

DECIDE UPON TWO ITEMS OF STATE BUDGET

Highway And Conservation Department Items Prac- tically Fixed

NO OBSTACLES EXIST

Highway Department Asks For \$18,000,000 For Next Two Years

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE)
Indianapolis, Jan. 24.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Inclusion of the highway commission and conservation department disbursements under the coming state budget was regarded as practically certain today.

It was learned at the attorney general's office had informed the budget committee that "no legal obstacle now exists in such action."

Attorney General Gilliom was in conference with members of the budget committee throughout the morning over the legal technicality involved in the proposal.

Both the highway commission and the conservation department are strongly opposed to having their business brought under budget control and have quoted from numerous laws to uphold their position.

The legal obstacles it was said, following the conference are largely of a "technical nature."

Officials of the highway commission insisted that their opposition to the move was in no sense belligerent but that they doubted its practicability.

They argue that budget control is not warranted so that the funds from the gasoline tax, the inheritance tax, auto license fees and other sources of revenue now going directly to the commission can be used as a working balance for the state general fund.

Charles Kettlerborough, director of the legislative reference bureau, said he believed all of the highway department revenue could be diverted to the general fund with the possible exception of the gasoline tax collections.

"Under the program proposed the legislature would inspect and approve the building program of the highway commission for the next two years and appropriate from the general fund for the department," Kettlerborough said.

"The legislature would then decide how many miles of construction and repair would be undertaken during the year."

Estimates submitted to the budget committee by the highway commission call for an expenditure of approximately \$18,000,000 for road construction and maintenance during the next two fiscal years an increase of about \$2,000,000 over what was spent during the past two fiscal years.

DECATUR PEOPLE WATCH ECLIPSE

Hundreds See Phenomenon Through Smoked Glasses This Morning

The eclipse of the sun, although not total here, was seen by hundreds of people, through smoked glasses between seven and nine o'clock this morning.

During the time of the eclipse partial darkness fell over the city and it appeared to be evening, instead of early morning. The sky was blue and for an hour the sun was only partially visible. Through the smoked glass a person could see a small crescent shape of the sun, which gradually grew larger as the moon passed on its journey. The sky gave the appearance of a storm approaching, but by nine o'clock it had cleared and the sun was clearly visible again. The moon passed between the earth and the sun and those who watched the movement of the planets got a thrill, which will not occur again for four hundred years.

Mother Love Braves Pitiless Publicity

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE)
Tiffin, O., Jan. 24.—Mother love braved pitiless publicity today when Miss Francis Long, 22, Knoxville, Tenn., heirless, started a court battle to regain possession of her "love child" born three years ago in a Cleveland maternity hospital.

Led by State Senator L. G. Collier, Cleveland attorney, Miss Long's counsel, through habeas corpus proceedings, sued to take the child from Mrs. Earl Maw, of Attica, near here. Although not appearing in court herself, Miss Long was represented by her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Alden, of Cleveland.

COUNCIL BUYS NEW BOILERS

Get Two New 400-H. P. Boilers And Stokers For City Plant

The city council, in special session last evening, selected two Kingsford-Webster water tube high pressure 400-horsepower boilers and Westinghouse Electric stokers for the city light and power plant and empowered the electric light committee to enter into formal contract with the manufacturers for the furnishing of this new equipment.

Owing to the fact that several provisions were contained in the contract, such as deductions for changes of minor equipment, the kind of brick, etc., and extra charges for other equipment or brick not included in the original price, it was impossible to obtain the exact price paid for the boilers and stokers today. However, it was stated that the two boilers would cost approximately \$23,000, while the stokers would cost about \$10,000. These prices include the boilers erected, all brick work and labor furnished by the company and the same with the stokers, this equipment to be installed and ready for use.

