

## COUNTY COUNCIL FACES BOOST IN 1933 TAX RATE

40 Per Cent Hike Looming  
Despite Enactment of  
\$1.50 Limit Law.

Prospect of a 40 per cent increase in the county tax rate, despite the \$1.50 tax limit law, faced councilmen today as they gathered for first of their annual budget meetings. The current county rate is 29 cents. They are prepared to make drastic cuts in budgets of thirty-three officials seeking increased appropriations for 1933 and will keep expenditures in other departments at a minimum, they declare. However, a 30 per cent reduction in expenditures will be necessary, if the rate is to come within the limit.

County property is assessed 16.6 per cent lower than last year and Indianapolis assessments have been reduced 17.7 per cent, it was pointed out.

### Face Poor Burden

In addition, the county faces a poor relief burden of \$895,539 and a sinking fund budget totaling \$1,002,000. These items stand as obstacles to any tax relief in 1933.

County Auditor Charles A. Grosart will place budget requests totaling \$2,984,852 before councilmen. The 1933 request for the county general fund, for operating the forty-four departments of county government, is \$1,707,984 compared with \$1,669,358 appropriated last year.

A sinking fund levy of 15 cents will be necessary, it is estimated, to retire county bonds. The current rate is 8 1/2 cents.

### Experiment Is Expensive

An experiment in financing that reduced this levy 5 cents last year is proving expensive, county officials declare. Burden of retiring bonds to be distributed over a period of years by a proposed amendment to the constitution is being required to meet operating expenses.

Budget making officials, realizing the futility of limiting the rate, have announced they will fix the 1933 levy at a rate required to meet operating expenses.

This can be done by a provision of the \$1.50 tax limit law creating the county board of tax adjustment, consisting of three members of the council, the county auditor and three members to be selected by the circuit court judge.

This body is empowered by an emergency clause to raise the rate above the maximum.

Therefore, some officials estimate Madison county taxpayers will pay nearly \$3 taxes on each \$100 taxable property the coming year. This will include the civil city and school city rates.

## CHARITY BASEBALLERS TO PRACTICE TUESDAY

50 Candidates Seek Places on City Hall Team.

First official practice of the squad of players trying for positions on the city hall baseball team which will face the courthouse team Saturday at Perry stadium for benefit of charity, will be held Tuesday afternoon at Riverside park.

John Noonan, manager of the city squad, is reported to have more than fifty players who are working for berths on the team. Definite information on the merits of the candidates will be obtained by Noonan Tuesday, he said today, to assist him in naming starters for the contest.

City and county employees selling tickets for the game reported today that advance indications point to a large crowd. Proceeds of the ticket sale, "with not one cent for expenses," will be placed in the city poor relief fund.

## FIRST DRINK IN THREE YEARS BRINGS FINE

But Father of Three Wins Court Mercy on Wife's Plea.

His first drink in three years caused Herman Knotts, 1319 Hartford street, to face charges of drunkenness and blind drive today in municipal court, before James E. McDonald, judge pro tem. A companion of Knotts, Clifford Grisson, 1734 Linden street, was charged with drunkenness.

Knotts, father of three children, who says his earnings are only \$12 a week, was accompanied in court by his wife. He was fined \$10 and costs, the latter suspended and placed on probation for ninety days. Fine of same amount, with costs suspended, was imposed on Grisson.

The two men were arrested on Saturday after Knotts had drunk two-thirds of a pint bottle of liquor for which he paid 50 cents.

## BUSINESS QUIZ OPENS

South Bend Scene of Federal Probe on Competition.

By United Press  
SOUTH BEND, Ind., Aug. 22.—The Shannon congressional committee investigating the extent of purported government competition with private business opened its midwest session here today. Witnesses representing concerns from Boston to Denver were scheduled to be called.

Operation of a government barge line on the Mississippi and connecting rivers was the main topic at the South Bend meeting.

Railroad and shipping interests sent Bruce Dwinell, chief counsel of the Rock Island lines, and nearly a dozen other witnesses to appear before the committee.

## GAINS IN DEATH FIGHT

Mrs. McCormick Passes Restful Night; Family at Bedside.

By United Press  
CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—Edith Rockefeller McCormick held a precarious advantage over death today after a night that her physicians described as restful.

While her family watched faithfully, the famous woman battled against the fatal malady that steadily has been sapping her strength. Her condition has not changed appreciably, according to an official bulletin at 9:45 a. m.

# DEATH BREAKS LOVE TRIANGLE

Fancies of Fiction Are Pale Beside Florida Tragedy

This is the first of a series of six stories detailing the glamorous romances that have marked true love triangles of 1932, a subject made timely by the Smith Reynolds tragedy in North Carolina.

