

## DRASTIC CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT URGED FOR CITY

Former Judge of Appellate Court Says Consolidation Is Necessary.

Sweeping change in city, township and county government through elimination and consolidation of offices to gain increased efficiency and economy was advocated today by Elmer Q. Lockyear, until recently Indiana Appellate court judge and now associated in practice of law with Seth S. Ward with offices at 704 Fletcher Trust building.

Curtailment of the jurisdiction of justices of peace to prohibit civil actions being taken in their courts is included in the recommendation made by Lockyear.

Duplication of governmental functions by city and county officers in Marion county was cited by Lockyear as offering an opportunity for consolidation similar to the plan followed in St. Louis where county officers also direct municipal affairs.

### Outgrown for Years

"Constitutional offices provided years ago have been outgrown under the increase in our highway system and methods of transportation," Lockyear declared.

"An example of this is to be found in the office of justice of peace. Years ago travel to county seats required hours for the transaction of even minor legal matters. The location of the justice of peace in the township was a necessity.

"Nowadays, when an entire county can be covered in less than an hour's time, and with the facilities provided in municipal courts, the justice of peace only duplicates, in a much less efficient manner, the function of municipal courts.

### Rests on Legislature

"In city courts, parties in any action have the benefit of judges with full knowledge of law. The justice of peace is not expected or required to have the legal training necessary for occupancy of the bench.

"In my opinion, the solution of this problem rests with the legislature, where the jurisdiction of the justice should be curtailed to approximate that of a notary public. Because it is a constitutional office, the justice can not be eliminated entirely.

"To put them on a fee basis entirely, and restrict their activities to administering oaths, handling deeds and mortgages and perhaps retaining for them the right to perform marriage ceremonies, would remove the conflict with municipal courts."

### Willing to Lend Aid

Lockyear declared that he would be willing to assist in drafting a bill covering his suggested changes for introduction to the general assembly.

"In a city the size of Indianapolis, where the city limits reach nearly to county limits, there can be numerous offices consolidated with tremendous saving to taxpayers," Lockyear continued.

"Police functions can be vested in either the sheriff or chief of police, which would eliminate the conflict in authority that now exists with each refusing the act within the other's jurisdiction.

"Likewise the county commissioners and the city board of works could be consolidated. So could the county auditor and the city controller, the county and city school superintendents, county highway superintendent and city street commissioner.

### Assails "Outward Ideas"

"Elimination of the city treasurer by including his function in that of the county treasurer has proved satisfactory, so there appears no reason why the same plan might not be extended throughout our governmental system.

"Personnel records and equipment are duplicated at present, at a terrific cost to taxpayers, who, however, fail to receive any additional benefit from their extra officers and employees.

"In the interest of economy and efficiency, we should place our government on the basis of modern needs rather than continue with a top-heavy, outmoded machine of 1900 vintage," Lockyear asserted.

### FACE BUDGET REVISION

Farm Bureau to Continue All Services, Is Report.

All services of the Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc. will be continued this year, the board of directors decided Thursday, but budgets will be revised in all departments.

Department heads reported financial status of all divisions of the bureau are good at the directors' first meeting of the year. The bureau will support a vigorous legislative program, including support of the \$1.50 tax limit law and laws for broadening the tax base.

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## Let's Explore Your Mind

BY DR. ALBERT EDWARD WIGGAM, D. Sc.



**AUTHOR'S NOTE**—These answers are given from the scientific point of view. Not all moral questions can be answered with absolute scientific accuracy, but no decision as to what is right conduct or sound morals is possible without science. Science puts the rights of organized society above the rights of individuals.

1. I think much more so. The Victorian Age had two outstanding characteristics: Men lying to women about their sex purity and women pretending, even trying, to believe them. It was probably the most hypocritical age of sex morals in all history.

Men and women now are treating sex as a matter of mutual, honest discussion, and whatever solution they may reach in individual cases, they are at least less hypocritical about it.

2. No. The crook gets a thrill. Dr. Wiggam will be glad to answer questions dealing with problems of conduct, morals, beliefs, husband and wife, parent and child—any question in the field of human relationships. Questions of general interest will be answered in this department. If personal reply is desired, please stamp, (3c) self-addressed envelope. Address Dr. Wiggam in care of The Indianapolis Times.

