

## SOCIAL REFORM HEADS PROGRAM FOR ASSEMBLY

Age Pensions, Relief, Taxation, Liquor and Penology Measures Studied.

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probability of a sharp reduction in taxes on liquor about wind up the major phases of the taxation situation. However, the liquor tax is so indissolubly linked to the liquor problem as a whole that it better can be discussed in relation to liquor reform.

The Governor has a group of advisors at work on liquor recommendations. He has refused to name them, with the explanation that it is better that they not be known, thus making it harder for them to be "approached."

He did not actually make the latter part of the statement, but he couched his statement in such a phrasing that no other interpretation was possible.

**Liquor Housecleaning Urged**

Consequently, on liquor as on other contemplated legislation, there is a great deal of secrecy. The administration realizes that it is open to, and has been the target of, all sorts of accusations because of the present beer and spirituous liquor setup.

There is a genuine public demand for a housecleaning, and the possibilities include:

1. Reducing the whisky tax to around 7 cents a pint to give the retailer a better "break" in the fight for business with the bootlegger.
2. Separation of beer-and-wine sales and spirituous liquor sales. In other words, by-the-drink sales would not be legal in restaurants and other reputable resorts selling beer and wine.
3. Creation of a three-man or a five-man liquor commission, answerable to the Governor, along the lines of the public service commission. Such a liquor commission would have absolute authority over licensing and profiteering. It could make whisky sales in bulk legal and thereby, along with ending profiteering, make it possible for cheaper by-the-drink sales.

**Importer System Threatened**

4. Taking the present package sale monopoly away from the drug stores and making it possible for other reputable establishments to handle spirituous liquor.
5. Elimination of the importer system of beer handling, which, it is charged, has been used as a political patronage sop and has reflected in some cases to the discredit of the administration.

6. Prohibition control of wholesale outlets by out-of-state distilleries, one of the evils of the old saloon system which brought the industry to disrepute and prohibition.

The general trend in the forthcoming liquor legislation, it is indicated, will be toward elimination of monopoly and consumer price reduction, rather than emphasis on revenue raising.

**Police Reorganization Looms**

The administration policy toward the State Police, it is reported, is in a fairly well rounded form now and is an ambitious undertaking.

A complete reorganization of the department is in prospect and is reported to contain the following possibilities:

1. Divorcement of appointments, promotion and tenure from political influence.
2. Establishment of an adequate pension system.
3. Increased appropriations to provide an adequate force which would guarantee the continual presence of at least 100 effective at all times. (The present force is approximately half that large.) Such a force would mean roughly an average of one enlisted man in each county plus the necessary officers.
4. Establishment of a school for state troopers which also would house State Police headquarters. (Plans started.)

**Self-Support Outlined**

5. An adequate radio alarm system. (Already under way.)

6. Authority to the Governor to treat with neighboring states with a view to setting up a teletype or other adequate interstate alarm system.

7. Provision whereby the state police could be self-supporting. The suggested way in which this could be accomplished are:

- (a) A special tax on burglary insurance companies. This idea has worked well in New York, where fire insurance companies pay a special tax for maintenance of the firemen's pension and other extraordinary expenses of the fire department.
- (b) Mandatory diversion of all or a part of traffic fines collected by the state police. Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania on an actual profit-making basis when return of stolen goods is counted.

**Penal Reform Studied**

Recommendations of the Governor's Commission on Governmental Economy are expected to cover such a wide range of finance administration, transportation (i. e., the state's responsibility in road building and maintenance and not to be confused with the bus-truck-railroad competition problem), public welfare, education, administration of justice and local and state governmental structure.

Thus the Governor will have two sets of concrete recommendations on penal reform. When the Michigan City prison breaks made Indiana's name a byword in other states, the Governor called in the most accredited prison experts he could obtain. They made a searching investigation and submitted their report. This, in turn, was shown the governmental economy group, which will submit its own recommendations.

Form which the penal legislation is likely to take is establishment of the merit system in state penal institutions; creation of a state department of welfare to centralize control of prisons and reformatories; creation of a central parole board to handle all questions of parole and pardon; the board to be completely non-political and its personnel to include at least one competent psychiatrist, one attorney and one thoroughly experienced social worker.

