

5-CENT SLASH IN 1929 SCHOOL LEVY PROPOSED

Searching Criticisms Made
by C. of C. Finance
Committee.

School officials today were studying closely proposal of the Chamber of Commerce finance committee that the 1929 school city levy, advertised at \$1.03, be reduced 5 cents.

The cut would be accomplished by sweeping budget slashes. Similar reductions are urged in the separate budget for the last six months of this year, prepared in order to change from the fiscal to the calendar year.

Rising cost of elementary school per capita cost disproportionate to the average monthly enrollment over a period of six years is criticized, as is a wide variation among grade school building per capita operating cost.

Instead of changing to the calendar year from the fiscal year, it is proposed that after the present year the schools return to the fiscal year, with adoption of a budget and levy in the spring, which it is admitted may require special legislation.

Deficit Pointed Out
Suggestion is made that the proposed change from fiscal to calendar-year basis is illegal, pointing out that the purpose, to eliminate making appropriations after the obligations provided for already had been entered into, is scarcely achieved, since almost three of the six months being budgeted have passed.

Reduction in the special fund levy from 5.4 cents to 4.9 cents, increase in tuition fund levy from 4.7 cents to 4.8 cents, to meet salaries already contracted; reduction in library fund from 6 cents to 5 1/2 cents, and retention of the .9 cents kindergarten levy are proposed.

The chamber suggestions, the report asserts, would leave an actual balance at the end of 1929 of approximately \$35,798.49, while the school city proposals with a \$1.03 levy would leave a \$22,000 net deficit.

Public Hearing Set
The 98-cent rate will permit necessary and ordinary expansion in all departments of the school city," according to the report.

"While at first it may appear to be a serious reduction, that is not the case. It should be borne in mind that the \$1.03 rate now existing provided approximately \$303,000 for erection of elementary buildings out of taxation. There is no item in the new budget for such construction."

"Likewise an increase of approximately \$10,000,000 in the assessed valuation would add about \$60,000 to the school city revenue."

Public hearing will be conducted by the school board on the two budgets at the regular meeting Sept. 11.

Total reductions urged in the 1929 budget amount to \$219,406.81, leaving \$7,087,798.62. Principal reduction suggested is in the special fund, \$189,100. The only tuition fund reduction proposed is \$3,000 from proposed manual training teacher salary increases.

Salary Provisions Short
The report recommends slashing \$27,700 from the library fund, including \$12,000 from the \$15,000 proposed salary increases, \$10,000 from the library repair item, and \$4,000

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Fliers Find Rude Haven in Greenland



In the crude shack in Greenland pictured in this exclusive NEA Service photo, Bert Hassell and Parker Cramer, Rockford-to-Sweden fliers, stayed after being rescued by the members of the University of Michigan expedition studying arctic weather conditions near Mt. Evans. Prof. W. C. Hobbs, leader of the expedition, built the shack in which the two men found refuge after their fifty-mile march across icy wastes. A member of Hobbs' party is pictured standing at the shack's entrance. Below are Hassell, right, and Cramer.

for binding. Suggestion is made that the library is somewhat over-manned.

It is charged that appropriations for teachers' salaries in the tuition fund are approximately \$38,000 short of the amount necessary for the same number of teachers at the same salaries as are employed this year. In addition, it is said, no provision is made for increase in number of teachers next year or for automatic salary increases.

Special fund slashes suggested include \$20,000 in elementary school repair and \$30,000 in elementary school improvements and alterations. This, it is asserted, will leave \$285,000 in the two funds.

Elimination of a \$9,000 item for furniture repair, and reduction of \$18,000 for high school repairs, is proposed.

Among slashes urged are \$14,000 from the interest appropriation, \$8,000 from temporary loan interest by using funds lying idle in bond proceeds, \$3,050 from sinking fund by providing only exact amount needed.

Estimates Incorrect
It is suggested crediting interest earned on the sinking fund deposits to the fund would permit a levy reduction of one-half to one cent.

