

STUDY PLAN TO RELIEVE BURDEN OF REALTY TAX

State Survey Group Maps Income and Sales Fee Law Proposal.

Enactment of both income and sales tax laws to lift the entire burden of state taxation from real estate will be recommended by the Indiana tax survey commission Governor Harry G. Leslie has been informed.

Formal announcement of the recommendations is to be made early next month.

State Senator Joe Rand Beckett (Rep., Indianapolis) who, with State Senator J. Clyde Hoffman (Rep., Indianapolis) chairman of the commission, were pioneers in the survey work, conferred with the Governor last week in regard to putting the finishing touches on the report.

Present state tax levy is 29 cents on each \$100 worth of taxable property, which raises approximately \$14,500,000. It is estimated that each cent brings in \$500,000.

Two Plans Proposed

No high rate on incomes or sales would be required to raise this sum and wipe out the state levy, but another commission may ask that the state levy be increased 40 cents or more, which would present a vastly different problem.

Is This the State Aid School Commission which is Considering two Plans, one of which would have the state raise all minimum school taxes for distribution to the local units?

Called the Jones plan, it is based on the theory that with minimum school expenditures being state financed, corresponding reductions in local levies would result.

The Wimmer plan, also being considered, would require local units to make a \$1.50 school levy before coming under the present state aid.

Reductions Pointed Out

Should the state be required to raise what would amount to a 60-cent minimum levy (as required by a 40-cent school rate), it would mean \$30,000,000 would have to be collected through income and sales taxes. The consequence would be a considerably greater sales and income tax rate than if the present state revenues are retained.

Proponents of the Jones plan point out that this would mean drastic reductions in the property levies, however, which admittedly are overburdened now.

Recently Governor Leslie pointed out differences between public and private business methods which may be raised in the discussion of these tax problems in the legislature.

More Taxes to Be Paid

"When private industry sets up new machinery, the old machinery and tools are discarded," Leslie said. "But in government, when new machinery is set up, the old is also retained."

Applying this to the proposed tax set-up of the state taking over the school levies, it merely would mean additional expenditures by the local units, with more taxes to be paid by the citizenry. Success of the plan lies in actually cutting out local levies, rather than merely duplicating them, it has been pointed out.

DEFERS BIENZ ACTION

Sentencing of Aged Primary Worker Held Up Until Saturday.

Special Judge Henry M. Dowling in criminal court today deferred until Saturday passing sentence on John L. Bienz, 78, Coffin precinct worker, convicted by a jury recently on a charge of illegally marking ballots in the last primary election. The conviction carries a five-year sentence.

Bienz was an election official in the Ninth precinct of the Fourth ward.

DIES IN HOTEL ROOM

Jay Godman, 62, Heart Disease Victim, Is Found by Operator.

Jay Godman, 62, address unknown, was found dead in his room at the Sexton hotel, 371 South Illinois street, Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Alta Starbuck, hotel operator, said she had not seen Godman since Saturday, and, entering his room, found him dead. Coroner Charles H. Keever said death was due to heart disease.

Disabled Veteran Gets \$2,400

By Times Special

HAMMOND, Ind., Nov. 24.—Roy Haulin, disabled World war veteran, whose \$8 a week compensation was stopped two and one-half years ago, has recovered \$2,400 in back payments through efforts of the local American Legion post. Haulin's suspended payment was stopped because he obtained employment. He has a wife and one child.

Stabbed With Ice Pick

Royce Wharton, 26, Negro, was in serious condition at city hospital today, after having been stabbed three times with an ice pick Sunday. Wharton, named Henry Vaux, Negro, 1015 North Illinois street, as the man who stabbed him. Although wounded seriously Wharton drove his own auto to the hospital.

Aviation

Weather conditions in the air at 9 a. m.: West wind, sixteen miles an hour; barometric pressure, 29.61 at sea level; temperature, 37°; ceiling, unlimited; visibility, eight miles; field, good.

Arrivals and Departures

T. A. T.—Mrs. L. L. Miller, from Kansas City to Cleveland.

Curtiss Flying—Gene Lawrence to Salina, Kan.

Hoosier Airport—Dr. L. H. Dunham, in Robin, from Danville, Ill.; Donald Beyer, in Waco, from Danville, Ill. Both returned in Waco.

Capitol Airport—Lieutenant Commander H. R. Boesch, in plane, from Dayton to Detroit.

Begins Hop for Record

By United Press

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—Hoping to set a new record for women in a round-trip transcontinental flight, Miss Ruth Nichols, aviatrix, started from Roosevelt field today for Burbank, Cal., in her Lockheed Vega cabin monoplane.

The takeoff was at 8:16 a. m., and Miss Nichols planned to stop either at Columbus or St. Louis to refuel, and at Wichita, Kan., or Albuquerque, N. M., on the westward flight.

Mrs. Keith Miller holds the present record for women for a round-trip cross-continent flight. Her flight was 47 hours and 30 minutes, which Miss Nichols hopes to better. She said she would make the return flight eastward as soon as possible after reaching the Pacific coast.

Sets Record to Cuba

By United Press

HAVANA, Cuba, Nov. 24.—A round of receptions was in store today for Mrs. J. M. Keith Miller, British flier, who established a new aviation record by completing a solo flight from Pittsburgh, Pa., to Havana in 12 hours and 8 minutes flying time.

She landed her low-winged "bullet" monoplane at General Machado airport at 4:47 p. m., Sunday.

Mrs. Miller is the first woman ever to fly solo from Pittsburgh to the Cuban capital.

Steam Cooling Used

By United Press

CHICAGO, Nov. 24.—Steam generally is hot, but it's used to cool the engines of a number of aircraft developed in England.

