

SENATE VOTES SCHOOL LAW ENGROSSMENT

Bill to Repeal Compulsory Attendance Act Goes to Final Passage.

Indiana senators refused today to accept an amendment retaining the state school attendance officer and passed to engrossment the bill providing for abolition of both state and county attendance officers.

The bill will be up for final passage Tuesday.

Attempt of Senator Harry K. Cuthbertson (Dem., Howard and Miami) to kill the bill by indefinite postponement was thwarted by Lieutenant-Governor Edgar D. Bush, who added his vote to break a tie to keep the bill alive.

Cuthbertson was successful, however, in killing the amendment proposed by Senator French Clements (Rep., Vanderburg) to retain the state attendance officer and abolish the county officers.

Women Want Law

He urged that the bill stand or fall on its merits and declared the amendment a mere compromise.

"The good women and mothers of this state want the law to remain as it is to make school attendance really compulsory," Cuthbertson pleaded.

"They worked for years to get such legislation and they do not want it repealed now. The amendment to keep the state office is a mere compromise to solicit votes from those who know that repeal will be unpopular," he said.

In introducing his proposed amendment Clements admitted that keeping the state office was done so county officers would be abolished.

"It is spending \$7,500 to save \$150,000," he asserted.

Trustees Empowered

Status of Indiana as a leader among the states in school attendance is jeopardized by the bill, which would place attendance in the hands of township trustees, it was charged in a statement today by Miss Florence Kirlin, secretary of the Indiana League of Women Voters.

Miss Kirlin contends that much of the backing of the bill comes from personal animosity against Miss Blanche Merry, state attendance officer, whom she asserts has done an outstanding job in seeing that legislation keep the children in school as the law requires.

Other factors include opposition from religious sects who do not want children in school full time, Miss Kirlin said, and pointed out that this explains the support of the bill from certain senators with such voters in their districts.

Floor Leader in Favor

"To pass this bill would be to take a decided step backward in the matter of education," she declared.

"The League of Women Voters are of the opinion that the measure will be defeated as it is a sort of hardy biennial produced each session by Senator William V. Doogs.

Senator Doogs, a Democrat, represents Perry and Spencer counties. The bill has the support of Senator Lee J. Hartzell (Rep., Allen and Noble), majority floor leader, however. He has numerous members of the Anti-Slavery society who appeared last session to seek such legislation.

Records in Miss Merry's office disclose that Perry county is already low in the matter of school attendance enforcement.

**MURDER GUILT DENIED
BY TWO IN FEUD CASE**

**Brother Arraigned at Salem Will
Face Trial March 30.**

SALEM, Ind., March 9.—Pleas of not guilty to first degree murder charges have been made by John and Pleasant Spurluck, brothers, in the Washington circuit court here.

The Spurlucks are charged with killing Patton Gibson, 69, farmer.

The two were brought here for arraignment from the Clark county jail at Jeffersonville, where they have been held since Dec. 27, when a raid was made on the jail here by four sons of Gibson. Both the Spurlucks and Gibsons came here from the mountain district of Tennessee where they had been involved in a feud.

A strong guard was thrown around the courtroom during the hearing. Two of the Gibson brothers, who stormed the jail here in an attempt to avenge the death of their father, are at large.

The court set March 30 as the trial date.

WORKING PACT SIGNED

Employers and Employees of Stone Industry in Agreement.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Feb. 9.—Workers and employers in the Indiana limestone belt have effected a new working agreement to run for a period of five years except as to wages. The scale of pay effective during 1930 will be cut until Feb. 1, 1933, after which one will be negotiated yearly. Outlets receive \$1 an hour and carvers \$1.25.

Most of the mills in Lawrence and Monroe counties are affected by the agreement, which was reached without difficulty in a series of joint conferences between representatives of the employers and employees.

BRIDGE HEARING SET

Louisville-Jeffersonville Span Will Be Taxed if Bill Is Passed.

Public hearing on the bill repealing tax exemption on the Louisville-Jeffersonville bridge will be held before Judiciary Committee of the senate at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday, it is announced by Senator French Clements, committee chairman.

Large delegations from both cities linked by the bridge are expected to be on hand. It is asserted by Senator Russell P. Kehoe of Jeffersonville, who asked that the public hearing be held.

The bill passed the house Jan. 26 by a vote of 91 to 1. Arguments for putting the property on the tax duplicate are backed by the fact that bridges at New Albany and Madison are paying taxes.