Bids from manufacturers were received by the city last Tuesday evening and previous to the meeting last evening they were tabulated and the

(Continued On Page Four)

HAWKINS BEGINS HIS FIGHT TODAY

Former Portland Financier Seeks Writ Of Habeas Corpus

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE)
Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 24.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Morton Hawkins of Portland, Ind., head of the defunct Hawkins Mortgage Co., was his own attorney today in habeas corpus and removal proceedings before Judge Hickenlooper in federal court here.

Hawkins who is fighting removal to Indianapolis to stand trial on charges of fraudulent use of the mail sought postponement of the hearing until Tuesday when Fred Warner, of Marion, Ohio, his attorney, failed to appear.

Judge Hickenlooper refused further postponement but offered to provide a lawyer for Hawkins.

Hawkins refused the offer and conducted his own case taking the stand and detailing the history of his family and the formation of the mortgage company which failed in 1923.

Hawkins denied any wrong doing in connection with operation of the company.

Alexander Cavins, of Indianapolis, United States district attorney, represented the government in the proceedings.

Indications were that the hearing would last until a late hour.

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE)
Cincinnati, O., Jan. 24.—Morton S. Hawkins was to begin his fight for freedom here today.

Counsel for the Portland, Ind., financier will question validity of indictments against him when his petition for a writ of habeas corpus is heard at that time in United States district court.

Hawkins is charged with using the mails to defraud in connection with his activities as president of the Hawkins Mortgage Loan company which failed in Indianapolis.

Alexander Cavins, assistant district attorney at Indianapolis, will argue for discharge of the writ.

CONTRACT FOR FT. WAYNE ROAD TO BE LET SOON

Highway Commission Will Advertise For Bids With- in Week Or Two

TO BEGIN WORK SOON

Railroad Crossing At Mon- mouth To Be Eradicated In Near Future

The improvement of the road north from Decatur to the Allen county line will be made as early this year as possible. A representative of this paper spent an hour with the commission yesterday and was informed that plans are now being made to advertise the road within a week or two so that the contract can be let the latter part of the month. The bids will be for the construction work without the bituminous coating which will be let for the entire district at one letting.

The commission is planning to eventually eradicate the railroad crossing north of Monmouth but as this requires considerable time, the road will be improved up to a short distance each side of the railroad and that change made as soon as possible. The members of the commission expect to visit here soon to take up the matter of securing right of ways through Monmouth and arranging details necessary to proceed with the work. At that time they will also take up the matter of deciding upon a route from this city east to the state line, to be taken over as a state and federal road. The commission is more than pleased with the cooperation given by the people of Adams county which they say was a real assistance.

Find Old Postage Stamps Worth \$100 At Warsaw

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE)
Warsaw, Ind., Jan. 24.—Old postage stamps worth more than \$100 were found lying in a gutter in the business district of Warsaw where they had been thrown by persons cleaning a basement.

In the lot were several hundred specimens, including three cent envelope stamps of early United States issues. There were full specimens of the issues of the early sixties.

New Pastor Of Reformed Church To Be Here Feb. 1

Rev. A. R. Fiedderjohan, newly appointed pastor of the Zion Reformed church in this city, will assume the local pastorate on Sunday, February 1, according to word received here by members of the congregation. Rev. Fiedderjohan is the pastor of the Reformed church at Linton, Indiana, and was selected as pastor of the church following the resignation of Rev. R. R. Elliker who was here for several years. Rev. Frank Ruf, of Fort Wayne, has been filling the pulpit at the Reformed church since Rev. Elliker left to accept his new charge last November.

Auditor Makes School Fund Distribution

County Auditor Martin Jaberg has completed the distribution of the common school fund and the congressional fund interest among the townships and school units of the county. The total distribution is near \$18,000. The checks to the trustees and treasurers of the school boards will be ready Monday, Mr. Jaberg said.