It is difficult, even impossible, to forecast the most important phase

## Colorful Cast Sketched at Scene of Hauptmann Drama



BY GEORGE CLARK—

A Telling Glimpse  
of Flemington's  
Stirring Trial

THE flashing pencil of Artist George Clark, creator of "Side Glances," portrays for NEA Service and The Indianapolis Times the crowded stage on which the drama of the Hauptmann trial is being enacted. Principals, officials, lawyers and privileged spectators jam the enclosure before the judge in the tiny Hunterdon County (N. J.) courtroom. Seated on the elevated bench where he dominates the scene is Supreme Court Justice Thomas W. Trenchard of Trenton. At the far end of the bench, the

witness sits in a raised stand, facing Attorney-General David Wilentz' questioning. The court bailiff, whose duty is to preserve order and guard the jury, stands beside the jury, seated in two rows along the wall in the background. Below the bench at a small table, sits the clerk of the court (second from left) opposite the court stenographers. At the right of the narrow passageway sit the legal talent who wage the bitter battle—from right to left, Edward J. Reilly, chief defense counsel; Lloyd Fisher,

his aid; Attorney Peacock, prosecution aid; Special Prosecutor George K. Large, and Hunterdon County Prosecutor Attorney Hauck. Behind them are principals and officials around whose actions the trial revolves. Starting at right are shown Bruno Hauptmann, the defendant; a state trooper; H. Norman Schwartzkopf, superintendent of New Jersey State Police, and Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, the murder of whose baby son set in motion the events which the trial climaxes.

## MINISTERS TO CONVENE HERE

Christian Pastors to Study Proposed Abandoning of Night Services.

Two theological problems, the proposed abandoning of Sunday night services and the proposed inclusion of a professional in church activities, will be the paramount issues at the Christian Ministers' Association Jan. 14 and 15 at the Third Christian Church.

The sessions will open Monday afternoon with registration and a devotional period in which a model worship service will be demonstrated by the Rev. Melvin Thompson.

In his address on "The Psychological Approach to Personal Problems," Prof. Edmund Conklin, Indiana University psychology department dean, will discuss the confessional.

Other speakers will include the Rev. Allen R. Huber, Frankfort; the Rev. Ephraim Lowe, the Rev. Mark Anthony, the Rev. B. R. Johnson, association president; the Rev. C. M. Yocum, the Rev. E. L. Day, the Rev. G. I. Hoover, the Rev. W. F. Rothburger, the Rev. James A. Crain, the Rev. J. A. Watson, Newcastle, and the Rev. Charles Mull, Johnson County.

## BANDIT SLUGS GROCER, FLEES WITHOUT LOOT

South Side Man Treated at Hospital for Head Injuries.

A grocer, Ben Silverman, 1036 S. Illinois-st., was struck brutally on the head this morning in his store at 729 N. West-st., in a holdup attempt.

Shortly after he had opened the store, a man entered and asked for a 25-pound sack of flour. As Mr. Silverman stooped to get the flour, the customer struck him on the head with a blunt instrument.

The bandit fled at the sound of Mr. Silverman's cries. The grocer was treated at City Hospital for several gashes on his head.

## WORLD WAR ORDER TO MARK ARMY DAY

Hoosier Chapter to Outline Program at Ft. Harrison Meeting.

Plans for the observance of Army Day, April 6, will be discussed at a meeting of Hoosier Chapter, Military Order of the World War, at Ft. Benjamin Harrison tomorrow night. Frank H. Henley, commander, said the meeting will follow a dinner at the mess of Headquarters Company 11th Infantry, Brig. Gen. W. K. Naylor, Ft. Harrison commandant, will be a guest.

of social legislation scheduled to come before the assembly. This is relief and re-employment and necessarily can not take definite form until the Federal program is drawn, because the two must be co-ordinated.

The present old-age pension law, recognized as a step in the right direction, also has been recognized as ineffective. It is aimed at certain classes of the minimum pensions will be raised, the age limit lowered and the requirements lessened as to residence in the county. Some means remains to be found to make it mandatory because of the widespread flouting of the present law by some counties.

So manifold as the legislation likely to come before this year's General Assembly that it is impossible to crowd mention of all of it into this small space. However, other important contemplated statutes include:

Stiffening of the stream pollution laws; enactment of legislation similar to New York's Moreland Act which gives the Governor power of subpoena in all investigations involving state funds; general overhauling of present laws governing state purchasing, with particular attention to accurately drawn and advertised specifications and submission of bids.

Also reform of the present receivership system which permits the drawing of fat fees to drain the assets of insolvent banks and other corporations; establishment of a Power Authority with broad discretionary powers to be directed toward establishment of new sources of power in Indiana and enactment of state NRA legislation in co-operation with the Federal Government.

