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CITY ENGINEER OPPOSES RAIL RENTAL OFFER

Steeg Suggests \$324 a Mile Yearly After Making Study.

HEARING IS CONTINUED

Works Board Members to Take Up Question Next Friday.

Henry B. Steeg, city engineer, today joined Indianapolis Federation of Civic Club representatives and unorganized property owners in protesting the rental rate proposed by Indianapolis Railways, Inc., for use of city streets over which it operates trackless trolleys.

The hearing on the proposed 20-year franchise was continued by the Works Board until next Friday morning at 10. Robert Eby, board vice president, said city officials planned to study the question further.

The railway company has offered to pay the city \$275 a mile a year for use of the streets under a graduated scale which provides for payment of \$137 a mile a year for the first year, increasing to \$300 a mile a year for the seventh year. Beginning with the eighth year, according to the proposed contract, the company would pay \$275 a mile a year until the franchise ends.

Under present company plans the lines are to total 49.3 miles by the end of 1936. On this basis the city would receive approximately \$12,500 a year.

\$324.76 Rate Suggested

"After making an exhaustive study of the city's proposal, I have calculated that a fair rate would be \$324.76 per mile per year for street rental," Mr. Steeg said. "The railway company's expansion program calls for the use of 137 trackless trolley cars, with 15 additional units held in reserve for emergencies. In addition, the company is to use 120 cars on rail lines."

He said the department made the estimate after considering the cost of resurfacing streets based on width, the anticipated life of pavements, the cost of street maintenance in this city during the last six years, weights of various types of vehicles using streets, and the size of tires and weight distribution of trackless trolleys.

Survey Is Made

The department, Mr. Steeg said, made a traffic survey on streets used by trackless trolleys based in part on an old CWA check. This survey revealed that 13.8 per cent of the traffic was trackless trolleys. Mr. Steeg figures the life of city streets at 22 years and said maintenance costs amount to \$182.87 cents a mile a year.

John F. White, civic clubs representative, continued to declare that the utility's proposal was too low, and added that he thought a \$400 charge per mile would be the proper rate.

Asks Credit on New Plan

He asked that the \$11,000 which the utility city under terms of the old temporary permits be credited as a payment on the new contract. Mr. Eby said he is opposed to this.

In his report, Mr. Steeg said he had no objections to the establishment of trackless trolleys on the city-owned line if a suitable method for making the loan at the northern terminus can be worked out. Street cars now are operated on this line, but company officials want to change. He and Mr. White opposed the proposed combination of the Lincoln-st and Minnesota-st lines.

TUB SLAYER INDICTED

Bill Returned Against Fioranza for Death of Author.

NEW YORK, April 24.—A first-degree murder indictment against John Fioranza was returned today by the county grand jury exactly two weeks after the young upholsterer's helper attacked and strangled Mrs. Nancy Evans Titterton, 34-year-old short story writer.

HICCOUGHER SEEKS AID

Ohio Girl to Go Under Knife in Hunt for Relief.

HAMILTON, O., April 24.—An operation will be performed on Miss Nellie Marcum, 21, tomorrow in an effort to stop the seige of hicoughing that has wracked her slim body for 13 days. Dr. Louis Schneider announced today.

'Why You Should Vote for Me'

More of the candidates in county and local congressional primary election races make campaign statements today in the symposium on Page One, Second Section.

THIRSTY DOG GRATEFUL FOR AID GIVEN IN 'BE KIND TO ANIMALS' WEEK



A professional man (above) takes the trouble to provide water for a thirsty and grateful dog that barked at his door today, because this is Be Kind to Animals Week. All Indianapolis is urged to give special attention to the plight of the lean, stray dog, the alley cat and the weary draft horse by the Indianapolis Humane Society. Cases of injured, diseased or mistreated animals should be called to the attention of the society, Riley 7189, Roy Freeman, president, said.

ITALY PREPARES FOR FINAL PUSH

Indications Point to Most Sensational Drive of Invasion.

BY REYNOLDS PACKARD
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DESSYE, Ethiopia, April 24.—Troops, trucks, camel trains, artillery batteries, armored cars, tanks and mule trains crowded 450 miles of road from Massawa on the Red Sea to Dessye today in preparation for the final Italian drive to Addis Ababa.

The astonishing scale of the Italian movement to Dessye, the new general headquarters of Marshal Pietro Badoglio, gives the impression that the final movement will be the most sensational of the war.