LIFE OF SODA-JERKER IS GROWING EASIER; IMPROVEMENT MADE HERE

The days of the soda-jerker are getting easier and the details pertaining to the profession are being placed on a higher business standard. A few years ago the new type soda fountain was installed and now-days all the man back of the counter must do it to press the syrup pump and up comes the favor for the soda. The old dipped style of dishing up flavors has been discarded. Now the newest convenience to be installed in ice cream parlors in this city is the "Nizer Automatic Electric ice-cream cabinet" which do away with the extra work and muss of packing the ice cream cans in ice, the handling and chopping of ice and in fact does away with ice altogether.

Small Fire At Macklin Residence This Morning

About \$25.00 damages was done to the roof on the P. L. Macklin home on First street this morning when sparks from the chimney set fire to the shingles at the west end of the roof. The fire department was called and with the aid of chemicals the blaze was extinguished before much damage was done.

TOTAL OF RADIO FUND IS \$356.45

More Donate To Fund For Purchasing Sets For Blind Citizens

The fund being raised to purchase radio receiving sets for the blind residents of this city and community reached \$356.45 today when \$18.50 additional contributions were reported by Charles Colter and R. J. Harting, the solicitors and leaders in the movement. The employees of the creamery company contributed \$14 to the fund.

Although a large sum has been donated already, considerably more is needed before sets can be purchased for the nine blind people on the list. The citizens have responded liberally so far and those yet to be seen are expected to give equally as liberally. The American Legion post has donated a receiving set to the fund. The set has been used recently by James Toughy, one of the blind residents of the city, and he has received untold pleasure from the set. The new contributors are:

Previous total	\$337.95
A. D. Artman	.50
John Schug	2.00
Rev. U. S. A. Bridge	1.00
Creamery employees	14.00
Amos Yoder	1.00
Total	\$356.45

Tax Collector Cannot Extend Date For Filing

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE)
Indianapolis, Jan. 24.—Extensions of time beyond March 15, the final date for filing income tax returns, cannot be granted by the collector under the new internal revenue law, Bert Thurman, collector of internal revenue for Indiana, announced today.

"Any requests for extensions of time must be filed directly with the commissioner of internal revenue at Washington," Thurman said. The law requires that every person having a net income of \$1,000 or more and every married person, or single person who is head of a family, having a net income of \$2,500 or more must file a personal income tax return before March 15.

Scores Of The County Basketball Tournament

Grade Tourney	
Berne, 24; Preble, 11.	
Monmouth, 7; Monroe, 5.	
French, 17; Hartford, 10.	
Decatur, 10; Kirkland, 15.	
Berne, 13; Monmouth, 7.	
Kirkland, 14; French, 12.	
H. S. Boys Tourney	
Kirkland, 43; Pleasant Mills, 8.	
Monmouth, 13; Jefferson, 8.	
Berne, 29; Monroe, 10.	

Weather

Mostly cloudy tonight and Sunday; warmer tonight. Colder Sunday in west portion and at night, in east portion.

ECLIPSE OF SUN IS WATCHED BY MILLIONS TODAY

Scientists Study Magnificent Spectacle; Sun Com- pletely Hidden

WEATHER FAVORABLE

Total Eclipse Lasts More Than Two Minutes This Morning

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE)
New York, Jan. 24.—Watched by millions, the sun went into total eclipse behind the dull, slate-colored disk of the moon today and its flaming corona in the blackness of the morning sky furnished part of the country with a thrill not to be repeated for 200 years.

Wiered shadow bands raced across the earth as an almost complete darkness fell over the stretch of the country from Duluth, Minn., to Montauk Point, N. Y.

It was nearly night in the territory through a stretch between 85 and 120 miles wide, over which the moon's shadow raced eastward at the moment when the eclipse became complete.

The greatest mobilization of scientists in the history of heavenly phenomena trained telescopes and cameras on the eclipse from 13 large observatories in the path of the moon's shadow, while millions of lay observers braved zero weather to watch the passing of the moon across the sun.

They were rewarded with a sight unequalled in splendor by anything in the skies.

