

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 H. 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 revision 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 \$76,000,000 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 2.2 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 slicing 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 \$540,000 in bonds to meet current water bills, made necessary by action of a former council. Paring of \$5,000 from the \$813,000 request for water, heat and light bills in 1929 was suggested. The proposed figure was an increase of \$113,000 over the 1928 appropriation, designed to meet the deficit.

Book flayed 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 \$38,000.

Street Commissioner—Continuation of gasoline tax funds for repaving unpaved 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.

Gamewells 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 dehydration of sludge.

Track elevation and street resur-

V. F. W. Music and Drill Units Here

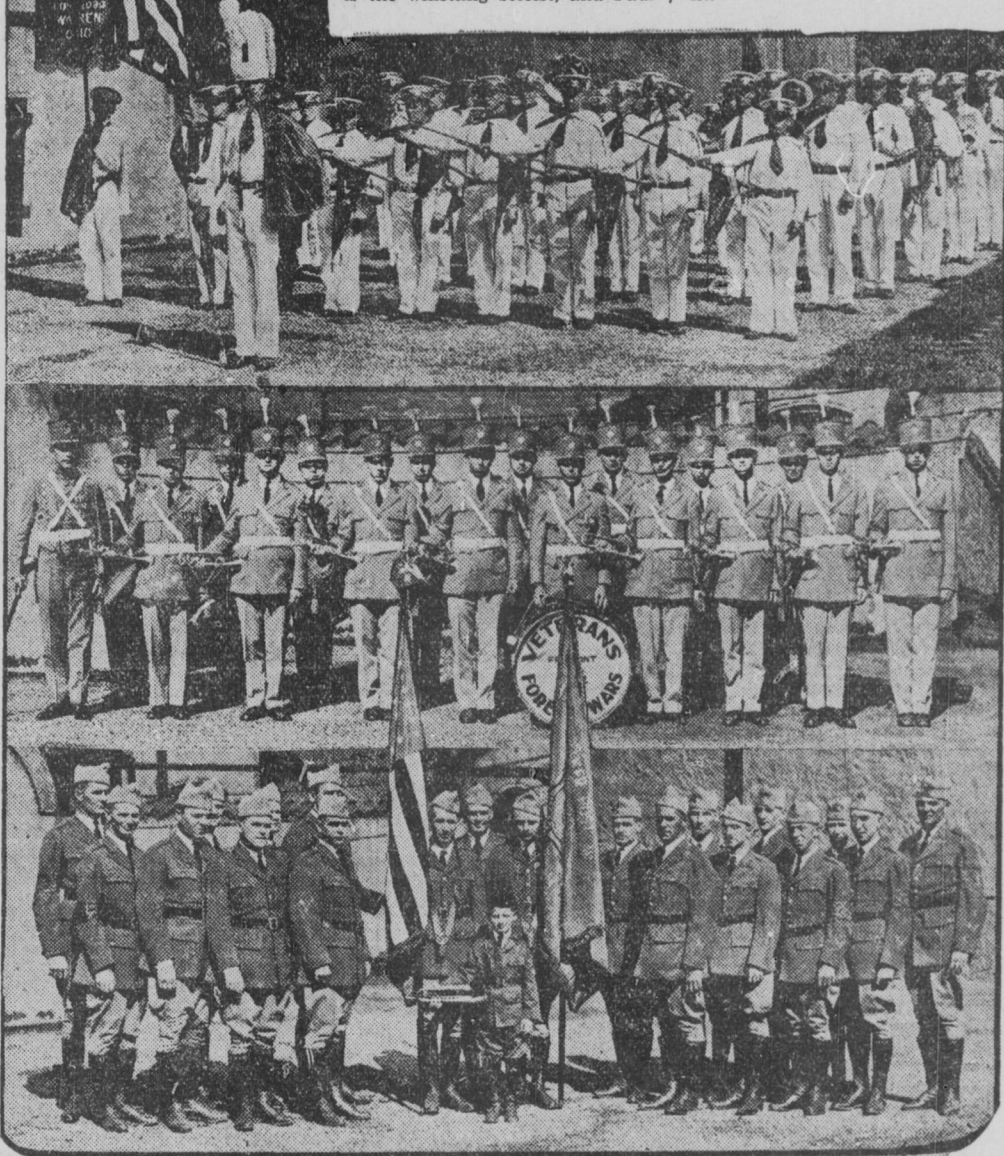


The pride of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in the Boys' Band from Warren, Ohio, (above) which is here this week for the twenty-ninth annual national encampment of the V. F. W.

Sixty boys, all in their teens, are headed by R. H. Dehnst, director, Robert Reardon Jr., 16, 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.



facing levies of 2 cents and 1.5 cents for thoroughfare fund. These levies are the same as those recommended to council.

