

## FARMERS HEAR STATE INCOME TAX GET BOOST

Adoption in Indiana Urged by Professor Hubbard of Wisconsin.

The state income tax, adoption of which was favored in a resolution passed Monday by the Indiana Farm Bureau Federation, was given a boost today by Professor B. H. Hubbard 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 Elsinger 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, Osterbein, second vice-president.

### Urge McNary Plans

Settle, when nominated, was described as "the most loyal friend Indiana agriculture has," and a 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 continued 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. Gillum, attorney general, to represent them in the matter. Gillum 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, Gillum 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 \$63,500 and Thomas Taggart, former United States senator, made the largest individual contribution, \$3,400. Frank G. Dailey, 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 \$56,278.

### 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, 3660 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 Pioneer Will Live.

By United Press SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 27.—Sink-

ing slowly, Ezra Meeker, trail-blazer of the northwest, was waging a losing battle against death here to-day.

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

The Meeker was issued by C. L. Thompson, 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.

### ADD \$500 TO REWARD

R. R. Bair Hikes Ante to Catch Pulliam Slayers.

An additional \$500 reward for arrest and conviction of the slayers of Paul T. Pulliam, general manager of the Bair neighborhood theaters, was offered today by R. R. Bair, owner of the theater chain, in a letter to Police Chief Claude M. Worley. The reward offers now total \$850.

Pulliam was slain last Tuesday night as he was driving downtown with receipts from the St. Clair theater.

Bair is offering the reward in appreciation of the highly commendable efforts of yourself and the entire police department to solve the slaying, his letter said.

Although specific details of the investigation are still working on the case and the entire police department has been ordered to watch for clews, police as yet have obtained no definite information likely to lead to the arrest of the slayers, Worley said.

### ASKS AID FOR LAW

Co-operation of members of the legislature in protecting the city manager law against attack and in effecting needed minor amendments was asked by John W. Esterline, chairman of the executive committee of the Indianapolis City Manager League, in letters sent the legislators, Monday.

The letter inclosed a booklet explaining operation of the law and asked legislators help in a sincere endeavor to place the affairs of our capitol city on a higher plane.

### Speedy Relief for Sore Throat

Safe Prescription Requires No Gargling.

No longer is it necessary to gargle or to choke with nasty tasting patent medicine or gargle to relieve sore throat. Now you can get almost instant relief with one swallow of a famous doctor's prescription called Thoxine. It has a double action, relieves the soreness and goes direct to the internal cause not reached by gargles, salves, and patent medicines.

Thoxine does not burn the throat or doze, is pleasant-tasting, harmless and safe for the whole family. Also excellent for coughs; stops them almost instantly. Quick relief guaranteed or your money back, 35c, 60c, and \$1.00—Advertisement.

### Complete Inspection Made of Structure Before Acceptance.

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

Reginald M. Dickson, sixth engineer of the Vestris, testified Monday the boat will reserve the right to require contractors to complete such minor details as may be incomplete.

A large force of men was engaged on final details, such as hanging lighting fixtures, polishing floors, and installing equipment.

The building will be cleaned thoroughly by a corps of janitors and laborers Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Much laboratory and other equipment has been moved to the new building from old Shortridge.

With close of classes at noon Wednesday for the Thanksgiving holiday, all remaining furniture and equipment to be used in the new building will be removed.

The new building, constructed at a cost of more than \$1,300,000, is one of the most modern high school structures in the country, according to officials.

A feature is the amount of daylight in each room, the building having more window space than any other school in the country, it is claimed.

Among the modern features is the domestic science department, with a model dining room for instruction in preparation of a table for a meal, electric clothes washer, dryer and ironer.

An echoless library and an art gallery in the south corridor, third floor, with indirect lighting through ground glass skylights, are other points of interest.

### 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 a grocery. Helen, 3, the 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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