

WPA OFFICIAL SENTENCED AS TIPSY AUTOIST

Thirty-Two Convicted of
Traffic Violations As-
sessed \$267.

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was to face a charge of drunken driving and failure to stop after an accident. Police charge he failed to stop after his car crashed into one driven by Wilbur Leavell, 32, of 3307 Ralston Ave., on 30th St., between Central Ave. and New Jersey St.

A horse, owned by Lena Grindan, R. R. 3, Box 977, ran in front of a truck driven by Arnold Wright, 22, of R. R. 2, Mooresville, and was killed last night on Raymond St. near Harding St.

State Car Toll Cut in August

Twenty-four fewer persons lost their lives in traffic accidents during August of this year than during the corresponding month of 1936. State Safety Director Donald F. Stiver reported today.

Intensive safety campaigns by State and local agencies were listed as a chief cause of this reduction, the third to be reported this year. There were fewer persons killed in January and May of 1937 than during those months last year.

Coupled with this report, which said he was "encouraging," Mr. Stiver warned that unless extraordinary precautions are taken during the remaining months of 1937, seasonal bad weather conditions may send traffic deaths skyrocketing.

Despite the August record, State Safety Department statistics showed 845 persons were killed during the first eight months of 1937 as compared with 754 deaths for the corresponding period during 1936 and 713 during 1935.

The August totals were 108 deaths this year, 132 in 1936 and 120 in 1935. This reduction was regarded by safety experts as particularly encouraging, it was said, since August is a vacation month.

The months of October, November and December, with their earlier hours of darkness, dense night fog, wet leaves on pavement, and ice, sleet and snow increase the hazards of driving, Mr. Stiver said.

Urban Area Tolls Up

Department statistics show the 1937 death toll has increased more in urban than in rural areas. Ft. Wayne was listed as the safest large city in Indiana with a yearly estimated rate of only 5.4 per 100,000 persons.

The estimated rate for Indianapolis is 31 fatalities each 100,000, and 54 for Gary, a city only slightly larger than Ft. Wayne.

Lafayette has the best record for cities from 25,000 to 70,000 persons, while Newcastle heads cities of from 10,000 to 25,000. Washington, Ind., classed in the 5000 to 10,000 class, and Martinsville, in the 2000 to 5000 class, have not had traffic deaths during 1937.

Oct. 11 to Begin Safety Week

Mayor Boettcher said today he soon would issue a formal proclamation designating the week of Oct. 11 for safety observance in the city.

The Mayor has asked Police Chief Morrissey to arrange plans to include a parade and possibly several public addresses on safety.

"By this move, we hope to make the public traffic-conscious. We also will strive to make it a week of accidents," he said.

Various Indiana State Police

IN INDIANAPOLIS MEETINGS TODAY

DEATHS

Indiana Conference on Social Work, meets, Clarendon Hotel, all day. Indianapolis Real Estate Board, luncheon, Hotel Indiana, noon. Sigma Nu luncheon, Hotel Washington, noon. Fine Paper Credit Group, luncheon, men's grille, William H. Block Co., noon. Advertising Club of Indianapolis, luncheon, Columns Club, noon. Delta Sigma Chi, luncheon, Board of Trade, noon. American Business Club, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon. Indiana Motor Trade Board, noon. Indiana Motor Traffic Association, luncheon, Hotel Antlers, noon. Commercial Club, luncheon, Indiana Club, noon. 9th Club, luncheon, Hotel Seaview, noon. Indianapolis Stock Breeders Association, luncheon, Lincoln Hotel, noon. Sigma Nu, luncheon, Hotel Washington, noon. Professional Finance Companies of Indianapolis, dinner, 6 p. m. Columbia Club. Knights of Malta, meeting, Hotel Lincoln, 7:30 p. m. Indiana Women's Republican Club, meeting, Columbia Club, 2:30 p. m. Life Underwriters, luncheon, Clarendon Hotel, noon.

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MEETINGS TOMORROW

Exchange Club, luncheon, Hotel Washington, noon. Olympia Club, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon. Reserve Officers' Association, luncheon, Board of Trade, noon. Phi Delta Theta, luncheon, Board of Trade, noon. Delta Tau Delta, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon. Beta Theta Pi, luncheon, Board of Trade, noon. Federation of Commercial Civic Clubs, meeting, Hotel Washington, 8 a. m. Kappa Sigma, luncheon, Hotel Washington, noon. Indiana State Conference on Social Work, meeting, Clarendon Hotel, all day.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

(These lists are from official records at the County Court House. The Times, therefore, is not responsible for errors in names or addresses.)