Italian and native troops, swarming along the roads, are followed by long caravans of trucks, with supplies and ammunition. They make their way over the newly constructed road which corkscrews around scores of mountain peaks, including great Amba Alagi and the many unnamed summits in the Lake Aschangi region.

As did their Roman ancestors, the Italians are making history in Ethiopia with their roads. Something like 100,000 soldiers, sailors and workmen are laboring as they can, while the parade to the front moves on. To perfect a Roman highway from the Red Sea to Dessye—and on, eventually to Addis Ababa.

Workmen and soldiers, their bayoneted rifles beside them, work with pick and shovel while engineers blast rocks from the mountain face to permit widening of the caravan routes. The sailors build bridges.

PARIS AIDS LONDON IN HITLER QUERIES

Clear Picture of German Policy Sought.

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PARIS, April 24.—Close French and British collaboration on a questionnaire to be submitted to Adolf Hitler is likely to bring a clear picture of German foreign policy, authoritative sources told today. France has submitted seven specific questions to the British government for inclusion in the questionnaire. It was understood the questionnaire contained specific inquiries.

RESCUED DOCTOR IS FLOWN TO HALIFAX

Frightful Experiences of Pair in Mine Related.

MOOSE RIVER, N. S., April 24.—Dr. D. F. Robertson was taken to a Halifax hospital by airplane today for treatment of a stomach disorder which appeared to be the principal after-effect of his 10 foodless days in the depths of the Moose River gold mine.

There he will join Alfred Scadding, who was trapped with him in the mine and who was taken by airplane yesterday to the hospital for treatment of swollen feet. Complete recovery of both men seemed assured as details of their harrowing experience were revealed. Dr. W. E. Gallie, Toronto surgeon and close friend of Dr. Robertson, ordered the trip to Halifax, although he said Dr. Robertson was making splendid progress. Scadding also was said to be showing steady improvement. Dr. Robertson appeared weak and pale, but was in good spirits when moved from the local hospital. He raised his head a little, turned his face toward those (Turn to Page Three)

Park Board Eager to Act on West Side Expansion

Desires to Add Playground and Swimming Beach to Little Eagle Creek Tract; Irvington Gets Statue.

The City Park Board is expected to go into special session sometime next week to complete negotiations for the purchase of land in the West Side for the establishment of a new park or the enlargement of one already in existence.

All four members of the body—Jackiel W. Joseph, president; Mrs. Louis R. Markun, Paul Rathert and Albert Giesler—are eager to settle the question as soon as possible so that development work can start immediately.

The board pointed out that just as soon as agreements of sale are reached with property owners, workmen are to begin the task of transforming the farm land into one of the most attractive playground and recreation centers.

Three Properties Considered
If terms can be reached with property owners, the board would like to acquire land immediately adjoining the present Little Eagle Creek Park, which has 26 acres. Land desired consists of the Henry L. Harding 90-acre farm along Big Eagle Creek; about 11 acres belonging to Mrs. C. J. Nelson, lying north of Michigan-st and west from Olin-st; and two acres of the A. J. Jones farm situated at the northeast corner of the Nelson property.

The Harding farm had been priced to the board at approximately \$25,000, or about \$250 an acre. Mrs. Nelson asks \$6000 for 11 acres or \$4000 for nine acres. The owner of the Jones land resides in Maine and so far has not quoted a price.

As soon as an offer is received on the Jones land, the board may call the special session in an effort to close the negotiations so that work on the project can be started immediately. Tentative plans call for the transformation of the Nelson and Jones properties into a playground for 2500 West Side children. A bathing beach, extending along Big Eagle Creek for a distance of 600 to 1000 feet, is planned for the Harding property in addition to the establishment of picnic sites.

After a long wait, Irvington is soon to boast of a bust of Washington Irving, for whom it was named. The bust is to be erected in Irving Circle.

AUTO OUTPUT SMASHES 6-YEAR MARK, IS CLAIM

Record for Week Is Based on U. S. and Canada Production.

DETROIT, April 24.—Production of passenger cars and trucks in the United States and Canada this week extended to a new high since April, 1930 according to Ward's automobile reports, released today.

Cram's reports, meanwhile, announced that production this week totaled 120,519 automobiles. The figure represents a slight increase over the firm's estimate of 119,834 for the previous week, and compares with 119,970 for the corresponding week in 1935.