By NEA Service  
FIVE years ago a tall young aviator who had been a World war pilot in the British army and a diminutive, but nervy, young woman who had been in an airplane only once before in her life, took off from London on a 13,000-mile flight across open seas and burning deserts to Australia.

In the same year a young newspaper man, whose mother was a professor of journalism in Miami, Fla., reached the age of 21 and turned to broader fields of writing. Last February, fate—or some mysterious and inscrutable destiny—drew these three lives together. A sinister love triangle developed, soon to be followed by grim tragedy.

Ten weeks after their meeting the young journalist was dead, the aviator was charged with his murder and a half-hysterical woman was trying to explain to police how she had loved both men, but had found it difficult to choose between them.

So runs the thread of Florida's most sensational love triangle, just brought to a climax at Miami with the trial of Capt. William N. Lancaster, 34, former British fighting pilot.

He was charged with murdering Haden Clarke, 26-year-old Miami journalist, for the love of Mrs. Jessie Keith-Miller, world-famous Australian aviatrice, his flying companion for five years.

Captain Lancaster's defense was that Clarke had committed suicide because of despondency. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty after deliberating nearly five hours, exonerating the noted flier of the state's charge that he slew Clarke because of jealousy. The verdict was cheered by courtroom spectators.

Florida's sensational love triangle closely resembles the Libby Holman-Smith Reynolds-Ab Walker tragedy in North Carolina. A man died, shot through the head in the middle of the night, the friend accused of murdering him claims it was a case of suicide, and the whole thing turns on the alleged love of two men for the same woman.

Haden Clarke, the journalist, had been commissioned by Capt. Lancaster and Mrs. Keith-Miller, famed fliers, to write the story of their adventurous lives in book form.

He was working on the first chapter, their daring flight from England to Australia. He never lived to write the last, for which his mysterious death would have provided a sensational climax.

With all the keen imagination of a novelist, Clarke perhaps could not have contrived a fictional "murder mystery" stranger than his own.

Here his circumstances adduced in court.

During Captain Lancaster's absence, Clarke and Mrs. Keith-Miller had fallen in love while working on their book.

Lancaster, hearing of their plans for marriage, wired them their best wishes and asked the couple to defer the ceremony until he could return and serve as best man.

Next day Lancaster flew in from St. Louis, they met him at the Miami airport and drove him to Mrs. Keith-Miller's house, where all three lived.

At 3 o'clock the following morning, Clarke was mysteriously shot through the head—with a pistol that Lancaster had bought in St. Louis. Lancaster, whose bed was in the same room, declared it was suicide, that he had been awakened by the shot.

Nearly were found two typewritten notes pinned to the pillow with Haden Clarke's name. The notes said he was despondent, that he was committing suicide. Lancaster and Mrs. Keith-Miller were arrested, questioned and released. She declared that Clarke had several times threatened to kill himself and that once they had discussed a suicide pact.

Eleven days later Lancaster again was in jail, this time on a charge of murder.

A handwriting expert, employed by the local prosecutor, had pronounced the notes forgeries. They had not been written by Clarke.

Lancaster then admitted he forced the death notes. He explained that he had realized quickly that the circumstantial evidence was against him, that he had to do something.

So, he said, he wrote the two notes on Clarke's typewriter, tried to rouse the dying suicide victim



HADEN CLARKE

MRS. JESSIE KEITH-MILLER

CAPTAIN LANCASTER

so he could sign them and, falling in this, forged Clarke's name. He said he was sure Clarke would have signed the suicide notes, had he been able.

Lancaster explained he had bought the fatal pistol in St. Louis to give to a Miami friend in return for a borrowed weapon that he had pawned in El Paso.

He denied that his bed was rumpled as though he had not been in it that night.

Mrs. Keith-Miller said Lancaster had come to her room, awakened her and insisted that she should kill Clarke.

By means of Captain Lancaster's diary, introduced at the trial, the prosecution unfolded a story of the British war flier's burning love for the chubby little Australian aviatrice—who weighs only 90 pounds and so small that she has to be propped into her seat with cushions to reach the plane controls.

Samples of entries Captain Lancaster made during his western business trip—while Clarke and Mrs. Keith-Miller remained in Miami to write the book—are as follows:

"Thursday, March 10, San Angelo, Tex.—Wire from Chubbie. God bless her. How dear she is to me!"

"Thursday, March 24, El Paso, Tex.—No news from Chubbie. She has disappointed me far more than this damned expedition."