John E. Julian, 21, of 1508 Bates St., Elsie M. Schermerhorn, 18, of 440 Audubon Road. Edward E. Harding, 22, of 2411 Martin-Belvoir Place, Indianapolis, 18. Cleo M. Harrison; Mildred L. Benson, 34, of 2482 Carroll St., Indianapolis, 18. Edward H. Stumpf, 27, of R. R. 6, Box 509; Mary Schroder, 26, of 1518 S. Talbot St. Robert E. Whiting, 25, of Newcastle; Sara E. M. Williams, 22, of 6026 Guilford Ave.; Mildred A. Brooks, 21, of 228 S. Sherman. Vernon A. Beck, 24, of 236 N. Ritter Ave.; Elizabeth F. Van Pelt, 20, of 1308 Spain Ave.; Joseph M. Cahill, 27, of 1419 N. Gale St.; Martha Louise Metcalf, 25, of 817 E. 4th St. Norman H. Schulz, 30, of 1215 Union St.; Harold L. Edwards, 60, of 106 Centennial St.; Pauline Brown, 19, of 3148 W. 10th St.

BIRTHS

Boys: Curtis, Margaret Toler, at 3163 Station; Harry, Louise Wills, at 28 N. Keystone; Mildred, Elizabeth Riedeman, at 535 N. Oriental; Irene Wood, at 2922 N. Arsenal; Robert, Isabel Mabel Clendenning, at 637 Collier. Girls: Delbert, Mildred Thompson, at 2119 Stanton; Raymond, Ethel Donley, at 2710 Burton, Washington, D. C. Clear 30.32 50

Justice Faces Barrage of Questions



His head cocked jauntily and smiling as if he hadn't a worry in the world, Associate Justice Hugo L. Black faced the barrage of questions fired at him by newspapermen, on the deck of the City of Norfolk, Va., as he arrived from Europe, and refused to answer a point blank query on his alleged membership in the Ku-Klux Klan. He hinted at a radio statement so that he could not be "misquoted" on his reply to the charge.

posts now are engaged in a contest to reduce fatalities in their areas. The Spencer post is ahead with a 22.2 per cent decrease, while the Seymour post has had a 46.6 per cent increase.

The Indiana State Police Board is giving a driving cup to the winning post at the end of the year.

Lieut. Lawrence McCarty, Accident Prevention Bureau head, has been selected by the Chief to work out the program details.

According to present plans the Bureau head said, each day of the week will be set aside to remind motorists of a specific traffic hazard such as reckless driving and so on.

Auto Fatalities in U. S. Show Increase

CHICAGO, Sept. 30 (U. P.)—Automobile fatalities in the United States in the first eight months of 1937 were 11 per cent greater than in the corresponding period last year, the National Safety Council announced today. The Council said 24,520 persons were killed in highway accidents through August, 1937, compared to 22,160 last year.

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CHICAGO, Sept. 30 (U. P.)—To OPEN COURT ACTION
TO RECOVER \$100,000

Austin V. Clifford, bankruptcy trustee for the Continental Credit Corp., Winchester, Ind., today filed in Federal Court two complaints against the Commercial Bank & Trust Co., Union City, asking return to the bankrupt firm of more than \$100,000.

His petition charged that the bank took from the checking account of the bankrupt firm \$93,523.44 it owed and that the payment constituted a preferred claim and should be returned and pro rated among creditors. He also asked for return of \$34,577.03 in notes on the same basis.

\$2,153,836 Is Slashed From City-Center Township Budget

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21-cent cut, total rate \$3.20. Warren, 12-cent cut, \$3.04 final rate; Washington, 12-cent cut, \$2.93 final rate, and Wayne, 37-cent cut, \$3.37 final rate.

Walter Horn, Indiana Taxpayers Association research director, said he would like to see an additional 1-cent cut from the City rate due to an estimated increase of \$3,000 in excise taxes next year.

Whether Board members were considering this was not indicated. It was held likely the tentative rates approved yesterday would go to the State Tax Board tomorrow on the deadline for work of the tax-reviewing body.

Deadlock Was Feared

Fabien Biemer, Chief Deputy County Auditor and Tax Board secretary, will present audited and adjusted tax rates to the Board tomorrow.

For a while the possibility of a deadlock on the School City rate was seen yesterday.

William Book, Chamber of Commerce executive vice president, told the Board a 5-cent reduction in the \$1.05 school rate was mandatory under a tax distribution law which provides for payment of an additional \$500,000 in gross tax funds to teaching units next year.

School Board members said the rate and budget were at a minimum and that the State law did not mandate the cut.

An agreement between School

Bumper Crops Start Boom in Rural Buying

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30 (U. P.)—Bumper crops have started a farm buying boom unprecedented since the World War, Department of Agriculture economists reported today.