## Hot, Dry Rooms Named as Common Cold Cause

Improper Ventilation Blamed, but Medical Association Also Warns Against Overdoing Fresh Air Fad.

There would be fewer common colds if more attention were paid to proper ventilation, the Indiana State Medical Association has pointed out.

Hot, dry rooms, the association declared, are ideal incubating chambers for cold infections, as disease germs thrive in high temperatures.

At the same time the association bulletin asserted the fresh air fad may be overdone.

"Most modern dwellings have enough cubic feet within their walls to supply the average number of occupants with good, breathable air, without too much opening of windows and creating drafts. In the region in which we live in Indiana persons frequently take a cold from sleeping on a sleeping porch or in a room too freely ventilated," the announcement continued.

Many colds or other respiratory diseases follow exposure to cold, the association declared. Persons constantly carry disease germs which are excited into activity by temperature changes.

The common cold, the association announcement says, is one of the biggest problem of modern medicine.

## HOUSING DIRECTOR TO DISCUSS ACT BENEFITS

Program Official Will Speak at Meeting in Tomlinson Hall.

Benefits of the National Housing Act, under which more than \$500,000 in insured loans have been made in Indiana and more than \$2,000,000 expended for home modernization, will be outlined at a meeting in Tomlinson Hall tonight.

Speakers will include Thomas McConnell, associate director of the Federal Housing Administration and representative of the Chamber of Commerce and the building trades.

## FIRST JOHNSON PIECE PUBLISHED BY POST

"Crack Down" Hugh Roars for Balanced Budget in Article.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 8.—Business confidence could be restored in three months by balancing the Federal budget and removing all fear of inflation, Gen. Hugh S. Johnson, retired national recovery administrator, said today in an article in the Saturday Evening Post.

Johnson admitted billions must be spent to relieve distress, but he said two roads were open—one to degrade Federal credit; the other to maintain it and use it. He commented:

"One is to try to scare money out of people by threats to its value; the other is to try to persuade money out of people by creating confidence in its value."

## 'MERCY' FLIER KILLED

Army Pilot Crashes Into Hill on Return Trip.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 8.—A heap of wreckage on a hillside 20 miles north of here today marked the end of the trip for Lieut. James L. Majors, Army flier, who lost his life on an errand of mercy.

Lieut. Majors, whose home is in Shreveport, La., had flown an enlisted man to the bedside of his sick father at Aliceville, Ala. Flying alone back to Maxwell Field, his home port, he crashed against the hillside during a drizzling rain, with fog making visibility zero.

## LEG BROKEN IN CRASH

Pedestrian Struck by Martinsville Driver on Way for 1935 Plates.

Charles Rankings, 51, Martinsville, on his way to obtain 1935 license plates, late yesterday became involved in a motor mishap that sent J. E. Wade, 70, Helmsburg, to Methodist Hospital with a fractured left leg and other injuries.

The accident occurred at the intersection of Troy-av and Bluff-rd. Deputies instructed Mr. Rankings to appear at the sheriff's office today to show his new license plates.

**39 Die of Bubonic Plague**

MUKDEN, Jan. 8.—Reports reaching here today said that 39 persons had died from bubonic plague and many others were victims of the dread disease in Manshanian, a town in Fongtien province.

## JOBLESS HELP 'HIDING' MAYOR

Unemployed Electricians at Huntington Serve Without Pay.

HUNTINGTON, Ind., Jan. 8.—Undaunted by extension of a restraining order against virtually all regular city employees, Mayor C. W. H. Bangs continued this afternoon to supervise installation of municipal electric service from a hideout.

The Mayor is hiding to prevent Sheriff O. E. Johnson from serving him with the restraining order. The order was obtained in Circuit Court by the Northern Indiana Power Co. in an effort to prevent extension of city light plant service to residential users.

As the order is extended to additional city linemen, the Mayor organizes new crews to carry on his night work.

Although Wallace Reed, city clerk-treasurer, is restrained from paying the linemen, unemployed electricians are co-operating willingly with the Mayor's campaign.

Demid Smith, Ft. Wayne, special judge in the case, will hear a motion of Claude Cline, city attorney, to dismiss the restraining order Jan. 11.

Mayor Bangs was inaugurated Jan. 1 after winning the Nov. 6 election on a campaign promising a municipal light plant for the city.

