

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., Vanderburgh) 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"They work for years to get such legislation and they do not want it repealed now.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 officer 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 asserted, has done an outstanding job in seeing that local officials keep 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.

Flor 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 Amish sect in his district, 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.

By United Press

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

The Spurlocks 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 Spurlocks 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 courthouse during the hearing. Two of the Gibson brothers, who stormed the jail here in 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.

By Times Special

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Feb. 9.—Workers and employees in the Indiana limestone belt have effected a new working agreement to run for a period of five years, except as to wages. The new contract, effective during 1933, after which one will be negotiated yearly, cutters 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 Judge L. C. P. in the state senate at 10 a.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 was 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
By Times Special

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 compass Democratic platform pledges contain provisions assuring absolute secrecy on returns, as party leaders desire 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 coax 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 an 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 provide 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 instalment 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 \$1,000 fine, one-year imprisonment or both.

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

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

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.

By United Press

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—Charles Miceli, 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 Miceli had confessed killing Frances Miceli, 30, because he believed she had been going out with other men on nights when he told her she was working.

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

At 1 a.m. Sunday, Mrs. Miceli opened the front door of 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 Possibility Trend of Fight to Live.

By United Press

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 system, and might make this the contention on which to endeavor to escape death in the electric chair.

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Senator's Daughter Weds



Mrs. John Knight
By Times Special

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 in the younger social set in the capital, made her debut two years ago.

HEARINGS SET FOR 2 DRY LAW BILLS

Aged Woman Dies Victor Over Poverty

By Times Special

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 buy 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.

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

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

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

Over the week-end the organization received contributions totaling \$2,245.87.

The \$100 contribution was given by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur V. Brown and the \$75 donation by the Womans' Rotary Club of Indianapolis. The local drive goal is \$72,000.

FIGHT FOR OFFICE ENDS

Compromise Reached at Martinsville in Township Trustee Contest.

By United Press

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.

Remains Too Long After Warning
Master to Flee Flames.

ANDERSON, Ind., Feb. 9.—This is a story of two dogs; one dead, the other nearly dead.

Spot, pet at the racing stables at Athletic park, is dead, victim of a fire that destroyed a hostler's shanty after Edward Porter was awakened by the warning barks of his dog and escaped from the burning building. Spot, his only thoughts being for his master, remained too long, and was trapped by the flames.

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 went sound. The dog had not missed a half dozen runs in his four years at the station.

Aid to Stone Industry

By Times Special

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Feb. 9.—A stone 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.

Auto Show Revived

By Times Special

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 increase buying.

MAYOR ABLE TO RESUME DUTIES AT CITY HALL

Recover 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, 503 North Capitol avenue.

Dally expresses the opinion that gas released when the roof of an abandoned room fell was ignited by open lamps miners wore on their caps.