

SCHOOL BOOK FIRMS LOSE HOUSE FIGHT

Publishers Will Continue Effort to Defeat Bills in State Senate.

Still smarting from the grueling indictment made against them in the house of representatives late Tuesday when three bills were passed slashing their enormous profits, textbook publishers today rallied their forces to defeat the bills in the senate.

Bitter denunciation of the methods used by the textbook companies through the circulation of anonymous pamphlets and letters and of the "misquotations and misstatements made by the opponents of the measure" was hurled by Representative Delph McKesson (Marshall), Democratic floor leader, in his fight for the bills.

Support was accorded him by Fabius Gwin (Dem., Dubois and Martin) and Clarence O. Schlegel (Dem., Clay), a teacher and Chester K. Watson (Dem., Allen and Whitley).

Solicitation Limited

The first bill, passed 63-23, provides for the adoption hereafter by the state board of education of multiple lists, up to four, of textbooks for grade schools. Each public school corporation may make individual selection from such multiple adoptions through a committee of teachers and superintendents authorized to act.

The bill prohibits school book company representatives from soliciting business, except on invitation; and, what is more important, provides for the automatic reduction of prices on any books sold for less in other states.

The bill also provides that in re-adoption of books only one new text may be adopted every five years, instead of selecting all new books every five years as at present. It would also permit school corporations to adopt such books as fit the needs of the community and allows for a range in prices.

Rental Is Permitted

A companion measure applying to high school texts was passed 63-23, while a third bill, adopted 67-23, permits school units to rent books to the students at 25 per cent per year of the original cost.

Opposition to the bill was voiced by three Marion county representatives, Gerritt M. Bates, Russell Dean and E. Curtis White.

Leading the offensive, Bates declared the bill gives unlimited power to the school trustees in the adoption of the books and would force publishers out of business by reducing the purchase price of the books. Dean said there was no need for such a bill in this session as the price of books would be raised.

Watson took them to task for these statements and declared they "either had not read the bill or were simply making the same misstatements made by the publishers in their circulars."

Declaring that thousands of people in the state are not able to continue buying new books, McKesson said, "the terrible cost should be lifted."

Charges Malicious Act

"The school book trust has maliciously and underhandedly issued and circulated pamphlets declaring that this is a text book company measure in an attempt to mislead the members of this assembly. There is a house rule against circulating anonymous letters of this type. I would like to have the gentlemen who wrote the letter sign their names and come out in the open."

"If the school book trusts and the gentlemen who are working for them would let these bills be passed there would be no more supplemental texts," McKesson said.

"If you want to let the American Book Company and the rest of the high binders dictate what shall be used in your schools, then vote against this and the following bills and kneel at the shrine of the American Book Company."

AIRPORT BILL CHANGED

Senate Eliminates Clause Prohibiting Commercial Contracts.

The much rewritten \$70,000 appropriation bill for Mars Hill airport, which has passed the house, has been amended in the senate to eliminate the provision prohibiting state officials from signing future contracts for commercial flying.

Senator Robert L. Moorhead, Indianapolis attorney and member of the state army board, made the amendment, asserting "no one can foresee what the needs eventually may be." The part struck out does not effect contracts in force at present and originally was added to prevent any commercial competition between Mars Hill and the new \$750,000 municipal airport.

UTILITIES COMMISSION BILLS AWAIT READING

One of Measures Before House Today Would Abolish Body.

Renewed fight to abolish the present public service commission and change the method of valuation for rate making purposes will be the feature of a house session at 3 this afternoon, when two measures introduced by Representative Cecil J. Kistler (Rep., Elkhart) will be handed down for second reading. The bills have been printed since Jan. 30 when the majority report of judiciary A committee to kill them was rejected.

Rate making valuations would be based on cost less depreciation, according to the bills, instead of the present method of reproduction value.

The bills would also prohibit utilities from adding to property valuation equipment used in manufacture of apparatus designed to use the product of the utility.

BILL PUTTING BAN ON DEATH PENALTY KILLED

House Postpones Indefinite Measure Against Capital Punishment.

The Indiana house today killed the Egan-Weiss bill, which would have abolished capital punishment in Indiana and substituting life imprisonment for first-degree murder. The bill carried a provision against parole before forty years of a life sentence had been served. It was reported out this morning by the criminal code committee for indefinite postponement and the house accepted the recommendation.

'COME SEVEN' IS OUT

Expulsion From U. of Detroit Threatened for "African Golf."

DETROIT, Feb. 25.—Crashshooters at the University of Detroit today kept their galloping dominoes out of sight as a result of a declaration by the Rev. J. P. McNichols, S. J., president, that any further "African golf" within the institution would entail expulsion for shooters, "faders" and spectators.

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End Art Show Judging



Left to Right—Wilbur D. Peat, John Heron art institute director; Robert O. Chadeayne, Louis Ritman and Walter H. Siple, judges.