**LADIES**—Dr. Wiggam will send upon request a specially devised set of questions and answers to be used as "conversation stimulants" at your next party. They create a world of fun and discussion. Don't forget, self-addressed return envelope.

## Sally and Ralph Have Romantic Roles in Movie

Olsen and Johnson in Their Latest Nutty Revue Opens a Week's Engagement at the Indiana Today.

WHEN Kathleen Norris wrote "Second Hand Wife," it is reported she avoided the customary viewpoint of having the divorced wife be represented as a long-suffering martyr and the "other girl" as a gold-digger—a viewpoint that is thought to be prevalent in much of today's fiction but which is seldom truthful.

Instead, Mrs. Norris wrote a moving and brilliantly true-to-life story about the triangle of a wealthy young banker, his selfish and avaricious wife and his pretty stenographer.

In making the screen version of the story, opening at the Apollo today, Director Hamilton MacFadden adhered to Mrs. Norris' original tale with exceptional fidelity, it is reported.

Sally Ellers and Ralph Bellamy have romantic roles and Helen Vinson is the scheming wife.

The work of the three principals is supported by Victor Joy as the lover, little Karol Kay as the daughter, and Dorothy Christy as the society woman who unravels the final tangle.

Short subjects supplementing the featured attraction on the program are Movietone News, a two reel comedy and an organogue entitled, "Night of Romance."

Olsen and Johnson and a large company open a week's stage engagement today at the Indiana. The screen offers "Madame Butterfly."

"Goon-Goon," said to be a romantic comedy with native Ball men and women in the cast, opens today at the Terminal.

Other theaters today will offer: "Silver Dollar" at the Circle, Singer's Midgits at the Lyric, "The Son-Daughter" at the Palace, and "Second Hand Wife" at the Apollo.

### LAUDS JOB INSURANCE

Advantages of Plan Are Explained By Dr. R. Clyde White.

Advantages of social insurance were explained at the Indianapolis Advertising Club by Dr. R. Clyde White, of the Indiana university bureau of social research, Thursday. He told how a compulsory savings out of wages can be made to meet the normal exigencies of sickness, accident, old age, and other social problems.

Cost of the social insurance system in Germany, Dr. White said, is met from three sources, the employer's income, the wage earner's income, and from the state.

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## WOMAN SOLE G. O. P. AID IN STATE SENATE

Chester Perkins of South Bend Is Named Chairman of Rules Committee.

Sole surviving Republican senate employee is Miss Marie Backmeyer, Richmond, who has served at a number of Indiana legislative sessions when the G. O. P. held power. In 1931 and at the special session of 1932, Miss Backmeyer was minute clerk. All such posts are being held in the present session by Democrats.

There are only seven Republican senators in the fifty seats of the upper house. They have decided to employ Miss Backmeyer as their stenographer.

Selection of six senate clerks and an assistant doorkeeper has been announced by Senator John Bright Webb, who heads the Democratic patronage committee.

Clerks are Ellis Henry, Connersville; Norman Gordon, New Albany; Ross Troyer, Upland; Miss Ada Goodwin, Newcastle; Leighton Bowers, Ft.

Miss Backmeyer

Wayne, and Donald Smith, Indianapolis.

The posts of the above, in order named, are as follows:

Endorsing clerk, registry clerk, file clerk, journal clerk, calendar clerk and bookkeeper.

Assistant doorkeeper is Joseph Curtis, Anderson.

Other patronage committeemen are Senators Anderson Ketchum, Greensburg, and Fred Egan, Gary.

Lieutenant-Governor M. Clifford Townsend is an ex-officio member.

The latter announced members of the senate rules and joint rules committees as follows:

Rules committee—Senator Chester A. Perkins (Dem., South Bend), chairman; Senators Walter S. Chambers (Dem., Newcastle), Russell P. Kehoe (Dem., Jeffersonville), George Miller (Dem., Logansport), Ketchum and Will Brown (Rep., Hebron).

Joint rules committee—Senators Harold L. Strickland (Dem., Hammond), chairman; Chester E. Watson (Dem., Ft. Wayne) and Chambers.

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