Other large reductions proposed include: Administrative office repairs, \$4,000; supplementary books, \$7,000; janitors' salaries, \$8,000; fuel, \$5,000; reserve for contingencies, \$5,000; interest on temporary loans, \$8,000; elementary school furniture and equipment, \$10,000; Arsenal Technical furniture and equipment, \$10,000.

The six months budget, according to the report, estimates total revenue at approximately \$131,000 more than will be received.

Total reductions urged for the six months budget are: \$278,400.92, of which \$196,850 would be slashed from the special fund, tuition fund \$74,100, library fund \$6,800 and free kindergarten \$1,090.99.

Compare Enrollment, Costs
Reduction of \$60,000 from elementary school repairs, improvement and alterations, \$6,450 for elementary school furniture repairs, \$2,000 for Manual Training High School repairs, \$3,000 at Technical and \$1,500 for Broad Ripple High School repairs is proposed.

Several pages of the report are devoted to comparison of school enrollment increase and per capita cost.

Despite 843 increase in elementary enrollment in six years, per capita cost has increased from \$80.72 to \$89.24. In the same period, 3,036 average attendance increase in high schools is shown with decrease in per capita cost from \$160 to \$156.88.

Fuel Buying Criticized
Recommendation is made that the school city carry its own workmen's compensation risk instead of buying insurance costing \$6,000.

Comparison is made of cost of new Shortridge and the new Butler University, showing Shortridge is costing more than the more elaborate Butler, although capacity is approximately the same.

Discarding of original Shortridge plans, which cost \$40,000, "in order to reduce cost of the building," instead of accomplishing its mission has made actual cost \$50,000 higher than estimated under original plans, the chamber asserted.

An unfavorable comparison of fuel costs is made, charge being made that the sanitary board is buying Indiana fourth vein coal screenings approximately 22 cents cheaper than the schools.

The Sphinx at Gizeh, in Egypt, is carved from one mass of solid natural rock, with the exception of the forepaws, which are built up with blocks of stone.

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Aviation

Mexico Plans Air Mail

An air mail service will be begun this fall between Vera Cruz and Merida, Mexico, with stops at Minatitlan, Villahermosa and Campeche. The planes will make the trip three times a week in each direction, and daily, if the service warrants it. A branch line will also be established between Villahermosa and Tuxtla Gutierrez, capital of the state of Chiapas.

Labor Plans Amity Flight

The suggestion made by Mexican labor leaders last winter at the time of Colonel Lindbergh's good-will flight to Mexico City that it would be a fine thing for organized labor to finance a "trade union good-will flight" from Mexico to the United States and other American countries appears to be taking definite shape.

According to reports from the Washington office of the Pan-American Federation of Labor, with which the American Federation of Labor and the Mexican Federation of Labor are affiliated, steps are being taken toward realizing the Mexican labor men's idea in the near future.

Ford Orders Motometers

LONG ISLAND CITY, Sept. 8.—The Motometer Company, Inc., reports receipt of order from the airplane division of the Ford Motor Company for ten Boyce motometers for indicating oil temperatures. Similar meters are said to have been incorporated in the Ford and Fairchild airplanes that will accompany Commander Richard E. Byrd's Antarctic expedition, the former being a tri-motored job, having an oil temperature meter for each motor. Boyce motometers are said to be standard equipment on all Ford planes.

Air Meet Sept. 14-15

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Sept. 8.—A new beacon visible for more than twenty miles has been installed on a tower near the St. Joseph Aviation Clubhouse and is now in operation.

Temporary floodlights have been installed for night landing on the field. The new light equipment will be used in the air meet to be held Sept. 14-15 by the club.

Tax Assessors Now Fly

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—The strides made in the use of aerial photography for tax assessment purposes is evidenced in a report just issued by Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc., showing that fourteen cities and towns in Connecticut utilize this new method for making taxation maps.

The airplane, it is reported, is used to spot tax dodgers in much the same way it was used to locate enemy trenches in the late war.

The municipalities in Connecticut using aerial photography for tax equalization, city planning and general engineering purposes are as follows: Hartford, Middletown,

East Haven, Rocky Hill, Berlin, Manchester, East Hartford, Plainville, Portland, Southington, Windsor, Greenwich, Bloomfield and Norwich.

