

CITY SCHOOL FIGURES GO UNDER KNIFE

Seek to Keep Levy as Near Present Rate as Possible, Says Vonnegut.

HITS FALSE ECONOMY

Asserts Dropping of Necessary Costs Is Not Saving.

Paring of the school budget to keep the tax levy as near the present rate of \$1.10 as possible, was under way today. School Board President Theodore F. Vonnegut announced.

He expressed the belief that the rate would be kept down and that the essential needs of the school city would be met during 1926-27.

In an unofficial report to board members, Business Director Ure M. Frazer, declared the estimates were being sliced. The report and estimates will be submitted to the board Aug. 31, he said.

Chamber of Commerce officials also are reviewing the school budget situation and probably will make recommendations. The Indiana Taxpayers' Association is expected to wage a battle against a higher rate.

Assails False Economy

Vonnegut assailed false economy. He attacked the view of many taxpayers who believe the dropping of necessary expenditures from the budget a saving. The buildings and grounds and even administrative divisions of the school city will slip back, unless sufficient appropriations are made to meet the needs, he asserted.

He pointed out that school buildings should be painted, on the exterior and interior, once every four years, at the maximum, and that most of the schools have not been painted for six years.

This is one of the high points of the reduced \$280,000 repair program approved by the board.

Building Program

The board will seek to show the importance of the \$710,000 necessity building program which will be set aside in the new budget. This calls for one entirely new building and additions to several others.

"The condition of the school buildings in Indianapolis is the result of the school board's policy for the last three years," Vonnegut said. "The repair and building program should have been properly started three years ago. Now the accumulated results of lack of this action are confronting the present board."

Vonnegut said according to figures from other representative cities, Indianapolis should expend \$8,200,000 for the management of the entire school city annually.

Last year the cost was only \$7,100,000.

This includes buildings, teachers' salaries and all other expenses.

STRANDED HOUSE TO BE GIVEN LOT

Mayor Says Owner Should Go Ahead With Moving.

A stranded house that occupies Twenty-Seventh St., between Illinois St. and Capitol Ave., soon will be lotless no more, it appeared today.

Mayor Duval said he would recommend that the park board allow its owner to move it to a new location on Capitol Ave., provided that the owner, deposit a bond to cover all possible damage to Twenty-Seventh St. and the avenue, as well as agreeing to work night and day shifts to move it.

The time during which Capitol Ave. would be blocked was estimated at a day and a night.

The house was en route from 24-26 W. Twenty-Seventh St. to a proposed new location at 2318 N. Capitol Ave.

Unfortunately, Robert Blackney, its owner, failed to obtain a permit from the park board to traverse Capitol Ave., and Thursday the park board refused him the permit.

Meanwhile, the Spink Hotel garage is being constructed on the lot where the house formerly resided.

PLANES LEAVE LINCOLN

Off for Wichita on Sixth Leg of Flight.