WILLOWBROOK LINKS CLUBHOUSE IS BURNED

Fire Destroys Landmark on North Keystone Avenue

The two-story frame clubhouse of the Willowbrook Golf Course, 4651 N. Keystone av., was destroyed by fire shortly before noon today. The large structure was formerly a residence and was a landmark in the neighborhood.

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CROSSES WILL MARK TRAFFIC DEATH PLACES

31 Intersections to Receive Caution Reminders, Morrissey Says.

PAINT GUIDE LANES

Police Push Work to Check Rising Fatality Toll in Indianapolis.

Police Chief Morrissey today ordered workmen to paint crosses at 31 street and alley intersections where Indianapolis traffic deaths have been reported this year.

Crosses are to be inscribed within six-foot circles to make them easily identified by passing motorists.

"This is just one of a number of steps we are taking in our fight to reduce traffic deaths," Chief Morrissey said. "Maybe these crosses will have a good psychological effect on careless drivers."

Workmen also are painting traffic and no-parking lines in all sections of the city. Unseasonable weather and frost delayed this work, according to Chief Morrissey.

Police hope to have all new lines and equipment placed before Memorial Day race crowds fill the city.

Intersections Are Listed

Intersections to be marked with crosses are 40th-st and College-av., Northwestern-av and 27th-st, 22d-st and Northwestern-av, 16th-st and Northwestern-av, 21st and Harding-st, Meridian-st and Fall Creek-bld, College-av and 30th-st, Fairfield and College-avs, 38th-st and Fall Creek-bld and 36th and Orchard-av.

Harding and 16th-sts, Walnut and New Jersey-sts, Beville-av and New York-st, E. Washington-st and Alley in 2500 block, Rural and Washington-sts, Dearborn and 10th-st, Pennsylvania and Ohio-sts.

Virginia-av and Washington-st, West and Washington-sts, Pearl-st and Senate-av and Senate-av and Maryland-st.

Capitol-av and South-st (two crosses), Church and Morris-st, Raymond-st and Bluff-rd, Virginia-av and Alley in 300 block, Georgia and East-sts, LeGrande-av and Shelby-st/Doulevard-pl and 22d-st, W. Pearl-st and Alley in 200 block, Michigan-st and Highland-av.

BUREAU SEES LITTLE CHANGE IN WEATHER

Cool Temperatures and Cloudy Skies to Continue, Is Forecast.

The weather is expected to remain in status quo tonight and tomorrow, the Weather Bureau reports. It should be cloudy, but no temperature change is expected. The bureau did not know how long this condition would remain. Today the mercury rose from 44 degrees at 6 a. m. to 57 at noon.

HINT YOUNG PARKER LED WENDEL PLOT

Probers Say Youth Provided Handcuffs, Parley Room.

NEW YORK, April 24.—The evidence on which Ellis Parker Jr., son of the New Jersey detective, was indicted as one of those who kidnaped Trenton attorney, Geoghan charged. The kidnaping, he added, was committed directly after a conference with others involved in the case, held in Parker's hotel room.

Young Parker was indicted late yesterday in the case and was sought today.

The 10 days of Wendel's captivity young Parker was present "every night" and "practically every day" at the house in Brooklyn where Wendel said he was kept prisoner until he was taken to New Jersey and turned over to the elder Parker, Geoghan said.

Murray Bleefeld, Harry Weiss, Martin Schlossman and Harry Bleefeld were named with Parker in the indictment.

man would poke his head in one of the doors, stand there a minute, then move away.

The tall man finished his speech, and members on one side clapped loudly. "Why don't those men over there clap, too?" asked the youngster. "They're Republicans."

But the next speaker, a broad-shouldered gentleman with a booming voice, stirred the other side of the aisle. Johnny learned that this was Rep. Treadway of Massachusetts, who was the chief Republican who had anything to do with this business. Democrats sat silent.

The next man talked a lot about oleomargarine. Johnny, little interested, began to count again. It was 2 p. m. There are only 74 there now, Uncle Will.

G.O.P. EDITORS IN PARLEY, STUDY VANNUYS CHARGES, HEAR FARM WIFE TONIGHT

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Simmons Here to Give Principal Address.

ASKS HELP OF WOMEN

New Deal Expenditures Are Assailed; Criticizes AAA and Social Laws.