Frank Fowler, T. R. Ratcliff, H. S. Morse, Lawrence V. Sheridan and George T. Whelden were budget sub-committee members.

Standardization of salaries in connection with the proposed civil service was favored.

SLAYS 3 RELATIVES

Man Attacks Brother of His Estranged Wife.

By United Press
SACRAMENTO, Cal., Aug. 28.—Three men were killed and two wounded by Percy Barnes, 35, before he was captured by sheriff's deputies today.

The dead were: Charles E. Curtis and Charles Klein, brothers-in-law of Barnes, and Lena Gerrhart, a cousin of Barnes' estranged wife. Family troubles were believed responsible.

FATHER ASKS PROBE OF ATHLETE'S DEATH

Chicago Youth Believed Slain at Wisconsin Lake.

By United Press
CHICAGO, Aug. 28.—The parents of John T. Cox, athlete of the Chicago 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 advanced that John had been murdered by Chicago gangsters, he did not believe that explanation. His son had no connection with gangsters here, Cox said, and he added that John never was "much to run around nights."

WOMAN SAVES AUTO

Refuses to Give Up Keys to Bandits; Male Goes for Help.

Presence of mind of Mrs. William R. Miller, 3202 E. Twentieth St., prevented two men from running off with the Miller automobile Monday night, according to police reports.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller had just driven up in front of their home when the men jumped on the running board of the machine and demanded to be driven to Massachusetts Ave. Miller ran for aid and Mrs. Miller seized the keys of the machine and refused to surrender. The men became frightened and fled.

SLACK DELAYS ACTION

No Move on Civil Service Plan Until First Cabinet Meeting.

Consideration of civil service will be delayed by Mayor L. Ert Slack until the first cabinet meeting early in September.

Councilmen unanimously demanded that Slack re-establish civil service. The mayor said he favors some civil service plan, particularly in the police and fire departments.

His statement that "whenever a department head wants to fire a man he'll be fired," has led observers to believe the plan will have some loopholes.

GREECE IN GRIP OF FEVER PERIL

150,000 Ill; Civic Life Is at Standstill.

By United Press
LONDON, Aug. 28.—Athens today was reported in Daily Express dispatches to be a vast hospital with thousands of people suffering from dengue and virtually all civic life at a standstill.

The reports said that 150,000 of 700,000 persons were ill of dengue while 15,000 others are recuperating after weeks of illness.

Telephone service is disrupted, railroad schedules are in-operative and public service has ceased.

Ice merchants were reported besieged as sufferers from the fever bought ice to relieve the suffering. Much of the ice supply has been exhausted and special trains and steamers have been chartered to transport ice from Salonika, Corfu and Patras to the capital.

Dengue is a rheumatic fever, common to tropical countries, which, while rarely fatal, frequently causes great suffering.

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 Kenwood Ave., reported a tire rim stolen from his parked car.

Dr. P. C. Brown, State veterinarian, parked his auto north of the Statehouse. A bag containing clothing valued at \$30 was taken. Max Rose, 2849 N. Delaware St., said a glass was broken from the door of his car, which was parked at Capitol Ave. and Court St., and a brown brief case stolen. Robert Day, Canby, Ind., told police a thief took the top off his Ford roadster, parked on Louisiana St.

WAR FLARES IN CHINA

Remnants of Northerners Again Engage Nationalists.

By United Press
LONDON, Aug. 28.—Civil warfare has broken out with renewed intensity in the Pekin area of China, reports to the Daily Mail said today. Remnants of the old northern army, who were defeated decisively several months ago, have engaged the nationalists and severe fighting now is going on.

Children's Home Head Quits

By United Press
LEBANON, Ind., Aug. 28.—Dr. Joseph L. Stout has resigned as superintendent of the Indiana Methodist Children's home here and will re-enter the ministry. He has held the position five years. He will be succeeded by the Rev. Grant Howard, pastor of the Congress Street Methodist church, Lafayette.

Hurt Fighting Dog; May Die

By United Press
ROCHESTER, Ind., Aug. 28.—Jake Baker, 81, may die of injuries suffered when he fell while attempting to strike a dog with his cane. The dog was barking at Baker. As he swung the cane he fell, fracturing several ribs. His advanced age is a factor against his recovery.

START PROBE OF JAIL LUXURY IN NEW ALBANY

U. S. District Attorney Told Federal Prisoner Given Radio in Cell.

Luxuries, including a radio, bed and hotel meals permitted a prisoner in the Floyd County Jail of New Albany are being investigated by Albert Ward, United States district attorney.

Ward said the investigation may result in contempt of court charges against Sheriff Joseph H. Kraft. The prisoner accorded the alleged "homelike" conditions is Harry (Bud) Daily, New Albany, sentenced to eight months for Federal liquor violation.