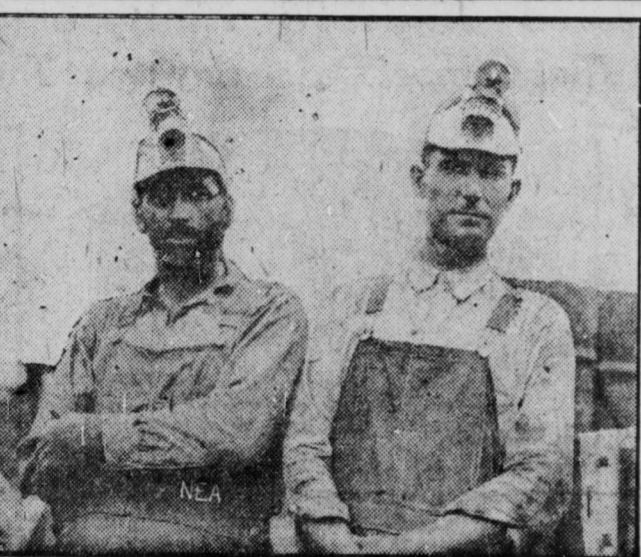
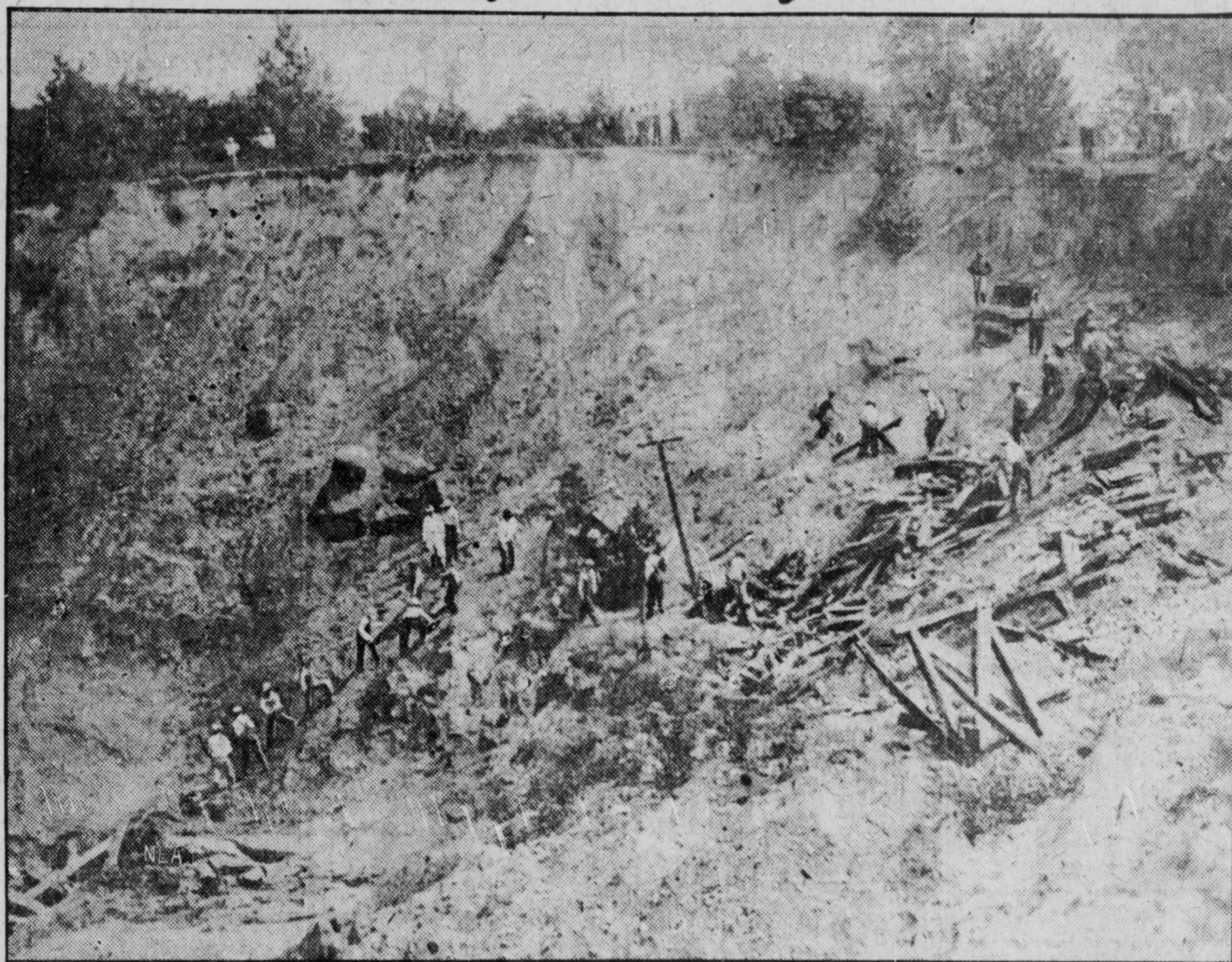
By United Press LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 13.—The twenty-two planes participating in the annual Ford reliability tour left here shortly after 10 a. m. today for Wichita, Kan., the sixth leg of their 2,500-mile jaunt.

