

'Hot' Political Fight Seen In Three Races

County Party Facts Mobilizing Forces for Primary Ballot

By NOBLE REED

POLITICIANS were mobilizing their forces this week for three "hot" fights in the Marion County primary balloting.

At stake in all of them will be organization control in both Democratic and Republican parties.

Most of the maneuvering between factions in both parties so far has been in the lineup of candidates for County clerk, prosecutor and sheriff.

Two Republican factions, the Marion County GOP Club (regular organization) and the American Way Republicans Inc. (anti-organization) squared off for test fights in all three races.

The widest range of GOP candidates appeared in the sheriff scramble. Those mentioned most prominently included George L. Winkler, former U. S. Internal Revenue agent; Ray Mendenhall, former County Commissioner; Al Magenheimer, former sheriff; Otto Gasser, a candidate in 1946; Frank E. Owen, also a former candidate; and George Glasmick, retired professional basketball player.

THOSE appearing to be closer to the regular GOP organization thus far were Mr. Winkler, Mr. Mendenhall and Mr. Gasser although no commitments have been made. Mr. Magenheimer has been linked with members of the American Way group.

Mentioned on the Democratic side in the sheriff lineup against Sheriff James Cunningham so far were such potential candidates as Charles (Buck) Sumner, former sheriff; Tony Mato, city street commissioner; James Scott, trucking firm official; Captain Michael Hynes, police department; Charles Burkett, prosecutor's investigator, and Thomas J. Sullivan, former sheriff's deputy.

Factional alignments on these have not been made clear but many of the followers in the old William E. Clauer group were reported getting up steam for Mr. Sumner while Sheriff Cunningham was apparently lining up with some of the regular organization Democrats.

IN THE Democratic prosecutor scrap, little action has been apparent so far in opposition to

Quiet Around Courthouse Only Lull Before Storm

By IRVING LEIBOWITZ

THE PEACE and quiet lulling Courthouse characters these last few weeks will explode Tuesday into a raging battle between Democrats and Republicans.

Marion County's Democratic administration is placed in the ticklish position of asking the all-Republican County Council for about \$100,000 in appropriations.

With an eye on economy, the GOPers, led by Republican County Chairman John (Jack) Innis, feel that all expenditures must be kept to a minimum.

Biggest request—about \$70,000—was asked by County Treasurer Charles Greathouse for express purposes of mailing out personal and real estate tax bills.

Council, with absolute control over the county's purse strings, has taken a dim view of new expenses. Leaders in both parties predict fireworks when Treasurer Greathouse and Council President Paul Clark clash.

POLITICAL chums of Center Township Assessor Roy T. Combs have machinery oiled for "Combs-for-Clerk" club. Mrs. Combs, chief deputy assessor, has cards printed which leave space for name of "club" member and amount of contribution.

Best bet is that membership cards will be "distributed" to huge throng of men and women working under Mr. Combs' \$700,000 reassessment program.

Backers of Combs-for-Clerk movement are going ahead with plans despite opposition from county organization. James Bradford, GOP organization bigwig, has asked Mr. Combs to run for County Auditor. Others have suggested he run for Congress.

Mr. Combs refused to alter plans, wants to run for clerk on pledge to remove \$40,000 marriage license racket. He admits, however, others have run on same program but never cut out practice.

County GOP machine wants to get Combs out of path of Dale E. Brown, the organization's choice for clerk.

LOOK for Criminal Court Judge William Bain to formally announce his plans for retirement next week.

Judge Bain plans to wind up his judicial career Jan. 1, 1951, when his term expires. He has told intimates he will take sabbatical vacation and reopen his law office.

AS THE DEADLINE approaches for candidates to file in the primary—Apr. 1—Democrat and Republican office seekers are making the rounds of ward chairmen, getting acquainted with committeemen and women and handshaking like mad.

Republican office seekers are at disadvantage. They want backing of organization and rival American Way Committee. Organization, they feel, has prestige. The American Way Committee has money and experience.

DARKHORSE entries in the political races: Thuril Rhodes, public defender, wants a shot at Criminal Court 1. . . . Former Judge John McNeils, a reported candidate for one of the Criminal Courts, would rather be Democratic candidate for prosecutor.

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Helped in Polio Fight



Polio Fund touchdown . . . Mrs. Harry Christensen (left) and Mrs. Charles Emery count the money they collected at two downtown banks to help Ed Sovola reach his polio fund goal.

Mr. Inside's Drive Goes Over Top

Weight-in-Dimes Appeal Nets \$1357

Mr. Inside Indianapolis won over the top to match a 7-year-old, 65-pound polio victim's weight in dimes.

The amount Times Columnist Ed Sovola pointed for was \$1176.50. On the homestretch yesterday, when the amount stood at \$1052.06, two neighbor ladies and a doughnut maker came through to raise the amount to \$1357.93.

Don Wilson of the Wilson Donut Co., 133-137 W. 16th St., turned over a pound of dimes (\$18.10) which employees of the firm donated and announced that beginning today and continuing for a full week, profits from the retail sale of doughnuts at his store will be given to the Polio Fund.

Early last week, Mrs. Charles Emery, 1428 N. Grant St., read Mr. Sovola's account in his column, "Inside Indianapolis." Now he has reached his goal after a full day's effort of hawking for dimes on a downtown street.

