

FARMERS HEAR STATE INCOME TAX GET BOOST

Adoption in Indiana Urged by Professor Hubbell of Wisconsin.

The state income tax adoption of which is favored in a resolution passed Monday by the Indiana Farm Bureau Federation, was given a boost today by Professor B. H. Hubbell of the University of Wisconsin, who addressed the 1,000 Indiana farmers attending the tenth annual convention of the federation at the Claypool.

"There must be a change in our antiquated taxation fabric, and the state income tax is the best way we have to get out of the rut we are in," he said.

He described the working of the Wisconsin state income tax and urged the Indiana farmers to follow the Badger state's lead in establishing such a system.

"One of the main reasons farm relief is needed so desperately now is the fact that the farmers have not been able to reduce their taxes in proportion to their reduced incomes. Nothing can be done about it, however, under the present regime," he declared.

Settle Is Re-elected

"We need a tax reform. Persons should be compelled to pay according to their ability."

Miss Verna Elisinger of the Ohio farm bureau, addressed the delegates on "Woman's Part in the Farm Bureau." "Co-operative living," she said, "must be behind all our schemes for co-operative marketing and purchasing, and in this woman's part is a big one."

At Monday night's session of the convention William H. Settle, for the last six years president of the organization, was re-elected, as were Lewis Taylor, Newburg, vice-president; and Mrs. Charles Sewell, Otterbein, second vice-president.

Urging McNary Plans Settle, when nominated, was described as "the most loyal friend Indiana agriculture has," and resolution commending him for his stand in support of Al Smith for the announced purpose of aiding farm relief, was adopted.

The farmers Monday night also passed a resolution declaring the principles of the McNary-Haugen bill sound and workable, and announcing the intention of continuing work toward legislation that will establish a national farm policy.

It was resolved to make no attempt to obtain any farm legislation during the short term of congress that convenes Dec. 3.

The convention, which began at 10 Monday morning, ends tonight with a dinner in the Claypool.

UTILITIES APPEAL TO TRIAL; STATE ABSENT

Public Service Commission Is Not Represented at Hearing.

Another utilities appeal from the public service commission went to trial today without the commission or the state represented. The case is that of the Standard Telephone Company. Notice of trial in Cass circuit court was received by the commissioners Saturday.

Commissioner Calvin McIntosh, who wrote the order forbidding a merger as asked by Max F. Hosea, Indianapolis, Standard Telephone Company promoter, asked Arthur L. Gilliam, attorney general, to represent them in the matter. Gilliam replied, as he has in all cases appealed to courts under the 1927 statute, that no provision is made for his office to represent the commission in such cases.

At the time of passage, Gilliam declared the statute unconstitutional, but Governor Ed Jackson signed it in the face of the opinion. Constitutionality of the measure has never been tested out.

DEMOCRATS 'IN HOLE' FOR STATE CAMPAIGN

Expenditures of \$115,000 Leave \$4,000 Deficit.

Expenditures of the Democratic state committee in the 1928 campaign amounted to \$115,133.97, while receipts were \$109,170.12, according to the treasurer's report filed late Monday with the Marion county clerk.

Outstanding indebtedness amounts to \$10,133.97, according to the report and a deficit of \$4,963.85 is shown. The Democratic national committee contributed \$63,850, and Thomas Taggart, former United States senator, made the largest individual contribution, \$3,400. Frank C. Dalley, candidate for Governor, donated \$3,050; Albert Stump, candidate for United States senator, \$1,200 and state candidates sums ranging from \$1,500 to \$150.

The Democratic committee came within \$9,058 of equaling expenditures of the Republican committee, which reported a total outlay of \$124,192.83. Four years ago the Democrats spent only \$56,279.

GIRL BITES 'GAS HAWK' IN BATTLE ON STREET

Police today sought a "gas hawk" with teeth marks on his finger. The gas hawk had the misfortune to pick Miss Elizabeth Rath, 3860 Winthrop avenue, Manual Training high school physical training instructor Monday night as a victim of his "gas hawking."

As Miss Rath was walking west on Thirty-eighth street near the Monon railroad boulevard station the youth, about 23, drove to the curb in front of her and pretended to be looking at the tires of his new Ford roadster.

As Miss Rath came abreast of the Ford he grabbed her and attempted to drag her into the car. She fought and in the struggle got one of his fingers in her mouth and bit it. He released her and she fled home.

Chief Justice on Job



Judge Clarence R. Martin, youngest member of the supreme bench, took over the gavel as chief justice Monday. He will preside during the November term, succeeding Judge David A. Myers, Greensburg.

NEW SHORTRIDGE TO GET BOARD O. K.

EZRA MEEKER SINKING SLOWLY

Doubtful If Oregon Trail Pioneer Will Live.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 27.—Sinking slowly, Ezra Meeker, trail-blazer of the northwest, was waging a losing battle against death here today.

