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day and Thursday.  
Thunderstorms and  
light rain possible  
on Thursday or  
Friday.

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# BONUS ARMY REPULSED IN PICKET DRIVE

GEORGE ERWIN'S  
FUNERAL TO BE  
HELD FRIDAY

Services For Prominent  
Men to Be Held at Home  
At Four o'Clock

ODEN DEATH  
SHOCKS COMMUNITY

Funeral services for Judge George B. Erwin, judge of the Indiana Circuit court, whose death occurred suddenly late yesterday afternoon, will be held from the Erwin residence, 519 North Second street, at four o'clock Friday afternoon.

In the absence of a pastor of the Presbyterian church of which Judge Erwin was a life-long member, the Rev. B. H. Franklin, of the Methodist church of the city, will officiate at the service. David Erwin, Fort Wayne nephew of the deceased, will officiate at the service, accompanied by Carrie Haubold at the piano.

Bearers have been selected

from the Knights of Pythias lodge, the Decatur Rotary club, of which Judge Erwin was a member. The Presbyterian church, the pall bearers will be

Business to Cease  
John Graliker, president of the Decatur Chamber of Commerce, closed business houses and

to close during the funeral

from four to five o'clock

afternoon.

Members of the Adams County Bar, headed by former Judge T. Merriman, The Knights of Pythias will conduct ritualistic services at the grave. Burial will be in the Decatur cemetery.

It was received today that Doris Erwin, a daughter of the deceased, will arrive from San Diego, Calif., Friday afternoon.

The services were arranged

in keeping with the schedule of

daughter.

The body was removed from the

Funeral home to the Erwin

home this afternoon and may

be viewed at any time up to the

hour.

Messages of condolence were

sent by the widow and family

of persons acquainted

with Judge Erwin, either from a

standpoint, fraternally or

or Carl Mitchell, Indianapolis

and keeper of the Records

of the Knights of Pythias

lodge, wired that he and

other grand lodge officers

attend the funeral services.

and attorney acquaintances

in many counties also signified

intention of coming here for

the funeral.

George Erwin's death occurred

at 6 o'clock of acute dilation of the heart. He took ill last

Friday while presiding as a

judge in the Allen Superior

Court, Fort Wayne and went

to a physician at noon. He re-

sumed during the afternoon

complaint of not feeling well.

At first thought he was suf-

fering from over exertion and from

the heat of the day. Miss

Smith, court reporter and

Bernice Nelson, former depu-

ty attorney, were

present.

Other bills were allowed by the

finance committee and the session

adjourned.

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Death Again Shows  
in the Cards



## WOULD DIVIDE GAS TAX FUND HALF AND HALF

House Bill Provides For  
Equal Distribution of  
State Gas Tax

### TENURE LAW IS LIKED IN SENATE

Indianapolis July 20 — (UP) — Leaders of the attack against funds of the state highway department won their initial legislative skirmish today when the house passed a bill providing for allocation of half the state's gasoline and auto license collections to local units. The bill introduced by Delph McKeown, Democrat of Plymouth, Ind., goes now to the senate.

Nineteen new bills containing provisions for municipal control of utilities, taxation of corporation stock, stricter property taxes, limitation of budgets and absorption of local unit roads by the state highway system were introduced in the senate.

The senate voted to adopt a majority committee report on a bill seeking repeal of the teacher's tenure law. It also voted indefinite postponement of a measure designed to repeal the teacher's minimum wage law.

A majority report of the house Ways and Means committee which sought indefinite postponement of a bill which would remove the state four mill levy for Indiana's World War Memorial, was voted down. The bill then was advanced to second reading.

Two house bills designed to grant municipalities authorities to own and operate public utilities were recommended for indefinite postponement by the cities' and towns committee. They had been sponsored by the new municipal rights league of Indiana.

A measure which would grant municipalities the right to own and operate public utilities was introduced in the senate.

Indianapolis, July 20. — (UP) — Five new relief bills passed by the senate, including a sweeping proposal to revive home rule, were sent to the house today.

H. M. Gillig, chairman of the finance committee of the council informed the body that the city had sold \$5,000 worth of 3½ per cent government bonds at market price, \$96, to make up the amount of the final payment. The bonds were turned over to the city by the Old Adams County Bank as security for the city's deposits in the bank, the bank being one of the depositories for city funds.

Mr. Gillig also informed the council that the city had \$8,000 worth of bonds at the bank, being the balance of the security given by the bank for city funds. The law permits banks to put up government or road bonds for half of the amount of public deposits and in the case of the city a total of \$13,000 was posted, protecting deposits up to \$26,000. Mr. Gillig said the city had about \$68,000 in the bank, of which more than half was in certificates of deposit, bearing three and four per cent interest. Certificates of deposit are not protected by security, the deposits being classed with general depositors and distribution being made on them the same as individual deposits.

Other bills were allowed by the finance committee and the session adjourned.

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## BANDIT SEEKING PRISON PAROLE

Elmer Wood, One of Linn  
Grove Bank Bandit Gang  
Wants Parole

Clemency petitions of 14 convicts in Indiana State Prison at Michigan City will be considered by the board of pardons and paroles it's quarterly meeting, July 28, it was announced yesterday.

Among the convicts seeking a parole is Elmer Wood of Pennville, who with Everett D. Gaither, R. W. Siniff and Phil Chamberlain robbed the Bank of Linn Grove in 1928 and again on March 14, 1929. The men were sentenced to 20 years in the Michigan City state prison by Judge Jesse C. Sutton in the Adams Circuit Court, March 30, 1929.

Mr. Wood was 40 years of age at the time he was sentenced, and was the oldest of the four men. He had been a railroad worker for more than 20 years. He was married and a car in the railroad yards, and returned to jail.

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