

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE URGES SLASH IN CITY BUDGET

OUTLINES NEW REDUCTIONS FOR 1929 TAX LEVY

Report Shaves Estimate by 5 Cents on \$1.15 Rate.

COUNCIL MEETS TONIGHT

Session Called to Consider Revisions in Preparation for Voting.

Reduction of 5 cents in the proposed 1929 city tax levy was recommended today by the Chamber of Commerce civic affairs committee.

The Chamber officials proposed cutting the rate from \$1.15, asked by Mayor L. Ert Slack, to \$1.10 after a thorough study of the appropriation ordinance. William F. Bock, Chamber civic director, announced the Chamber's decision.

The reduction still allows an increase of 7.5 cents over the 1928 rate if the council sees fit to follow the Chamber's plan. It is understood the council's vision of the budget submitted by the administration varies in some instances but generally agrees with the recommendations of Bock.

Edward B. Raub, council finance chairman, has called a meeting of the council tonight to go over the budget again in conference before it is formally adopted. President Edward B. Raub plans a meeting Friday or Saturday to avoid a meeting on Labor day.

\$30,000 for Airport Upkeep

The chamber suggested reduction of the general fund levy from 65 cents on each \$100 of property to 62.5 cents. The chamber's proposed rate would bring in \$4,704,222 on the basis of the \$676,000,000 valuation of property. About \$9,336,000 would be raised by the \$1.10 rate.

Appropriation of \$40,000 for an emergency fund, \$30,000 to be used for operation and maintenance of the proposed municipal landing field was urged.

Other proposed reductions in separate levies urged by the chamber:

City sinking fund, from 4.25 cents to 4 cents; city street improvement, 2.3 cents to 2 cents; school health, from 1.25 cents to 1 cent; tuberculosis fund, from 7 mills to 5 mills; park levy from 6.75 to 6 cents; park sinking fund from 2.75 cents to 2 cents; sanitation, from 7.2 cents to 7 cents.

The chamber's study provides for scaling the proposed total appropriation about \$298,000 providing for the 5-cent drop.

Elimination of salary increases, requests for additional personnel and paring of special levies enable the saving cited by the chamber.

Book commended the council's business-like study of the budget.

"We are gratified to report the budget has received from the council more careful consideration and the benefit of sounder judgment than has been the experience of Indianapolis for many years," the report declared.

Hits Water Bill Bonds

The report scored the issuance of \$40,000 in bonds to meet current water bills, made necessary by action of a former council. Paring of \$5,000 from the \$613,000 request for water, heat and light bills in 1928 was suggested. The proposed figure was an increase of \$113,000 over the 1928 appropriation, designed to meet the deficit.

Book bated the practice of paying employees from more than one fund, the budget not indicating that official received double salaries.

A bookkeeper for the board of works received \$4,200 from the track elevation and flood prevention funds for which he does similar work."

Budgeting of money to be appropriated for flood prevention, track elevation and other special levies to give council some idea as to the proposed expenditures was urged.

Lists Recommendations

Departmental recommendations: City Engineer—Increased personnel and salary raises totaling \$36,000.

Street Commissioner—Continuation of gasoline tax funds for repairing unimproved streets and purchase of motor street cleaning equipment.

City Hall—Improvement in general appearance of public buildings and "keeping city hall spotless."

City Garage—Careful supervision of city cars by department heads and combination of fire, police, sanitary and park department shops. More economical operation by standardization of motor equipment.

Safety Board—Elimination of request for twelve additional policemen and fifteen firemen. City has slightly more police and firemen at present than might be expected for city of its population and size. Strict enforcement of sickness ruling and retirement of elderly police and firemen absent from duty more than reasonable period.

Gamewell Division—Abolishment of the Merchants Bank Bldg. fire tower at saving of \$7,000 annually. Thirteen new electric traffic signals.

Building Department—Abolishment of sign inspector and employment of skilled combustion engineer to serve as smoke inspector.

