

## FUTILE ATTACK IS WAGED ON STERILIZATION

Bill in House Advanced to Engrossment, After Horsplay.

The house of representatives took time out for a little horsplay today, as the Schenk-Evans-Clark bill for sterilization of criminals advanced to engrossment.

No sooner was the bill handed down by Speaker Earl Crawford than Representative John F. Ryan (Dem., Terre Haute) moved for indefinite postponement.

"This is a vicious bill," asserted Ryan. "Men was put here on earth for the divine purpose of reproducing his kind and we have no right to take God's law into our hands."

Ryan then faltered somewhat in his assault on the bill and his fellow members chuckled gleefully as he wound up lamely:

"Anyhow, it's a bad bill and ought to be killed."

### Defended as Crime Reducer

Representative H. H. Evans (Rep., Newcastle), a co-author, defended the measure as a means of "reducing crime at its source," and declared inheritance of criminal tendencies has been demonstrated fully by a number of case histories. Ryan's motion for indefinite postponement lost by a close vote.

Representative Eugene Martin (Dem., Ft. Wayne) then introduced an amendment demanding that a new section be added to read, "that no provision of this bill shall apply to the state of Indiana."

The measure passed to second reading as Crawford ruled the motion was out of order, "because members of the house can not vote on questions concerning themselves."

### Penalty for Felons

Sterilization is provided for any person convicted of a felony in which life is threatened or destroyed. The bill is a perennial and usually is accompanied by a provision for sterilization of imbeciles.

In other measures advanced to engrossment was the old age pension bill with amendments which change the starting pension age from 65 to 70 and reduce the maximum from \$2 a month to \$15.

A bill which removes the deposit requirement for contractors in construction of state highways passed second reading as did one which ends tax exemption of Barrett law bonds.

Favorable committee report was approved on a bill providing for appraisal of real estate for taxes every year instead of every four years. It provides that the assessor of Center township, Marion county, shall have authority to employ three full-time assistants to carry out provisions of the bill. Assistants would be paid not less than \$2,400 nor more than \$3,000 a year.

### \$107,950 Added to Budget

Number of assistants and their pay was fixed by amendment. The original bill provided for five at salaries of not less than \$2,750 nor more than \$3,250.

Minor amendments making a total increase of \$107,950 were expected to be offered in the house of representatives this afternoon when the biennial appropriation bill is reported by the ways and means committee for passage.

Speed in passing the measure apparently is assured, as it had the approval of Governor Paul V. McNutt before introduction.

Proposed boosts in the \$21961,166 appropriated for the next two years are \$75,000 to restore boilers at the Madison state hospital and \$22,950 to finance remodeling of that part of the statehouse now occupied by the state library and high courts.

A total of \$4,000,160 is slashed from state costs in the bill as it went to the ways and means committee.

### Bus Bill Attack Falls

Attack on the bill providing more stringent regulation on motor trucks and buses failed Thursday.

Under its provisions, contract carriers are required to obtain permits from the public service commission before operating outside the limits of their headquarters city.

Representatives John Napier Dyer (Dem., Vincennes), and H. H. Evans (Rep., Newcastle), led the attack, charging the measure is sponsored by railroad lobbyists.

The administration beer bill, amended in a number of sections, and legalizing malt beverages at 3.05 per cent, by weight, passed to second reading in the house Wednesday. Final vote Saturday or Monday is probable.

### AUTO CRASHES INTO FRONT PORCH OF HOME

Negro Is Held on Drunken Driving Charges After Accident.

After his automobile bounded over a curb and crashed into the front porch at the home of Mrs. Kitti Russell, 1611 English Avenue, Wednesday night, Horace Johnson, 30, 1021 Maple street, was arrested on charges of drunkenness, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor and carrying concealed weapons.

His brother, Robert Johnson, 25, of the same address, was not held. Police said they found a knife in Horace Johnson's possession.

### PARK BOARD RE-ELECTS

Officers Are Renamed at Annual Meeting of Members.

Park board officers, with Jackie W. Joseph as president, were re-elected at the annual meeting today.

They are Logan C. Scholl, vice-president; Mary E. Griffin, secretary; A. C. Sallee, park superintendent; H. Nathan Swaim, attorney; H. W. Middsworth, recreation director, and Paul Rathert, zone commission representative.

### Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported to police as stolen belong to: George Swift, 111 West South street, Shelbyville, Ind. Ford coupe, 30-407, from Vermont and Pennsylvania streets.

### BACK HOME AGAIN

Stolen automobiles recovered by police belong to: George Stewart, 1023 North Pershing Avenue, Chevrolet coupe, found at Ninth street and Pershing, in Cedar City. Whippet sedan, 80-707, found in rear of Masonic temple, North and Illinois streets.

## ZERO'S HEROES! THEY SNAP THEIR FINGERS AT THE CHILBLAIN PERIL



## Blow at 'Ruggedness'

Roosevelt's Policies May Undo Much of Work Carried On by Hoover.

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—No body who heard President-Elect Roosevelt's outline major portions of his program missed the irony of the fact that, consciously or unconsciously, he is setting out to undo a great deal of the work done by Herbert Hoover in developing "rugged Americanism."

The plan for making country life more attractive, and for decentralizing industry, for instance, eventually may break up the system of centralized efficiency of which Mr. Hoover has been the apostle and exponent for so many years.

Instead of huddling in cities, either in good or bad times, the people under Mr. Roosevelt's industrial dream once more would return to the quiet, ordered decency of simple living.

It would be, in short, a return to the simple but strenuous life that another Roosevelt once advocated.

Or it could be put in another way, that it is quoting a political philosopher in the new Roosevelt's entourage.

"Mr. Hoover," he said, "has with the best of intentions, transformed American ideas about industry and living. His age has made Americans nothing more than squirrels chasing for so many years.

"If Mr. Roosevelt's program works out, he would open the cages and permit us to resume a more normal mode of living.

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The sheriff also shall receive fees for services rendered outside his home county, mileage and transportation in taking persons to and from benevolent and penal institutions of the state; prisoners' board allowance and 5 cents a mile on serving a summons.

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Other county setups, under the bill, follow:

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Treasurers will receive 3 per cent on personal property delinquencies only, and not on real estate.

Although the President-Elect

purposely, it seems—avoided this subject in discussing his ideas of governmental reorganization and economy, it is clear that one department to be terribly hit is the one Mr. Hoover built up as secretary of commerce—the department which was his stepping stone to the White House.

With American trade abroad failing off, Mr. Roosevelt believes that many financial cuts can be made in the service. Mr. Hoover built up in foreign lands. He sees no reason why the taxpayers should shell out good money to commercial attaches seeking to sell baby carriages to barbaric peoples, who always have carried their children on their backs.

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