Dr. C. L. Boothroyd, astronomer in charge of observatory of Cornell university at Ithaca, N. Y., reported that conditions for observing the phenomenon were perfect.

"The sun's corona, flaming around the edge of the moon at the moment of totality was beautiful," Professor Caroline Funesse of Vassar said.

"Long streamers shot out, assuming unusual shapes such as have not been observed hitherto."

"We saw but few 'prominences' the jutting knobs on the moon's edge observed in previous eclipses."

"All the exposures taken here were most satisfactory."

Aboard the U. S. Dirigible Los Angeles, enroute from Nantucket, Mass., Jan. 24.—(By Wireless to United Press).—Lifted a mile closer to the sun by the navy dirigible Los Angeles, the U. S. navy observatory astronomers had a perfect view of the total eclipse. During the two minutes four and six-tenths seconds of totality not a cloud marred the magnificent spectacle of a sun completely blotted out by the moon.

The ghostly radiance of the eclipsed sun turned the ocean horizon and the clouds below into a vivid picture in yellow, purples and grays, while observers, drew pictures of the corona for science. A battery of four astronomical cameras secured 18 photographs and two motion picture cameras and a spectrograph were in operation. The latter instrument recorded the spectrum lines of helium gas which holds the Los Angeles afloat. Hydrogen, which helium superseded, was also recorded, since both helium and hydrogen occur in the outer layers of the sun.

Confirmation Of Stone's Nomination Is Opposed

Washington, Jan. 24.—A bitter fight broke out in the senate today against confirmation of the nomination of Attorney General Stone to be a supreme court justice.

Began in open senate by a speech by Senator Heflin, a democrat, of Alabama, it was continued in executive session marked by speeches of six other senators who denounced Stone for "persecuting Senator Wheeler, of Montana."

No conclusion was reached in the secret session and leaders agreed to a truce over an hour of arguments. The controversy will be resumed Monday.

CHICAGO GRAIN CLOSE

Wheat: May \$1.95½, July \$1.70¾, Sept. \$1.57. Corn: May \$1.53, July \$1.34½, Sept. \$1.24½. Oats: May, 61½c, July 62c, Sept. 59c.

Col. Reppert Returns From Trip Through West

Col. Fred Reppert returned yesterday from Denver, Colorado, where he attended the annual fat stock show held there this week. While there, Col. Reppert conducted a Hereford cattle sale. He states that the fifty head of Herefords sold brought an average price of \$336, which was \$50 per head more than the average of the sale held last year. This was the best sale held in the last three years. Col. Reppert states that the ranchmen are optimistic over the outlook for the future and the conditions in the west in general are prosperous.

SENIORS TO GIVE PLAY NEXT WEEK

Rehearsals For "Billy" Im- proving; Many Laughs Are Promised

The rehearsals for the play, "Billy" to be given by the senior class of Decatur high school next Wednesday and Thursday nights, are rapidly improving and indications are that the cast will stage the play in a flawless manner when the time comes for the first curtain. Many laughs are promised for all who attend.

The play is a farcical comedy. The story deals with a football hero who is compelled to wear false teeth after he loses several front teeth in a football game. He loses his false teeth and then follows the fun, as he tries to talk without the teeth. He is thrown in many embarrassing positions as his sweetheart is on board the same ship with him, bound for Havana.

It is expected that the high school assembly room will be filled for both performances. Tickets are being sold by the members of the cast.

Mrs. Otto Kirsch returned from Fort Wayne this afternoon after visiting relatives there.

MAKING GOOD IN INSURANCE

Clarence L. Ayres Gives In- terview Concerning In- surance Business

The success of a former Decatur boy is shown in financial statement published in a half page advertisement for the American Insurance company, of Detroit, in tonight's Daily Democrat, Clarence L. Ayres, well-known here, being the president and general manager of the insurance company.

According to the financial statement published in tonight's paper, Mr. Ayres's company has assets of \$9,200,893.88. The Detroit Times publishes the following interview with Mr. Ayres relative to the insurance business.

