

## Fresh Air Pupil Transfer Meets Protest

Fear Move to School  
In Industrial Area Will  
Harm Children

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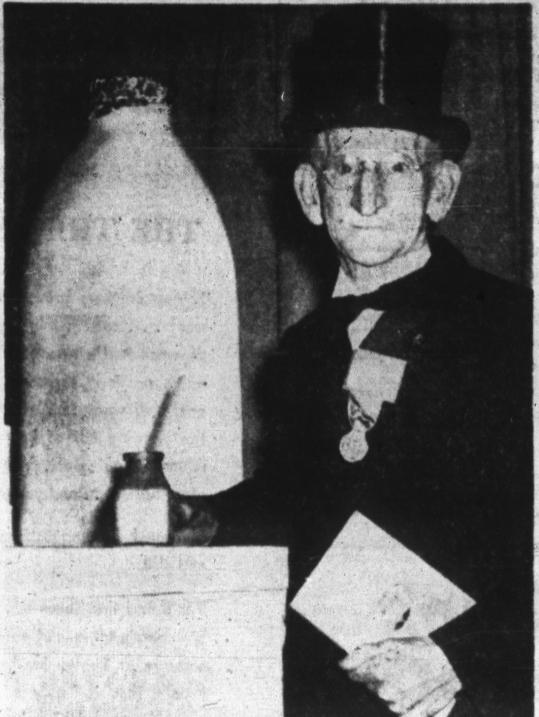
The Board of School Commissioners today was investigating "hardship" cases of delicate children moved this fall from the Potter Fresh Air School to School 5 because they lived on the West Side.

A parents' delegation last night visited the school board meeting to protest the change. John O. Sader, 1805 Sharon Ave., said he spoke for West Side parents who felt School 5 was not a healthy place for the children because of its location in an industrial area.

Another parent, O. C. Daft, 1925 Medford Ave., told the commissioners he had taken his son out of school when the boy was transferred from Potter School to School 5. Dr. Lillian Moulton, psychiatrist, had advised him the child needed special care, Mr. Daft said.

Superintendent of Schools Virgil Stinebaugh explained that the low vitality program provided rest periods for delicate children, that special equipment was not needed, and that a program similar to that at the Potter School has been practiced for 53 years.

## The Doctor of Half Century Ago



Dr. Joseph E. Moutoux, 2346 Shelby St., drew much comment at the Indiana State Medical Association convention yesterday when he appeared dressed as a doctor of 50 years ago. Dr. Moutoux said his high silk hat and Prince Albert coat were the fashion of California doctors in the Nineties. The 76-year-old family doctor has been practicing for 53 years.

## Fleming Charges Smear Campaign

### Denies He'll Control License Plate System

Charging that he was the object of a smear campaign, Secretary of State Charles F. Fleming today said his political foes were attacking him on the eve of the 1950 election campaign.

The Secretary of State, up for re-election, said that insinuations he was going to reward "good Democrats" with low numbered license plates are "absurd."

"It is impossible for me to control the distribution of license plates under our new system," he said. "The plates will be mailed directly from prison to the various county license bureaus."

Mr. Fleming said, however, that he didn't think it was a "crime" to give low numbered license plates to friends of the administration. He asserted that the previous Republican administration left numerous blanks in the motor vehicle office which gave applicants an opportunity to list their choice of license plate numbers.

These blanks, Mr. Fleming said, were destined only for "good Republicans."

Under the new license plate system which goes into effect next year, Mr. Fleming said the local county license bureau managers will have full authority to issue plates.

"It is unthinkable that I will attempt to distribute more than 1,000,000 plates on a special priority basis," he added.

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## 2 New Legal Actions Hold Mrs. Spurlock

### Quashing of One Affidavit Fails to Open Jail Doors

Times State Service

EVANSVILLE, Sept. 28.—An Indiana Supreme Court order nullifying the murder affidavit on which she was held in the poison death of her mother today had failed to open the doors of Vanderburgh County jail for Mrs. Clarice Spurlock.