The 97-year-old pioneer of ox-team days lapsed into unconsciousness late Monday and a bulletin issued from his room at the Frye hotel said it was doubtful if he would live twenty-four hours.

The bulletin was issued by C. L. Templeton, grandson of the pioneer. Meeker's rugged constitution has weakened considerably in the last few weeks. The first indication of his condition came this summer when he was confined to the Ford hospital at Detroit for two months.

Meeker lost much of his strength then and came west to recuperate. His advanced age brought on a recurrence shortly after he arrived here.

Meeker was born in Butler County (Ohio), Dec. 29, 1830. When he was 21, he migrated west by covered wagon, arriving in Oregon in 1852.

Fifty-four years later he retraced his steps across the country and made a second trip in 1910. Three years ago he flew by airplane over the route.

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VESTRIS MUTINY TALE IS DENIED BY 2 OF CREW

Conflicting Stories Told; \$510,000 Damage Suit Filed.

By United Press NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—Conflicting stories continued today as the government attempted to learn why the steamer Vestris sank with loss of 114 lives.

Monday members of the crew told of mutiny of the "black gang." This was a repetition of earlier stories that the "black gang" had mutinied several hours before the steamer went down.

Deny Mutiny Story

Today two witnesses appeared before the reconvened commerce department inquiry and denied the mutiny charges. One was Alfred Hansen, the pantryman, who gained such renown through the pictures he took of the disaster, and the other was Alfred Duncan, the second steward.

"There was no mutiny," Hansen testified.

"Discipline was good," Duncan testified.

Both Duncan and Hansen told stories similar to those they had told at the inquiry before a United States commissioner concerning the lowering of lifeboats and the last scene aboard the vessel.

Crew Rebelled

Hansen told particularly how few lifeboats had been lowered into the water safely.

Reginald M. Dickson, sixth engineer of the Vestris, repeated testimony he gave Monday that members of the engine room crew had left their posts without authority and that Captain William J. Carey pleaded with them:

"For God's sake, boys, go below and give a hand."

There was no action on this plea, Dickson testified.

Damage Suits Filed

He was followed to the stand by Harry Forsythe, third engineer; George J. Preswick, fourth engineer, and Ernest Smith, refrigeration engineer. They all more or less substantiated Dickson's story.

A \$510,000 suit was filed against the Lamport & Holt Line Monday by Emeline Nahem and Simon Sitt, administrators for the estate of Isaac Nahem, who lost his life in the disaster.

Several more of the 123 crew survivors have been subpoenaed in the \$52,000 damage suit filed last week against the line by Orris S. Stephens, a passenger. Stephens' bride lost her life.

TRAIL GROWS FAINT IN PULLIAM DEATH QUIZ

Homicide Squad and Motor Patrol Formed.

Detectives today continued to work on numerous vague clues in connection with the slaying last week of Paul L. Pulliam, Bair theater manager, without any information which promised early solution of the bandit murder.

As a result of the Pulliam killing Police Chief Claude M. Worley is organizing a homicide squad and motor patrols to patrol outlying residence sections to the southwest, west, north and east.

The homicide squad is in charge of Fred Simon, and includes Detectives Moore, Gaughan, Golsch, Taylor, Miller and McCarty. The squad will continue on the Pulliam case and will investigate all future murder cases.

Under the new patrol system three teams of men in automobiles will cover ten large districts formerly covered by ten men on foot.

Funeral services for Mrs. Anna Fishberg, a resident of Indianapolis for thirty years, were held Sunday at her home, 925 Broadway, where she died Friday. Burial was in Knesses Israel cemetery. Mrs. Fishberg was an active member in the Beth El-Zakeck church. She is survived by her husband, David Fishberg; three daughters and three sons and three brothers.

PROBE BOY'S DEATH

Coroner C. H. Keever today investigated the fatal burning, late Monday of William Wallace, Negro, eighteen-month-old son of John Wallace, barber at the Columbia Club. The child's mother had left the baby and three other children in the kitchen of the home while she went to the grocery. Helen, 3, to baby's sister, set its clothes on fire with a stick she lighted in the oven, the older children told police.

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FINED FOR LARCENY

State Farm Sentence for Watch Theft Suspended.

W. C. Struitt, 40 North Chester avenue, was fined \$5 and placed on probation on an suspended sentence of thirty days at the Indiana state farm on a petit larceny charge in municipal court today. Struitt admitted he made no effort to locate the owner of a watch he picked up in a washroom at the Claypool Sept. 1. The watch belonged to Paul Wauk, chief bellboy at the Claypool. It later was found in a pawnshop, where Struitt had pawned it.

YOUNG MEN TO HELP OUT FUND

New Club Votes to Go After Contributions.

A whirlwind canvass to secure gifts for the Community Fund was decided upon by members of Young Men of Indianapolis at a meeting held Monday night at the Spink-Arms.

