

LESLIE SAYS FAREWELL TO LEGISLATURE

Urge Continuation of His Policies; Reports on State Affairs.

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cluded the state tax board, highway commission and conservation department.

Dividends of gasoline and automobile license revenues to local units was upheld. He urged that the state highway program be confined largely to increased maintenance and that construction be curtailed. State use of Indiana products was advocated.

Politics should be kept out of the bi-partisan institutional boards, the Governor said.

"Institutions at Peak"

"It may be said truly, and with pardonable pride, that our institutional boards and institutions today are at the peak, due to the high character, devotion to duty, sense of responsibility and energetic, unselfish service of the personnel."

"Appointments have been made consistently in the last four years with a view to the competent management of the institutions and to the assured well-being of inmates of those institutions."

He warned of the danger of "false economy" in caring for wards of the state. Praise was also bestowed by the Governor upon the state's part in poor relief.

Rehabilitation of the executive mansion was termed "economical" and has been done "in such a way as to reflect credit upon the state," Leslie stated. Washing and dusting of the statehouse was also defended by the Governor.

Leslie urged attention be given to the banking survey report. As to maintenance of the state's military, Leslie said:

"The Indiana national guard should be kept at its present peak of efficiency. It has demonstrated in convincing fashion its emergency value."

He predicted that the pledge of co-operation between executive and legislative branches of the new administration "promises well for constructive results."

"The majority spoke in no uncertain terms on Nov. 3," he concluded.

"The vote carried admonition, instruction and summons to duty. It was not merely a party vote."

It was a mandate, sending replacements to the front line or extraordinary duty. That mandate should be regarded as marching orders rather than an endorsement of any political party.

"Confidence may be forfeited by a political party before it has been fairly earned. The political pendulum swings both ways," he declared.

Crawford Named Speaker

Secretary of State Frank May Jr. presided during the organization period in the house, while Representative Earl Crawford (Dem., Milton) was elected Speaker. Other house and senate posts were filled as scheduled at the Democratic caucus Wednesday night.

Senator Anderson Ketchum (Dem., Greensburg) was elected president pro tem. of the senate. Oath of office was administered to senators by Judge Michael L. Fansler of the supreme court. Chief Justice Walter E. Treanor administered the oath in the house. Prayers were said in the senate by the Rev. Jean S. Milner, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, and in the house by the Rev. F. C. McCormack of Milton Christian church.

Retiring Lieutenant-Governor Edgar D. Buch presided in the senate.

Bill Is Ready

A joint committee of house and senate escorted the Governor to the house to address the joint session.

After formal canvass of the general election vote, both houses adjourned until Monday at 10 a.m.

Committee appointments and ratification of rules is on the Monday morning program.

Legislators will attend the inaugural ceremonies for the incoming Governor and Lieutenant-Governor and on Tuesday morning Governor McNutt is scheduled to read his message to the session.

MRS. MARY COLVIN, 80, IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

Daughter of Pioneer Settlers Is Taken at Daughter's Home.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Colvin, 80, member of the University Park Christian church and of Queen Esther chapter, O. E. S. and of the Mary's club, died Wednesday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. L. Booth, 136 West Thirtieth street.

Mrs. Colvin was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Voyles, pioneer settlers. She was born in Washington county, where she spent her childhood and early girlhood.

COMEDY TO BE GIVEN

"Twelfth Night" to Be Staged Jan.

13 at Indiana Central.

Leading roles in a Shakespearean comedy, "Twelfth Night," to be presented Jan. 13 by the collegiate dramatic society of Indiana Central college, will be taken by Miss Hulda Longacre of Elkhart, and Gordon Francis of Anderson.

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CITY CONSIDERS PROPOSAL FOR NATURAL GAS

Cincinnati Firm Presents Plan to Augment Supply of Artificial Product.

Introduction here of natural gas is being considered by city officials to augment the output of manufactured gas of the Citizens Gas Company. It was announced today by Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan. The plan would save consumers half a million dollars the first year it is claimed.

Decision on the plan will not be made for some time, the mayor said, because of the intricate questions involved.

Offer of the natural gas was made by Westheimer and Company of Cincinnati. The concern would supply a minimum of 250,000,000 cubic feet, obtained from the Missouri-Kansas Pipe Line Company at a rate of 40 cents a 1,000 cubic feet for the first 150,000,000 cubic feet.

Rate for more gas would be scaled down so that the city would pay 30 cents a 1,000 cubic feet for all over 400,000,000 cubic feet.

Several Angles Studied

Questions outlined by Mayor Sullivan as involved in acceptance of the offer include:

Possible effect on the Citizens Gas Company, which the city now is seeking to acquire through litigation; financial backing of the Westheimer firm; legality of acquiring gas from the Missouri-Kansas Pipe Line Company, which is in the hands of receivers, and advisability of buying under a twelve-year contract, proposed by the Westheimer people.

The natural gas would mix with the manufactured gas of the Citizens company, it was said, and would make possible a lower rate to the consumers. Manufacture of coke and other by-products by the local concern would meet with no interference, it was claimed.

Financial backing of Westheimer & Co. appears to be sufficient, the mayor said. However, he declared that he will give more study to this angle.

Contract Is Problem

Also to be examined is the legal position of the receivers of the pipe line company in letting a long term contract. Mayor Sullivan pointed out that should contracts be made, and later be found to be invalid, the city's acquisition and operation of the Citizens company would be hampered seriously.

Contract offered by Westheimer would be in force for twelve years, with the stipulation that the city might renew for eight more years.

The city must study the contract in the light of better business conditions in prospect, as well as with an eye to the present situation, the mayor stated.

Under the proposal, the gas would be delivered at an agreed point at the city limits within thirty days of the time the city received written notice that the fuel was ready for delivery.

Rates Are Given

Rates stated are 40 cents a 1,000 cubic feet for the first 150,000,000 cubic feet; 35 cents a 1,000 cubic feet for the next 100,000,000 cubic feet; 32½ cents a 1,000 cubic feet for the next 150,000,000 cubic feet, and 30 cents a 1,000 cubic feet for all over 400,000,000 cubic feet.

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