Health Department—County be requested to revive support of psychopathic ward at city hospital, where county patients are treated.

Favors Elevation Levy

Sanitary Department—Itemizing of the budget presented to council. Urge experimentation in dehydrating of sludge.

Track elevation and street resur-

V. F. W. Music and Drill Units Here



The pride of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in the Boys' Band from Warren, Ohio, (above) which is here this week for the twenty-ninth annual national encampment of the V. F. W.

Sixty boys, all in their teens, are headed by R. H. Dehnbozel, director. Robert Reardon Jr., 18, is the drum major. The band affairs are managed by Lieut. Lester D. Friend. Raymond Amy is the whistling soloist, and Paul

Daugherty is the vocalist.

One of the outstanding drum and bugle corps to arrive in Indianapolis is the one from Fremont, Neb., post of the V. F. W. (center).

The champion drill team (below) of Ohio is from the Akron, Ohio, post. The twenty-man team is headed by Lieut. W. B. Wynne. Harold McGrath, 7, is the mascot and bugler of the outfit.

SCOOTER DERBY FINALS STAGED FOR DISTRICT 2

Youngsters of Six Frolic Centers Compete for Championship.

Unusual speed was shown this morning in the semi-final races of district No. 2 in the Times-Capitol Dairy Scooter Derby at Brightwood playground under the direction of the city recreation department.

Officials of the race were Jesse P. McClure, director of the city recreation, and Fred Deal, Robert Nipper and Lewis Skinner, supervisors of recreation.

Lawrence Peterson, 2154 Wheeler St., Morris Square Park, won first place in the 5 to 9 boys' race. Gilbert Parker, 1105 N. Hamilton Ave., Spades Park, was second, and Joseph Crawford, 1119 N. Tuxedo, Brookside, was third.

Brightwood Boy Wins

Frank Corey, 2130 Olney St., Brightwood, was first in the 9-12 boys' race. Paul Patterson, 1347 N. LaSalle St., Brookside, was second, and Harold Hinton, 3037 Stanton St., Dearborn, was third.

Evenly Williams, 2657 Brookside Ave., Spades, was first in girls' race. Helen Wachster, 1321 N. Denny St., Brookside, second, and Helen Eyd, 3225 E. Twentieth St., Brightwood, third.

Other children who raced from Brightwood, Brookside, Oak Hill, Morris Square, Spades and Dearborn playgrounds, were:

James West, 2021 Fernway St.; James Clark, 1929 Brookside St.; George Clark, 1929 Brookside St.; Herbert Codd, 1903 Talman Ave.; Paul Eplinger, 2165 Park Ave.; Robert Fornarelli, 2105 E. Twenty-second St.; Floyd Hayes, 2139 E. Oxford St.; Madison Gale St., 2005 E. Twenty-third St.; Caroline Peterson, 2154 Wheeler St.; Bernice Ellis, 2118 Wheeler St.; John Janzen, 2225 E. Twentieth St.; Roy Reeves, 2877 N. Dearborn St.; Harold Dehart, 2708 N. Dearborn St.; Jack Tamm, 1929 Brookside St.; William Miller, 2028 Stanton St.; Robert Miller, 2848 N. Wheeler St.; Rudy Edens, 2935 N. Dearborn St.; Mildred Milay, 3012 Gale St.; William Taylor, 2422 Brookside Pkwy.; Charles Tamm, 2118 Wheeler St.; John Landis, 1104 N. Hamilton Ave.; John Washington, 2145 Brookside Pkwy.; Edward McDonald, 2118 Wheeler St.; Pauline Richey, 1618 N. Tacoma St.; James Wheeler, 1620 N. Tecumseh St.; Ralph Tamm, 2118 N. Tecumseh St.; Gleich, 1025 N. La Salle St.; Robert Hodges, 1319 N. Denny St.; Norma Eiter, 1319 N. Denny St.; William H. Tuxedo St.; Harold Mills, 2356 Stewart St.; Robert Brock, 2410 Olney St.; John McDonald, 2425 Olney St.; Robert E. Tamm, 2118 Wheeler St.; Edward Yeager, 2138 N. Olney St.; Helen Trueblood, 3722 Massachussets Ave.; Elizabeth Malad, 3845 Massachusetts Ave.