## 'SILENT SALESMAN' TO FACE LARCENY CHARGE

Negro Alleged to Have Stolen, Resold 35 Suits.

Described in court as "The Silent Salesman of Indiana Avenue," Leo Yeakey, 34, Negro, was bound over to the grand jury today under \$2000 bond after a hearing on larceny charges before Municipal Judge Dewey Meyers. Yeakey, according to testimony, had stolen and resold 35 suits and 5 overcoats during the last three months.

Employed at the Rite Clothing and Jewelry Co., 43 S. Illinois-st., from where he is alleged to have smuggled the clothing, Yeakey was surrounded in court by half a dozen of his "customers." Each admitted having bought choice garments at ridiculously low prices, but said Yeakey carried on all transactions without disclosing the source of his remarkable bargains. The six agreed to pay the company the true worth of their garments.

## FIRE GAMEWELL HEAD IS RENAMED BY BOARD

Thomas Haefling Reappointed to Superintendent's Post.

This morning's reappointment of Thomas T. Haefling, 247 Hendricks-pl., as superintendent of the fire department Gamewell division, was confirmed later in the day by the Safety Board.

## THIEF STEALS WEAPONS

Burglar Makes Way With Three Rifles and Revolver.

A burglar, fully armed with three rifles and a revolver stolen from the home of Edward Dean, 3848 N. Delaware-st., last night, is being sought by police. Aside from the arms, valued at \$158, the burglar stole a watch valued at \$100, a \$5 hunting knife and two quarts of liquor.

## Win your WAR against COUGHS, COLDS

With Vitamin A now contained in Smith Brothers Cough Syrup

There are a thousand different theories on what to do for colds and coughs. Anybody and everybody hands out advice—most of it no good!

Yet certain new facts have recently come to light which point the way to a better, FASTER and safer treatment. You should know these facts.

Scientists have found that a vitamin—Primary Vitamin A—has a great deal to do with coughs and colds. If your body doesn't get enough of this "Anti-Infective" vitamin you are an easy prey for the attack of colds and coughs. BUT

## ROOSEVELT'S 'COLD' WINS HIM SLIGHT CAPITAL SYMPATHY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Official White House announcement that President Roosevelt was suffering from a slight head cold and could not see visitors brought skeptical smiles and little sympathy in many Washington quarters.

It has been noted frequently that Mr. Roosevelt's "colds" have a peculiar way of coinciding with periods when he has a great deal of work at hand which requires freedom from the customary stream of White House visitors.

Despite his "cold," Mr. Roosevelt was able to work without discomfort in the privacy of his study in the White House proper and that he was not too ill to see Speaker Joseph W. Byrns and Secretary Frances Perkins.

## DR. WILL SMITH WILL LEAD DEMOCRAT CLUB

Cosmopolitan Group Again Selects Dentist as President.

Dr. Will H. Smith Jr., dentist, today entered upon his second term as president of the Cosmopolitan Democratic Club, following his reelection last night at the first annual meeting in the Claypool.

Other officials elected at the meeting, at which 15 new members were accepted, are John W. King, vice president; Vincent Iozzo, treasurer; Mrs. Charlene Ray, corresponding secretary; James Burt, recording secretary, and Theodore Cable, who asked to be retired, and Ray Davis, sergeant at arms.

## RABBIT OPEN SEASON WILL CLOSE JAN. 10

Fur Animal Trapping Days Will End Five Days Later.

Indiana rabbit hunters will be obliged to hang up their traps and guns Thursday, for Jan. 10 has been designated as the closing date of another open season.

In issuing this word today the Conservation Department described the rabbit season as "a successful one for a majority of sportsmen," and said a breeding plant is now under development at the Jasper-Pulaski game farms.

The season for trapping or taking fur-bearing animals closes Tuesday, Jan. 15, the announcement added, and freshly skinned hides must be disposed of not later than Jan. 20.

## FACES LIQUOR CHARGE

Stamp Tax Violation Laid to Tavern Owner.

Lazar T. Zabana, 56, proprietor of a beer tavern at 1001 N. Capitol-av, today faced charges of violating the stamp tax provisions of the state liquor law, after police seized 98½ pints of liquor, which they claimed they found without revenue stamps, yesterday in arresting Zabana.

## FAIRBANKS, LADY ASHLEY TRAVEL

ST. MORITZ, Switzerland, Jan. 8.—Douglas Fairbanks and Lady Ashley, who recently was divorced in a suit in which Mr. Fairbanks was named to respond, arrived today from Paris.

