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## TAX RELIEF IS DEMANDED BY FARM LEADER

Bureau Vice-President Hits Leslie, Marshall, Myers and McNutt.

### URGES EXTRA SESSION

Legislature Action Is Asked to 'Avert Trouble' in State.

Demand for a special session of the Indiana general assembly to 'avert pending trouble' over the tax situation is made by Lewis Taylor, first vice-president of the Indiana Farm Bureau Federation, in the current issue of that organization's periodical, *The Hoosier Farmer*.

As director of farm bureau's tax and legislative department, Taylor is familiar with the events of the 1931 session. He not only demands a special session, but flays Governor Harry G. Leslie, the Governor's mentor Henry Marshall, Democratic Chairman R. Earl Peters; Speaker Walter Myers, Paul V. McNutt and other party leaders for the assembly's failure to pass promised tax relief.

"A statesman in the Governor's office would use all his power to avert pending trouble by forestalling it," Taylor declared.

This he could do by calling a special session of the legislature to enact fair and equitable tax laws."

Taylor's article is headed: "The Mountain Labored and Brought Forth a Mouse."

### Slaps at Governor

"He (Leslie) would do well to heed the signs of the times and not read the stars that shine with special brightness on big business, when he consults the civic horoscope," says the article. "Nor will the scare of the expense of a special session be accepted as an excuse for inaction."

"During the next two years owners of lands and improvements will pay more than \$100,000,000 in direct taxes, and this will not include taxes on their personal property, which will add many more millions."

"As all these millions can be collected legitimately only from the net income of this property, while much larger income from other sources goes scot-free, such owners will not be quieted with specious talk of economy for them, means confiscation for two more years—a prospect that statesmen must view with apprehension, if not alarm."

### Cost Worth It

Taylor goes on to declare that even if a special session would cost \$500,000 it would not be a happy, contented prosperous people, assured of equality in tax matters, outweigh a thousand times the cost of a special session of its legislature."

Pointing to the powerful lobby brought to the legislature to forestall passage of the income tax measures introduced in the session, Taylor asks if the "same power will be able to prevent a special tax session of the legislature."

A warning to big business that agriculture will not meekly "submit to further outrage" is contained in the article. Taylor advises that "if farmers exist only to be exploited by local interests, it is time they began to ask themselves what profit they are to expect from local Chambers of Commerce who use farm profits to fight fair tax legislation and thus rivet unendurable tax laws more firmly about the neck of agriculture."

### Points Out Revenge Course

In order to obtain revenge the farm bureau spokesman suggests that farm co-operatives be organized to sell everything to the farmer, and in event this can not be done, the alternative be taken from mail order houses outside the state or from chain store merchants, "who at least do not finance lobbies to fight tax bills."

Describing the fight to obtain passage of the income tax bills, Taylor writes:

"In spite of all that dinner parties and shadowy midnight orgies could do, farmers forced from a reluctant sense of personal income tax law and came within two votes of a corporation income tax act."

"Menial aberration, asininity or plain cussedness on the part of the Speaker (Myers), apparently advised by political friends, among whom the chairman of his party (Peters), and a rather anxious candidate for Governor (McNutt), were rather conspicuous, doomed the income tax."

### Raps at Myers

"His (Myers) extraordinary treatment of the bill gave the Governor an opportunity, promptly accepted, to pocket veto the measure by refusing to receive it."

Taylor's reference was to Speaker Myers' action in writing a history of the bill on the enrolled act and dating his approval March 10 instead of March 9.

"With the advice of his attorney-general (James M. Ogden) and in the magnetic presence of his friend and mentor, the editor of the Lafayette Courier-Journal (Marshall), he of Indianapolis fame as a builder of streets, the Governor apparently assumed the function of the supreme court and declared the action of the general assembly null and void."

"So the farmers must thank a speaker, a political state chairman, an over-eager candidate for Governor, an ex-state-building editor, and a highly imaginative judicial-minded Governor for the lack of any sort of promised tax relief."

"They henceforth must face the prospect and task of paying the tax debts and obligations of a vast amount of tax-free income, thanks to the stupidity, inefficiency, or inexperience of some 'too damned dumb' now sitting in high places."

### Lawn Rake Perfected

WARSAW, Ind., April 2.—A rake which pulls dandelions, does not harm a lawn, and cleans itself has been invented here by Ernest Baker, a former hotel porter.

*Pola Negri Is Given Divorce From Prince*



**They're No Longer 'Cooing Doves'; No Alimony With Decree.**

By United Press

PARIS, April 2.—Pola Negri, film actress, was divorced today in the Seine tribunal from Prince Serge Mdivani.

The divorce was granted on the grounds that the prince had abandoned his wife.

Miss Negri sailed for New York aboard the liner Paris Wednesday. "A woman's place is in the home and Pola did not seem to know it," Prince Serge said.

Only a little over a year ago, when the pair became reconciled in the same court after Pola's first attempt to break the marriage bonds, the actress likened herself and her prince to cooing doves.

Pola Negri gets no alimony by the decision of the court.