Support for the Thanksgiving day football game between Butler and Tufts college of Medford, Mass., also was voted by members of the newly-formed organization.

Nearly \$1,500 has been secured for the city's fund, said Eugene E. Whitehill, president. Efforts to secure gifts totaling at least \$2,500 before the official end of the fund campaign Wednesday are to be made, said Whitehill.

Walter C. Marmon spoke briefly, declaring that the full quota of \$781,800 was needed if the city's social service agencies were not to be handicapped.

G. M. Williams, president of the Marmon Motor Car Company, in the principal speech of the evening, urged a "singleness of purpose" in dealing with civic and economic problems.

OPEN BIDS ON 67 MILES OF STATE PAVING

Low Prices Submitted on Eight Projects Total \$1,349,984.

An army of contractors, material men and others interested filled every seat in the house of representatives chamber and overflowed into the statehouse corridors today for the opening of bids for 67.5 miles of the proposed 300-mile paving program of the state highway department for 1929.

The opening was the first of the new season.

Low bids on the eight paving projects totaled \$1,349,984.99. The letting means employment for more than one thousand men in various sections of the state, it was estimated. Work will get under way in the spring as soon as weather permits.

Similar lettings are scheduled by Director John D. Williams throughout the winter months, until the whole 300 miles are under contract. Low bids and bidders on both paving and grading in today's lettings are as follows:

Paving
State road 45 and 56, Jasper to Havana, 6.88 miles, Dubois county, Globe Construction Company, Evansville, \$179,547.97.

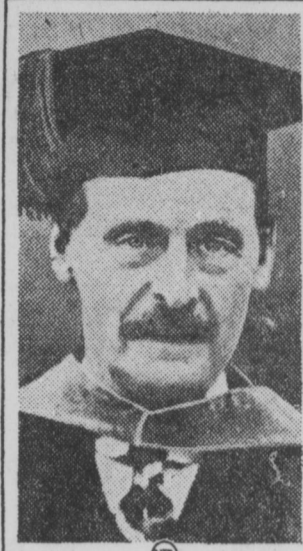
United States 24, Wabash to two miles east of Lagro, 7.92 miles in Wabash county, J. N. C. O'Connor & Sons, Ft. Wayne, \$188,977.16.

United States 24, two miles east of Lagro to two miles west of Huntington, 7.918 miles in Wabash and Huntington counties, Tri-Lake Construction Company, Columbia City, \$202,886.77.

State road 29, Shelbyville to two miles southeast of Middletown, 10.065 miles in Shelby and Decatur counties, Berns Construction Company, Indianapolis, \$181,179.83.

State road 29, two miles southeast of

King's Doctor



Lord Dawson of Penn, personal physician to King George V, is attending his famous patient at Buckingham palace, London. He is one of the most famous doctors in the British Empire.

Middletown to Greensburg, 9.491 miles in Decatur county, John F. Kelly & Co., Terre Haute, \$196,899.20.

State road 53, Remington to Rensselaer, 11.928 miles in Jasper county, W. F. Smith & Co., Rensselaer, \$193,322.57.

State road 45, Huntington to Jasper, 6.571 miles in Dubois county, Berns Construction Company, Indianapolis, \$115,503.48.

Combination bid, Huntington to Havana, 13.439 miles in Dubois county, Foulkes Construction Company, Terre Haute, \$283,208.48.

Grading
State road 37, bridges approaches to Clear Creek and Monon bridges near Harrodsburg, James C. Ellis, Rockport, \$31,740.60.

State road 87, Worthington to three-fourths miles east, Hart & Hart, Sandborn, \$4,631.90.

Grading totals low are \$40,372.50.

FEAR CHARITY FUND TO FALL BELOW QUOTA

Final Luncheon for Reports to Be Held Wednesday at Claypool.

Final luncheon of Community Fund workers is scheduled for Wednesday noon at the Chateau room of the Claypool.

Preparations are being made to handle one of the largest fund luncheons of the campaign as reports of gifts are turned in for the last time this year.

Walter C. Marmon, campaign chairman, said that gifts now in sight would raise the total to around \$750,000, an amount \$31,000 short of the \$781,800 goal. Whether this deficit would be cut down will depend entirely upon gifts reported Wednesday noon, he said.

Heaviest gifts are expected from the six employees' divisions and from the women's army. Other main divisions, Marmon explained, were confident of bringing in sufficient gifts to equal their quotas since these main groups now lacked only a few thousands of dollars of going over the top.

"Gifts to the Community Fund will continue to come in for many weeks after the curtain officially is rung down on the ninth annual campaign," Marmon said. "But unless there is an unexpected avalanche of gifts reported Wednesday noon the appeal unfortunately will end without having reached the minimum goal of \$781,800. Wednesday will tell the story."

Turn Down Road Bonds
A proposed \$14,000 bond issue for the R. Hodges road, Walnut township, Montgomery county, was turned down by the state tax board today.

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