

SCHOOL BOARD SPEEDS BUILDING PLANS DESPITE PROTEST

NO DECISION ON ORPHANS' HOME AT CONFERENCE

Commissioners and Councilmen Continue to Be Deadlocked.

"No money will be appropriated for a new colored orphans' home until the county commissioners tell us what they intend to spend the money for and how," insisted county councilmen today at a special meeting of the council called to provide the funds.

"No plan can or will be made until we commissioners know how much money we will have to spend," reported Commissioners John Kittey and Albert Hoffman.

The meeting, the third of its kind, broke up.

Council Meets Sept. 4

Nothing will be done until the annual meeting of the council, Sept. 4, towards providing new quarters for the colored orphans.

Leo K. Fesler, county auditor, read two ordinances. One proposed appropriation of \$150,000 from the general county fund, to be met by sale of the old workhouse property Aug. 27. The other proposed a bond issue.

"Have the commissioners any information as to what type of home they propose, and what it will cost, or any specifications to present to us?" inquired Cassius L. Hogue, president of the council.

Parties in Deadlock

"We have not," replied the commissioners.

Commissioners who spend county money and councilmen who appropriate it, are in a deadlock as to whether the council has any right to know exactly how the money shall be spent.

After the meeting Leo K. Fesler, county auditor, who is a third party to the scrap, said it "was funny the council was so jealous of the taxpayers' interests."

"At the May meeting they took a sudden notion to build new additions to the poor farm," he said. "Without consulting commissioners they had me get up an ordinance for \$130,000 bond issue over night. It was read and passed without any plans or specifications being submitted by commissioners, as are now demanded."

"Where is the consistency?" Fesler demanded.

Hogue admitted Fesler's statement was true, but said the council made a "mistake," and wouldn't do it again. "Why, you see the result," he said, "the work has just begun, and there is already a claim for \$2,500 in for extra work, due to a defect in the architect's plans."

SAVES MILLION DAILY

The First Hundred Are the Best



MRS. WILLIAM ROGERS OF SAVANNAH, GA., HAS JUST TURNED 100 YEARS. "THE FIRST HUNDRED YEARS AREN'T THE HARDEST, THEY'RE THE BEST," SAYS THE OPTIMISTIC CENTENARIAN AS SHE BEAMS AMONG THE BIRTHDAY FLOWERS SENT BY MANY FRIENDS.

SLASHES IN GAS PRICE REACH TO EASTERN STATES

Reductions Announced in New England and Along Seaboard.

By United Press

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—Reduction in gasoline prices in Atlantic Seaboard and eastern States was announced by Dow Jones Financial Agency today.

The Gulf Refining Company reduced the tank wagon price here and in New England and New Jersey 1 cent a gallon to 19 cents. The Texas Company made cuts of 1 cent to 2 cents in Virginia, West Virginia and North and South Carolina.

Northwest Pennsylvania refiners reduced some grades half a cent a gallon. The Standard Oil of New Jersey reduced its tank wagon price 2 cents in West Virginia, North and South Carolina, and New Jersey, and 1 cent a gallon in New Jersey, District of Columbia and Maryland. The Texas Company met these latter 1-cent reductions in three districts.

CUT IN CRUDE EXPECTED

Cut in Gas Prices Is Met By Most Independent Companies.

CHICAGO, Aug. 15.—The gasoline war in the twelve Middle Western States where prices have been reduced 6 cents a gallon, is saving consumers about \$1,000,000 daily, it was estimated by both independent dealers and "old line" companies today.

Most independent distributors have abandoned their reluctance to cut more than 5 cents a gallon, and have met the Standard Oil reduction of 6 cents.

STANDARD DECLARES PRICE OF GASOLINE

That Cost of Production

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—A sharp cut in the price of crude oil is expected by Wall street on the heels of the gasoline price war in the west. This expectation is based on a statement from the Standard Oil Company of Indiana that the present retail price of gasoline is lower than the cost of production and distribution.

CONSPIRACY IS FEARED

Ohio Governor Starts Probe Through Attorney General's Office.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Aug. 15.—Ohio probed State oil distributing companies today, to determine whether a conspiracy exists to fix gasoline prices.

The investigation was launched at the request of Governor Donahoe.

DETECTIVE WINS RACE IN ARKANSAS

Attempt to Take Prisoner From Him Frustrated.

After a 150-mile race by automobile with Little Rock (Ark.) officers who were trying to take the prisoner away from him, Detective A. F. Field today arrived in Indianapolis with Dr. Max J. Connell, 27, alias Maximilian Charissa, wanted here on a charge of vehicle taking.

Just as Field got requisition papers for Connell honored by the Governor of Arkansas Tuesday attorneys for Connell served notice on him that they had obtained a writ of habeas corpus for his release. Field rushed the prisoner to an automobile and sped for the State line. He got to Memphis, Tenn., and came on to Indianapolis without sleep.