Advantages credited to the steam cooling system over the water-cooling system include less weight, elimination of air resistance, and the reduction of chances of damage due to the piercing of the cooling

Ousted Old Members

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Air School to Open

Ground and flying instruction in aeronautics will be given beginning about Dec. 1 by the Coats Flying school, recently moved to this city from Borden. All ground instruction will be given at night. Temporary offices have been established at 317 North Pennsylvania street.

Club to Hold Dinner

K. A. Kennedy of Boeing School of Aeronautics, Oakland, Cal., will address a dinner at the Hoosier Flying Club at 7 tonight at the administration building at Hoosier air-

port.

Continued! Monday and Tuesday! To Accommodate the Crowds!

THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

WORKERS' RULE WINS FAVOR IN INDUSTRIAL CITY

Socialists Carry Election at

Reading, Pa., After Three-Year Test:

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—Out of the ruck of belated campaign news comes the story of Reading, Pa., and its all-workingmen's government.

Reading has not gone red. Although an industrial city, it is one of the most conservative communities in upper Pennsylvania, where dwell the descendants of William Penn alongside Germans, Quakers and south Europeans.

But since 1929 it has been ruled by a Socialist majority, and it liked it so much that it just has filled up the council with two more Socialists members and elected two Socialists to seats in the Pennsylvania legislature.

Reading's political transformation dates back to 1910 when a group of cigarmakers, ironworkers and other workingmen began a campaign for lower taxes. Among this group were Harry Stump, cigar worker; George Snyder, a piano tuner, and Jim Maurer, middle-aged plumber.

Stump and his followers pamphleteered and signed on street corners. They organized a Socialist local and bought a hall for meetings. The result was that Maurer was sent to Harrisburg as a legislator.

Caught Labors Reforms

There he led a movement for the state's first workers' compensation law and agitated for other labor reforms.

Reading had adopted the commission form of government, and Maurer and his fellows decided to concentrate on city politics. The morning after election day in 1927 the Reading folks awoke to find they had turned their city over to three Socialists. Stump, Maurer and Snyder had been elected and, forming a majority, they named Stump mayor.

The Stump majority hired an able expert to reappaise the city's property. He found the downtown property under-assessed and the little home owners footing the bill. Today 75 per cent of the homes are paying less than they did and the general tax rate is \$1.52 per \$100, one of the lowest in the state.

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Indiana Boy is Brightest

FROM three to twelve. That's the period which is most important to your child's development. And that's the time many are retarded mentally and physically by constipation.

Watch your child, mother! At the first sign of bad breath, coated tongue, headache, biliousness, lack of energy or appetite, give a little California Fig Syrup.

This pure vegetable product cleanses, regulates a child's bowels without discomfort. No danger of forming the laxative habit when California Fig Syrup is used. For it tones and strengthens weak bowels. In colds or children's diseases, employ its gentle aid to keep the system from becoming clogged with germs or waste.

Mothers everywhere are eager to tell of the benefits secured for their children. Mrs. J. Clark Hale, of 3935 Broadway, Indianapolis, says:

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GUNMEN HOLD UP COLLECTOR; TWO ROBBERIES FAIL

Money Bags Containing \$350 Taken; One Victim Beaten by Thugs.

Forcing the car of Harry Pegg, collector of the Producers' Oil Company to the curb on Washington street, three gunmen Sunday night robbed him of \$350, police were told.

Two other robbery attempts failed and thugs severely beat one of their victims.

Pegg said he had obtained receipts from a station at Davidson and Washington streets. The gunmen demanded a second money bag from him after he had offered them one of the two he carried, he told police.

Two other robbers, who had attacked Harry Orr, 60, of 1449 Kim Avenue, operator of a theater at Tenth and Holmes avenues in the rear of his home Sunday night.

Both men were armed, Orr told police, and fled after he had resisted them. In the fight, the thugs struck him over the head with a revolver and he was cut on the left hand and his face beaten. No loot was obtained.

Hesitancy of W. F. Reynolds, operator of a drug store at Tenth and West streets, Sunday night averted robbery by a Negro bandit.

The robber tried to open a safe but Reynolds told him there was no money in it and ordered him out of the store. The bandit fled when several customers entered.

Joseph Barker, 2004 Meredith street, oil station attendant at Tenth street and Senate avenue, permitted the youth to enter the station when the Negro said he had lost his money. Barker was searching the floor when the Negro drew a revolver. Barker wrested the weapon from the bandit and held him at bay until police arrived.

The auto was stolen from T. E. O'Hara, 201 Empire Life building, early Saturday night.

Other robbery victims:

Clifton Chandler, 24, of 3376 Guilford avenue, taxi driver, \$6; James Knetzer, 1406 North Holman avenue, \$13; W. F. Heileman, 229 Kankakee street, laundry worker, \$60; T. T. Franklin, 1511 South Emerson avenue, laundry driver, \$50; Floyd Nelson, 1272 Blaine avenue, \$20, and Ray Plummer, 1407 Blaine avenue, cab driver, \$1.75.

Lecture Series to Start

The "Sacred Story of the Mass" will be the subject of the first of a series of lectures to be given by the Rev. George A. Keith, S. J. Creighton university, starting Nov. 30 in Assumption hall, 1127 Blaine avenue, it was announced today.

Anderson Man Dies

ANDERSON, Ind., Nov. 24.—Charles Miller, 78, native of Madison county, is dead at his home here.

The father said he believed the boy hanged himself, accidentally, while at play.

9 and 75 Fight Battle

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—Forget their years in the heat of anger, two aged friends engaged in a battle which sent Henry Myer, 93, to the hospital and William S. Walker, 75, to jail on an assault charge.

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