

## February 1922

### Local, national and international events surrounding the racial, class, ethnic, gender, neighborhood, religious, and academic segregation of Indianapolis and the Indianapolis Public Schools as reported in the *Indianapolis Star*

Feb 1 IPS Board President Chas. Barry pledges good schools

Feb 1 Local businessman W. Bert Dennison asks IPS Board for “proper procedures for presenting a petition of a colored high school”

Feb 3 The Federation of Civic Clubs is formed and will meet monthly at Chamber of Commerce. Chamber president Chas. F. Coffin says organizing will help improve their area and the city. Groups represented that day are: Mapleton, College Ave, North Central, and Northeastern Civic Associations; the Midway East Michigan Improvement and the Southeastern Civic Improvement Associations, and the Brookside Civic League.

*Read more about the federation here: <https://vorcreatex.com/federation-of-civic-clubs/>.*

Feb 7 Butler's Pres Dr. Robert J. Aley inaugurated as college president.

*In 1927 Dr. Aley lead Butler's efforts to start a quota of only 10 black students (all female) per year could enroll at Butler. Open this link for more: <https://vorcreatex.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/08.25.27-Butler-letter-on-quota-limiting-new-Black-student-to-10-per-year.pdf>. The Black sorority Sigma Gamma Rho survives Butler quota politics: <https://vorcreatex.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Sigma-Gamma-Rho-Sorority-Surviving-the-1927-Butler-College-quota.pdf>.*

Feb 7 William Jennings Bryan writes letter to *Star* opposing evolution

Feb 9 Laws introduced to prevent the teaching of Darwin/evolution in Kentucky schools

Feb 10 IPS board needs \$1,000,000 tide over loan

Feb 15 Social decline in America due to jazz and immodest dress

Feb 17 Former Indiana senator Albert Beverage enters Senate race as a Republican

Feb 17 Charles F. Coffin resigns as Chamber of Commerce president. O.B. Iles takes over with Lucius Wainwright as vice-president and Felix McWhirter as treasurer

Feb 16 Evolution and atheism correlated

Feb 27 New York City becoming world distributing center for opium

Feb 27 Rev. Clay Trusty, Sr. introduces John W. Atherton to Butler. Atherton will become responsible for getting the finances for moving Butler from Irvington to Fairview Park.

*Rev. Trusty of 7<sup>th</sup> Christian Church will have to resign due to his affiliations with Catholics. The Disciples of Christ bring in none other than the Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith, anti-Semitic pamphleteer and professional rabble rouser. In 1926 Rev. Smith becomes founder/pastor of Capitol Ave. Christian, 142 W. 40<sup>th</sup> St. which in 1928 becomes the semi-official church of Butler. He becomes Butler's Minister of the Chapel of the School of Religion which made him college chaplain. In 1934, he joins Louisiana Gov. Huey Long's depression era "share the wealth" campaign. Rev. Smith's association with Butler College during this era validates the college's infamous racist policies.*