District 3 Races Wednesday

Semi-final races will be run Wednesday in district 3 at Rader and Udell playground for children from Orchard, School, Fall Creek, Riverdale, school No. 44, Municipal Gardens and Rader and Udell playgrounds.

The first three winners in the three classes will race in the finals on the Monument Circle at 10 a.m. Labor day.

LIBRARIAN CHOICE UP

Expect Appointment of Chicago Man.

Appointment of Luther L. Dicker-

son of the American Library Association, Chicago, as Indianapolis librarian by the school board ap-

pealed likely today.

Board members conferred on the matter today. It was learned the board received unsatisfactory replies from librarians at Memphis, Tenn., and Toledo, Ohio.

Commissioner Charles K. Wern-

er, while reporting favorable to Dick-

erson, said he had received sugges-

tions from local business men that a competent local business man,

without library experience, be given

the position at a lower salary than

demanded by experienced librarians.

MEETS WITH COOLIDGE

Senator Capper, Kansas, and Len-

root Visit at Camp.

STEPHENSON'S COUNSEL DOUBTS SIGNING VALID

Gary Lawyer Hits Signing of Peti-

tion by Prison Warden.

By United Press

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Aug. 28.—The parents of John T. Cox, athlete of the Chi-

cago Athletic Club, whose body was

found in a lake near Twin Lakes,

Wis., a few days ago, have asked

police to conduct an investigation into the death.

W. Frank Cox, father of the

youth, told the United Press today

that while the theory had been ad-

vanced that John had been mur-

dered by Chicago gangsters, he did

not believe that explained the dea-

th. His son had no connection with

gangsters here, Cox said, and he

added that John never was "much

to run around nights."

OFFICIAL SLAYS SON

Chicago Park Board Mem-

ber Gives Self Up.

VALUABLES AND PARTS STOLEN FROM AUTOS

Loss of Tires, Top, Clothes Are Reported.

R. E. Brommer, 5050 E. New York

St., today reported three tires worth \$45 stolen. C. R. Brown, 3045 Ken-

wood Ave., reported a tire rim lost

from his parked car.

Dr. F. C. Brown, State veterina-

rian, parked his auto north of the

Statehouse. A bag containing

valuables was stolen at \$30 was taken.

Ice merchants were reported be-

ing as sufferers from the fever

and buying ice to relieve the suffering.

Much of the ice supply has been ex-

hausted and special trains and

steamers have been chartered to

transport ice from Salonica, Corfu

and Patras to the capital.

Dengue is a rheumatic fever, com-

mon to tropical countries which,

while rarely fatal, frequently causes

great suffering.

By United Press

CHICAGO, Aug. 28.—When Eld-

ridge Falk, 23, threatened to leave his father, Arthur F. Falk, member of a Chicago park board, shot and killed him.

Falk then called the police and

calmly told them he had killed his

son. He accompanied police to the

station.

By United Press

DETROIT, Aug. 28.—President

Calvin Coolidge today will hear a re-

port on the political and agricul-

tural situations in the middle west from Senator Arthur Capper, Kansas.

Former Senator Irvine Lenroot, Wis-

consin, also will visit the executive offices here.

Secretary of the Interior

W. E. B. Howell, will confer with Coolidge on departmental matters, was an overnight guest.

Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported to the police as stolen:

C. E. Reeves, Marion, Ind., Ford

coupe; 614-550; from Portland, Ind.

Frank Caine, 233 W. Morris St.,

Mobile sedan; 636-330; from

Meridian and Wilkins Sts.