

# McNUTT FLAYS PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD CRITICS

## Methods 'Least Expensive' to Taxpayers, He Says in Statement.

Governor Paul V. McNutt today "struck back" at what he terms the "unfair critics of the public service commission."

Giving a detailed account of accomplishments under the present commissioners, Governor McNutt voiced high praise both for them and for the public service commission.

Outlining the "short method" of inaugurating rate cases, instituted by Mr. Minton, he cited reductions obtained, particularly in the Indianapolis Power and Light Company case, as being "the largest sum of utility rate reductions ever gained at one sweep in the history of the public service commission of Indiana, and the least expensive to the taxpayers."

The cut in revenues in the Indianapolis Power and Light Company case was \$525,000 on an annual basis," Governor McNutt declared. "It cost but \$23,381 for salaries of investigators and the whole irrevocable result was accomplished in less than two months' time."

**Data Given by Times**

Much of the data used by Mr. Minton in urging Indianapolis Power and Light Company rates be reduced was presented in a series of articles in The Indianapolis Times, material for which was uncovered by The Times investigators.

Other cases, including the orders on hand-set telephones and delinquent charges on bill collections, were cited by the Governor in defense of commission action.

"At the end of eleven months, marked by Feb. 8, this new commission, with its policy of fair play and sympathy for the ratepayer, had written orders which have carried into effect the sum of \$2,125,937.23 of rate cuts and relief throughout the state," he asserted.

"More than this, the commission has said in each case that it does not stand prejudiced against any effort citizens and cities may make to make to gain further reductions. But it will work as diligently as possible to make the essential investigations requested."

**Charges Misrepresentation**

"In other words, the commission and public counsel are there in the statehouse to serve the consumers as long as they have grievances and as long as their usefulness may be effective through cooperation with citizens and with cities and towns."

"I charge that any person, organ or party who says this commission in any particular has been neglecting its duty or the fulfillment of our promises to the people, willfully misrepresents facts."

"Any one who, in vain attempts to criticize for political or prejudicial reasons, does so by misstating the truth. Fair play and justice are accorded to all men and to the security of their rights and possessions. To this end, the new deal public service commission will continue to serve."

### VOTERS' REGISTRATION EQUIPMENT BIDS IN

County Commissioners Receive Offers From Six Firms.

Bids for furnishing equipment, installation and supplies for the permanent registration of Marion county voters today were in the hands of the county commissioners.

The six firms, presenting offers were the Indianapolis Office Furniture Company, the Hiller Office Supply Company, the Indianapolis Printing Company, the Remington Rand Company, the H. H. Craig Company and the William B. Burford Printing Company.

The bids ranged in price from \$19,975 to \$28,494.58. The former offer, however, was not according to specifications, county officials said.

### BUILDING CONTRACTORS TO MEET HERE IN 1935

H. H. Herbert Elected Head of Indiana Association.

By United Press

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Feb. 20.—H. H. Herbert, Michigan City, headed the Associated Building Contractors of Indiana today following his election at the sixteenth annual convention here.

W. J. Krommiller, Ft. Wayne, was named first vice-president, and Frank Hall, Gary, was elected third vice-president. The 1935 convention will be held in Indianapolis.

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# Judge John F. Geckler Announces His Candidacy

## Democratic Juvenile Court Jurist Will Seek Re-Election.



John F. Geckler

Pointing to his record as judge of the juvenile court, John F. Geckler, today announced his candidacy for re-election on the Democratic ticket.

Judge Geckler reviews his administration thus: "In the matter of economy the records show that the average cost of administration per year for the last three years was \$38,813, as compared with \$40,759 for 1930. Business of the court increased approximately 40 per cent during the current depression."

More than 4,000 adult cases and more than 3,500 children's cases have been handled in the court in the past three years, not including informal or Riley hospital cases. Approximately \$175,000 was collected for the support of dependent children, Judge Geckler claims. More than 2,000 cases were adjusted satisfactorily informally by the court and its probation officers and investigators, the judge says.

Critics of his administration, attacking his leniency, were hit by Judge Geckler, who said that leniency was necessary in many cases because of hardships suffered by economic deprivations.