Ward's attention to the case was called by H. P. Loveland, prohibition department attorney. Loveland, in answer to a protest, received a letter from Sheriff Kraft, stating members of Daily's family furnished the luxuries, and that Daily developed tubercular trouble in World War overseas service.

OFFICIAL SLAYS SON

Chicago Park Board Member Gives Self Up.

By United Press
CHICAGO, Aug. 28.—When Eldridge Falk, 23, threatened to leave home early today, 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.

STEPHENSON'S COUNSEL DOUBTS SIGNING VALID

Gary Lawyer Hits Signing of Petition by Prison Warden.

By United Press
SOUTH BEND, Ind., Aug. 28.—Doubt that the signature of Warden Walter H. Daly of Indiana State Prison, on a petition which blocks an effort to obtain a habeas corpus hearing for D. C. Stephenson, is valid, was expressed here Monday by Robert H. Moore, chief counsel for Stephenson, fighting to obtain his freedom from prison where he is serving a life term for murder.

Moore, a Gary lawyer, asserts Daly's signature appeared on petition for a writ of prohibition issued by the Indiana Supreme Court at Indianapolis despite the fact that the warden, to the best of Moore's knowledge, was in Michigan City throughout the day the paper was filed.

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There is no simpler, daintier or more effective method of caring for the skin and hair than is afforded by the daily use of Cuticura Soap for cleansing and purifying and Cuticura Ointment for soothing and healing irritated surfaces. Cuticura Talcum Powder cleans and perfumes.

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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 Station St., Dearborn, was third. Evelyn Williams, 2657 Brookside Ave., Spades, was first in girls' race. Helen Wachstetter, 1321 N. Denny St., Brookside, second, and Helen Eyed, 3325 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 McDonald, 2425 Stewart St.; George Clark, 1925 Blvd. Ave.; Herbert Coffman, 2023 Tallman Ave.; Paul Eppling, 2165 Parker Ave.; Albert Moreland, 2216 E. Twenty-second St.; Floyd Lewis, 2139 N. St.; Madison St.; Birnie, 2902 E. Twenty-second St.; Thomas Jackson, 2241 N. Oxford St.; Caroline Peterson, 2154 Wheeler St.; Bernice Ellis, 2318 Wheeler St.; Lilla Jackson, 222 N. Oxford St.; Roy Reeves, 2877 N. Dearborn St.; Harold Dehart, 1008 N. Dearborn St.; Jack O'Neil, 2034 Station St.; William Mullay, 2038 Station St.; Robert Miller, 2840 N. Wheeler St.; Ruth Miller, 2840 N. Wheeler St.; Mary Alice Russell, 2911 N. LaSalle St.; Mildred Miller, 2911 N. LaSalle St.; Taylor, 2422 Brookside Pkwy.; Charles Llad, 1104 N. Hamilton Ave.; John Washburn, 2415 Brookside Pkwy.; Edward Meredith, 1315 Station St.; Pauline Richey, 1618 N. Tacoma St.; Jane Wood, 1625 N. Tacoma St.; Ralph Hartsock, 1350 N. Tacoma St.; Daniel Gleich, 1210 N. LaSalle St.; Robert Rodapp, 1210 N. LaSalle St.; Norma Ector, 1921 Adams St.; Louise Potts, 131 N. Adams St.; Harold Adams, 2235 N. Adams St.; Robert Brooks, 2410 Olney St.; James K. Donnan, 2425 Stewart St.; Edward Yeager, 2718 W. Wharfe St.; Edward Yeager, 2718 W. Wharfe St.; Elizabeth Hall, 3545 Massachusetts Ave.

District 3 Races Wednesday

Semi-final races will be run Wednesday in district 3 at Rader and Udel playground for children from Orchard, School, Fall Creek, Riverside, school No. 44, Municipal Gardens and Rader and Udel 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. Dickerson of the American Library Association, Chicago, as Indianapolis librarian by the school board appeared 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 W. Kern, while reporting favorable to Dickerson, said he had received suggestions 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 Lenroot Visit at Camp.

By United Press
SUPERIOR, Wis., Aug. 28.—President Coolidge today will hear a report on the political and agricultural situations in the middle west from Senator Arthur Capper, Kansas.

Former Senator Irvine Lenroot, Wisconsin, also will confer with the President at the executive offices here. Secretary of the Interior West, who conferred with Coolidge Monday on departmental matters, was an overnight guest.

Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported to the police as stolen:

C. B. Reeves, Marion, Ind. Ford coupe; 610-550; from Portland, Ind. Frank Caine, 233 W. Morris St.; Oldsmobile sedan; 636-330; from Meridian and Wilkins Sts. Ft. Wayne Corrugated Paper Company, 341 N. Campbell St. Ford coupe; 268-574; from Manual Training High School.

