

BILLS IN HOPPER TO ELIMINATE TAX ON REAL ESTATE

TWO OF THREE MEASURES ARE GIVEN HOUSE

One Provides Retail Sales Levy With License on All Stores.

COLLECT ON INCOMES

Regarded as Principal Fund Raising Issues of Session.

Two of three voluminous bills designed to eliminate the state tax on real estate were tossed into the hopper of representatives' legislative hopper today by the Indiana Farm Bureau Federation.

Levying a tax on personal income, corporate income and gross retail sales, enactment of the trio would supplant completely, it is claimed, Indiana's traditional property tax for state purposes.

That the income tax on persons and corporations would produce possibly \$10,000,000 annually, was the estimate given the state tax survey committee when it investigated its feasibility before suggesting them as possible remedies for the burdensome property tax.

Annual Fee Is Proposed

Estimates of from half that amount upward are made for the retail sales tax which has aroused the vigorous opposition of merchants and their associations throughout the state.

As introduced today, the retail sales bill would levy an annual license fee of \$1 on all stores in the state, plus 1 per cent of their gross sales, payable monthly, beginning Aug. 15. The state tax board would issue the licenses, receive the tax and administer the act, placing all revenues above cost of administration in the state's general fund.

It would have broad powers in investigating returns thought in error or fraudulent.

Sentence Is Provided

A 10 per cent fee would be charged for delinquent returns and a fine of from \$100 to \$1,000 assessed for false reports, to which six months' sentence on the Indiana state farm might be added, if the violator is an individual.

A 3 per cent tax on the net income of corporations is proposed in one of the companion measures. This act, too, would be administered by the state tax commission which would give an immediate appropriation of \$20,000 to set up the plan.

Third Measure Is Ready

Prepared for introduction, but withheld today, was the third companion measure, for a tax on personal incomes. Lewis E. Bailey, head of the farm bureau's tax department, said the bill will levy a tax of 1 per cent on the first \$2,000 of annual income 2 per cent on the next \$1,000; 3 per cent on the next \$7,000 and 4 per cent above \$10,000.

All the bills were sent to the house ways and means committee, where they are expected to be regarded as the principal general fund revenue raising measures of the session.

FILLING STATION MAN DENIES ROBBERY GUILT

Petersburg Suspect Sent to Jail in Default of \$25,000 Bond.

PETERSBURG, Ind., Jan. 29.—Alvin Elkins, 33, Petersburg filling station owner, pleaded not guilty to a charge of bank robbery when arraigned before Mayor William R. Berridge Wednesday.

He was remanded to jail in default of \$25,000 bond.

Elkins was implicated in the \$3,000 robbery of the People's Loan and Trust Company here Friday, upon alleged accusations of Lester Church, charged with being driver of the bandit automobile, and McCrillis Harper, said to have been one of the two robbers who entered the bank.

A fourth man is said to have participated in the holdup, but so far has eluded officers. Elkins planned the robbery, according to police.

SHOW ENTRY RECEIVED

First Poster Is Submitted in Real-time Exhibition.

J. A. Archer of Poughkeepsie, Ind., is the first contestant to submit his entry in the annual poster contest sponsored by the Indianapolis Real Estate Board in conjunction with the realtors' home show, April 11 to 18, at the Manufacturers' building at the fairground.

Bankruptcy Report Filed

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 29.—The Anderson Banking Company, as receiver, has filed an inventory of the assets of the defunct J. W. Bailey Coal and Supply Company. Assets which represent a total cost value of \$77,049.16 are appraised at \$46,542.87.

NEW WONDER GLAND TONIC DISCOVERED

Having brought more happiness to hundreds of persons than any other form of treatment, the new wonder gland ointment stands superior as a tonic. Glendale, as this treatment is called, comes in treatments of one month. People suffering from nervousness, insomnia, neuritis, rheumatism, etc., should try this wonderful remedy. As this preparation is the result of years of study and scientific experimentation, it will be of great value to anyone who wants to keep well.

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BILL PROPOSES RAILROAD SALE

Special Legislation Applies to Old Line Under Lease.

Affairs of an almost forgotten Indiana railroad, once known as the old Southern Indiana railroad and now as the Chicago, Terre Haute & Southeastern, will be brought to the attention of Hoosiers as result of a bill introduced by Representative Fabius Gwin (Dem., Dubois and Martin).