# Basic Production of U.S. Must Be Adjusted

## It Is a Reflection on Our Leadership That Not Until 1933 Have We Done Effective Thinking.

**Second of a series of articles written for the Foreign Policy Association and the World Peace Foundation.**

BY HENRY A. WALLACE  
Secretary of Agriculture

**OUR APPROACH TO ISOLATION**

AS a foundation and framework of the new American design, we have undertaken to put our farmland into better order. We are out to subdue competitive overproduction. In consequence we are out to think of what we ought to do with the forty-three million marginal acres of plowland we are going to take out of cultivation in 1934 because the world no longer will pay us for the extra wheat, cotton and corn we have been growing there.

We are not going to have a random expansion and exploitation conducted without regard to human values, as we have in the past.

Theoretically, we recognize that this bringing of order out of chaos should extend as rapidly as possible into world agreements. But until such agreements can be made we must work to set our own land in order.

To do so is not incompatible with plans for world co-operation. It might even be argued that we must learn to co-operate at home before we are fit to practice world co-operation in agriculture, trade and the arts of peace.

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AS things are now, our millions of surplus acres are doing nothing but confusion, poverty and waste. As long as we remain a creditor nation with high tariff policies, refusing to accept foreign goods in payment, those acres should not be tilled.

Until our people have the vision to adopt a long-time world trading policy which is in keeping with our position as creditors, we must engage in the delicate processes of adjusting basic production downward.

At the opening of the World war, our farm production changed to be pretty well in hand. There was no glaring disparity between the prices that farmers received for their crops and the prices they paid for things they had to buy.

It is that condition of balance, or parity, between our major producing groups, attained more or less by chance in the years 1909-1914, which the Agricultural Adjustment Act is designed to restore.

The war rushed us out headlong to world markets. Fifty million acres of Europe, not counting Russia, were out of cultivation. Food prices rose to new heights. Food prices strode forth upon those high and dusty plains, once called the Great American Desert, and found that they could grow wheat there. Throughout the country, sod was broken.

Before the surge was over, we had put to the plow a vast new area. To replace the 50 million lost acres of Europe, America had added forty million acres to its tilled domain and thrown its whole farm plant into high gear.

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WHEN the war ended, Europe no longer needed those extra forty million hard-tilled acres of ours, or for only a little longer, at best. We did not realize it at the time or for some years thereafter; some of us shrink from the realization even now; but at least forty million acres of land, scattered all over the country, became surplus acreage very rapidly.

We went on producing for the world market just as if that market were still there. Worse than that, instead of putting fewer acres we actually put more acres into crops for export.

With an empire of our own to possess and conquer, America has never as yet displayed a consistently imperialist temper, in the broadly expansive sense of that term. After the World war, the Allies divided the world up, with a shrewd, contending eye for the deficit acres; and the United States said it didn't want any.

Disillusioned and confused by terrific adventures in our first war beyond the water and by the dog-fight at Versailles afterwards, we yearned only to come home quietly, expand some more in our own way within our own borders, and contend thereafter only among ourselves for the old

**spacious, separate spoils of "normalcy."**

That couldn't be. The marvel is not that we are now moving so fast, but that we were able to delay so long facing the realities of the postwar situation. It is a tribute to our great resources and our technical productive ability that our fields and factories from 1914 to 1930 were able to send to the outside world twenty-five billion dollars more in goods than we received.

It is a reflection on our leadership that not until 1933 have we done any effective thinking as to the steps the United States may have to take because it is simultaneously a great exporting nation and a great creditor nation.

Tomorrow—Facing Distasteful Facts.

### MORE INDUSTRY BOARD MEMBERS ARE NAMED

Clearing and Zoning and Grievance Groups Selected.

Members of the clearance and zoning board and grievance board for the exhibition and distribution divisions of the motion picture industry, for the Indianapolis district, have been appointed.

On the zoning and clearance board are George Landis, Fox Films; Marty Solomon, Columbia Pictures; K. T. Collins, Apollo theater; Jack Flex, Loew's Palace theater; A. C. Zaring, Zaring theater; and Manny Marcus, Ambassador theater.

The grievance board includes J. Harold Stevens, Paramount Pictures; Floyd Brown, Universal Pictures; Charles Olsen, Lyric theater; and I. M. Halperin, Indiana theater.