Musical Show Star Married to Roger Kahn



Roger Wolfe Kahn

HUNTINGTON, N. Y., Feb. 9.—Roger Wolfe Kahn, son of Otto H. Kahn, the banker, and Hannah Williams, popular musical comedy actress, were wedded at the Kahn mansion, Cold Spring Harbor, N. Y., Jan. 26, 1927. It has been revealed here by John Deans, justice of the peace, who said he performed the ceremony.

Miss Williams, who popularized "Hard-Hearted Hannah," the Vamp of Savannah, terminated her contract as a principal in the musical comedy, "Sweet and Low," suddenly at the request of Otto H. Kahn, according to Billy Rose, show producer.

She danced in Kahn's night club, Le Perquet, in Paris, after leaving N. Y. Jan. 26, 1927. This was her second marriage.

Members of the ways and means committee and Democratic house leaders point out that should the assembly fail to pass a classified property tax act for intangibles, to soak them from sequestration by means of a low rate, that owners might refuse to list them for income taxation if there was the possibility of tax ferrets learning of their existence.

FREE SCHOOL BOOKS FOUGHT

**State Teachers Also Oppose
Budget Limitation.**

No free textbooks, nonpartisan election of the state superintendent of public instruction and opposition to the \$1.75 real estate budget limitation bill is the legislative program promulgated by committees of the Indiana State Teachers' Association and made public today.

The committees first presented their reports at the business session of the joint three-day conference of the Indiana City and Town Superintendents' Association and the Indiana Schoolmen's Club at the Lincoln Saturday afternoon.

Approval of the rental rather than free book plan was reported by Superintendent C. V. Haworth of the Kokomo school.

Superintendent W. A. Wirt of Gary presented a report urging nonpartisan election of the state superintendent and pointed out that balloting could be done for this office when a nonpartisan judicial election is held. A bill for the latter has already been introduced in the legislature.

The budget limitation bill was attacked on the grounds that it would force the schools into politics in the report of Superintendent Donald DuShane of the Columbus schools.

SLAIN BY HUSBAND

**Working Wife Is Murdered;
Jealousy Blamed.**

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—Charles Micelli, 35, was charged today with killing his wife and leaving her body on their doorstep all night while he slept.

John Norton, detective chief, said Micelli had confessed killing Frances Micelli, 30, because he believed she had been going out with other men on nights when she told him she was working.

Micelli himself had not worked for two years. Mrs. Micelli was employed nights as a bookbinder for a printing company. Usually she arrived home about 1 a. m.

At 1 a. m. Sunday, Mrs. Micelli opened the back door, her home and stooped to pick up a small handbag. As she straightened, a pistol bullet struck her in the head. She died instantly.

**TO ARREST AUTOISTS
WITHOUT 1931 TAGS**

Police to Strictly Enforce State License Laws.

Failure of Indianapolis motorists to have 1931 license plates after midnight Tuesday will result in immediate arrest, Major Herbert Fletcher, of the local police department, said today.

Officers have been instructed to arrest drivers of all cars not carrying the new plates and state police and officers in all sections of the state will also observe the order.

INSANITY MAY BE PLEA

Slayer of Policeman Indicates Possible Trend of Fight to Live.

RUSHVILLE, Ind., Feb. 9.—A plea of insanity is expected to be the bid for life of William A. Brown, 19, confessed slayer of Patrolman Walter Garrison near Rushville Tuesday night.

Brown pleaded not guilty upon arraignment here and was returned to the state reformatory at Pendleton. He was said to have remarked that he had learned there was insanity in the family, and might make this the contention on which to endeavor to escape death in the electric chair.

Laugh Bests Surgeons

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 9.—Frank Goldsmith bit off more steak than he could chew and it lodged in his stomach. He was removed to a hospital, where all the instruments known to surgery that could be used for the purpose were brought into play, but without result. Finally, Goldsmith laughed heartily at a joke, dislodging the meat.

2 INCOME TAX BILLS READY TO BE SUBMITTED

House Is Scheduled to Get Carefully Prepared Measures Today.

Drafted carefully to guard against unconstitutionality, the long-awaited personal and corporation income tax bills were to make their bow today to the house of representatives with the way paved for prompt passage and presentation to the senate for final action.

Final check on the two tax measures was made by Paul V. McNutt, dean of the Indiana university law school.

The objects of frequent grooming, rewriting and amending, the companion Democratic platform pledges contain provisions assuring absolute secrecy on returns, as party leaders deem a safeguard against tax ferrets essential in view of the uncertain fate of pending intangible tax legislation.

