

'Hot' Political Fight Seen In Three Races

County Party Factions Mobilizing Forces for Primary Balloting

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; Dr. Charles E. Owsen, a candidate in 1946; Frank E. Owsen, also former candidate in 1946 and John (Kit) Carson, former deputy prosecutor.

A "hot" campaign is predicted in the contest for the Republican County Clerk nomination if both H. Dale Brown, former State Motor Vehicles Bureau director and Ray Combs, Center Township Assessor, get in the race.

Mr. Brown is regarded as a definite candidate and Assessor Combs' associates have been planning for him to make the race.

MR. BROWN is linked directly with the regular organization as Chairman John (Jack) Innis and Mr. Combs has been aligned with all party factions without commitments to any one group.

The anti-organization American Way group may bring in a third candidate in this race.

Democrats so far have been lining up in a four-way maneuver in the clerk's race between Harry Gasper, former secretary to Mayor Feeney; Walter Boettcher, former Mayor, Danny O'Neil, former City Clerk, and E. Curtis White, former State Senator.

Factions in both parties are expected to wait until after the deadline for candidate filing April 1 before issuing their slates for an all-out drive for organization control.

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 purpose 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 no ash in the fire for "Combs-for-Clerk" club. Mrs. Ona Duncan, 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 a short 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.

DARKNESS arises in the political race: Thurl Rhodes, public defender, wants a shot at Criminal Court 1. . . . Former Judge John McNellis, a reported candidate for one of the Criminal Courts, would rather be Democratic candidate for prosecutor

Helped in Polio Fight



Polio Fund touchdown . . . Mrs. Harry Christenson (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 went 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 \$1178.50. 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, 1429 N. Grant St., read Mr. Sovola's account in his column, "Inside Indianapolis," how he missed reaching 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 columnist's total.

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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 1300

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'



Barbara Hotz, 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 "Sadie Hawkins" race at the college Friday. The reluctant "Daisy Mae," who is a senior from Columbus, Ind., caught her "Li'l Abner" in a Sadie Hawkins Day race four years ago. Miss Hotz and Norman Marner, basketball coach at Harrisburg, Ind., High School, plan a wedding May 28.

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