Two more legal actions bar the way to freedom for the 30-year-old professor's wife who is charged with poisoning her mother and under suspicion in her father's death.

Officials today were preparing to file a new murder affidavit against her, this time in the court held to be proper by the Indiana high court.

Yesterday another affidavit charging Mrs. Spurlock with arson was filed in nearby Dubois County. This charge, which alleges Mrs. Spurlock set fire to the garage of her parent's Huntingburg home, does not take precedence over the murder proceedings but is a backstop which officials could use to keep her in custody.

Prosecutor William M. Cox of Dubois County said, however, that the affidavit charging arson was prepared Sept. 22 and that it did not represent collaboration with Vanderburgh County as a means of detaining Mrs. Spurlock.

He said the affidavit, signed by Deputy State Fire Marshal Albert Breedlove, grew out of neighbors' statements that Mrs. Spurlock was seen at the garage May 8, 20 minutes before it burst into flames. Mrs. Spurlock had said she was not in the vicinity.

Mother, Father Died

The fire incident occurred after the deaths of both her mother and father, Winter and Eunice Dearing. The mother died Nov. 16 while on a visit to her daughter's home in Evansville and Mr. Dearing died under similar circumstances last April.

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lethal quantities of poison in the mother's body led to the daughter's arrest. A later post mortem showed the father's body also contained arsenic but no charge has been filed in this case.

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ruled was proper.

The Indiana high court also ruled that if Mrs. Spurlock is tried on the murder charge, there must be a grand jury indictment. It appeared, however, that the state was not yet ready to seek grand jury action.

After the new affidavit is filed, attorneys for Mrs. Spurlock may seek her freedom on a writ of habeas corpus or on a petition to be let to bail, charging evidence against her is not conclusive enough to hold her without bond.

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Evansville was that of Richard Merle, 26, charged with the May 25 slaying of his coed ex-wife, Helen Merle. The case was expected to go to the jury

today.

**Mars Hill Fair  
To Open Tomorrow**

A Community Fair of the Mars Hill Volunteer Fire Department will be held tomorrow through Saturday at the fire house, 2843 S. Holt Rd.

Forbus Hatfield, 2944 S. Foltz St., and Clyde Lakey, 2700 S. Foltz St., are co-chairmen of arrangements. Funds will be used to purchase fire equipment.

## Set Date to Mail Christmas Packages

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28 (UP)—

The Defense Department urged today that Christmas packages for members of the Army, Navy and Air Force overseas be mailed between Oct. 15 and Nov. 15 to assure delivery by the holiday.

Each gift package should be marked "Christmas Parcel." Maximum weight is 70 pounds and overall measurement of length and girth combined must not exceed 100 inches.

The Defense Department requested that food and military clothing not be sent.

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## Watchman Killed as Driver Tries to Avoid Stalled Car

### Body Found Beside Road After Crash

An Indianapolis watchman was killed instantly early today, struck by a car which was swerving to miss his automobile parked on U. S. 40, one mile east of Plainfield.

The dead man was Edwin Merle Jones, 48, of 5101 Caven St., a watchman at Plainfield Boys School.

He was struck by a car driven by Mrs. Rosemary Lynch, 20, of 1027 Denison St., shortly after midnight today.

Describes Accident

In her description of the accident, Mrs. Lynch said she was eastbound on U. S. 40 and that she was pulling back into the right lane of traffic after passing a car when she came upon the Jones automobile, parked on the pavement.

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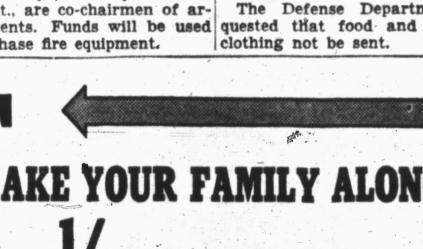
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