## STATE SWINE GROUPS ELECT

Three Organizations Outline 1935 Programs at Sessions Here.

Members of three swine breeders' associations met yesterday in Indianapolis, elected officials and formulated policies for the coming season.

Arthur Thompson, Wabash, was chosen president of the Indiana Chester White Breeders; E. E. Horton, Rushville, secretary treasurer, and Thomas R. Hendricks, Franklin, was named vice president. The meeting was held in the Claypool.

Approximately 50 members of the Indiana Duroc Swine Breeders Association gathered at the Severin. Harry Caldwell, Connersville, was elected president; Howard Eyer, Tipton, vice president, and Harry T. Gooding, Anderson, treasurer.

Members of both groups and other interested breeders later attended a meeting of the Indiana Swine Breeders Association in the Claypool. Dean J. H. Skinner, Purdue University, spoke on methods of feeding and predicted that the market price for hogs would be even more next year due to the corn-hog agreements between the breeders and the United States Government.

## RECREATION GROUP TO OFFER BOXING, MUSIC

Marion County Committee Also to Give Family Shows.

Musical entertainment, three boxing bouts and a "battle royal" comprise the program to be presented by the Marion County Recreation Committee at Tomlinson Hall at 7:30 tomorrow night. Committee officials also announced two family entertainments, one to be given at the Brightwood Young Men's Christian Association tonight, and the other at Mayer Chapel, 448 W. Norwood-st., Friday night.

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## KIDNAP LADDER STIRS DRAMATIC COURT BATTLE

State's Hopes of Convicting Hauptmann Rest on Ownership.

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kidnap ladder and with a ladder taken from the Lindbergh garage.

Before he left the stand, the state had proved that the kidnap ladder had been placed against the side of the Lindbergh home; that it had left marks on the wall, below the window, where the top piece had scraped away some of the paint.

It had proved that it would have been possible for a kidnaper to enter the Lindbergh nursery in the manner the state charges Hauptmann did, for Lieutenant Sweeney gave the jury a picture of how he, a 180-pound man, climbed into the nursery from the Lindbergh ladder, and "did it easily," stepping over a suitcase that had been placed by the window exactly as it was on the night of the kidnapping.

In cross-examination, Mr. Reilly brought from Lieutenant Sweeney the admission that when he crawled through the window from the ladder, he had to use both hands, the inference being that it would have been impossible to carry a baby out of the nursery and down the ladder.

The state's chief witness, Mr. Reilly, was called after technical testimony by police experts who had visited the nursery of the stolen baby on the night of the kidnapping. They failed to find any fingerprints, and Defense Counsel Edward J. Reilly had been at fault in his criticism of their failure to find even the prints of the Lindbergh household.

## Ladder Is Key Point

The state today had reached a crucial point in its prosecution of Hauptmann. It will attempt this afternoon to prove that the ladder used by the kidnaper and murderer of the Lindbergh baby is his handiwork. Success will bring the taciturn German carpenter close to the electric chair. Failure will materially weaken the state's hopes of obtaining a conviction.

This afternoon a long parade of witnesses—police, wood experts, carpentry experts, tool experts—by whom the state hopes to prove beyond doubt that Hauptmann was maker, were to be called.

The state yesterday began its task of proving that the ladder was used by the man who crept into the Lindbergh nursery and stole the baby, and first will complete that task. Once that point is established, it will undertake to enmesh Hauptmann in its construction.

Should the state establish Hauptmann as the ladder's maker, it would be the strongest evidence yet obtained against him, stronger than Col. Charles A. Lindbergh's identification of his voice as that of the mysterious "John" who collected \$50,000 ransom, stronger even than the identification of Dr. John F. Condon, who paid the ransom, will make this week.

## Reilly Ready for Battle

It definitely would link Hauptmann with the major crime itself—the kidnapping and the murder—whereas the identifications merely link him with the crime of extortion.

Mr. Reilly, Hauptmann's chief counsel, came into court determined to fight the ladder evidence to the last ditch. His cross-examination of the ladder witnesses, particularly Arthur Koehler, Department of Agriculture wood expert, who will bear the load of the state's contentions, was expected to be more than usual bitter. He displayed some of that bitterness in opposing its admission.

Mr. Wilentz said today the rapidity with which the major witnesses—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, Mrs. Lindbergh and Betty Gow—have been disposed of indicates the entire trial will last a month, perhaps less.