

## Indiana Baptists Elect Officers

Max Markley, Bluffton, Named President

Max Markley of Bluffton, Ind., was elected president and the Rev. William Breddlove of Indianapolis as vice president of the Indiana Baptist Convention.

Mr. Markley, who is a layman, and the Rev. Mr. Breddlove, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, were elected in the convention sessions which closed late yesterday in New Albany.

Dr. J. M. Horton of Indianapolis, executive secretary of the convention, reports that the Baptists of Indiana will give \$300,000 toward a national unified budget of \$6,175,000 for the year.

**Denouncing Gambling**  
The convention passed resolutions turning thumbs down on illegal gambling; commended the allied dry forces and related groups for their "splendid work during the recent session of the state legislature"; and assured them of the convention's support in future similar work; and made an appeal for clean literature and equal civil rights for all people.

The traditional Baptist philosophy of the complete separation of church and state was emphasized by the convention. The sending of a representative of the president to the Vatican was condemned. And the group urged increased effort on behalf of re-settling DPs and full support of the United Nations.

## Feather Drive Hikes Funds To Over 25 Per Cent of Goal

Officials Eliminate Night Report Sessions; Volunteers Spur Collections in Field

Community Fund leaders today announced the elimination of night report meetings for the rest of the campaign as the drive boosted total collections to over 25 per cent of the goal.

W. E. (Bill) Kuhn, campaign manager, told workers meeting in a noon luncheon at the IPALCO Club that the move would streamline the drive and leave the 11,000 volunteers more time for collections in the field.

Divisions which reported today were residential, downtown, public, township and special gifts. They were told that, as of last night, the workers had collected \$329,543.43, a record-breaking total for so early in the drive.

**Breakdown of Figures**  
A breakdown of the total showed that the industrial division reported \$126,155; mercantile, \$17,223.33; utilities, \$71,190.11, and commercial, \$197.50. Public and special gifts divisions previously had reported \$549.25 and \$114,228.24 collected.

A report from the Citizens Gas and Coke Co., included in the utilities total, showed the company already 29 per cent over its last year's quota, with more pledges yet to be turned in.

The company thus became the first industrial unit to be named a member of the 22 1/2 Per Cent Club by the Community Fund.

The night and noon meeting consolidation left three more noon report luncheons for all divisions. They are set for Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon in the IPALCO Club, 16th and Alabama Sts. The victory dinner

## 'Big Perk' Talks Way Into Jail

Charged With Disorderly Conduct

Andrew (Big Perk) Perkins, Indiana Ave. figure, talked himself into a trip to jail and a trial today when he protested search of a cigar store at 711 St. Clair St., last night, police said.

The arrest was made after Capt. Ralph Chambers and his squad went into the establishment with a search warrant and failed to find baseball tickets they had heard were there, they said.

When they got back to the street the officers said, Big Perk went up to Capt. Chambers and in a loud voice asked:

"You missed the boat, didn't you? And if you come again, you'll miss the boat again."

Capt. Chambers said Perkins told them, "Don't come around here with your search warrants. Why do you search this place and not some place else?"

The officers said a crowd of about 50 persons was attracted to the scene. Perkins was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.

In spite of Perkins' interest in the search of the store, he had previously been heard to say he did not own the place, according to Capt. Chambers.

## 80-Year-Old Woman Killed in 2-Story Plunge

An 80-year-old woman who police said fell from a second-story window early today, died shortly after her arrival at General Hospital.

The victim, Mrs. Elenora Torbeck, was found at 5:30 a. m. in the yard of the Little Sisters of the Poor Home, 520 E. Vermont St. Police said the elderly widow had been in ill health.

Mrs. Torbeck came here from Richmond.

## Hopes to Shatter Murder Indictment

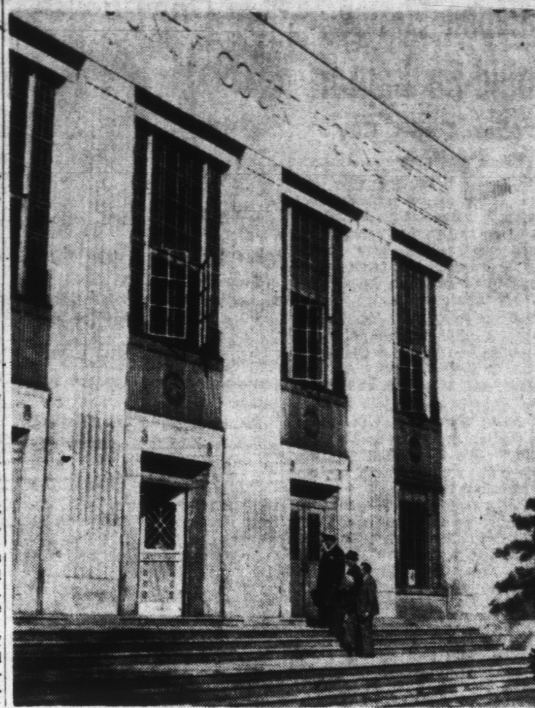


Photo by Henry E. Glavin Jr., Times Staff Photographer.  
Another aspect in the Robert Austin Watts murder trial today was the defense plea in abatement, charging that Negroes had been systematically denied jury service. Entering the modern Shelby County Court House are the prosecution staff (left to right) Harold Meloy, Shelby County prosecutor; Robert Carico, Marion County deputy prosecutor; Marion County Prosecutor George S. Dailey and Edwin J. Ryan, Marion County deputy prosecutor.

