

REGISTRATION LAW COST MAY HIKE TAX RATE

Boost of 1 Cent in Marion
County Levy May Be
Result.

Cost of carrying out provisions
of the 1933 statute for permanent
registration of voters probably will
result in an increase of 1 cent in
the 1934 tax levy in Marion county,
it was predicted today.

Plans for setting up the machinery
necessary for the registration
were discussed at a meeting of
county officials, who made no at-
tempt to conceal their disapproval
of the new law.

The three county commissioners,
Thomas H. Ellis, Ernest Marker and
Dow Vorhes, County Clerk Glenn
Ralston, County Auditor Charles A.
Grossart, and his chief deputy, F.
W. Biemer, attended the session.

All Voters Must Register

Officially, the estimate of the
initial cost of filing equipment and
registration was placed at \$60,000. In
successing years, it is expected that
the cost of keeping records up to
date will be approximately \$6,000.

The law, which was backed in the
legislature by the League of Women
Voters, fixes Jan. 15, 1934, as the
date for registration.

Under the law, each voter will
be recorded by the county clerk and
will not be permitted to vote unless
qualified by legal registration.

Changes will be kept up to date as
voters move from addresses and
preincts.

Chief objection to the law as
voiced was the expense entailed.

A week ago it was predicted that
at least 10 cents would have to be
added to the 1934 county levy. A
\$100,000 deficit and payment of old
age pensions, plus poor relief and
regular election expense were cited
as reasons for the anticipated tax
rate increase.

Regarded as Mandatory

On the present assessment ratio,
each \$65,000 of revenue represents
a 1-cent tax levy, leading to the
prediction that the expense of regis-
tration will result in the levy rise.

Wording of the registration law
that "the council shall make an ap-
propriation" is regarded as mandatory
and in a sense smoothing the
way of the officials with the coun-
cil which already has given warn-
ing that little increase in the levy
will be approved.

GOLF CLUB IS ROBBED

Balls Valued at More Than \$40 Are
Stolen at Coffin.

Breaking into the clubhouse at the
Coffin golf course early today by prying
open a window, burglars stole
golf balls valued at more than \$40.
This was the fourth golf club bur-
glary in a week.

Ralph Stonehouse, of 3120 North
Harding street, professional at the
club, reported the burglary to the
police when he opened the clubhouse
today. He said the burglars first
attempted to use a glass cutter on
the window panes but abandoned it
to pry one of the windows open.

A. F. Miles Named Chief of Indiana Reformatory

Penal Institutions Shakeup
by Governor Brings
Reappointment.

Monday will be "home-coming
day" for A. F. Miles, 2833 North
Taft street.

For he will return to his former
position as superintendent of the
Indiana state reformatory at Pen-
dleton. With the reformatory since
1904, Miles was removed from the
superintendency in 1931 by Governor
Harry G. Leslie. He is a
Democrat.

Governor Paul V. McNutt an-
nounced reappointment of Miles at
the reformatory after returning
Ralph Howard to the superintend-
ency of the Indiana state farm
where he had seventeen years serv-
ice.

Both changes are scheduled for
Monday.

Howard is a Republican. The
Governor said he was returning him
to the farm to remedy conditions
there, such as are being exposed in
The Times.

Howard was sent to Pendleton
when Miles was ousted. He was
succeeded at the farm by Clifford
W. Craig, former chief clerk at the
Indiana state prison.

Craig has been ill for months and
is now at the Rockville sanitarium.

Although relieved from the farm
superintendency, he will continue to
have a hand in the farm.

Tribute to the efficiency in man-
agement of penal institutions was
paid both Howard and Miles by Mc-
Nutt.

Howard had had thirty years serv-
ice in state institutions.

MUSICIANS WILL MEET

National Negro Organization to Be
Founded by State Group.

Members of the National Association
of Negro Musicians Inc., of
which Mrs. Lillian M. LeMon, 1036
North West street, is president, will
be guests of the Indiana State Asso-
ciation of Negro Musicians here
Aug. 12 to 17.

Opening session will be a choir
fest at 3 Aug. 13 at Crispus Attucks
high school. Other sessions will be
held at Mt. Paran Baptist church,
Twelfth and Missouri streets. Miss
Mille D. Hoffman, Lafayette, is
president of the state association.

County Interest Fee May Be Increased

Efforts Will Be Made to Sell Bonds
at 6 Per Cent.

Increases of 1 per cent in the inter-
est rate on a \$350,000 temporary
loan will be the lure with which
County Auditor Charles A. Grossart
hopes to relieve the county's financial
difficulties.

A meeting of the county council
will be held July 20 and 21, at which
Grossart will seek permission to of-
fer loan bonds with a 6 per cent
interest rate.

Grossart called the council meet-
ing after a previously authorized
\$350,000 issue at 5 per cent interest
needed to defray expenses until fall
tax collections, was snubbed by
buyers.

"However, I shall go into inten-
tioning," he said.

Mencken Too Busy to Judge

Informed of this request, Cobb
replied: "Brandy! He's licked be-
fore he starts. Putting brandy in a
mint julep is like putting ketchup in
iced tea. You're going to see old
Kentucky triumph, as only old Kent-
ucky can triumph. Bring mint."

H. L. Mencken, the Baltimore
sage, was to have been one of the
judges but he announced, with a
throb in his voice, that he has to
leave New York for home today "to
witness a hanging of a man who
puts bourbon whisky in mint juleps."

"In Maryland," Mencken said, "we
use rye whisky. Bourbon puts too
much meat on the consumer. Look
at Cobb. He would butcher better
than I would. If we had cannibalism
in this country he would fetch
at least six dollars more than me."

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mint julep was developed in the
tidewater district around the Ches-
apeake bay and was mixed with
brandy. Various states devised their
own methods, however, using whisky
exclusively, because brandy is too
expensive.

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julep controversy arose, and since
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cept those concocted in Kentucky,
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a drinker of sheep dip, an alchem-
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