Because the measures were recommended by the Governor's tax survey committee and the joint tax committee of the legislature, including Republicans as well as Democrats, the measures have taken on a bipartisan complexion.

Bush's Opposition Too Much

Members of the ways and means committee and Democratic house leaders point out that should the assembly fail to pass a classified property tax act for intangibles, to soak them from sequestration by means of a low rate, that owners might refuse to list them for income taxation if there was the possibility of tax ferrets learning of their existence.

Opposition of Lieutenant Governor Ed Bush, senate chief, to intangibles tax is considered an almost insurmountable obstacle.

The corporation income tax bill calls for a flat 3 per cent levy on all net incomes and the personal income tax bill provides for a sliding scale of taxation. Exemptions include \$1,000 for single persons, \$2,000 for married persons with \$200 additions for each dependent.

Penalties Are Listed

Rates range from 1 per cent on the first \$1,000 of taxable income to 4 per cent above \$10,000. The first installment will be paid in 1932 on 1931 incomes.

Secrecy on returns is provided for by subjecting any tax board employee who divulges information to a fine of \$1,000, one-year imprisonment or both.

Incomes exempt under the corporation bill are those of labor, agricultural, religious and lodge organizations, building and loan associations, clubs, farmers' non-profit insurance companies, hospitals, business leagues and other corporations not established for profit.

The measures bear the signatures of Representatives Hardin S. Linke (Dem., Bartholomew); Delph L. McKesson (Dem., Marshall); Lew S. Allen (Dem., Adams); George E. Stole (Dem., Allen); Edward C. Simpson (Dem., Perry and Spencer); Oran W. Cromer (Rep., Delaware).

**EVANS OPENS NEW
ATTACK ON LIEBER**

**'Ripper' Bill Is Scheduled to
Be Introduced in
House.**

Drafting of a conservative department "ripper" bill has been completed and the measure is scheduled to be introduced in the house of representatives late today.

The bill is sponsored by Representatives H. H. Evans (Rep., Henry), George E. Stole (Dem., Allen), Edward H. Stein (Dem., Green), Harvey G. Eselman (Rep., Noble), John McMassell (Dem., Vigo) and Edward C. Simpson (Dem., Perry and Spencer).

It provides for abolition of the present four conservation commissioners, director and assistant and is said to be aimed directly at Richard C. Lieber, the commissioner, who has been the subject of long and acrimonious attack by Evans, who wrote the measure.

Under Evans' plan the Governor would appoint three full-time commissioners to be paid \$4,000 annually.

These commissioners would take charge of the various subdivisions, allocating two to each, and no director or assistant director could be appointed.

One of their number would be elected chairman, and all work would have to be considered by the commission as a whole.

A periodical retracted a published article written by Evans attacking Lieber and the Isaac Walton league thumbed down various censorious resolutions Evans proposed.

Another attempt by Evans to score the conservation department was turned down by the house today when it accepted the recommendation of the Judiciary Committee to postpone Evans' resolution to transfer a balance of \$68,000 from the corn borer fund to the state board of agriculture to be used in the construction of a grand stand at the state fairground.

FIGHT FOR OFFICE ENDS

Compromise Reached at Martinsville in Township Trustee Contest.

MARTINSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 9.—A contest over the office of trustee of Adams township, unsettled since the Nov. 4 election, ended Friday through a compromise.

Each contender for the post has agreed to hold the office for two years. Samuel Gash, present trustee, will continue in office until Dec. 31, 1932, and his opponent, Loren Lewis, will serve the remaining two years.

The township election board certified the election of Gash in tabulating returns on the night of the election. Lewis contested this outcome before the board of county commissioners, which held Lewis was elected by a single vote. Gash refused to abide by the ruling of the commissioners.

Drive Leader Chosen

MUNCIE, Ind., Feb. 9.—Frank H. Kimbrough, Muncie manufacturer, has been named chairman of the Community Fund drive. The campaign will be held April 6 to 11.

Senator's Daughter Weds



Mrs. John Knight

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Miss Barbara Vandenberg, daughter of Senator and Mrs. Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan, is the bride of John Knight, Kalamazoo, in New York. Miss Vandenberg, popular with the younger social set in the capital, made her debut two years ago.

HEARINGS SET FOR 2 DRY LAW BILLS

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Feb. 9.—Mrs. Martha Snovels, 83, who had lived in horror of being buried as a pauper, was laid in her last rest here Saturday, the burial being paid for from her own funds.