## Watts Attacks Grand Jury On Discrimination Grounds

By DONNA MIKELS, Times Staff Writer  
SHELBYVILLE, Oct. 13—Defense attorneys for Robert Austin Watts today started a hearing to prove that the murder indictment against Watts is worthless because of "systematic exclusion" of Negroes from the Marion County grand jury.

However, one of their first witnesses, a Negro who was called to serve on the grand jury which later indicted Watts, testified that he had asked to be excused from the grand jury for more than 40 years.

The first witness was Scotty Scott, 3142 Boulevard Pr., managing editor of the Indianapolis Recorder. He testified that he had made periodic inspections of grand jury records and could find no instance where a Negro had ever served on that body prior to 1947.

Mr. Ridley was followed on the stand by Mrs. Josie Clay, 542 Douglas St. Mrs. Clay, also a member of the Negro race, said that she also was summoned as a prospective member of the July 1947 grand jury. She said that when she appeared as summoned she was excused by an unidentified court house official.

She said this official told her "you can go—there's no use in standing in line."

However on cross-examination she said a number of other people were excused at the same time. She said she did not know if a grand jury had already been selected prior to the time she was excused.

The hearing was interrupted briefly this morning as Judge Kenneth Copes, Brookville, came here to be qualified to sit on a plea of habeas corpus hearing, a separate civil action instituted by Watts' attorneys. However, after he had qualified, the Marion County prosecutor's office filed a plea in abatement to the defense's petition for habeas corpus and the defense dismissed the petition.

**His Own Wish**  
"Did anyone tell you not to serve or did you ask to be excused of your own free will?" Prosecutor George S. Dailey asked on cross-examination.

Mr. Ridley replied that it was his own wish to be excused because he was then employed by the hour and "couldn't afford to lose the time."

Mr. Ridley was the second witness as the defense presented evidence on its plea in abatement. This plea was to invalidate the indictment against Watts on the contention that Marion County had violated the law by "systematically excluding Negroes from

## Lunt, Fontanne Mark 25 Years As Stage Team

BOSTON, Mass., Oct. 13 (UP)—Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne, the ranking husband and wife team in the American theater, celebrated their 25th anniversary as a stage partnership today.

The occasion found them on stage in a new production, "I Know My Love," which opens, fittingly enough, with the Lunts playing a couple celebrating a golden wedding anniversary and still lively in their 80's.

Mr. Lunt was particularly pleased that the anniversary fell while he was in Boston. For it was here that the 56-year-old actor made his stage debut in 1913 at the old Castle Square Theater. He played the fiery dragon in the "Gingerbread Man," for \$5 a week.

## 'Down in Texas'

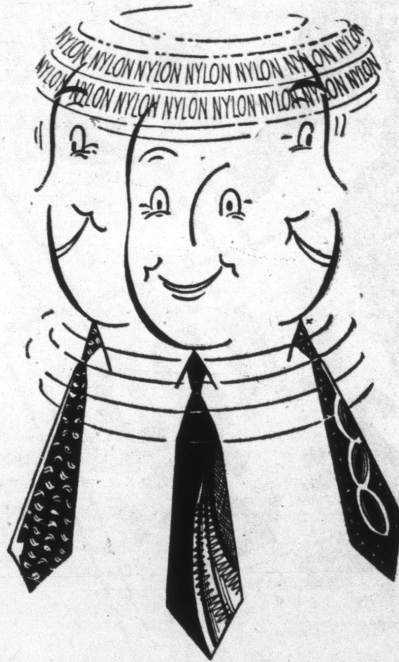
WASHINGTON, Oct. 13 (UP)—After hitting the bullseye five times in a shooting gallery, Don Harrell turned the gun on himself and fired the last shot. The bullet struck him in the chest.

He was in fair condition today at a hospital. Police quoted him as saying, "down in Texas, when I want to shoot myself, it's my business."

**Heart Attack Fatal To Winamac Man**  
Charles Myers, 55, RFD 4, Winamac, died in an ambulance early today while en route to Veterans Hospital following a heart attack in his home.

The body was released to the Kennedy Funeral Home by Deputy Coroner Dr. Otis Olvey and returned to Winamac.

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