

### PALACE OF JUSTICE SUIT IS DISMISSED

#### Taxpayers Fail to Block Municipal Court's Building Appropriation

#### WILL APPEAL DECISION

The taxpayers' suit planned to block construction of the Municipal Court's "palace of justice" was dismissed today in a lengthy opinion by President Judge Audenried, of Common Pleas Court No. 4.

"We can see nothing improper, as yet, in any of the appropriations of money made by the Council for the work of building," the opinion stated, "assuming, as we must, that they were made in anticipation that a proper contract will be made therefor in manner provided by law."

"We hold that under the law the plaintiffs' averments do not entitle them to the decree for which they pray, and from this it follows that their bill must be dismissed as their bill must as concerns the demurrants."

The equity suit was brought by Strickland L. Kneass and other taxpayers, and was argued before the court last December. Owen J. Roberts, counsel for the plaintiffs, said today that an appeal will be carried to the Supreme Court.

The attack on the "palace of justice" project was based partly on the fact that the appropriations were made to the County Commissioners. One of the contentions in the suit was that the money should have been appropriated to the Department of Public Works.

The "palace of justice" plan has had a stormy career since its inception. Mayor Moore vetoed the ordinance appropriating funds to the County Commissioners for the proposed courthouse on the Parkway. The combine in Council passed the measure over his veto.

#### MASK AND WIG SHOW HAS NOVEL DANCING

#### "Tell Tales" at Forrest. Boasts Many Striking Features

Forrest—it's quite the custom to say that each succeeding production of the Mask and Wig Club is the "best ever," and sometimes those superlatives are deserved and sometimes not.

There is one feature of this year's show, however, that may quite properly be highly lauded. Certainly the club has never presented, or even attempted, so many and such varied dances and novelty features. The first of these is the "Tell Tales" story.

For example, there is a "Toyshop Flirtation," in the last act, which discloses some remarkable stiff-legged, wooden-jointed dancing by seven toy soldiers, and seven animated dolls. It is cleverly conceived, strikingly costumed and perfectly executed.

A muscle-testing pop-stick dance, a riotously jazzed rag opera novelty which creates weird effects from "Hickory" and "Aida," and the ponderous, palmistry skit in which book-haired movie heroes are conjured up with parrotworthy accuracy, a dance which ranges from the static influence of the modern jazz—these and many others show more than the usual Mask and Wig show.

"Tell Tales," which is in the nature of a much-changed version of the apple-shooting legend, has its scene laid in the Alps, and the two settings are far more attractive than the usual musical comedy scenes. The costuming of Edwin M. Lavino is another high point; it is both riotous in color and in exquisite taste.

The cast is so generally excellent that individual mention is rather superfluous, but it would not be fair to omit reference to J. H. Hoff, "leading lady" for the third time, a graceful dancer, clever comedienne and a "chameleon" of such grace and "femininity" that the club will have difficulty supplying his place next year. H. L. Curtis, also playing in his third Mask and Wig show, carried off comedy honors.

#### NATIONAL PARK POLICE WIN GLORY IN COMBAT

#### Subdue Six Noisemakers. Bandage Them. Stick 'Em in Jail

Six men in the Woodbury, N. J., jail with bandaged heads and wounded feelings will attest to the efficiency of the new police force of National Park. The prisoners, it appears, were inclined to view the six guardians of the peace as musical comedy cops.

The men who questioned the sterling qualities of the police force started in to trip the town wide open shortly after midnight. They looted and slammed the doors and shouted defiance at residents who voiced wrath from their bedroom windows.

Then the cops arrived. Flies flew and blackbirds swooped. After the noisemakers had been carefully bandaged and soothed by Dr. H. H. Clark all were sent to jail for terms varying from thirty to sixty days. The prisoners are Harry Cooper, Joseph Simpson, Thomas Fletcher, John Swift, Ernest Noff and Edward O'Malley. The police were appointed the first of the year by Mayor Allen and the fight was their first bang at glory.

#### TORE UP TOMATO PLANTS

#### Refusal of Farmer to Go on Neighbor's Note Causes Trouble

When John Nulte, a farmer of Mantua, N. J., refused to go on a promissory note for Charles Stockley, a neighbor's store, tore up numerous beds of tomato plants on the Nulte farm, according to the police, by way of revenge.

Stockley, according to Deputy Sheriff Magner, arrested him, admitted the act, and will have a hearing before Magistrate Grotter. The prisoner said he first agreed to buy tomatoes from Nulte, and when Nulte refused to sell, according to the police, then asked him to sign a note. He promised to make restitution.

#### Market Wagon Blocks Traffic

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