When her husband died twenty years ago, he advised her to sell a little home they had bought and place the money in a bank as assurance that she would not occupy a grave in potter's field.

She followed his advice. Renting two tiny rooms as a home, the aged woman obtained work and was self-supporting until rheumatism made her practically an invalid. Members of the business girls class of the Central Christian church Sunday school learned of her case, and brought her food and entertained her.

An undertaker who had charge of the husband's funeral recalls that Mrs. Snovels paid the bill in installments, of dollars, quarters and nickels.

**Anti-Saloon League Fails
in Tactical Move to
Prevent Action.**

Interest of members of the general assembly is focused on two hearings set for Tuesday and Wednesday night on two dry law modification bills.

The Tuesday night hearing will be devoted to a bill to amend the Wright bone dry law to permit prescription of physicians of whiskey for medicinal purposes. The second hearing will be for the purpose of discussing outright repeal of the state dry law.

It was learned today that Indiana Anti-Saloon League officials had attempted to have the hearing on the Wright law repeal bill held first in the hope that on a division, the measure would be postponed indefinitely in the house.

Such action on the repeal bill, it is asserted under the house rules, would postpone for this session all discussion of prohibition law amendatory bills, and the consideration of the medicinal whiskey amendment automatically would be halted.

In order to avert this possibility the hearing on the medicinal whiskey bill will be held Tuesday night and the repeal discussion Wednesday night.

\$2,245 IS DONATED

**Red Cross Drought Fund Is
Boosted to \$42,420.**

Two contributions, one for \$100 and one for \$75, aided materially today to bring the Indianapolis Red Cross drought fund drive to \$42,420.

The \$100 contribution was given by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur V. Brown and the \$75 donation by the Woman's Rotary Club of Indianapolis.

The local drive goal is \$72,000.

PLAN SCHOOL RELIEF

**Housing Conditions at
Ripple to Be Bettered.**

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MAYOR ABLE TO RESUME DUTIES AT CITY HALL

Recovers From His Injuries Received in Airplane Crash.

Fully recovered from injuries, Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan is expected to return to his city hall desk this week.

Since he was injured in an airplane crash at South Bend Oct. 18, Sullivan has performed his duties as mayor from St. Vincent's hospital and his home, 803 North Capitol avenue.

Walter Watson, secretary to Sullivan today said that the mayor has taken several walks recently and is anxious to return to the hall.

Request was made here today by P. L. Filby, Lodi, O., to search for his son Allen, 14, who left home last week with a five-cent stranger. The boy is about five feet, nine inches tall, weighs 160 pounds, and is thought to have started to California. He was last seen in London, O., Thursday.

Fire originating in the incinerator room in the basement of the north wing of the William Penn apartments, 1120 North Pennsylvania street, Saturday night, caused damage estimated at \$5,000.

Bids on 7,500 feet of fire hose was received today by the safety board. Contracts will be let Tuesday.

Contract for a deep well unit at the municipal airport today was let to James W. Hensley by the works board at a bid of \$3,495. The board also adopted a resolution for the improvement of Weaver avenue, from Shelby to Edwards streets.

Road patrols of the county sheriff's office covered 10,138 miles last month in comparison with 8,155 miles in January, 1930, Sheriff Charles (Buck) Sumner announced today.

"Revolutions in South America" will be the subject of an address by John R. Scottford, Cleveland, the Rotary club meeting Tuesday at the Clappoon.

Conscription of wealth for war use will be debated in superior court one Tuesday night by teams from the Indiana university law school and Purdue university, Joseph G. Wood, secretary of the law school, said today.

**ALLEGED GANG
LEADER SLAIN**

**Bert Tosser Victim of Police
Machine Gun Fire.**

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Feb. 9.—Machine gun bullets fired by a Terre Haute detective, ended the life of Bert Tosser, 41, suspected as the leader of a band which has robbed many stores and other business places in Indiana and Illinois.

The slaying occurred at the home of C. H. Ramsey, west of here. Ramsey, 42, Tosser's wife, and Hughie Peel, 33, obeyed commands of officers to leave the house with their hands raised, but Tosser attempted to escape. He ran 150 feet before the machine gun fire inflicted wounds which caused his death as he was being taken to hospital.

Near him were found a pistol and a revolver.

Authorities said that six merchants have identified portions of merchandise found in the Ramsey home as loot from their stores.

Tosser at the time of his death was on parole from the Indiana reformatory to which he was sentenced for a term of two to four years for burglary. He had been sentenced twice previously for election fraud in Marion county and for larceny in Cincinnati. He had been convicted of possessing burglar tools.