Plane No. 13, a Woodson, piloted by Walter Carr, which was forced down near Henderson, Iowa, Thursday by a broken crankshaft, was forced to drop out of the tour.

SIX BODIES RECOVERED

By United Press LONDON, Aug. 13.—Six bodies have been removed from the submarine P-23, which sank last Monday in Devonport basin and the submarine today was in dry dock, the British official wireless press announced.

First Pictures of Kentucky Mine Rescue



Picture above shows the great crater surrounding the shaft of the American Zinc and Fluorspar Company's mine at Salem, Ky., where five workmen were rescued Thursday, after being entombed for six days and seven nights. The crater was scooped out years ago by surface mining and was abandoned when underground shafts were sunk. Rescue workers are shown lowering a cable through the shaft to the imprisoned men. It was through this shaft that Freeman Cobb of the rescue party crawled through and led the imprisoned men to safety, including his brother.

Below are Hugh Wiggins, left, and Alton Grissom, right, two of the miners who escaped when the cave-in started. They joined the rescue crews and worked with the others for a week until the five were rescued.

STATE CANDIDATE CAN DIG WAY DOWN

Indiana Has Law Against Primary Aspirant Spending More Than \$7,500, but It Is Full of Loopholes.

It is not only in Illinois and Pennsylvania that State laws and the lack of them permit million dollar primary campaigns.

Indiana has a law against a candidate for nomination spending more than around \$7,500, but it is full of loopholes and has thirteen "detours."

State Election Commissioner W. W. Spencer said today that the detours were "jokers" inserted in the law when it was presented to the Legislature.

"The law's so full of loopholes, I don't think there is any limit to the amount of money and promises a candidate may expend and escape the corrupt practices act," he declared.

For Number of Voters The limitation set up by one section of the corrupt practices act allows a candidate to spend \$25 for each 1,000 voters up to 50,000, \$10 for each 1,000 voters after that up to 100,000, and \$5 for each 1,000 voters after that.

Figured on the basis of 1,219,780 voters, the number who cast their ballots on Secretary of State nominations in 1924, the law allowed a candidate to spend \$250,000.

AUTO LICENSE BRANCHES

Will Be Opened in City to Combat Congestion at Statehouse.

At least two and possibly four branch offices for selling 1927 auto license plates will be opened in Indianapolis Dec. 15, and will remain open until March 15, 1927, it became known today. Heretofore Indianapolis residents have had to purchase their plates at the Statehouse and great congestion in the license plate division resulted.

Attorney-General Arthur L. Gilliam, in an opinion to Secretary of State Frederick E. Schortemeier, approved the plan of establishing branch offices.

RECTOR SHOT; WOMAN SLAIN

By United Press LONDON, Aug. 13.—The Rev. John Alexander Smith, 67-year-old rector of the village of Grindon in Staffordshire, was found wounded in the rectory today and his 37-year-old housekeeper, Hannah Austin, was found dying of bullet wounds.

SCOTTISH RITE ASSAILS K. OF C.

Criticise Efforts to Force Intervention.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—The Scottish Rite News Bureau in a statement today assailed the Knights of Columbus for attempting to force American intervention in the Mexican religious dispute.

J. J. Flaherty, supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus, replied immediately defending his organization's policy as a necessary means of protection for Mexican members.

The Scottish Rite statement said: "As a comparison has been made between the Soviet government of Russia and the Calles government of Mexico, it might be well for our 'persecuted' friends to draw still a further comparison that of fascist Italy under the dictatorship of Mussolini, which apparently has sanctioned the murder of three Masons and the destruction of Masonic property. 'It is surprising that the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus is suddenly coming to life on the verge of persecution.'"

"The Knights of Columbus has no organization in Italy, but it has many members in Mexico. Italy is many miles away, while Mexico is right at our border," Flaherty replied.

PATROLMAN SUSPENDED

Found at Home—Explains That He Overslept.

