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## DECIDE UPON TWO ITEMS OF STATE BUDGET

Highway And Conservation  
Department Items Practically 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 legal technicalities 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 an "imaginative nature."

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

They argue that budget control is being advocated 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 Kettleborough, 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," Kettleborough 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 \$3,000,000 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.

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## Mother Love Braves Pitiless Publicity

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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 there years ago in a Cleveland maternity hospital.

Led by State Senator L. G. Collister, 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

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## HAWKINS BEGINS HIS FIGHT TODAY

### Former Portland Financier Seeks Writ Of Habeas Corpus

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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 1922.

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

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## CONTRACT FOR FT. WAYNE ROAD TO BE LET SOON

Highway Commission Will  
Advertise For Bids Within  
Week Or Two

### TO BEGIN WORK SOON

### Railroad Crossing At Monmouth 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.

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

The new postage stamps, worth \$100 at Warsaw

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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 Furness 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."

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The new 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. Fledderjohann 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.

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