Air Engine Sets Record

PATERSON, N. J., Sept. 3.—What is believed to be an aviation engine record for commercial operation has been established by a Wright "Whirlwind," which has been in service for 568 hours' actual flying time without overhaul. This motor is owned by the West Indian Air Express, operating Keystone "pathfinders" from Cuba over the Virgin Islands to Santo Domingo.

It is estimated that this engine has covered more than 50,000 miles at an average of 1,500 revolutions a minute. Together with ground time, the "Whirlwind" has been in service for more than 600 hours, according to Roy S. McKim, operator of the Aerial Express line.

Postmaster Goes Flying

Charles F. Porter, postmaster of Hagerstown, Ind., was a passenger on the Embury-Riddle air mail plane from Cincinnati to Indianapolis Friday evening as guest of the Embury-Riddle Company.

After a brief visit with Postmaster Robert H. Bryson, Porter returned to Hagerstown by auto. He told Bryson he was pleased highly with the trip.

Bar Taxi Peeps

Rear Vision Mirrors Fail to Prove Popular With Patrons.

REAR view mirrors are not so popular in Indianapolis taxicabs.

Drivers are more likely to have accidents and "see too much sometimes" if the cabs are equipped with rear vision mirrors, according to cab company proprietors.

"Women don't wear any more than the law allows these days. And accidents will happen when a chauffeur is gazing in the rear vision mirror," one cab owner declared.

"Most of our drivers are high-grade married men but—sometimes are as bad as single men. We have had some complaints about that very thing," he said.

John Dubuc, Checker Cab Company manager, said mirrors have been removed from part of the company's fleet because patrons objected.

Kyle Moroney, Yellow Cab Company, said the mirrors were taken off some time ago because of the experience in accidents.

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Sweden tried prohibition. It failed. Now a rigid system of State control is being tried, successfully. William Philip Simms, Scripps-Howard foreign editor, has made an intensive study of the plan, and herewith presents the fourth of a series on the workings of the system.

BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS
Foreign Editor, Scripps-Howard Newspapers

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 8.—In most American hotel and restaurants there isn't any limit to the number of drinks you may have. Your bootlegger is only too glad to supply you. You may have to hide your bottle under the table, or under a napkin. But who minds that?

Over here it's different. You are rationed in restaurants and hotels just as you are in Swedish homes. So much and no more. And drinks are served in certain specified public rooms, not in private chambers "upstairs."

Before noon, in hotels and restaurants, you get nothing. Between noon and 3 p. m., you are entitled to seven and a half centiliters. This corresponds to one cocktail and a half-portion of liquor with your coffee.

Women get half-portion and nobody gets anything, at any time, save in conjunction with a regular, honest-to-goodness meal. Property sandwiches don't go in Sweden.

Spirits Strictly Limited

After 6 p. m. you have a right to fifteen centiliters. This amounts to, let us say, two cocktails and a liquor.

That is all the spirits you get, try as you may. I know, for I deliberately set out to break the rule if I could, and I failed 100 per cent, in restaurant after restaurant.

The reason is simple. They have removed all possibility of making private profit from serving booze in Sweden. There is nothing to gain and everything to lose by pushing sales or breaking rules. A hotel or restaurant stands to lose a very valuable license by playing free and easy with the law. Only such hotels and restaurants as are known to be both legitimate and above suspicion are granted licenses to sell spirits.

The amount of liquors which any hotel or restaurant may serve is based upon the average number of guests or customers it takes care of over a considerable period of time.

Those obtaining licenses do so on contracts guaranteeing that no alcohols will be purchased from any source whatever save the system.

Prices Are Fixed

They also are bound, under penalty of license forfeiture and prosecution, not to sell to minors, intoxicated persons, disorderly people, and so on, and in no case to sell to any one person more than the legal maximum. The law also fixes prices.

Lastly, should they run short of liquors due to some unusual number of visitors in the city or community, any supplementary allotment, if obtained, would have to be sold at exactly the same price as the hotel or restaurant paid the system. So, instead of a profit, there would be a net loss, since there is always considerable breakage and waste.