Volunteers Services

Mrs. Emery volunteered her services to the Polio Fund and set up a booth in the Indiana National Bank. Yesterday she added \$187.24 to the columnists total.

Thursday, Mrs. Emery got help from her neighbor, Mrs. Harry Christensen, 1429 N. Grant St. Mrs. Christensen set up booth in the Merchants National Bank. She added \$100.53. The amount put Mr. Sovola well over the top.

In the lagging March of Dimes campaign, W. Bryan Karr, fund director, said this was the first goal reached during the drive. He stressed the need for further donations if the Polio Fund was to meet its obligations.

Boy Shot When He Pounds Cartridge

Eleven-year-old Joseph Weaver of 273 Edgemont St. was shot through the leg yesterday when he pounded 32 caliber cartridge between two bricks.

The youth told police he and two companions found several cartridges in a vacant lot. One of them exploded when they conceived the idea of "shooting them off with rock."

He was treated at General Hospital and removed to his home.

Bergman Baby Registered; Entry: 'Father Unknown'

Rossellini Omits Paternity Recognition To Bar Dr. Lindstrom's Claim to Child

By ALDO FORTE, United Press Correspondent

ROME, Feb. 4—Italian Film Director Roberto Rossellini said today "I am the father of actress Ingrid Bergman's tow-day-old son."

In an exclusive interview with the United Press—his first interview since the baby was born Thursday—Mr. Rossellini said the baby's full name will be "Roberto Ingmar."

He explained that the surname was the Swedish masculine equivalent of Ingrid.

He said he would marry Miss Bergman in a civil ceremony as soon as the Swedish actress obtains her Mexican divorce from Dr. Peter Lindstrom, and that he would make formal declaration of the paternity of "my son."

Mr. Rossellini said the full registration of the baby's birth would be "Roberto Ingmar, son of Ingrid Bergman, father unknown." He said that would deprive Dr. Lindstrom of any technical claim on the baby.

Still Legal Husband Under Italian law, Dr. Lindstrom would automatically be registered as the baby's father unless the "father unknown" declaration were made, since he is still the legal husband of Miss Bergman.

A lawyer in Stockholm, Sweden, said today that, since Dr. Lindstrom is an American citizen, the baby was "automatically" an American under U. S. and Swedish law, and could be claimed by Miss Bergman's husband "if he chooses to."

Once Mr. Rossellini has come Miss Bergman's husband, he can give his name legally to the child.

Mr. Rossellini returned to the heavily guarded Villa Margherita Clinic tonight to visit Miss Bergman, and engaged in a heated argument with news, photographers who were demanding permission to take pictures of her and the baby.

Mr. Rossellini said, no. And the police backed him up.

School Schedules Spring Fiesta

Annual Spring Fiesta of Emerich Manual Training High School will be presented by the Parent-Teachers Association on April 21 at the school.

Rex Fox, general chairman, has announced the following committee chairmen:

Mrs. Harvey Cassady, bake shop; Mrs. Arthur Hartson, bazaar; Mrs. George and Gladys Green, and William Knapp, cake walk; Harry Thomas, check room; Mrs. Irene H. Bennett, and Mrs. Carl Reifel, drink bars; Walter Leavell, fish, pony, and Miss Elizabeth Davis, hobby display; Otto Kuehne, and Mrs. Donald Edman, poster advertisement; Miss Helen Louise Negley, publicity; Arthur Simon, poster advertisement; Miss Helen Louise Negley, publicity; Otto Kuehne, and Mrs. Eddie Laut, taxi service; Mrs. Eddie Laut, Jean Danner, vaudeville; and Mrs. Frank Koenig, white elephants.

Book Hit Film For Polio Drive

'Samson and Delilah' Coming to Keith's

"Samson and Delilah" are coming to Indianapolis Feb. 14 to help the lagging March of Dimes campaign.

Plans for the Indiana premier at Keith's Theater of Cecil B. DeMille's production, starring Victor Mature and Hedy Lamarr, were completed yesterday at a meeting of the executive council of the Marion County Polio chapter and Ed Pender, representative of Paramount.

All the proceeds will go to the local chapter in an attempt to reach the \$100,000 goal. Seats will be by reservation only and will cost \$3, \$5 and \$10.

Theater Seats 1350

Center seats starting from the fifth row back will be \$10. Balance of the main floor will be \$5 and balcony seats, \$3. There are 1300 seats in the theater. The single performance will begin at 8:30 p. m.

Greater Indianapolis Amusement Co. has donated the theater for the single night's showing of "Samson and Delilah." Tickets may be purchased by mail from Mel Ross, Claypool Hotel. They will be available for general purchase late tomorrow afternoon at the ticket office located in the Claypool lobby.

This 'Daisy Mae' Has Already Caught Her 'Li'l Abner'



Photo by Lloyd R. Walton, Times Staff Photographer. Barbara Hots, Indiana Central College "Campus Queen," turned a deaf ear to the pleas of Richard Keller (left), freshman of Janesville, Wis., and Bradley Warren, junior of Oswego, Ill., to enter the "Sedie Hawkins" race at the college Friday. The reluctant "Daisy Mae," who is a senior from Columbus, Ind., caught her "Li'l Abner" in a Sedie Hawkins Day race four years ago. Miss Hots and Norman Merner, basketball coach at Harrisburg, Ind., High School, plan a wedding May 28.

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