The old line which now is used as a coal and stone road from Terre Haute to Chicago runs but one passenger train daily from Terre Haute to Bedford, is owned by an Indiana corporation and is leased for a period of ninety-nine years to the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific railroad.

The latter line is owned by a foreign corporation while the old Hoosier road is owned by Indianaans. Gwin in his bill seeks to open the way for purchase of the Indiana line by the lessor. He explained that the law would apply only to this one line.

DRY BILL UP IN SENATE TODAY

Debate Is Scheduled on Perkins Resolution.

Prohibition debate on the Perkins resolution to memorialize congress to modify and moisten the eighteenth amendment was due in the Indiana session today.

The resolution is to come to the floor on a divided committee report, the majority favoring indefinite postponement. Senator Chester A. Perkins (Dem., St. Joseph), author of the resolution and one of two signers of a minority committee report for adoption, will take the floor in its behalf.

Prohibition figures in a bill calling for a referendum, introduced in the Senate Wednesday afternoon by Senator John L. Niblack (Rep., Marion).

Under provisions of the measure a special election would be held the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1931.

NEW SCHOOL PLANNED

Lafayette Township, Madison County, May Erect \$60,000 Building.

By Times Special

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 29.—None has been given of intention of the Lafayette township advisory board to issue \$60,000 of township bonds for the construction of a consolidated school. The board will meet at 7 p. m., Feb. 23, to hear any remonstrances that may be filed.

Efforts to build a school in the township three years ago resulted in a suit being filed in Madison circuit court here by a group of taxpayers asking a mandate requiring a former advisory board to proceed with the building program. Judge Cleon W. Mount of Tipton decided the case for the plaintiffs, and an appeal was then taken to the Indiana supreme court.

Election last November of an advisory board favorable to the building project resulted in the suit being dismissed.

DR. ROWE WILL SPEAK

Disciples of Christ Official to Aid in Church Unit Dedication.

Dr. H. G. Rowe, superintendent of the adult department of young people of the Disciples of Christ church in Indiana, will speak at dedication services for the first floor of the recreation hall of the Seventh Christian church, Uddell and Annette streets, tonight.

A dinner will precede the ceremonies. Frank Hiland, church board chairman, will preside.

FIND PETRIFIED WHALE

Excavators' Discovery Held Proof West Coast Once Ocean Bed.

By United Press

GREENCASTLE, Ind., Jan. 29.—Carroll Bottom of Purdue university extension department and County Agent Floyd Miller are conducting a four-day farm record book campaign in Putnam county.

Farm Record Book Drive

By Times Special

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29.—The petrified skeleton of a whale, thirty feet in length with a five-foot skull, today was regarded as positive proof that this section of the Pacific coast was under water some 3,000,000 years ago.

Slayer of Six Killed by Mob

By United Press

SCHAFFER, N. D., Jan. 29.—Charles Bannon, 22, confessed slayer of a family of six, was lynched Wednesday night by a mob which crashed over the county jail with a log, in defiance of peace officers.

The lynching was the first recorded in North Dakota in many years.

A band of men came to the jail Wednesday night and told Deputy Sheriff P. Hallam to surrender the keys of the jail. Hallam refused.

Bannon pleaded with the mob not to harm his father, who was lodged in the cell next to him, also under suspicion of the killing.

The mob took the youth to the Cherry creek bridge, where he was hanged.

APPEAL FOR BIG MEMORIAL FUND TO BE SPURNED

Legislators' Wrath Roused by Tactics of Lincoln Shrine Boosters.

Legislators appropriating \$400,000 for the Lincoln Memorial union apparently is scheduled for a speedy death late today, when the house ways and means committee receives a delegation from the union to hear an explanation of the memorial program.

An invitation Wednesday night to a dinner party at a downtown club was the tinder that inflamed the opposition of several members of the committee.

Intimating that Paul Brown, executive secretary of the union, was a lobbyist, Representative Sam Ben (Dem., Crawford and Harrison), and a veteran of former sessions of the assembly, vehemently spurned the invitation.

Bills Declines Invitation

"I'm not going to break a rule I set two years ago for myself and accept favors from any organization seeking passage of legislation," Benz hotly told the committee, hammering on a table to emphasize his stand.

"You can't tell me anything about the Lincoln memorial," Benz told Brown. "I live in that part of the state and I know the purpose of the idea and the feeling of southern Indiana people toward it."