Told by an American friend here that I could not beat the game, I undertook to do it if I could. Once I thought I'd done it. One day at lunch, after I had had my regulation 7 1/2 centiliters of schnaps and liquor, I told my waiter I'd like a kummel, a Dutch liqueur which I pronounced "kimmel."

"A what?" he asked.

"A kimmel," I repeated.

"Oh, a kimmel!" he echoed, a light breaking in his face. "Yah, yah! I get you. Sure, I bring you a kimmel."

Two minutes later he returned in triumph, bearing a plate. Upon the plate was a package of Camels.

Next: An interview with Stockholm's police chief.

Aug. 16 Their Big Day



Mr. and Mrs. Walter MacDonald of Cincinnati were both born on the same day, Aug. 16. They were married on that day, too, a year ago. This year a new member was added to the family, Maryland Francis McDonald, and she was born on Aug. 16, also.

ADVISE AGAINST SCHOOL SHIFTS

Parents Asked Not to
Transfer Children.

Appeal to parents not to request transfer of children from the district in which they reside, unless imperative, was made today by Fred T. Gladden.

"Parents should send their children to the schools in the district in which they reside," he said, "in order to prevent confusion."

"Transfers are granted occasionally where some excellent reason exists for doing so, but most requests must be refused."

"A child may be transferred to another school district if the distance is much closer than the distance to his own school. Transfers are also granted frequently to obviate the child crossing some dangerous boulevard, street or railroad that is unprotected with stop signs or crossing watchman."

"Another reason for which a transfer may be granted is health of a frail child."

Transfers also will be granted, Gladden said, to schools where algebra and Latin are taught in the eighth grade, if parents desire. These subjects are not taught in all schools.

Schools teaching algebra and Latin include: Schools 2, 3, 10, 18, 27, 29, 32, 33, 41, 43, 45, 54, 57, 58, 60, 66, 67, 70, 76 and 84.

Lost Silver

Indianapolis is too careless with its silverware, according to Floyd Baber, city garbage plant superintendent.

Baber today asked hotel and restaurants to try to identify their property from 3,000 pieces of table ware which have been salvaged from garbage.

Baber in a report to the sanitary board stated 799 pieces of silverware have been returned to owners this year.

More than 3,000 pieces were claimed in 1926, he said.

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Automobiles reported to police as stolen:

F. L. Hanning, 118 N. Drexel Ave., Auburn Roadster, 7-916, from Georgia and Illinois Sts.

Claude Crum, Cicero, Ind., Oldsmobile coupe, M 2-511, from State fairgrounds.

Arthur Siebenthal, Walcott, Ind., Ford sedan, from State fairgrounds. Aleatha Bivens, 2322 S. Randolph St., Ford sedan, 659-596, from Market and Delaware Sts.

Guy Deaver, Frankfort, Ind., Ford coupe, 423-152, from 312 N. Senate Ave.

W. S. Everett, Lebanon, Ind., Studebaker four, from State fairgrounds.

E. G. Reiley, 763 N. Miley Ave., license 696-714, North and Pennsylvania Sts.

Fred O. Magsam, 1333 N. Dearborn St., Ford sedan, 7-830, from Alabama and Ohio Sts.

Hugh McCoun, 1706 S. Harding St., Auburn roadster, 648-563, from Capitol Ave. and Ohio St.

A. S. Shafer, 1515 E. Michigan St., Marmon sedan, 29-295, from 1515 E. Michigan St.

Dundee Cleaners, 815 Virginia Ave., Ford coupe, 702-896, from Prospect and Shelby St.

Pernella Ashmore, 1179 Kentucky Ave., Ford roadster, 462-150, from Riverside Park.

BACK HOME AGAIN

Stolen automobiles recovered by police:

Ford coupe, 647-832, found at Twenty-Fourth and Yandes St.

Robert L. Smith, 1336 E. Raymond St., Ford roadster, found at W. Raymond St. and Eagle Creek, striped of two tires and top.

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