

TAX BOARD HIT ON 'FAVORITISM SHOWN UTILITY'

County Assessor Threatens Suit to Hike Valuation of Harding Plant.

Charging favoritism is being shown utilities by the state tax board, county officials today prepared to file suit against the tax board to raise the assessment on the Harding street plant of the Indianapolis Power and Light Company.

Instructions, as given assessors, to assess property at its "true cash value" were hurled at the tax board members at a meeting in the criminal courtroom Wednesday night. James A. Showalter, tax board president, and Pliny Walford, member, became the target of an attack from County Assessor Robert Sloan and several hundred deputy assessors, who attended the meeting, called by the tax board.

Quizzed on Valuation

Tax board members addressed meeting. Then Walter C. Rothermel, South Side Civic League's utility committee chairman, asked how the board fixed \$1,150,000 as the Harding street plant assessment.

"Your board assessed that property for \$250,000 less than the light company's sworn statement, now in your office, said it was worth," Sloan said, joining the argument.

Sloan cited the \$5,000,000 which the county board of review had fixed as the plant's assessment.

Admits Value Affidavit

Explanations by Walford that the board assessed the "utility as a whole for \$35,178,000 and that is its true cash value," only embittered the attack.

Board members admitted they had an affidavit saying the property was worth \$1,400,000.

Sloan then told Showalter: "I will sue your board and raise that assessment."

One assessor charged the light company is advertising the property as valued at \$12,000,000.

Further explanations by Showalter that the tax board must consider "going values of utility companies" did not appease the aroused county officials.

Play Tax Dodgers

In their addresses, Sloan and tax board members flayed tax dodgers, urging assessors to assess all taxable property this year.

"Marion county can expect a lowered rate when all property is assessed. Millions of dollars in Marion county are escaping taxation," Walford said.

Showalter declared: "Statistics show that six-sevenths of the people in Indiana do not pay their share per capita tax."

Advocating "assessments at their true cash value," Sloan said he was "aware that such appraisal at true cash value will result in material reduction in the total assessed value of property."

CAST IS ANNOUNCED

Christian Park School Mothers to Present Playlet.

A playlet, "Spinster's Convention," will be given by the mothers' chorus of Christian Park School No. 82, 4700 English avenue, at 7:30 Friday night in the school auditorium.

The play will be presented following a musical program. Those in the cast are:

Mrs. Gladys Williamson, Mrs. Goldie Thompson, Mrs. Lorraine, Mrs. Marcelle Mines, Mrs. Nellie Braman, Mrs. Edith Green, Mrs. Anna Boyden, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Boling, Mrs. Anna Demaree, Mrs. Alice Anderson, Mrs. Clara Souters, Mrs. Eva Dickson, Mrs. Mary, Mrs. Mary, Mrs. Mary Darmatander, Mrs. Hettie Daringer, Mrs. Irene Coleman, Mrs. Vondale Daringer, Miss. Finetta Christie and Miss Mary Mines.

Judge Appoints Self-Defense Aid

By United Press
DETROIT, March 3.—Judge Edward Jeffries appointed himself defense attorney when Wilbur May was haled into court on a concealed weapon charge without benefit of legal advice. He descended from the bench to grant his own motion.

Catarrh Causes Head Noises

This Remedy Opens Up Clogged Nasstrils and Relieves Catarrh.

Few people realize what a serious disease catarrh really is. If neglected, the damage it does is often irreparable. Deafness and head noises that drive the sufferer nearly frantic are frequently due to this disease, while neglect of catarrh often makes its victim into a worn-out, rundown catarrhal wreck. What is catarrh today may soon be something far more serious. It is more than a trifling ailment—more than a disgusting disease. It's a dangerous one. Unchecked it frequently destroys small taste and hearing, and slowly but surely undermines the general health.

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SANDERS CONDUCTS 'GIRL CRAZY' BAND

Frances Upton, Bert Gordon, Patricia Garrity Top Cast of George Gershwin's Comedy Due at Indiana Friday.

"GIRL CRAZY," contributed to the musical comedy stage by America's distinguished young composer, George Gershwin, will open a special one-week engagement Friday on the Indiana theater stage.

The huge company will arrive in Indianapolis for this history-making run early Friday morning for a rehearsal of music and lighting cues.

In "Girl Crazy," Gershwin has incorporated some of his best melodies.

Immediately after the Broadway opening of the production, "Got Rhythm" became a national hit and several other songs, particularly "Embraceable You," "Bidin' My Time," and "Sam and Delilah," soon became almost as popular.

The story of this stage production has to do with an eastern youth who sent to a ranch to be cured of an affliction known as "Girl Crazy." He falls in love with a pretty western school-mistress.

Trouble begins to appear when he starts a "dude ranch." His eastern friends travel to the ranch, among them being a former sweetheart as well as a rival.