Judging of the Indiana artists' exhibition at the John Heron Art Institute, Sixteenth and Pennsylvania streets, was completed today. The twenty-fourth annual display of 700 pieces will be open to the public Sunday afternoon following a preview by artists and members of Art Association Saturday.

Chadeayne is an instructor of painting at the Columbus (O.) School of Art. Siple is curator of the Charles R. Taft art collection at the Cincinnati art museum and Ritman is a prominent Chicago artist.

MOB CASE JURY STILL LACKING

Third Venire of 50 Appears in Marion Court.

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Talesmen have related a varied assortment of excuses for not serving on the jury.

Ninety-five talesmen had been examined Tuesday, and prospects are that the trial proper may not get under way until the latter part of the week.

KILL I. U. PROPOSAL

Senate Tables Amendment of Lindley.

Pointing out that the state board of education, of which President William Lowe Bryan of Indiana university is a member, chooses five Indiana university trustees, Senator Alonzo H. Lindley (Rep., Fountain, Vermilion and Warren) today tried to amend the law so that these trustees would be appointed by the governor.

"The present system constitutes a closed corporation," Lindley declared. "The president of the university chooses the trustees and they in turn elect the president."

But the Lindley amendment was tabled by a vote of 30 to 8. Senator William B. Hoadley (Rep., Brown, Greene and Warren), declared that the present system had resulted in trustees securing \$4,000,000 in private building gifts for the university.

The amendment would have been attached to a house bill giving alumni voting powers to doctors, nurses and dentists, graduates of the university, and providing that a plurality be sufficient for the choice of the three alumni trustees.

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Civic Leader Is Given High Award at Annual Community Banquet.



Herman P. Lieber

Public service had won its reward today for Herman P. Lieber, business and civic leader, who was named 1931 honorary member of the Indianapolis Community Fund at the eleventh annual meeting of the fund in the Claypool, Tuesday night.

Bestowal of the honor by Arthur R. Baxter was witnessed by 400 persons. Lieber is the eleventh citizen to receive such honor given in appreciation of community service.

"No man in Indianapolis has devoted more time, sane judgment and broader sympathies in the advancement of this cause through many years and difficulties than Lieber," Baxter said.

It is in recognition of efforts since 1912, when Lieber advocated the adoption of the Community Fund plan which became a reality in 1921. Lieber was born in Indianapolis and has worked in all phases of community service. He is vice-president of the H. Lieber Company and president of the Merchants' Association. He formerly served on the city council.

Nine new members elected to the Community Fund board of directors at the annual meeting are: Samuel Mueller, J. J. Fitzgerald, Fred Holwer, Fred Mills, Clifford L. Harrod, G. A. Ertomson, Howard T. Griffith, Curtis H. Rostker Sr. and Elmer W. Stout.

Other directors re-elected and at the annual meeting are: Mrs. Brandt C. Downer, Fred Hoke, Edward A. Kahn, Zee W. Leach, Nicholas H. Jones, Guy Walzweitz, Arthur V. Bone, Mortimer C. Purcott, Francis H. Gavis, John R. Kinsman Sr., Hugh McK. Landon, Walter C. Marmion, Mrs. Peter C. Bell, Roy E. Adams, H. C. Altier, A. E. Baker, W. H. Insley, J. W. Fesler and Leo M. Rapaport.

Declaring the work of the present-day church, Dr. Jean S. Milner, Second Presbyterian church pastor, addressed guests at the meeting.

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RELIGION BARS ABLE BANKER COURT CHOSE

Death Threats to Judge and Receivership Appointee at Kendallville.

By Times Special

KENDALLVILLE, Ind., Feb. 25.—A situation has developed here that is a reminder of the days when the Ku-Klux Klan was rampant in Indiana.

Because of his religion, Abraham B. Mier, Ligonier banker, has been forced to resign as receiver for the closed Noble County Bank and Trust Company of Kendallville. Mier and Judge A. F. Biggs of the Whitley-Noble circuit court have each received a letter, apparently written by the same person, a woman, in which death was threatened if Mier was retained as receiver.

Many Sign Petitions

Shortly after his appointment a week ago Mier came to Kendallville to confer with a citizens committee acting for the bank, and headed by E. McCray, in regard to the bank's affairs, and after the meeting declared he would not take the receivership "for all the money in the United States." While he was here petitions were circulating containing a request that he quit, and it is said 400 signers were obtained in less than two hours.

Ability Recognized

Mier then conferred with Judge Biggs, stating his desire not to take the post and his resignation was accepted.

Following his resignation, Mier said: "The citizens committee of Kendallville which called on me, and those with whom I came in contact with, agreed that I was one of the outstanding bankers of northern Indiana, that I was a man of good character, and that the only reason they protested my appointment was due to my religion. I regret very much they took this attitude in the matter. However, I have no ill feeling against them despite this conviction, and ask for nothing in return. I have always had this entire community at heart and had I retained the position to which I was appointed, would have done my utmost to settle the affairs of the Noble County Bank and Trust Company to the best of my ability, and with the best interests of the depositors and creditors in mind."

ADVANCE RATE BILL

Holmes Loses Senate Tilt to Hold Measure.