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## AIR MADE BY CHEMISTS' ART MORE HEALTHY

Science Beats Nature at Own Game, Tests With Mice Reveal.

### DIET FADS ARE FLAYED

Long Research Necessary to Reach a Normal Ration, Says Expert.

Science believes it can beat Mother Earth at her own job—that of providing atmosphere in which to breathe.

Experiments were announced today at the meeting of the American Chemical Society that life can be sustained more healthfully with a synthetic atmosphere which can be manufactured and introduced in office buildings, airplanes and submarines than with the nitrogen oxygen that surrounds the world.

Professor J. W. Hershey of McPherson college, McPherson, Kan., told the chemists that experiments with white mice showed that in some cases they lived more healthfully in a helium-oxygen instead of the nitro-oxygen with which the world is surrounded.

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He suggested that submarines, airplanes and artificially ventilated buildings should be filled with this synthetic atmosphere.

His paper means that America—the nation cornering the supply on helium gas—controls the synthetic atmosphere of future submarines, planes and skyscrapers.

During his eight years of experiments Professor Hershey said he had been convinced that rare gases such as argon, helium, neon, krypton, and xenon are vital to respiration.

The nation's supply of helium is used for dirigibles.

The cause of a strange mottling of otherwise healthy teeth of children in certain parts of the country, notably Texas, has been traced to the chemical element fluorine through investigations which H. V. Churchill reported to the society.

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### MAKES GASOLINE OF COKE

Fluorine, an element not widely distributed in nature, was found in drinking water used by persons whose teeth were discolored. The fluorine discolored is located under the enamel of the teeth. So far as can be ascertained, the mottling does not cause fundamental tooth decay. Before Churchill's research, the trouble had been attributed to lack of calcium in the diet.

Experiments of Gustav Egle, Raymond E. Schaad and C. D. Lowry Jr., of the Universal Oil Products Company of Chicago, were discussed, showing the possibility of coke becoming the commercial basis for producing gasoline in the future.

The coke is thrown into "fits"—worked into acetylene gas—and then made into the motor fuel.

### Chemists to Bloomington

Dedication of Indiana university's new chemistry building today took many of the chemists to Bloomington. Buses were provided at 8 this morning for those who left early for the ceremonies. Visits to limestone quarries near Bloomington and a dinner at the school were other highlights of the program.

The last session of the society's convention on Friday will be for the most part trips to city industries, sightseeing tours, and a wind-up of the society's official business.

### ROCKNE DEATH HALTS EASTER RECEPTION

Notre Dame Clubs Abandon Plans for Annual Affair.

Formal reception Easter Sunday afternoon, planned by the Notre Dame Scholarship Club of Indianapolis and the Notre Dame Club of Indianapolis, has been postponed because of the death of Knute K. Rockne, Robert Kirby, chairman, said today.

The annual affair is an outgrowth of work by the Notre Dame Club here to provide a scholarship fund for a graduate of Cathedral high school to enable him to attend Notre Dame. Robert Kirby, chairman of the scholarship fund, announced no other date for the reception.

### PASSOVER LITURGY IS RECITED BY JEWRY

Celebrate Feast Symbolic of Hebrew Exodus from Egypt.

Recital of the Passover liturgy featured the services in Jewish synagogues and temples today. The feast of the Passover began at sunset Wednesday and will be observed until April 8, by the reformed congregations and until April 10, by the orthodox and conservative congregations.

Immediately after the preliminary services Wednesday evening, members of the congregation went to their homes to celebrate the "Seder" or symbolic feast commemorating the exodus of the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt.

## HOOVER APPROVES PAY MAINTENANCE

WASHINGTON, April 2.—Leading American industries are maintaining wage scales to the satisfaction of President Hoover, it was announced today at the White House in the President's behalf.

Mr. Hoover's feeling was made known as a repudiation of reports that he had received word of disturbing wage reductions in several important industries.

While there admittedly have been instances of wage reductions, Mr. Hoover was said by the White House to believe that most indus-

trial leaders have lived up to their promises that they would protect the American standard of living.

Mr. Hoover constantly has advocated the maintenance of existing wage scales as a necessary step in combating the depression, it was pointed out in his behalf.

That was the motive behind his 1930 conference with Henry Ford and other industrial leaders, during which an agreement was reached to protect the purchasing power of American wage earners.

The success of this agreement has been proved, Mr. Hoover believes.

### JUROR VOTES TO FREE 'LEGGER; COSTS HIM \$25

Thomas Didn't Figure Judge Would Slap on Fine for Contempt.

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### YOUNG ACCUSED OF TRYING TO SELL LIQUOR TO SOLDIERS AT FORT.

John Young, Negro, 24, of 430 West Broad street, was bound over to the federal grand jury under \$2,500 bond today by Commissioner Howard S. Young, after the Negro is alleged to have stolen and forged a government bonus check. The check was valued at \$364 and Young was nabbed when he is alleged to have attempted to cash it.

Her automobile struck a Negro on Indiana avenue, between Michigan and North streets. A block distant a traffic light halted her and a man pursuing her informed Miss Banister of the accident. "I'll be back later," she said, and drove away.

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