### WIFE OF H. L. PURDY BRINGS DIVORCE ACTION

\$100,000 Alimony Sought from Capitalist, Accused of Cruelty.

A divorce suit charging cruel and inhuman treatment was filed yesterday in superior court, room four, by Mrs. Sarah Ellen Purdy against Hal L. Purdy, Indianapolis capitalist.

The complaint sets out that Mr. Purdy is a former treasurer of the Marmon Motor Company, and asks \$100,000 in alimony. Mrs. Purdy asks custody of a son, Don H. Purdy, 17. The action was filed by Paul G. Davis.

### 'Y' SWIMMING SCHOOL FOR GRADE BOYS SET

Instruction of Youngsters Will Start Wednesday.

Indianapolis Y. M. C. A. will open a swimming school for city grade school boys tomorrow in connection with its twenty-fifth anniversary. Any grade school boy more than 9 years of age who does not know how to swim will be eligible. Registration, which must include a written request by parents, may be made with school principals.

Fred W. Dickens, physical education director, will have charge of the classes, assisted by James Clark. At least four thirty-minute lessons will be given to each boy.

### COLUMBIA CLUB SETS WASHINGTON BANQUET

Henry M. Dowling, Attorney, Is Scheduled as Speaker.

The Universal Club will hold its Washington day celebration and luncheon at the Columbia Club today noon. Henry M. Dowling, Indianapolis attorney, will be the honor guest and speaker.

### SOCIAL WORKERS MEET

Three City Residents Attend Conference in Washington.

Three Indianapolis residents, Miss Estelle Fisk, 3370 North New Jersey street; Eugene C. Foster, 5305 Julian avenue, and Miss Helen Pearson, 3735 Salem street, are in Washington attending the conference of the American Association of Social Workers at the Mayflower hotel.

# F. L. PETTIJOHN HEADS NEW NRA GROUP IN STATE

## Roosevelt Names City Man; Board Will Adjust Code Grievances.

President Roosevelt has appointed Dr. Fred L. Pettijohn of Indianapolis chairman of the Indiana NRA adjustment board, a sort of open forum to which complaints can be taken, it was announced yesterday.

Other members of the board are Edgar A. Perkins Jr. of Indianapolis, a linotype operator, representing labor and C. D. Alexander, general manager of the Bemis Bag Company, representing employers.

The state NRA adjustment board, according to Fred Hoke, state director of the national employment council, supersedes all older organizations which heard complaints of failure to abide by the codes. The

board, it was learned may attempt to adjust grievances, but has no power to enforce rulings.

Dr. Pettijohn has lived in Indianapolis most of his life. He is a graduate of Indiana university and the Indiana university school of medicine.

# AUSTRIA REVOLT TO BE TOPIC OF LECTURE

Mercator Club Will Hear Address by Dr. Martha Gardner.

"Conditions Leading to Revolution in Austria" will be the subject of a discussion by Dr. Martha L. Gardner, recently returned from the University of Vienna, before the Mercator Club today in the Columbia Club. F. J. Hammerlin and Robert L. Smith will have charge of the program. Harry G. Woodbury will preside.

# PLYMOUTH UNION MEETS

Address by Woman Attorney Is Scheduled.

The Plymouth Union of First Congregational church was to hold its monthly luncheon meeting at 12:30 today in the church. Mrs. Florence K. Thacker, attorney, was to speak on "Why Homes Drift Apart."

# DRAFT PETITION ON INTERSTATE COMMERCE TAX

## State Administration Plan Meets Approval of Governor.

A petition to congress to pass a law which would permit states to tax sales in interstate commerce was to be drafted today at the closing session of the gross income and sales tax administrators of the states being held at the Indianapolis Athletic Club.

Approval of the plan was given by Governor Paul V. McNutt in addressing the gathering last night. The Governor pointed out that two things are essential in all governmental consideration of taxation today. (1) Reduce the cost of government. (2) Make an equitable distribution of the tax burden.

There should be a division of field in taxation between state and national governments the Governor declared. If the states have sales taxes they should be permitted to levy on interstate commerce so that there would be no discrimination.

Permanent organization of the group also is expected to be perfected today. The meeting was called by Clarence A. Jackson, director of the Indiana gross income tax division, and is the first national conference held. Twenty states are represented, all of which have gross income or sales taxes.

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