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Jack, mascot dog at central fire station, is nearly dead following an operation for removal of a tumor. Jack returned to the fire station a few hours after submitting to the knife, having escaped from the hospital. He was wrapped in bandages and was leashed to keep him from jumping to his usual place on a truck when the fire gong sounded. The dog had not missed a half dozen runs in his four years at the station.

Auto Show Revived

MUNCIE, Ind., Feb. 9.—Muncie automobile dealers are optimistic. Last year the annual automobile show here was abandoned, but revived for this year. Dealers report increased interest in the new models and believe that the show will cause increased buying.

Aid to Stone Industry

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Feb. 9.—A service designed to increase sales of Indiana limestone has been established by the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce. Plans and specifications for buildings throughout the nation in which Indiana stone might be used will be obtained, and made available for inspection of all stone producers.

Gas Explosion Found Cause of Mine Disaster

Coal Shaft Employees Ask Action in House After 28 Lose Lives.

Laws further to safeguard miners in Indiana were asked today in a resolution submitted to the house of representatives by a committee of three employees of the Little Betty mine, in which twenty-eight men lost their lives in an explosion two weeks ago.

Abolishment of the present system of employment of fire bosses was requested. It was urged they instead be placed under jurisdiction of the state mine inspection department and selected with the approval of a committee of miners.

A tax of from 1 to 2 cents on each ton of coal mined in the state is recommended, the money to be used to pay the wages of the fire bosses, equal to the prevailing pay for mine workers.

Miners Would Name Chief

The committee also asked that the office of chief inspector of mines be taken out of politics, and the miners themselves be permitted to elect the chief of the state mine inspection department, or at least be permitted to approve the man selected for appointment.

A law to prohibit mining companies from cutting rooms through to rooms that have been worked out on other entries, as the committee claims was done in the Little Betty mine, was requested in the resolution.

Ask Rescue Equipment

The committee also asked a law to compel mining companies to keep a reserve supply of not less than 500 lineal feet of brattice cloth six feet wide, with an adequate supply of hatchets, axes, sledges, nails and at least thirty-five approved safety lamps to be used only by safety crews in case of an explosion.

Signers of the resolution, which was referred to the committee on mines and mining, were William Hutchinson, Charles M. Trent and William Bedwell, all employees of the Little Betty mine.

**TWO HELD AS SUSPECTS
IN PHARMACY THEFT**

**Police to Question Pair Arrested in
Auto Reported Stolen.**

Two men arrested Sunday night on auto theft charges were to be questioned today by police for alleged complicity in a recent hold-up.

They are Forrest Strothers, 22, and Harold Green, 23, both of 626 Arch street. The auto in their possession, police say, is the one which was used in the \$100 robbery of a Haag Drug Company store at Sixty-third street and College avenue Friday.

The auto, police said, was stolen from a parking lot used by the Baxter company, 1142 North Meridian street.

Negro Slashed in Fight

John Williams, Negro, 37, of 438 West North street, is in serious condition at city hospital after having been cut in a fight. Lillian Robertson, Negro, 732 Indiana avenue, is sought by police.

**MURDER ACCUSED
Moved in Fear
of Mob Action**

KNOX, Ind., Feb. 9.—Fear that mob violence might be directed at Joseph Whitley and Hargis Salver, charged with the murder of the son of Paul Schlemmer, 23, North Judson, caused Sheriff Frank Hildebrand to remove the accused from jail here to an unannounced place.

Whitley and Salver have many friends in this vicinity, the sheriff said, and besides his fear of mob violence, he also considered the possibility that an effort might be made to liberate the two.

Efforts had been made to keep arrests of the accused, that of Whitley two weeks ago, and of Salver only a few days ago, secret, following return of first degree murder indictments by a Starke county grand jury. Simon Dyer, named in one of the indictments, is still at large.

According to the two men held, Dyer was the man who fired a shot which ended Schlemmer's life. The killing occurred in sight of the victim's mother and two sisters.

MERCURY TO FALL

**10 to 15-Degree Drop Is
State Prediction.**

Drop of 10 to 15 degrees, with fair weather, was predicted today by the United States weather bureau.

The lower temperatures started Sunday night after the mercury had reached a 45-degree maximum during the day. At 9 this morning the mercury stood at 31.

By Tuesday morning the thermometer will register between 15 and 20. In the northern part of the state the drop will reach 10 above. The colder weather may continue through Wednesday.