E. B. Market, 6108 E. Washington St.; Ford half-ton truck; from Sheridan and Washington St. Noble Karnes, 1341 N. Gale St. Ford coupe; 650-813; from Riverside Park.

NERVOUS BURGLAR SHOOTS CITY MAN

Globe-Circler



Capt. Charles B. D. Collier, round-the-world flier, who recently set a new world's record, beating the moon's time around the globe, left for Des Moines, Iowa, today after visiting Indianapolis in the ship with which the world trip was made.

BANKERS EVADE ARM OF LAW

Kokomo Men in Florida Win Extradition Fight.

By Times Special

KOKOMO, Ind., Aug. 28.—Howard County authorities have encountered a long delay in efforts to bring back to Kokomo William H. Arnold and his son, Glenwood, wanted on charges in connection with failure of the American Trust Company Bank here. The elder Arnold was formerly president of the bank.

Winning a fight before Governor John W. Martin of Florida for extradition of the Arnolds, Indiana officers were blocked when the Florida Supreme Court Monday issued a writ of error on application of the wanted men, setting a hearing upon it for Jan. 8, next.

Pending the hearing, the Arnolds will be at liberty under supervision of the sheriff of St. John's County, Florida, of which St. Augustine is the seat.

Advices received here are to the effect that Arnolds intend to carry their fight into the Federal Courts in case the Florida tribunal rules against them in January, even to the extent of going before the United States Supreme Court.

While Howard County authorities doubt that the wanted men have a case for Federal Court consideration, they concede there is nothing to prevent them from making moves before such a court, causing further delay.

CHURCH PEACE AIM

Bishop Hopes to End War With Mexican State.

By United Press
MEXICO CITY, Aug. 28.—Peace negotiations between the Catholic Church and the Mexican government soon will be resumed, Bishop Miguel Maria Delamora, secretary of the subcommittee of the episcopate, predicted in an interview made public today.

The bishop, sought by police for months, gave an interview to newspaper men in a suburb. He had arranged quietly for the meeting at a secluded place where he believed it unlikely that police would detect him.

Delamora said the peace negotiations would be resumed. He said Catholics were presenting a memorial to congress in September asking a change in the laws.

Marks on Check, Is Jailed

By United Press
KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 28.—Because, unable to write his name, he made his mark on the back of a worthless check as an endorsement, Elaine Underwood was sentenced to three years in prison.

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RASKOB CLAIMS ENOUGH VOTES TO ELECT AL

Democrat Chairman Meets Mid-West Leaders in St. Louis.

BY FOSTER EATON, United Press Staff Correspondent

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 28.—Claiming sufficient electoral college votes to assure the election of Governor Alfred E. Smith as President, John J. Raskob, chairman of the Democratic national committee, conferred here today with party leaders from eight Mississippi valley States.

"I prophesy that Smith and Robinson will poll the greatest popular vote ever accorded a presidential candidate in the history of our country," he said. "Never has the outlook for the Democratic party been better."

Raskob characterized Smith as "this human engineer."

"The people of the nation," he said, "are developing a great sense of security in him and in his ability to get things done."

"The result is a ground swell sweeping across the whole country."

Al Keeps Promises

In the heart of the agricultural west, the Democratic chairman attributed "great unrest and dissatisfaction throughout the farm belt" to "the unkept promise made by the Republican party in 1920 and 1924."

"Governor Smith has promised relief," he said. "Smith has a record of never breaking a promise. The people of New York State know this, and love and trust him."

He made no reference to prohibition.

Raskob claims 346 electoral votes, or 80 more than enough to elect Smith, and believes that out of the 185 remaining votes in the country, Smith "should corral 100 more."

Twenty-seven States with 309 electoral votes which he asserted "any reasonable prudent business men" would include in the Smith column today, are: Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Nevada, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Wisconsin and Tennessee.

States in Conference

"There seems little doubt," he said, "that six more States with an electoral vote of 37, should be classified for Smith and Robinson. They are Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming."

"The leaves States with 185 votes," he said, "everyone of which is fighting ground, and there is good indication that the Democratic ticket will corral over 100 of these."

The States called into conference today are Missouri, Illinois, Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Iowa, Kentucky and Tennessee, of which Raskob includes all but Illinois, Kansas and Iowa in the Smith column.

Raskob, en route to Hot Springs, Ark., for notification ceremonies for Senator Robinson, the vice presidential nominee, was accompanied here by Senator Peter G. Gerry, Rhode Island, chairman of the advisory committee; Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, in charge of women's activities; J. J. Shouse, Kansas, member of the advisory committee, and Mrs. John A. Warner, daughter of Governor Smith.

FESS TO SPEAK HERE

Ohio Senator Procured for G. O. P. Address Sept. 13.

Simon D. Fess, United States Senator from Ohio, will be the principal speaker at a Republican rally Sept. 13 on the campus of Butler University, Irvington, Claude H