also said today that two of three elementary schools which were forced to begin the fall term with half-day classes because of overcrowding have resumed full-day classes.

At School 80, a kindergarten group was moved into Broad Ripple branch library adjacent to the school, leaving enough room for full classes.

At School 69 the half-day session was eliminated by reorganization of classes. Better use of existing facilities there also was made, according to Mr. Evans.

Half-day classes still remain at School 72 because of overcrowding.

Lee Roberts, Composer Of Song 'Smiles,' Buried

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 13 (UPI)—Lee S. Roberts, whose song, "Smiles," cheered thousands of soldiers during World War I, was buried yesterday in his native city.

Mr. Roberts died Saturday night in Napa State Hospital from a heart condition complicated by pneumonia. He was 64.

Injured Heroine



Riley Centennial Observance Set

Schools to Take Part in Event Next Month

Schools throughout the state will participate in the celebration of the James Whitcomb Riley centennial next month.

A three to four-day celebration was planned yesterday at a meeting of the Governor's Committee on Celebration of the Riley Centennial here. The anniversary is Oct. 7.

Highlighting the anniversary tribute will be the laying of the cornerstone of the new research building, Riley Hospital.

Other Indianapolis ceremonies will be the traditional morning service in the Hoosier poet's home in Lockerbie St. and a brief service at his tomb in Crown Hill Cemetery.

Plans for a celebration at Riley's Birthplace in Greenfield were announced by Arthur C. Downing, president of the Riley Old Home Society there. Statewide participation in the schools was discussed by Deane Walker, State Superintendent of Schools.

Services Arranged For Carl D. Turner

Services for Carl D. Turner, widely known astronomer and former Indianapolis resident who died yesterday in Dayton, O., will be held at 3 p. m. tomorrow in Shirley Brothers Central Chapel. Burial will be in Memorial Park.

President of the Instrument Optic Co. in Dayton, Mr. Turner was a member of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, American Astronomical Society and the Society of Automotive Engineers. A native of Adams, Ind., he had made his home in Dayton the past 10 years. He was 59.

Surviving are his wife, Alice, surviving son and his wife, Alice, Los Angeles, Calif., and a brother, Ray Turner, Indianapolis.

'Jesse James' Bluffs His Way Out of Capture

"I'M JESSE JAMES . . . back up before I slug you."

Thus a burglar, caught in the office of the Ace Music Co., 3243 Central Ave., early today, confronted an employee, Lloyd Kelly, of 4206 E. 33d St., when he went to open the store.

Mr. Kelly told police he complied with "Jesse James'" orders and backed from the door as the burglar slammed it in his face, remaining on the inside.

About 175 firemen fought the blaze for more than three hours before bringing it under control. The 150-foot section nearest the boardwalk was destroyed, with damage estimated at more than \$250,000.

The low tide enabled firemen to attack the fire from the beach, and the wind, part of a gale sweeping the Atlantic Coast, blew seaward to help keep the flames from spreading.

A 33-foot Navy crashboat, outfitted as a fireboat, was called from nearby Absecon inlet to help firemen fight the fire. The boat ran aground, however, about one-fourth mile from the pier and was unable to lend assistance.

Mrs. Geneva Roberts Rites Tomorrow

Mrs. Geneva Roberts, member of the Witherspoon Presbyterian Church who died Sunday in General Hospital, will be buried in Bowling Green, Ky., following services there tomorrow. She was 47.

A native of Bowling Green, Mrs. Roberts, who lived in 546 W. 26th St., had been an Indianapolis resident for 24 years.

Besides her husband, Earl Roberts, she is survived by a daughter, Miss Earlene C. Ferrell; a son, Porter Roberts, all of Indianapolis, and her father, Samuel R. Hayes, Washington, D. C.

Wind, Tide Balk 'Million' Blaze

Atlantic City Pier Catches on Fire

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 13 (UPI)—A general-alarm fire destroyed a section of the famous "Million Dollar Pier" today, but favorable wind and tide helped men save the half-mile long structure and three persons trapped on the seaward end.

The "Mutt" fire, one over five feet high, started at the Spot Liquor Store, 30th St., shortly after 10 a. m. It spread, with firemen fighting the side windows.

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TUESDAY

Bandits Car and From Pier

Boys Con them and Barrings

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