"Girl Crazy" is in two acts and six scenes, with the stage production running one hour and a half in length. An orchestra of fifteen men and an additional stage crew of at least ten men above the normal force are to be utilized in presenting this production on the Indiana stage. Sig Sanders, who travels with the company, will conduct the orchestra.

The company that enacted "Girl Crazy" for fifty-one weeks in New York and Chicago on the legitimate stage, has had no more replacements in its cast than do the majority of shows which go on the "road" after their metropolitan runs, it is claimed.

Principals include Frances Upton, Bert Gordon, Vivian Janis, Hal Thompson, Flora West, Patricia Garrity, Carlton Macy, Lew Parker, Donald Parker, Chief Rivers, the Vitaphone Four, and others.

In addition to the presentation of "Girl Crazy" on the stage, the Indiana will present a Paramount talking picture entitled "Strangers in Love," starring Fredric March and Kay Francis.

Performances will be continuous, with four complete stage shows daily.

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"ARROWSMITH TO OPEN AT THE PALACE

"Arrowsmith" Samuel Goldwyn's picturization of Sinclair Lewis' novel, starring Ronald Colman, which comes to the Palace on Friday, records the thrilling, tragic story of what fearless scientists have done to stamp out the great plagues which have always been the worst enemies of mankind.

In the role of its crusading doctor hero, Ronald Colman goes down to a savage island in the West Indies to risk his life against bubonic plague, the historic Black Death, in hopes of proving that he has discovered its cure.

The novel of "Arrowsmith," acknowledged to be Sinclair Lewis' masterpiece, is, of course, fiction. But neither the ravages of the Black Death nor the perils of the men who have sought to stamp out such scourges are fictitious.

Nowadays, the civilized world pays little attention to bubonic plague because it is no longer a threat.

But until a few years ago it was not known that it was rats which, travelling from one continent to another on ships, carried the terrible disease from its breeding places in the east to Europe and America.

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PRODUCERS MAY HAVE TO SLASH PRICE OF MILK

Reduction Seen Necessary to Meet Competition of Independents.

Reduction in milk prices may be necessary here to meet competition of unorganized milk producers.

Carl L. Hedges, Central Indiana Dairymen's Association manager, declared Wednesday at a meeting of 300 milk producers in Cadle Tabernacle.

"You can't call it a milk war if we reduce prices to meet cut-throat competition from unorganized producers," he said.

Hedges declared low prices received by dairymen in this vicinity has resulted because three or four times as much milk as is needed is produced.

"Urge Elimination"

Admitting many producers find the milk business unprofitable now, Hedges declared if producers would eliminate from their herds cows producing less than 300 pounds of butterfat a year, they not only would reduce the surplus, but would make profits at present low prices buying through lowered costs.

Successful fight of the milk pool for control of the Cincinnati market was described by Henry Hartke, Cincinnati, National Co-Operative Milk Producers' Federal president.

Hartke urged producers in the pool to help themselves by prevailing upon their city acquaintances to buy milk only from distributors buying through the pool.

Price Causes Surplus

Milk is the only farm commodity which has remained above pre-war price levels and this partly accounts for the present surplus as many farmers dropped less profitable work to produce milk, he said.

Awakening complaint of a member of the audience who said producers are losing money at 10 cents a gallon for their milk. Hartke replied that for pool producers to go on strike would harm, rather than help them, as the huge surplus here would make it easy for distributors to buy enough milk from other producers.

Even if the pool controlled all the milk in this area, the present eco-

nomic depression would prevent farmers from receiving high prices for their product, he pointed out.

Hartke defended the federal farm board, pointing out that where formerly Chicago wheat sold at 16 cents below Liverpool price, now it is 3 cents above the Liverpool level.

Wood Morris, Mt. Comfort, was re-elected association president following the meeting. John Bright Webb, Indianapolis, was re-elected vice-president, and E. B. Bender, Boone county, secretary-treasurer.

KENNETH ALYE HEADS TECHNICAL ORCHESTRA

High School Musicians Elect Two Groups of Officers.

Kenneth Alyea has been elected president of the concert orchestra at Technical high school. Newly chosen president of the junior orchestra at Tech is Harold Blackburn.

Other officers chosen for the concert orchestra are:

Harold Kotowski, vice-president; Theodore Jones, secretary-treasurer; Jack Isle, librarian; and Emma Helkema, historian. Frederick A. Barker is director.

Others chosen to offices in the junior orchestra are:

Dorothy Miller, vice-president; Mildred Parker, secretary-treasurer; Marie Mansfield, librarian, and Rhea Stevens, historian.

Richard S. Orton directs the group.

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robbery and shooting of J. Russell Gardner, 3236 North Illinois street, will be held March 7 in Springfield, Ill., police were informed today.

Blackburn, who lives at Oak Park, Ill., where he was captured, was said to have been identified as Gardner's assailant.

The shooting occurred on a lonely road north of the city as Gardner returned from Lafayette with a hitch-hiker as a passenger in his

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