Dispatches said Arkansas officers, heavily armed, pursued the detective and prisoner by motor car.

Connell is charged with stealing a \$7,000 automobile from the Updike Automobile Company here two years ago.

AGED COUPLE ELOPE

Ohio Groom Is 71, While Bride Is Ten Years His Junior

By United Press

NEWPORT, Ky., Aug. 15.—The mystery of their absence from their home towns was cleared up today when John A. Hamburger, 71, of Springfield, O., and Mrs. R. Curry, 61, of Miamisburg, O., announced they had eloped. They were married last night in Kenyon County, Kentucky.

Methodists to Hold Revival

The Rev. George S. Henninger, pastor of the East Tenth Street M. E. Church, will speak tonight at a revival service on the lawn of Roberts Park M. E. Church, N. Delaware and Vermont Sts., under the auspices of the Methodist Union of Indianapolis. Special music will be provided.

ROLLINSON OUT ON BOND

Charles W. Rollinson, Indianapolis attorney, is at liberty today under \$1,000 bond following his recent arrest at Liberty Beach on charges of violation of liquor laws. An affidavit was sworn out by Sheriff George Snider. Gin was found in Rollinson's car, the sheriff said.

Rings Are Stolen

Mrs. Fred J. Hayes, 120 W. Twelfth St., told police a \$35 cameo ring and an \$85 diamond ring were stolen from her home today.

Frogs have been discovered which look like dogs.

Biggest stadium the world has ever seen was in ancient Athens; it could

IS NOW 'WORK OF ART'

Eva Has Face Done Over to Remove All Wrinkles.

By United News

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 15.—After a month in a Hollywood beauty parlor Eva Tanguay, the "I Don't Care" girl of veteran stage fame, left for Broadway Tuesday with her wrinkled face changed into a "work of art."

The eleven horizontal wrinkles have disappeared from her forehead and her baby complexion that audiences once admired has been restored.

JULY GAS TAX TO PUT \$400,000 IN STATE TREASURY

Reports Delayed by Lack of Familiarity With New Levy.

Officials today estimated the State gasoline tax for July would exceed \$400,000, due to the enormous increase in consumption during the vacation period.

Carl Cue, deputy State auditor, said the July receipts totaled \$251,263 at noon today, and predicted receipts for the next few days would increase the total greatly. Forenoon receipts today were \$41,218.

Cue said the extra day in July alone would add 3 per cent to the June receipts of \$383,000. Wholesalers' and retailers' reports are supposed to be made out today for July, but Cue said there would be several days' delay during the next three or four months until the tax is more thoroughly understood.

Governor McFay frequently has expressed satisfaction with the tax, and especially with the economical mode of collection. He had predicted that July receipts would exceed \$400,000.

On recent automobile trip to northern Indiana, McFay said he counted four cars filling their gasoline tanks along the Dunas Highway. He said that in four miles he counted thirty Illinois automobiles, nine from Indiana, four from Michigan and one from Iowa. The figures are taken as significant of the argument that foreign automobiles will have to pay for Indiana roads when they use them.

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Standard Declares Price of Gasoline

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BOARD ACTS ON BANK CHARTERS

New Institution Organized at Pleasantville.

The State charter board today chartered one private bank, renewed the charters of two State banks and granted a new charter to a trust company.

The Maywood Trust and Savings Company of Hammond was granted a new charter, with \$50,000 capitalization. The Columbia State Bank of Indianapolis City was re-chartered, with \$35,000 capital stock, and the French Lick State Bank charter was renewed, with \$50,000 capital stock.

The Peoples Bank of Pleasantville, Sullivan County, a private institution, was chartered with \$10,000 capital stock.

Elton Walcott, State bank commissioner, said the board probably would meet Thursday to re-organize the Redkey State Bank and the Farmer's State Bank of Redkey, both of which failed recently. Walcott and Thomas D. Barr, deputy, have supervised preliminary reorganization work.

ALLEGED THIEF ARRESTED

James Tapp, 20, was arrested at Bloomington today and brought here by State police. According to police, he is charged with stealing an automobile belonging to M. P. Edmundson, Muncie, at Capitol Ave. and Maryland St. June 12. The machine was recovered in Bloomington.

HOT TIME OVER FURNACE

While the August sun shone high over a furnace next winter in Superior Court, suit to re-ignite the furnace, with "smoke-pipe, warm and cold air pipes and connections," from the house of Mrs. Ida Wilson, 2418 N. Rural St., was filed by the Holland Furnace Company.