"Monday, March 28, El Paso, Tex.—Letter from Haden Clarke and Chubbie. Very disappointed. Looks as though Chubbie just dashed off a note as a sort of duty. Haden a little more enlightening; hope he is keeping his promise to me."

"Wednesday, March 30, Nogales, Ariz.—No news from Chubbie. Why does the child not write?"

"Saturday, April 2, Los Angeles. Russell shows me two of Mrs. R's letters. One says 'Chubbie and Clarke came around tonight, and they were all ginned up. I really think now that Clarke has gained Chubbie's affections and that Bill has lost them.' Mental agony. Hell!"

ENTRIES of similar vein continued almost up to April 20, the day that Captain Lancaster flew into Miami from St. Louis. It was early the next morning that Clarke was found shot through the head.

At the trial, Mrs. Keith-Miller defended Lancaster in her testimony. She said she had loved Clarke and had contemplated marrying him, but insisted that her love had since faded because she had found that Clarke had lied to her.

She refused to say whether she still was in love with Lancaster. She said, say, however, that she "still was very fond of him."

A witness produced by the state testified that Lancaster had threatened to "get rid" of Clarke. Lancaster denied it.

Numerous defense witnesses, including doctors, supported Lancaster's claim that Clarke had shot himself.

HAD Haden Clarke lived to finish his book on the two lovers whose fame as daring aviators was world-wide, it would have been a colorful story even without the tragic chapter that his death provided.

Diminutive Mrs. Jessie Keith-

Miller, daughter of an Australian miner, had been an accomplished athlete and tournament swimmer despite her size.

She had married J. M. Keith-Miller, an Australian journalist, at an early age. Tired of the prosaic life of a housewife and craving excitement and adventure, she had gone to London in 1927, to seek them.

At a dinner party in London she met the tall, handsome, smiling Captain Lancaster—who had been a war-time captain in the royal air force at the age of 20.

Their admiration was immediate and mutual, despite the fact that Captain Lancaster had a wife and two children and she had a husband. The latter since has divorced her.

On Oct. 14, 1927, they left England in a small open cockpit plane, the Red Rose, on a 13,000-mile flight to Australia.

Mrs. Keith-Miller had been aloft only once before the take-off—an occasion when Captain Lancaster had taken her up to show her what airplane riding was like. On the long trip to Australia, he taught her to fly.

THE story of that journey—the longest flight ever made by a woman—is one of the sagas of the air.

Caught in a sandstorm between Palestine and Bagdad, the two were forced to descend at a Royal air force post in the desert.

A piston jammed when they were crossing India, forcing them down. Shortly after leaving Ran-

goon, Burma, a poisonous snake was found coiled in the cockpit. Mrs. Keith-Miller killed it.

At Muntok, Batavia, their plane overturned in a take-off and Mrs. Keith-Miller got a broken nose. Their ship was rebuilt at Singapore and they continued on by flying Java and Timor, finally arriving in Australia on March 19, 1928.

The last 500 miles was flown over dangerous ocean seldom traversed by steamer.

Their five-year friendship began on this epic air voyage. They have been flying companions ever since.

The two came to America for the Cleveland air races of 1930 and in October of that year Mrs. Keith-Miller set a new transcontinental record for women by flying from New York to Los Angeles in 25 hours and 44 minutes.

In December, 1930, she lost her bearings in a storm while flying from Havana to New York, and made a forced landing in the jungles of Andros island, in the Bahamas.

Guided by natives, she walked sixteen miles to the nearest wireless station and from there notified searchers—who had given her up for lost—that she was safe.

Later, she and Captain Lancaster moved to Miami to make their home.

Next: The triangular love affair of Helen Hayes, "Broadway's brightest star" and manager of the celebrated "Act of God" baby.

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## G. O. P. RIPS CHARGES MADE BY ROOSEVELT

Denies Conniving on Loans  
to Foreign Countries  
in U. S.

BY RAYMOND CLAPPER  
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(Copyright, 1932, by United Press)  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—A sharp counter-charge has been directed at Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt from administration batteries, in answer to the Governor's Columbus speech.

The state department issued a formal statement denying Roosevelt's intimation that it had connived at encouraging floating of foreign loans in this country.

Republican House Leader Bernard H. Snell asked why the stock market and federal security regulation which Roosevelt advocated had not been tried out by him, in New York state where the nation's money market is located.

War Secretary Patrick Hurley is arranging to make a more detailed answer in a speech at Providence, R. I. Wednesday.

At Manila, P. I., it was announced that Theodore Roosevelt Jr. is to return at once to the United States, supposedly to help campaign against his cousin, the Democratic Roosevelt, although the announcement did not mention the campaign.