BY ARCH STEINEL

A farm wife, who says she drives herself every time she gives a political talk, just as her husband drives his team in plowing, was in Indianapolis today urging Indiana women to realize their responsibilities in eradicating the "enormous expenditures" of the New Deal.

She is Mrs. Elizabeth Major Simmons, Marshall, Mo., who is to be the banquet speaker tonight at the Indiana Republican Editorial Association.

Home, more a mother than a writer and speaker, Mrs. Simmons is one of the leading feminine keynoters against New Deal policies. "I dislike calling the Democratic Party by its name. It is not the Democratic Party, it is a New Deal party," she said this morning in her Columbia Club room shortly before the opening at noon of the editorial convention.

Women must realize their personal responsibility and take the time to find out the effect of the New Deal, and the Republican Party is the only group that will honestly present to them the picture of our government today," Mrs. Simmons said.

Hits AAA Payments

She declared that farmers and farm wives accepted the Agricultural Adjustment Act and its bounties with "tongue in cheek" because of the "terrible drought we had."

"Farmers know that the AAA is not morally right and can not be a permanent measure," Mrs. Simmons asserted.

She declared that statements of Democratic leaders that women are backing the party are erroneous. "Any one should know the strategy of the New Deal party," she added.

Denounces Security Laws

Social security legislation was termed by Mrs. Simmons as "purely socialism" and was being used by the professional politicians for their own benefit to build up patronage and huge reserve funds which they can expend for the benefit of a political party.

"The New Deal encourages people to be dead-beats and wasters instead of saving their money by honest labor," she declared.

Informed of the charges of Senator Frederick VanNuyts that the WPA administration in Indiana was being used for political purposes, Mrs. Simmons said, "I have been told that it is true in my home state of Missouri. The taxpayers in the end have to pay the bill."

Raps Pendergast Machine

Asked whether Missouri might enter the Republican column in November, Mrs. Simmons said: "It takes a brave woman to resort to prophecy. Missouri is dominated by the Pendergast crowd in Kansas City and we Republicans are not responsible for them and we're not proud of them."

Mrs. Simmons said she believed the issues of this year's election transcended all party affiliations and should be considered on a nonpartisan basis.

Mrs. Simmons said she was neither for or against any Presidential candidate for the Republican nomination and refused to comment on the Landon candidacy.

"I have been thrust into speaking and at times I have to drive myself. It is much easier for me to write for the magazines. In addressing the editors tonight, however, I will speak to both men and women and not to the women of Indiana alone."

"In my work on the farm I find that both man and woman must work together to insure success and I think this is just as true in securing success for the Republican Party," Mrs. Simmons said.

"The tax bill."

"Oh! Why don't they talk about it then?"

"Search me."

The talk droned on about lots of things. What the Republicans hadn't done for the country. What the Democrats are doing for it. Johnny losing interest, began to count again.

"There are only 39 there now, uncle."

An energetic gentleman began to talk about a lottery to raise money for the government.

"Oh, I know what a lottery is—father got a ticket last year—but he didn't get anything."

Johnny began to count again. "Only 30 now, uncle."

"We'll, maybe we'd better go before we're left alone. Come along."

TOWNSEND AND HELLER SILENT ON ACCUSATION

Charges Provide Lively Topic Among Editors Here for Parley.

Lieut. Gov. M. Clifford Townsend received with silence today charges by Senator Frederick VanNuyts that the state Works Progress Administration was being used for political coercion in Townsend's behalf.

Neither he nor his campaign manager, Dick Heller, would make any comment on the VanNuyts charges which the Senator threatened again today to take to the floor of the Senate.

Gov. McNutt Was Not in the City

Has Good Word for WPA
On the other hand in Republican state headquarters and wherever members of the Indiana Republican Editorial Association met today the discussion invariably turned to the senior Senator's statement with the comment:

"Senator VanNuyts has widened the chasm between E. Kirk McKinney and Lieut. Gov. Townsend. It looks like a dark horse has a good chance to be gubernatorial nominee and it doesn't hurt the chance of Pleas Greenlee."

Raymond Sellers, Franklin editor and president of the G. O. P. editorial association, said:

"It looks like Senator VanNuyts has split definitely with the McNutt group and that's not helping Mr. McKinney. As for my county, Johnson County, I know that WPA funds have not been misused there."