Patrolman Martin Fahey was suspended today by Capt. Herbert Fletcher of the police department for being absent without leave after a police squad found the officer at his home, 436 N. Keystone Ave. He did not report for duty Thursday evening.

Brought to headquarters and relieved of his badge, Fahey explained that he had overslept. Fletcher reported the case to Chief Claude F. Johnson.

City Ghost Not to Walk Till Tuesday

"Tomorrow is pay day, but it means nothing in our youthful lives."

That's the wall of city hall employees today, after City Controller William C. Buser announced that the ghost, due to promenade Saturday, will not get up way until Tuesday.

Buser said the city will not receive until Monday the money from the \$350,000 temporary loan city council authorized Saturday. Council Monday night will receive a request for another temporary loan of \$350,000, Buser said.

CAR STRIKE AVOIDED

NEW ORLEANS, La., Aug. 13.—The threat of a street car tie-up here was definitely passed today with the signing of a new three-year contract by representatives of the carmen's union and officials of the street railway company.

FIRE MENACES 400

YOSEMITE, Cal., Aug. 13.—Fire early today destroyed the main dining room unit of Yosemite Lodge, famous valley resort, and endangered the lives of approximately 400 guests.

COBBHAM TO TOUR U. S.

By United Press SYDNEY, Australia, Aug. 13.—Alan Cobbham, the British aviator, who arrived here this week en route on a round trip flight from London to Melbourne, said today that he planned to visit the United States for a lecture tour, on completion of his present journey.

BOBBY JONES TO PLAY MATCH HERE

Golf Champion Will Aid Riley Hospital.

Bobby Jones of Atlanta, Ga., king of amateur golfers will play at the Highland Golf and Country Club against two or more of the leading professional golfers of America in the first part of September for the benefit of the James Whitcomb Riley Hospital for Children, it was announced today by Arch V. Grossman, club president, and James W. Carr, hospital secretary, upon their return from Atlanta.

Jones will not come here to compete in the Western Open tournament, Aug. 26 to 28, he told Grossman and Carr, but will come here before going to the National Amateur golf tourney Sept. 13 to 19. Anxious to be at the top of his game by the date of the national amateur, Bobby has given up golf until then for fear of going "stale."

Squaw Captures Hoosier Elephants

By United Press SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 13.—An aged Indian woman captured three of the five elephants which escaped the Sells-Floto circus at Cranbrook, B. C., according to word here. Coming upon the beasts suddenly she offered them apples. One elephant bolted as they were being loaded in the car and is still at liberty. The circus winters at Peru, Ind.

Burned to Death Melting Paraffine

By United Press NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y., Aug. 13.—While melting paraffin to seal preserve jars, Mrs. Emma Jane Dresser, 77, was burned to death today. Her dress caught fire when the paraffin blazed up.

NO JUDGE TO HEAR SUIT AGAINST JACK

Attorneys Seek Jurist to Decide Whether Dempsey Shall Be Enjoined From Fighting Tunney.

Justice moved slowly in Superior Court today where Judge Clinton H. Givan was scheduled to rule on a petition for a temporary injunction restraining Jack Dempsey, world's champion heavyweight, from fighting Gene Tunney in New York before meeting Harry Wills, Negro challenger, for the flint crown.

MRS. NEW ROBBED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—A platinum brooch set with diamonds was missing today from the home of Postmaster General Harry S. New at Bethesda, Md., according to reports to police here. It belonged to Mrs. New.

WATSON ALLEGED

Democrats Look Into Reported Offer at Ft. Wayne.

That efforts already have been started to trade off other candidates in behalf of Senator James E. Watson was the information reaching Indianapolis today.

It was asserted definitely that a man pretending to represent the Watson interests had approached influential Ft. Wayne Democrats with a proposal that Republican votes would be delivered to the Democratic candidate for Congress from the fourth district in return for a similar number of Democratic votes for Watson.

Affiliations of the emissary and his zeal have lent credence to the belief that the Watson organization, aside from the regular Republican committee, is working along these lines. Democratic committees are checking information on the proposal and are making inquiries in other sections to see if the alleged double cross has been tried elsewhere.