Foresee Hard-Hitting Campaign  
Roosevelt's strong language at Columbus, and the sharp replies from the administration over the week-end forecast a hard-hitting, barefaced campaign.

Roosevelt put forward economic questions as the dominating issue and the administration is prepared to accept battle on that territory.

While prohibition continues to cause violent controversy, it now appears that the two presidential candidates prefer to center their political crossfire on the economic problems involved in the depression.

The state department flatly denied that it had assisted international bankers in floating foreign loans in this country or had ever approved any such loans.

"The department of state never has approved a single foreign loan," the statement said. "It advised the bankers not to make loans to countries which had not funded their debts to the United States, thereby speeding up the negotiations which resulted in the debt agreements."

Points to New York Record  
"At one time," the department warned bankers planning to advance loans to Germany, of the dangerous over-extension of credit to this country, and of the probable difficulties collection due to the provisions of the Treaty of Versailles.

"It undoubtedly through its advice this prevented many loans. On the other hand it never has encouraged the issuance of any loans whatsoever."

Representative Snell asked in connection with Roosevelt's demand for more stringent regulation of banks to protect depositors:

"Has the Governor forgotten that one of the most evil-smelling bank failures in the United States took place in New York City, a failure followed by indictment and conviction?"

"Does he promise the country the kind of supervision that preceded the failure of the Bank of the United States, a state institution supervised by the state banking department?"

Why Not Regulated Before?  
Pointing out that the nation's lease and exchange and building houses are located in New York City, Snell declared Roosevelt himself could have initiated the stock market regulation and security issue reforms which he advocated at Columbus.

Snell said there were no legal barriers to state regulation while the Governor should know that there is no constitutional basis for federal government regulation of the stock exchange or the issuance of securities by business concerns.

"The Governor's most recent program and promises," the Republican spokesman declared, "are just another example of what will haunt him in the history of this party through this campaign—promises nullified by a stark and inescapable record."

LEADER GIVES PRIZES  
Children Receive Rewards for Work in Letter Contest.

Winners in the word-forming contest conducted by the Leader store, Washington and Delaware streets, have been announced by the judges, E. A. Tapscott, Judge William Sheaffer and Robert Wolf.

First place was awarded James Pescok, 10, of 4575 Guilford avenue, while Robert C. Wilhelm, 11, of 613 North Bosart avenue, and Paul Peterson, 15, of 326 South Elm street, won second and third, respectively.

Others rewarded by the judges were: Russell Shirley, Sara Whitehead, Pershing Grishley, Laura De La Cruz, Carl Rice, Courtney Wadell, Amber Childress, Mildred Brown, Marguerite Hall and Jane Dawley.

SHOTS SELF; KILLED  
W. J. Paugh Ends Life While Family Is Attending Reunion.

Despondency over ill health and financial reverses resulting from the depression caused suicide Sunday of W. J. Paugh, 58, R. R. 1, Box 510, in his home while the family was attending a reunion at Garfield park.

Placing a shotgun against his chest over his heart, Paugh used a stick with a nail in it to pull the trigger.

Besides the widow, he leaves three daughters, Mrs. Ruth Koch, R. R. 9, Mrs. Rachel Flocking, R. R. 5, Indianapolis; Mrs. Arline Hurt, R. 2, Greenwood; two sons, Harold and Frank Paugh, at the parents' home.

Threatens County Bankruptcy  
By United Press  
HAMMOND, Ind., Aug. 22.—Threat of a suit to throw Lake county into involuntary bankruptcy confronted officials today from H. P. Peters, general manager of the B. A. Rallion Company of Chicago. Peters is seeking to collect \$100,000 for furnishing indigents in North township.

## 'Best Dressed' TO BREAK DOWN



Marion Santre

Marion Santre is said to be the best dressed girl in "Hot-Cha," latest Ziegfeld extravaganza.

"Here's a tip, girls," says Marion, "keep the seams in your stockings straight. Nothing so mars the lines of a lovely leg."

## SLAP AT LESLIE DENIED BY BUSH

Lieutenant-Governor Says  
Stories Were Erroneous.

Lieutenant-Governor Edgar D. Bush today voiced vigorous denial of a story given wide circulation with regard to removal of state relief offices of Dr. John H. Hewitt from Bush's office.

"Stories in The Times and in other papers stated that I had told Hewitt that he would have to move his offices because I did not like his boss and insinuated that I had taken a slap or two at Governor Leslie," said Bush. "As a matter of fact, I said nothing that even resembled that."