Effort of Senator C. Oliver Holmes (Rep., Gary) to hold the house bill setting \$1,000,000 as the bonded debt limit for the state board of agriculture, and raising the tax rate from 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 mills, failed in the senate today.

The bill was pushed through to third reading by Senator Thurman A. Gottschalk (Dem., Adams, Blackford and Wells) with E. J. Barker, secretary of the board of agriculture, standing at his elbow.

Holmes said he understood the bill will give the board \$250,000 to spend. They are seeking to raise the rate and debt limit to secure money to erect a new grandstand at the state fairground here.

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Boost Safety Program



Ben Bard and Captain Lewis Johnson

A ride in the police patrol wagon was the reward of Ben Bard, film and musical comedy star who will appear on the city-wide safety rally program Thursday and Friday nights at Tomlinson hall, today after he signed the safety pledge. Bard is entering the patrol for his ride to Tomlinson hall for rehearsal.

Judges for the rally attendance contest named today by Police Chief Jerry E. Kinney are:

Municipal Judges Clifton Cameron and Paul Wetter, and City Clerk Henry Goettl. J. Edward Burke, South Side Civic Club central committee chairman, is alternate judge.

The police department will present a trophy to the industrial or business concern having the largest attendance at the rally.

James Hall, Hollywood star appearing at the Indiana theater, will be master of ceremonies for the program.

TEACHER FUND TAX SUSPENSION PASSED

Move Makes Retirement Levy Inoperative for 1931-32.

The Indiana house of representatives today adopted without a dissenting vote the recommendation of its ways and means committee that the 4-mill tax levy for the state teacher retirement fund be suspended during 1931 and 1932.

Strong opposition to the report developed in the ways and means committee. A delegation headed by O. H. Gris, executive secretary of the retirement fund, and Henry W. Buttlip, fund actuary, charged suspension of the levy would interfere with operation of the fund and "saddle on the next generation of taxpayers an obligation of the present taxpayers."

The ways and means committee also recommended for passage the Walsman bill authorizing the Central State hospital to take over the Marion county infirmary and operate it. A bill prohibiting joyriding in public-owned autos also will receive approval.

Measures recommended for indefinite postponement included one to set a 1 1/2 mill levy for completion of the George Rogers Clark memorial at Vincennes and another for the state auto license fund of \$7,565 lost through failure of the Washington Bank and Trust Company.

CITY HALL VOTE ASKED

Bill Provides for Referendum on Building Proposals.

Within the next twenty-four hours the senate cities and towns committee will make a report of its recommendations on a bill which would enable second-class cities to hold referendum elections on the question of building a new city hall.

Terre Haute Democratic city officials, headed by Mayor Wood Posey, are urging enactment of the measure.

Councilman Clark Adams declared that Terre Haute can not stand the additional tax such a project would require. Only seven voting places are provided for the referendum election in the bill and appeals to the state tax board for review of the proposed bond issue for the building would be prohibited.

Russellville Man Dies

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DRUNK DRIVING LAID TO WIFE OF POLITICIAN

Woman Whose Husband Is Congressman-Elect to Face Court.

Mrs. Eugene B. Crowe, 48, Bedford, wife of the Democratic congressman-elect from the Third Indiana district, was to appear before Municipal Judge Clifton Cameron this afternoon on drunken driving charges.

Her automobile, it is alleged, ran through a stop street, collided with another machine, injuring two persons and knocked down a gasoline pump at a filling station at Troy and Madison avenues Tuesday night.

She also was charged with failure to stop at a preferential street, and drunkenness. Two hours after her arrest, Cameron ordered her released on her own recognizance, in custody of William Storen, state treasurer.

Son Also Faces Charge

Her son, Barney Crowe, 32, suffered a scalp wound, and was charged with drunkenness. Miss Constance Newlin, a nurse, riding with Harley Brown, 32, of 530 West New York street, driver of the other car, also was injured.

The Crowes said the son had spent the afternoon in a dentist's office here, and deny that either was drunk. Mrs. Crowe was unfamiliar with Indianapolis thoroughfares, she declared.

Reminded this morning that police have maintained an almost iron-clad rule that persons charged with drunkenness are not to be released with or without bond for four hours, Cameron said he ordered her released to Storen.

Says He Didn't Know

"She was not drunk. I know that. I talked with Captain Otto Pettit and he said she wasn't drunk. I know the family," Cameron declared.

Pettit said he not only had not informed the judge Mrs. Crowe was sober, but added that he didn't know whether she was, because he did not see her.

Patrolman Tom Kegeris, who, with patrolman Charles Taylor, made the arrest, declared Mrs. Crowe "pretty well lit," and said that en route to headquarters in the police patrol she "didn't know whether she was in a taxicab or a patrol wagon."

Slayer Pleads Insanity

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Feb. 25.—A plea of insanity has been entered by counsel for Lawrence Johnson, ax slayer of his girl-wife, Mildred Johnson. A hearing on the plea will be held March 9.

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