Watson stated that the \$300,000 was in a Chicago bank, waiting for the champion as soon as he lived up to the conditions of the contract.

The Wills' contract calls for the heavyweight championship bout anywhere, but in New York.

Driscoll, representing Dempsey, said the champion has nothing to fear in the injunction proceedings.

He said that Jack has not received a penny on any contracts, and so none are valid.

HACK SEES MANAGER IN CITY SOON

Board of Works Member Says Duval Will Be Last Mayor Here.

CITIZENS' GROUP MEETS

Manly, Huesmann Named on Executive Body.

"John L. Duval will be the last mayor of Indianapolis," said the city manager movement received impetus from an unexpected quarter today when Oren S. Hack, Democratic member of the city board of works, expressed that opinion.

"There will be no more mayors in this city," Hack predicted. "The people will vote to establish the city manager type of government."

"But I am opposed to importing a general or some other man from another city," Hack added. "I know of two or three men right in Indianapolis who would make good city managers."

Citizens Meet

Meanwhile a large group of business and professional men were discussing at a luncheon at the Indianapolis Athletic Club means of enlarging the present executive committee for the city manager drive and of selecting a campaign committee, to be composed largely of young men.

Charles F. Coffin presided. Frank P. Manly, former park board member, who resigned after a bitter struggle with Duval's administration leaders, and Louis C. Huesmann, prominent philanthropist, were named as additional members of the executive committee.

"Cities which once have tried the city manager form of government seldom change back to the evils of partisan government," Coffin said.

Results Satisfactory

"This is proved by the fact that of a total of 325 cities and towns, where the city manager form was adopted, only six or eight municipalities have discarded the system."

"Large corporations, the most efficient in our country, are governed by a manager; why should it not be practical to adapt business methods to a city government, perhaps the largest corporation in Indianapolis?"

Out, In, Out Again, Liquor Case Record

Out again, in again, out again. That was the experience of Willa May Ammons, who was convicted of violating the liquor law in Marion County Criminal Court March 5, sentenced to thirty days in the Indiana Women's Prison and fined \$100.

She was paroled April 12, by Governor Jackson, on recommendation of the pardon board on condition that she pay the fine and costs.

The parole was revoked if Jackson on July 29, because the installments had not been paid. Then she paid the delinquent money.

In Jackson's parole book appears the following entry, "Revocation annulled and voided." So Willa May is out.

Maybe They Were Lady Animals, Too

By United Press GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Aug. 13.—An East Grand Rapids resident has complained to authorities that recently snakes, centipedes and seaweed have made his bath water uninviting.

FIRE INSURANCE REPORT TO TURN LIGHT UPON CITY

Will Show Part in Government by Secret Policies.

The part that politics, the George V. Coffin machine, secret organizations and petty jealousies play in city government will be disclosed when the report of the Indianapolis survey recently made by national board of fire insurance underwriters' engineers is made available.

For some time there has been a feeling of apprehension that the survey, made over a period of months, will result in a disclosure of local conditions such as will warrant an increase in the fire insurance rates of the community unless drastic steps are taken immediately to remedy the situation.

While there have been no official indications as to what the report will show, rumor has followed rumor. The report is being compiled in Chicago by the board engineers and will be sent to New York for review. Recommendations will be made by the national board and transmitted to the local board of safety for action.

Contrary to general opinion, even though an adverse report be made on conditions, no immediate increase will ensue. It has been the policy of the insurance companies to allow a period of adjustment and rectification with rechecks before taking action.

Present Ratings

Indianapolis is rated as a class one and one-half city by the Indiana Inspection Bureau, a subsidiary of the national board, and as a class two city by the national organization.

This difference is caused by a variance in the rating standard. The bureau rating is found one to six with intermediate halves whereas the national board rating carries from class one to class ten.

In this manner Indianapolis holds the one and one-half and two rating with only one class above it and with few cities in the United States holding the higher classification. The survey, together with its attendant changes and improvements either will hold the local rating in its present class or drop it according to the points of deficiency charged.