"I made no remarks of any kind that might be considered as attacking the Governor."

"At the end of the legislative session, Dr. Hewitt came to me in the corridor and consulted me on the way I had conducted senate sessions. I thanked him."

"Then he said he supposed he would be moving his offices into the rooms which I occupy, now that the session was over, to share quarters with me."

"I told him that he would not, as I had decided to use the offices myself until the end of my term. Leslie was not mentioned; neither did I speak in any spirit of malice to Dr. Hewitt or any one else. Any such quotations ascribed to me were wrong and unfounded."

PAY CUT AFT FOUGHT  
Huntington City Officials Appeal "Under Protest" Plan Suits.

Huntington city officials have announced their intention of challenging the constitutionality of the uniform salary reduction act passed by the special legislative session.

T. Maynor, Z. T. Dungan and other city officials at Huntington have decided to accept their salaries "under protest" and file suit to recover at the end of their terms.

North Illinois Extension  
Branded Realty Scheme

Remonstrators Fight Bond Issue of \$48,600 for Sipe Road.

Remonstrators to a proposed \$48,600 bond issue by Washington township to construct the Sipe road, an extension of North Illinois street, were heard today by the state tax board. The tax commissioners took the bond issue under advisement.

Opponents of the issue declared that it was a real estate scheme to open an acreage development and that it placed an additional burden on the farmers in the township.

Brandt C. Downey, receiver for the Washington Bank and Trust Company, declared that the defunct bank owned much acreage in this section and that if the road is constructed it will increase the value of the land and also enable the bank to pay its debts.

"Construction of the road would within five years place enough real estate on the township to duplicate to pay the cost of the road several times over," Downey said.

H. C. Stevens, who said that he represented the receiver of the Wild bank declared that 15,500 depositors in the institution would be benefited by the road which would enable the sale of seventy-three acres in that section which has cost the bank \$116,000. Forty acres are slated for sale at present.

"This merely is a real estate development scheme," declared C. W. Beckett, who headed the remonstrators, "and it simply is adding a tax burden." Other objectors were Frank Dawson, William Hays, and John Nimmick.

A seventy-foot right of way has been obtained for the road which will have an eighteen-foot pavement, Bruce Short, county engineer, testified. An eighty-foot bridge, twenty-eight feet wide is part of the construction plan.

## AMELIA DELAYS FLIGHT

Aviatrice Expected to Hop Today, Los Angeles to New York.

By United Press  
LOS ANGELES, Aug. 22.—Amelia Earhart, Putnam, woman transatlantic flier, Sunday deferred for twenty-four hours her proposed takeoff on a nonstop flight from Los Angeles to New York. Mrs. Putnam said she will leave this noon, weather permitting.

She will not attempt a record flight, since her plane cannot carry enough fuel for high speed navigating all that distance.

BARRE, Vt., Aug. 22.—Weather reports were unfavorable today and Clyde A. Lee and John Bockhorn delayed the start of their trip to Harbor Grace to take off for Oslo, Norway. They likely will start Tuesday.

## GRILLING FAILS TO BREAK DOWN KILLER SUSPECT

Gunsaulie Denies Ownership  
of Bloody Shirt in  
Farm Slaying.

By United Press  
RICHMOND, Ind., Aug. 22.—An all-night examination failed to break down the denials of Guy Gunsaulie in connection with the fatal shooting of his wife at their home near Billingsville last week.

He was held in the Wayne county jail here today pending further investigation.

Mrs. Nellie Kumer, 38, housekeeper for Gunsaulie and his invalid wife, also was to be questioned further today. Sheriff Herbert Ellison said.

She implicated Gunsaulie in the slaying after repudiating her original confession of the crime.

Ownership of a blood-stained shirt found at his home was denied by Gunsaulie during the all-night questioning, police said.

As she repudiated her confession of the slaying, Mrs. Kumer said that Gunsaulie told her he planned to kill his wife and bury her body in the yard. She related that she ran from the home and a few moments later heard a shot. When she returned to the house, she said, Gunsaulie had buried the body.

Mrs. Kumer told authorities she made the confession because Gunsaulie had asked her to help him "get out of the trouble." At the same time, Mrs. Kumer denied that Mrs. Gunsaulie inflicted wounds on her which she previously had blamed the dead woman.

MOTORMAN SLUGGED,  
ROBBED BY NEGROES

Bandits Jerk Trolley and Attack; Grocer Loses \$100.

Injuries so severe as to require hospital treatment were incurred Saturday night by a street car motorman slugged by two Negroes who robbed him of a money changer containing an undetermined amount.

The motorman, Charles