

## SULLIVAN SEES PERIL TO CITY IN BUDGET CUT

Necessary Services to Be Curtailed If Further Slashes Come.

**BY JAMES A. CARVIN**

Further reduction of the 1933 city budget will endanger seriously the proper operation of local government, Major Reginald H. Sullivan said today, as representatives of civic organizations prepared to demand a lower tax levy at a special city council meeting tonight.

Representatives of tax relief organizations last week announced they would appear before the council to urge greater slashes in departmental appropriations and to protest against the \$1.319 tax levy created by anticipated expenses for 1933.

Closing of numerous parks and playgrounds, less frequent garbage and refuse collections, and elimination of many public health agencies would be necessary if requested appropriations of these departments are refused, Sullivan asserted.

### Every Item Checked

"Every item in the 1933 budget was scrutinized carefully by the controller's office and myself, representatives of civic organizations, and heads of departments under discussion," Sullivan said. "Recommendations agreed upon by representatives of the Indiana Taxpayers Association, Chamber of Commerce, and the Indiana Association for Tax Justice were incorporated in the budget reductions."

Sullivan pointed out that the amount of money to be raised by the \$1.319 tax levy is \$284,388.74 less than the amount derived from the 1932 levy of \$1.08.

A reduction of more than \$121,000.00 in the assessed valuation of Indianapolis property, and increased delinquency expectation of 6 per cent instead of 2 per cent, were cited by Sullivan as reasons for the levy increase.

### Tax Money Decreases

"It is the opinion of this administration that the proper function of government is to serve the people by providing adequate and competent operation of all departments," Sullivan said. "Unless sufficient funds are allowed, these functions must be curtailed."

"Since 1930, the beginning of this administration, the amount of money raised by tax levy has decreased \$600,032.02, comparing the 1930 and 1933 budgets," Sullivan asserted. "This decrease was made despite the fact that it now is necessary to support institutions protected by previous administra-

"A new unit has been built and is maintained at city hospital, the municipal airport has been established and the police radio system installed. These and all other public improvements, including more than \$9,000,000 worth of park board property, must be maintained, else the loss in depreciated value will offset my many thousands of dollars any economy of the present."

### Health Work Needed

"Operation of city hospital, public health work in schools and clinics, collection of garbage and refuse, repair of streets, and provision for competent legal counsel to defend the city, all are public functions which benefit the people directly."

"There are several minor departments, such as the department of weights and measures, which repay indirectly each year many times their cost of operation. Even the dog pound pays several thousand dollars yearly into the general fund from sale of dogs for pets."

"It requires money to operate a city government and we must have it if the citizens expect the government to continue functioning."

**Next—The new budget effect on park board holdings.**

### W. B. RUEBY IS DEAD

**Real Estate Dealer Had Been Ill for Last Two Months.**

Woodford B. Rueby, 55, local real estate dealer, died Sunday in his home, 1728 North Delaware street. He had been ill two months.

He was in the real estate business here almost twenty years.

The funeral is planned Wednesday afternoon in Flanner & Buchanan mortuary, followed by burial in Crown Hill cemetery.

### DRY DRIVE IS LAUNCHED

**Allied Forces for Prohibition Begin Lake County Campaign.**

**By United Press**

HAMMOND, Ind., Sept. 12.—Pledged to make Lake county "the driest place in the country," a unit of the Allied Forces for Prohibition was formed here.

A candidate for congress from the First district and a county ticket were being considered by the group.

### DAHLIAS TO BE SHOWN

**Annual State Show Will Be Held Saturday, Sunday at Fairground.**

The Dahlia Society of Indiana will exhibit thousands of the blossoms Saturday and Sunday in the Indiana university building at the state fairground.

The annual meeting and dinner of the society will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Carrollton Avenue Reformed church.

### E. C. CRAWFORD DEAD

**Real Estate and Insurance Agent Succumbs After Long Illness.**

Long illness resulted in the death Saturday of Emory C. Crawford, 52, real estate and insurance agent, in city hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 2 Tuesday in Speaks undertaking establishment, 3850 College avenue. Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

**Ransacks: Steals Only a Drink**

Maybe the thief who ransacked the Lubrite Oil station, 4716 East Eleventh street, Sunday, was thirty. Howard Rogers, manager, said only a bottle of Coca-Cola was missing.

## 50 YEARS OF WEBER & FIELDS

*Saloon Antics Gave Them Inspiration for First Acts*



Joe Weber (seated) and Lew Fields as they are today.

Joe Weber and Lew Fields, who were a team when the Bowery was a gay theater street, will celebrate their golden jubilee as a team with a banquet at the Hotel Astor, New York, on the night of Sept. 12.