"What happened to that state drive you fellows put on?" continued Benz.

Brown explained that approximately \$30,000 was pledged by subscription.

Admits Expense Is Heavy

"You're rebuffed, Benz, and the people who raised it got about half of it, didn't they?" This, Brown denied, saying subscription committees amounted to about \$40,000. He admitted, however, that this sum was exclusive of expenses, which were approximately as much again.

Representative George B. McCammon (Dem., Madison) came to the meeting with the report he had been approached as to his attitude toward the bill and had informed his questioner that anything he (McCammon) would have to say would be said before the committee.

McCammon and Representative John D. Bold (Dem., Vanderburgh) joined Benz in rejecting the dinner invitation, Bold declaring himself against the spending of such a huge sum when "Abraham Lincoln was alive, he undoubtedly would consider building of a costly memorial inappropriate and incompatible with the simplicity which was the keynote of the martyred President's character."

Representative Hardin S. Linke (Dem., Bartholomew), committee chairman, set 4 p. m. today as time for a hearing of backers of the memorial bill.

Members decided to ask to be excused from house session for several days, that they might continue deliberation on the income tax bill, a Democratic platform pledge measure.

Increases Are Provided

The present school city tax rate of \$1.00, Albert Baker, school board attorney, points out, but school officials feel they should be able to increase it even though it is improbable the authority would be utilized immediately.

Increases are provided for in the bill for two specific purposes, the library limit being boosted from 4 to 6 cents and the tuition limit from 50 to 65 cents.

POWER TO INCREASE SCHOOL LEVY SOUGHT

White Will Introduce Bill Raising Limit from \$1.19 to \$1.28

Authority to increase the Indianapolis school city taxation limit from \$1.19 to \$1.28 is provided in the bill and is not in the bill introduced in the house today by Representative John F. White (Dem., Marion).

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FILE GOODRICH WILL

Girl Bookkeeper Gets Main Share of Estate.

By United Press

SHIELDBURG, Ind., Jan. 29.—Miss Ila Harding, a bookkeeper in the office of the Shelbyville Republican, was given the principal share of the estate of T. E. Goodrich, publisher of the Shelbyville Republican, who died Tuesday.

She was bequeathed the income from a \$20,000 trust fund in the will, which provided that the principal sum revert to the First Methodist church upon Miss Harding's death, to be used as a memorial to the deceased editor's wife, Mrs. Belle Goodrich.

Another trust fund of \$7,000 was created in the will for Mrs. Mary McCord, Indianapolis, sister of Mr. Goodrich.

At her death the will directed that the principal be given to Trinity M. E. church for purchase of a pipe organ to stand as a memorial to her father, Nathan Goodrich.

Emos Peter, Shelbyville manufacturer, was given the property of the Shelbyville Republican as trustee to other estate or sell.

Funeral services for Mr. Goodrich were held yesterday afternoon.

TWO CRIMES ALLEGED

Manufacturers Seek Measure Less Drastic Than Proposal.

Charles O. Grafton, Muncie, today took charge of organization of a group of Indiana manufacturers to combat street and house robberies.

Effort will be made to make the bill satisfactory to all interests concerned, he said, following a meeting at the Columbia Club attended by manufacturers and L. S. Finch, state health board sanitary engineer.

DEMOCRATS MAP DRIVE

Launch Survey Preliminary to Drive to Wipe Out Deficit.

By Scripts-Howard Newspaper Alliance

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Determined to go into the next presidential year with a clean financial slate, leaders in the Democratic national committee have launched a nation-wide survey preliminary to a vigorous drive to wipe out their current \$600,000 deficit.

A professional money raising organization in New York has been engaged to make the preliminary survey. Recent reports from strategic centers have told of abnormal resistance to subscription campaigns, but the Democratic leaders point out that these advances arise from million-dollar drives or better. A mere \$600,000, they believe, should be forthcoming from the rank and file of the party within ten days.

Auditor's Aid Dies

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 29.—Mrs. Marjorie Branigan, who has been employed as an assistant in the office of the Montgomery county auditor, died after a short illness. She leaves her husband Paul, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ora Krouse; a sister Ruth, and brother Eugene, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Titus, Crawfordsville, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Krouse, Alamo.

Forty-Eight Hens Stolen

By Times Special

ANDERSON, Ind., Jan. 29.—Thieves raided a chicken house on the O. G. Brattain farm. Forty