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THREE NEWSBOYS FREED

Judgment Withheld in Cases of Fiery Cross Salesmen

Judgment was withheld by City Judge Delbert O. Wilmett in the cases of three newsboys, sellers of the Fiery Cross, a Ku-Klux Klan publication, arrested some time ago by police on charges of violating Sec. 551 of the city code.

The newsboys are Albert Starkey, 21, of 208 Parker Ave.; Herbert Keyt, 25, of 534 W. Thirty-fourth St.; Martin H. Cook, 24, of 405 E. Washington St.

The case of George Tippins, 24, of 441 N. Meridian St., is to be decided on Aug. 31.

CLERMONT SETTLERS TO MEET

The Widows, Widowers, Maids and Bachelors Lodge No. 5 will meet at 5 p. m. Thursday in the Farfield Park shelter house to arrange for an excursion to Kokomo, Ind., Sunday to attend the annual picnic of Lodge No. 2 of that city. J. W. Winningham, president of the local organization,

Plans for Six Structures Approved With Two Others to Be Passed on as Soon as Drawings Are Completed—Five Signatures on Remonstrance Questioned.

School children of Indianapolis will be given modern, sanitary, fireproof school buildings to replace the portables, temporary shacks and make shifts now used by 5,000 pupils if the school board is permitted by the State tax board to carry out its building program.

This was made certain Tuesday night when the board, without a dissenting vote, approved plans for new buildings and additions at six schools and announced that plans for two others will be taken up as soon as they are completed.

Hearing Next Wednesday

The action was taken in the face of a remonstrance signed by fourteen persons, said to be taxpayers, now pending before the tax board. The remonstrance for the time being at least has prevented the sale of \$1,550,000 worth of bonds for the erection of the eight buildings. Hearing on the remonstrance has been set for next Wednesday at 9 a. m.

Approval of the plans and specifications for the six buildings was made after Commissioner Charles L. Barry made a long speech in which he said that, although he was in favor of the building program, he believed action should be delayed until after the board could consider the plans at greater length. He did not vote against ap-

proval, however, when the question was called to a vote.

Barry Took Active Part

Two years ago in the last building program of the school board was brought to a halt by refusal of the State tax board to approve a bond issue on remonstrance of ten members of the Taxpayers' League of Indiana. Barry took an active part in defeating the bond issue. Through the hearing he sat with attorneys for the remonstrants and made a long and impassioned speech against approval.

Officials of the board today renewed their investigations of the tax records to see if the fourteen remonstrants were qualified to sign the remonstrance.

STATUS OF SIGNERS QUESTIONED

They said there was strong probability investigation would show that at least five of the signers were induced to sign under misapprehension of the facts or were not qualified by law. In this event the State tax board will be asked to throw out the petition. The law requires that a remonstrance be signed by ten taxpayers other than poll tax payers.

The matter was touched upon by Richard O. Johnson, business director, in his report to the board:

He said: "Otto Graf, who signed the remonstrance, says he was misled by some one from the office of Edison T. Wood into signing the remonstrance and desires to have his name removed therefrom. John G. McCullough claims that he signed the remonstrance at the request of Mr. Wood, not knowing its purport, and it is to be presumed that the two men connected with him in office also signed under like misapprehension."

Two Alleged Misled

The two men referred to, Johnson explained after the meeting, were Herbert G. Heckman and Edward F. Keller.

"The tax duplicate does not show the names of Heckman, Gaylord A. Wood or Joseph A. Minot or Minot," Johnson said.

Buildings for which plans and specifications were approved and their estimated costs: No. 30, ten rooms, Elmer Ave. and W. Washington St., \$15,512; No. 38, eight rooms, Winter and Boyd Aves., \$188,858; No. 62, ten rooms, Wallace and N. Tenth and St. 15th Sts., \$20,376; No. 70, Central Ave. and Twenty-Second St., eight rooms, \$203,178; No. 75, twelve rooms, Rochester Ave and Fourteenth St., \$220,815; No. 76, sixteen rooms, College Ave. and Thirteenth St., \$248,622.

Buildings for which plans and specifications were approved and their estimated costs: No. 30, ten rooms, Elmer Ave. and W. Washington St., \$102,130, and No. 57, ten rooms, 3618 W. Walnut St., \$218,651, will be considered as soon as they are completed.

Ice skating will be conducted on extensive scale this winter under city supervision, according to the mayor's plans. The lagoon in Garfield Park will be one of the sites. Plans are under way for a brick structure to house the pool. City officials hope to have it in use late next winter. Later it is hoped to add a gymnasium and auditorium.

Concrete areas will be laid out in city parks next year, so children may roller skate safely. The mayor believes congested traffic conditions make sidewalk skating unsafe. Skating courses may be laid out in Garfield, Brookside and Riverside parks.

In line with the safety campaign, bicycle tracks are planned in Riverside Park, where bicyclists may ride safely over ideal roads.