The morale, equipment, drills and tests of the fire department are factors entering into the grading of a city. The number of fire houses, their location, condition and personnel are considered.

Fire hazards and fire prevention work form a part of the points on which the grading is based.

Water Supply Important The city's water supply comes in for almost as much attention as the fire department. Mains, pumps, hydrants, feeders and pressure all are (Turn to Page 14)

Unusual Cereus in Bloom Every Year

Mrs. William Krauss, 5744 Beechwood, has a night blooming cereus, which is said to be unusual. These plants are supposed to bloom once every seven years, but the one belonging to Mrs. Krauss now is blooming for the third time in as many years.

The plant is eleven years old and its blooms measure from eight to ten inches from tip to tip of the calyx. Tuesday night, three buds of the cereus opened fully. Wednesday night, there were four big blossoms and eleven more are developing. It is said that the average night blooming cereus rarely bears more than two blossoms in this climate.

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HOURLY TEMPERATURES

6 a. m. 70 10 a. m. 79
7 a. m. 72 11 a. m. 80
8 a. m. 75 12 noon 80
9 a. m. 76 1 p. m. 82

BOOTLEGGER WOUNDED IN FLIGHT DIES

William Winters, 25, Shot by Deputies, Was Wanted for Prison Term.

INQUIRY BY CORONER

Officers Had Hidden Selves at Home.

Shot when he attempted to escape from deputy sheriffs trying to arrest him, William Winters, 25, in a house at 3855 English Ave., convicted bootlegger, died in city hospital early today.

A post-mortem examination will be conducted to determine the cause of death, Coroner Paul F. Robinson said.

Winters was wounded by Deputy Sheriffs Roland Snider and John Sands Thursday night. With Deputies Ernest Crickmore and Leonard Koffel, the officers had secreted themselves at the English Ave. address waiting for Winters.

The deputies carried a capias from Criminal Court for his arrest. It was said at the sheriff's office.

Winters, it was said, was convicted in Criminal Court in 1923 on a charge of transporting liquor, and was sentenced to a one to two-year term in the Indiana State Prison. He appealed his case to the Supreme Court which affirmed the conviction in 1924. In the meantime the man who signed his bond died, and Winters, it was said, has since been a fugitive.

With Other Men

Winters, according to the deputies, arrived at the house with five other men. They entered the front door and were confronted by Snider and Sands in the dining room. Crickmore and Koffel were on the outside, guarding the doors.

As he and Sands entered the room, Winters recognized Snider and ran toward the front room, the deputies said.

Snider said he called to Winters to hold up his hands, that they had a warrant for his arrest.

When Winters kept going, both Sands and Snider fired.

Wounded, Winters turned toward a side room and fell to the floor. Snider said a loaded rifle and shotgun were found in the side room.

The other men ran for the entrance, but three were captured by the other deputies. They were later released.

Wine Found

Half a barrel of wine and several bottles of wine were found in the house, the deputies said. It was destroyed.

Winters, according to Dr. Lloyd Spittler, who attended him at city hospital, had been drinking.

One bullet entered his right hip and another his right hand, the doctor said.

Spittler said he examined Winters' wounds and determined on an operation today to remove the bullets.

The wounds did not appear serious enough to cause death, Spittler said. Coroner Robinson and Sheriff Omer Hawkins viewed the body in the morgue this morning.

Hawkins said that, although he believed the deputies were justified in their actions, he would conduct an investigation of the shooting.

Snider said Winters was arrested in 1923 on a bootleg charge by his father, George Snider, then sheriff, and himself, after a chase over north streets in which Winters and Tony Perricane threw five-gallon jugs of liquor from their auto. Perricane served a one to two-year sentence in the Indiana State Reformatory.

At that time he gave his address as 51 Frank St.

Detectives have hunted him over the country since he jumped his bond. The bond was forfeited and executors were unable to close up the estate of the dead bondsman as a result.

It is believed he only recently returned to Indianapolis to make his headquarters at the English Ave. address.

FLAPPER FANNY SAYS:



Golf's a good game after you learn what you are driving at.