

## Monthly Newsletter September 2022 Loflin Center on IPS History

### September 1922 events leading up to the creation of Attucks, Washington, and Cathedral HSs, and the move of Shortridge HS and Butler College\*

Sept 3 Catholic schools dedicate St Catherine at 1100 block Tabor/2200 Shelby Sts.

**Sept 3 *Indianapolis Star* presents Butler Irvington/Fairview arguments: "Build Butler for the future."** Half a page dedicated idea of expansion: "City Vitality Affected" by giving city a "real university"; Butler can stand still and die or take next big step; will help locals who can't afford other campuses; Fairview ideal for quiet college campus; big donors lining up—Northsiders also

**Sept 3 "Better Babies" contest, popular during the Eugenics Movement, to be held again at Indiana State Fair.** Babes examined, tested, and compared to "normal" development

Sept 4 Missionary: "Christianity only way to make Japan great: their militarism and religions must go."

**Sept 6 Fairview Park 46<sup>th</sup>/Sunset Ave. option extended to Dec 31 by Butler trustees**

**Sept 19 A petition was submitted for a new all Black high school by Mr. G. A. Millett, chair of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce Committee on Education.** The committee met the previous Wednesday to discuss the petition. As well, a letter went to the board last June. The petition suggests a Black high school conveniently located in main Black residential population of the city.

**Sept 19 Mr. George Buck, principal of Shortridge High School, spoke endorsing a need for all-Black high school:** <https://vorcreatex.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/George-S.-Buck-IPS-Shortridge-principal-and-public-school-segregationist.pdf>

**Sept 21 KKK wants all children in public schools 5 months/year. Lutherans say this would empty parochial schools:** <https://vorcreatex.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/09.21.22-Klan-wants-law-requiring-every-child-to-attend-public-schools-at-least-5-months-a-year.-American-Lutheran-League-says-this-would-leave-parochial-schools-empty.pdf>

Sept 21 45,767 students attend IPS. High school: Tech 3,916; Manual 1,885; Shortridge 1,953=7,754; Elementary=38,013

**Sept 26 George Beaman: Mapleton Civic Association; C.H. Bird: Federation of Civic Clubs; Phillip Zoecher: state tax board and education committee of the Chamber of Commerce; C. H. Winders of Church Federation of Indianapolis; Rev. C. G. Baker of Hawthorne Neighborhood Association petition for new west side high school.**

**Sept 26 Rev. C. G. Baker's Westside delegation presents proposal to IPS for a new Westside high school. Site at Washington and Belmont offered.** The delegation claims that Westside students had to pass afternoon dance halls in downtown Indianapolis to get from school. A proposal of support for Westside HS was submitted by schools committee of **Federation of Civic Clubs**, Mr. George W. Beaman and C. H. Bird. Beaman runs for IPS seat in 1924 and loses.

**Sept 26 Whites citizens and parents of former school #4 protest conversion to an all-Black school; they want their school back**

Sept 26 Holy Trinity Church and IPS #52: Parrish estimate 1906 Haughville **mostly immigrants from Slovenia/Poland/Hungary/Bohemia/Bulgaria**

\*Highlighted dates/events affected the building of Attucks and Washington, expanding Manual, and relocating Shortridge, Cathedral, and Butler College.