Farmers are buying more—and getting more for their produce—than at any time in the last 15 years. They will have more than \$9,000,000,000 to spend from this year's crops. Long-standing buying records are being smashed.

While total cash farm income still is about 10 per cent below the 1929 peak, the price of manufactured goods which farmers buy is nearly 15 per cent lower than the boom year, the Department reported.

The "balance of purchasing power" between farm products and manufactured goods is the most favorable to farmers in recent years. It takes fewer pounds of cotton or bushels of corn to buy a suit of clothes than at any time since the early 1920s.

Cash income from farm marketing this year was estimated by the Department at \$8,575,000,000. This would be an increase of \$1,000,000 over last year and nearly double the 1932 farm income. Government benefit payments will add \$500,000,000 to this.

The purchasing power of farm products does not differ greatly from the predepression period, the Department said. But Government benefit payments give farmers a substantial margin over that in purchasing power.

BOB BURNS Says:

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 30.—I sometimes wonder if all these modern conveniences ain'takin' a soft race out of us. Of course, if them scientists want to invent all them electrical gadgets to make our work easier, you can't blame us for usin' 'em. I suppose it goes hand in hand with progress, but I know one lady who carries the modern conveniences a little bit too far. The other day I was over to her house, visitin', when her little boy's nurse came in and complained about all the bad things the little boy had been doing. The lady called her boy in and says, "Rollo, you've been a naughty boy—you go right into the electric vibrator and give yourself a good shaking."

BLACK TO MAKE KLAN REPLY IN RADIO ADDRESS

Jurist to Deliver 20-Minute
Talk Over Air at 8:30
P. M. Tomorrow.

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various purposes on different occasions," Mr. Ickes said.

"How outraged we can be, you know, when we have a chance to gore the other fellow's ox."

"I really think the greatest expert on the subject of the Ku Klux Klan is Mr. Hoover. I refer you to him. He accepted their support. Nobody criticized him."

"You are not intimating he may be a member of the Klan?" a man asked.

"I am not intimating anything," Mr. Ickes said. "I know how I felt about the K. K. K. about the time they put on nighties and pillowcases in support of Herbert Hoover. My reaction was such that I voted for Al Smith just on that issue."

BAR REJECTS BLACK INQUIRY

Attorneys' Committee Says
'Too Late' to Act On
Appointment.

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Court declare legislation unconstitutional only by unanimous or nearly unanimous decisions, was not reported by committee. The recommendation was designed to place the association in opposition to 5-4 cut.

The Board recommended the School Board sell bonds to pay for Attucks High School.

More than one-third revenue raised by the 15-cent tax rate which the state is to levy against each \$100 of assessed property within its borders is to go to the general fund and the teachers' retirement fund, a breakdown of figures showed to-day.

The Treasury Department, in fixing this rate, announced that each cent in the levy is expected to raise \$373,319 in taxes.

Following is a table showing the levies for the various funds:

Common school relief fund \$.07
Educational improvement fund02
State teachers' retirement fund024
World War Fund002
State forestry tax002
State Board of Agriculture025
State general fund025

Total \$.15

This 15-cent State rate is to be added on to the local property tax levies of the various counties and is to be payable in 1938.

The Treasury Department also fixed the poll tax at 50 cent a person for the common school relief fund and \$1 for State revenue purposes.

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"As we look to the future, we are rapidly approaching a crisis when it will be decided whether our economic system and our Government will stand or fall.

Dictators sprang up, he said, when people turned their backs on their government and let somebody run it for them.

"What are we going to do about it? I don't give a hoot about big speeches. Are you willing to join a battalion of death to save the Constitution and the Government?"

It was denied that Japanese aviators are indiscriminately bombing civilian populations and it was intimated that foreigners must evacuate bombing areas if they want to be safe.

The net effect of the note was to reaffirm the Japanese position that Japan alone, without regard to protests of individual nations or the League of Nations, must decide what she is to do and what is right.

Chinese spokesman asserted that the Chinese were not only holding firm against the Japanese "big push" but had retaken the Ching-kuang and Tazang towers all day.

Corporal Esau Prothero, of the British Royal Welsh fusiliers, was wounded slightly in the legs today by shrapnel identified as from a Japanese shell, while on guard duty along the boundary of the International Settlement.

Japan Bluntly Tells U. S. Bombings Will Continue; England Studies Boycott

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foreign troops were withdrawn from Spain.

This was a compromise on the demand that they be given the right to buy arms abroad.

The subcommittee which made the proposal was one named by the League's sixth Commission, also called the political and the peace commission. It was ordered to draft a proposal for submission to the full committee.

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