"Not that we was together fifty years yet, it was fifty-six," says Weber. "But we never had it a golden jubilee. And whatever it is coming to us, we want it."

In approaching such an occasion, the two partners naturally are reminiscent, and a series of articles by A. J. Liebling, of which the following is the first presents some of the reminiscence.

**BY A. J. LIEBLING**

Times Staff Writer

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WEBER, the shachet, occupied the basement of No. 10 Essex street in 1876, killing chickens and raising children according to Divine instructions. Simon, a German Jew, kept a saloon on the first floor.

Whether Simon was a first or last name the heroes of this picaresque do not recollect—the saloon was known as Simon's place and Simon was a short, bulk-necked fellow, always in his shirt sleeves, a great talker and really not a bad guy.

When it was almost time for the shachet, his wife and the senior progeny to return from synagogue Saturday, Joe Weber, the eleventh and youngest, would carefully replace the featherbeds upon which he and Lew Schanfield had been rehearsing acrobatics.

Joe and Lew—they had exactly eighteen years, evenly divided between them—would sneak through the family entrance of Simon's place and crouch in a far corner of the little side room reserved for special families rich, and wear diamond shirt studs.

It was an anxious time.

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"**I**F we could ever get into a show without a tattooed man we figured that would be a success," Weber relates.

They sputtered. They howled. They bumped stomachs.

Fields reached out with his cane, hooked it around Weber's neck, and threw him over, arose, hooked his cane around Fields' neck, and dragged him across the stage, while the house rocked in glee.

Fields kicked Weber in his padded stomach and hit him over his flat derby.

It was simply a repetition of a fight they had seen in Simon's saloon, where as actors they were now full-fledged patrons, though less than 15 years old.

The audience was on its feet, yelling.

A new comedy star act had risen from behind a beer barrel in a saloon at 10 Essex street.

Next—Weber and Fields successfully invade Pacific coast.

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"**L**adies and gentlemen," Weber would announce, "your attention is invited to our difficult achievement of performing three separate and distinct feats at one and the same time—dancing in unison, keeping in time to the music and tearing these sheets of paper in in-trick design."

Something like Joe Cook's forty years later, one Hawaiian playing the guitar, another humming, and another beating time with his foot.

Their entrance for this act was always done with a song they had heard somewhere and adopted—

"Who are those fellows with the green um-ba-rellows?"

"Bring me new neckties—glass in their eyes!"

"Don't they look spoony? I think they are."

"Maybe they're young Oscar Well in disguise."

"We thought Oscar Well was some dude on East Broadway," Fields explains. "But somehow we thought the song was classy."

They did a song, dance and alleged comic dialogue, and the rest of the variety show comprised trained birds, trained dogs, trained pigs and an acrobat.

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The phrenologist was the big money getter. He got money that the patrons had left in their in-

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FROM gangs working as much as a block away would come delegates bearing long poles, whence depended twenty-five or thirty growers, to be filled at a nickel a piece.

Some of the Dutchmen wore fierce hussar mustaches and plaid vests, but most wore schmuckerts, chin whiskers unaccompanied by a pair of comedians named Weber and Fields wore years afterward.

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At rehearsals the boys hummed their theme song for the orchestra. One of the Americans stepped up to the east side kids.

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**M'NUTT, VAN NYU'S TO BE ON RADIO HOOKUP**

Democratic Nominees Will Open State Campaign on Sept. 26.

Paul V. McNutt, nominee for Governor, and Frederick Van Nuys, nominee for the United States senate, will speak on a statewide radio hookup Sept. 26, at 8 p.m., when the Democratic state campaign will be opened officially.

Decision on the date and arrangement of the program was made at a meeting of state candidates Sunday with R. Earl Peters, state chairman, at the Claypool headquarters.

The board set up these restrictions:

"Adequate" bonds or warrants must be deposited to secure the loan, promissory notes not being considered acceptable collateral.

Bonds will not be taken up by the corporation if they are salable to private buyers at "reasonable" interest rates.

The R. F. C. reserves the right to resell the bonds, and, if resold, they bear their face interest rate.

While they are the property of the corporation, interest is charged at 3 per cent as specified in the act.

Governors asking for loans are required to fill out a two-page application, and also answer a list of some thirty questions on the needs for relief and the security to be offered, if the proceeds are for a highway funds.

The board has adopted these rules:

Proof must be given that state resources are inadequate.

Where there is a possibility of bond issues or additional taxation, even though such steps require revision of laws through special legislative sessions, such action must be taken.

R. F. C. relief activities will be confined strictly to assistance to the destitute, and will not extend into

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