"Insurance companies, having their home offices in Detroit, are third in invested resources in the city, according to Clarence L. Ayres, president of the American Life Insurance Co. Mr. Ayres places the motor car companies first, and the banks second.

"The insurance companies have been going about this program of building up their business in a quiet, dignified way, as befits the nature of their business, so that indeed I do not believe the average citizen of Detroit and Michigan realizes the importance of insurance as a business enterprise in their midst," said Mr. Ayres.

"These companies have branch agencies throughout the several states of the Union and they bring millions of dollars every year into Detroit and Michigan, where a large part of it is invested to the benefit of the people and industry in this state. Even every mercantile house in the city is indirectly benefited by these millions of dollars being put into circulation here."

"Our own company is licensed in 19 states, mostly in the northern tier of states running from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean. We receive daily reports and daily remittances from all these offices, and are proud of the fact that we in common with the other insurance companies of the city, have had a great deal to do with financing the immense building activities and growth of Detroit."

KIRKLAND AND BERNE TEAMS GO TO FINALS

Semi-Finals Finished In Grade And H. S. Girls Tournaments

INTERESTING GAMES

Berne And Kirkland H. S. Boys "Doped" To Play In Final Game

Kirkland high school boys won their way into the final game tonight by defeating Hartford township in a hard game this afternoon, 24 to 18. Hartford led at the half, 9-7.

Kirkland township and Berne schools are sure to play in two of the three final games of the county basketball tournament at the high school gymnasium here tonight. Indications are that the Kirkland and Berne teams will play in the other game this evening also. The semi-finals of the high school boys' division were being played this afternoon.

The Kirkland and Berne high school girls' teams won the right to enter the final game for the county championship this evening by defeating Pleasant Mills and Monroe girls respectively this afternoon. The Kirkland girls were victorious over Pleasant Mills by the score of 19 to 11, while the Berne girls swamped the Monroe lassies, 64 to 4. The first game was close throughout, while the Berne girls exhibited fast and clever playing in piling up the big score on Monroe.

The Kirkland and Berne grade school teams won their way into final game of that division by defeating French township and Monmouth, respectively, in the semi-finals this morning. The score of the Kirkland-French game was 14-12, and the Berne girls defeated Monmouth, 13-7.

Kirkland met Hartford township in the first game of the high school boys' semi-finals this afternoon. The game started at 3 o'clock. Following that game Berne and Monmouth teams will play.

The Adams county basketball tournament got under way with four grade school games at the old high school gymnasium here last night. The games were interesting and a good sized crowd witnessed the contests. The high school boys' division of the tourney opened this morning at the new high school gymnasium and the high school girls played their first round this afternoon.

The grade school teams played their second round this morning and the Berne and Kirkland teams won the right to play in the final game at 6:45 o'clock this evening. Berne defeated Monmouth and Kirkland won from French township in the semi-finals this morning.

In the first round of the high school boys' games, Kirkland swamped Pleasant Mills, 43 to 8; Monmouth defeated French, 24 to 12.

(Continued On Page Four)

TO GIVE MUSICAL PROGRAM SUNDAY

Interesting Program To Be Given At United Breth- ren Church

The Ladies' Aid Society of the United Brethren Church will give a musical program Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the church. A silver offering will be taken. The public is cordially invited to attend and enjoy the fine program that has been arranged. The program is:

- Song—Audience.
- Prayer, Rev. Dotson.
- Solo, Miss Zelma Stevens.
- Piano duet, Misses Schroll and Kauffman.
- Song—High School Girls' Quartet.
- Vocal duet, Mrs. Eugene Runyon and Mrs. Henry Adler.
- Reading, Charles Mills.
- Solo, Pauline Haakey.
- Duet, Mrs. Dan Tyndall and Mrs. C. E. Bell.
- Offering.
- Piano solo, Mrs. H. H. Lammiman.