Mr. Sellers is from the one-time home county of Wayne Coy, WPA administrator. Mr. Coy is a former Republican. Mr. Greenlee has said:

Seen as Help to G. O. P.
Paul Maddock, Bloomfield editor and incoming president of the G. O. P. editorial association, said: "It's pretty good dope for the Republicans and a pretty serious charge. I think he's telling the truth."

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CANDIDATES FOR JOB 'FORGOTTEN'

Stein, Storen Are Among Those Mentioned for Lieut. Governor.

BY JAMES DOSS

Candidates for Governor have made such a determined bid for a public hearing in Indiana in recent weeks that no one has paid much attention to those more or less politically forgotten men—the potential candidates for Lieutenant Governor.

One reason for this apparent disinterest in what is a fairly lucrative position, is that selection of a Lieutenant Governor candidate usually comes as somewhat of an afterthought.

The selection, according to politicians, may be dictated by a variety of motives, such as the desire to balance the appeal of some particular gubernatorial candidate for geographical reasons.

One of the chief appeals of the position is that it generally is regarded as a good stepping-stone for a leap into the race for Governor, such as the present picture presents in Lieut. Gov. M. Clifford Townsend.

The name of Edward H. Stein, Bloomfield, Speaker of the House of Representatives, is one of those most frequently mentioned in speculation as to candidates. He has started preparing campaign literature.

Political leaders say his record as Speaker in the regular Assembly of 1935 and the special session this year will help his chances.

Some are afraid, however, that (Turn to Page Three)

Resolution Drawn Attacking WPA, Praising Stand of Senator.

GROSS TAX IS SUBJECT

Stand Must Be Taken on Alternate if Repealed, Group Told.

The Indiana Republican Editorial Association had before it today a resolution denouncing the alleged use of WPA money in furthering the interests of Democratic candidates and praising Democratic Senator Frederick VanNuyts for his threat to probe WPA expenditures in Indiana.

The G. O. P. editors met at noon luncheon in the Columbia Club. One section of the resolution read:

"We join with that eminent Democrat, Senator Frederick VanNuyts, in denouncing the McNutt crowd's misuse of the Indiana Works Progress Administration. May Senator VanNuyts and his white-hot indignation persist. May his battle continue through the fall campaign. The elements of decency in Indiana need him."

"In 1934," continued the resolution, "the New Dealers used the WPA by running it through Big Jim Farley's political wringer for a processed vote."

Members of the resolutions committee said they were confident the resolution would be adopted. The resolution attacked the New Deal and urged "those" disillusioned Democrats tired of Tugwellism, Tammanyism and Terrorism to join the Republican Party.

"We urge that the following should be driven out of the temples of government: Food destroyers, potato stampers, bondholders, WPA spoliens relief racketeers, fomenters of class hatred."

The resolution read in another portion.

Candidates Are Present

G. O. P. candidates mingled freely with the editors in hotel lobbies and clubrooms in furthering their interests in the coming primary.

Raymond Sellers, association president, told of the decisions that must be made by G. O. P. editors in their columns during the ensuing year.

"Realizing as we do that the gross income tax is unfair to retailers of Indiana we must decide on what is to replace that tax. If the gross income tax is repealed there must be a substitute tax. What is it to be? A sales tax? Do the people of Indiana want a sales tax?" he queried.

Touches Liquor Question

"The state of affairs of the liquor question in our state is rapidly running back to prohibition. Do we want prohibition knowing it operated before the repeal of the Eighteenth amendment? What are we going to do?"

Mr. Sellers pointed out that newspapers in Indiana had withstood the depression years without "a casualty."

He related the practical idealism that governs both daily and weekly newspapers and how that idealism had been preserved.

Appeal to Women Urged

C. H. Willis, former city judge of Kokomo, pointed to the necessity of organization work and of obtaining support of women and young Republicans in order to insure victory.

Paul L. Maddock, Bloomfield, first vice president, automatically was to move into the presidency at this afternoon's business meeting.

Other changes: George W. Stout, Lafayette, second vice president, to become vice president; Walter H. Crim, Salem, treasurer, to be second vice president.

Five Candidates for Treasurer

Five candidates are mentioned for Mr. Crim's post but association leaders said that a nomination from the convention floor of a "dark horse" might be made.

Neil D. McCullum, Batesville, is expected to remain as secretary. A tea was given this afternoon for Mrs. Elizabeth Major Simmons, Marshall, Mo., farm wife, who is to be the principal speaker at tonight's banquet in the Columbia Club. All reservations for tonight's banquet have been taken.

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