

'BODYGUARD BLOC' IS FORMED TO PROTECT REVISED PAY BILL WHEN IT COMES UP FOR VOTE

House Group Unites to Protect Measure From Being Crippled; Opposing Forces Tie Up Farm Bill in Lower Chamber.

WAGES-HOURS BILL—'Bodyguard Bloc' formed in House to protect revised measure from being crippled when it comes up for vote Monday.

FARM BILL—Opposing groups tie up action on measure in House.

TAXES—Study proposed of program to levy on tax-exempt wages and bonds.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (U. P.).—Democratic proponents of Wage-Hour legislation today organized a "bodyguard bloc" to protect the standards measure against emasculating amendments when it reaches the House floor Monday.

At a caucus called by Rep. Arthur D. Healey (D. Mass.) friends of the bill agreed to stay on the floor during debate to assure that there will be enough votes at all times to smother any forays against its principal provisions.

The bill has been rewritten by the House Labor Committee so as to include provisions for industry committees patterned after the code authorities of the outlawed NRA but restricted in recommending powers to wages and hours.

A confidential print of the rewritten bill, prepared for exclusive use of Committee members, revealed these details of the proposed committee setup:

1. A wage and hour division would be created in the Labor Department under the direction of a \$10,000 administrator in place of the five-man board proposed in the Senate Bill.

2. The administrator would appoint a wage and hour committee to consider and recommend a minimum wage rate or a maximum workday and workweek, or both for any industry in which he has reason to believe oppressive labor conditions exist. No committee, however, would be appointed for industries in which the minimum wages and maximum hours are better than the 40 cents per hour and 40 hours per week named in the bill.

Fight for Farm Bill

In the meanwhile House leaders fought to steer the Farm Bill to passage between drives of two opposing blocs, one seeking to tighten control features of the bill and the other to eliminate these provisions.

In the Senate, Senator Copeland (D. N. Y.) and Senator Lee (D. Okla.) led a new assault on the Administration measure. Senator Lee gave notice he would offer a substitute for the Farm Bill's cotton section.

Chairman Hutton W. Sumners (D. Tex.) of the House Judiciary Committee said today he plans to immediately study the bill and the amendments to permit Federal taxation of municipal and state salaries and the income tax exempt securities.

Brookings Institute Raps Profits Tax

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (U. P.).—The Brookings Institute joined the movement for repeal of the undistributed profits tax today. In a 108-page analysis of the operation of the tax it concluded that "equitable and effective administration is impossible."

There was no evidence that the report would have any effect on the

Center of Web-Foot Court Fight



Times-Acme Photo.

Precious Mary Geraghty, 18, Indianapolis, secretary of State Senator Joseph F. Sexton, is shown above during a lull in her fight in a Chicago court for a daughter's share in the \$50,000 estate of John H. Geraghty, campaign button manufacturer. Part of her claim is based on a charge that two of her toes are joined together by a "web," a physical characteristic that she said Mr. Geraghty possessed.

ADJOURNS CASE OF LOCAL GIRL

Chicago Judge to Hear Final Arguments Saturday.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9 (U. P.).—The case of Precious Mary Geraghty, 18, Indianapolis, seeking to establish a claim in Circuit Court that she is the natural daughter of the late John H. Geraghty, Chicago manufacturer, was in adjournment today. Judge Denis Normandy said he would hear final arguments Saturday.

Mrs. Annie Laura O'Shea, charity worker for 46 years at St. Anne's Nursery, Chicago, testified yesterday she placed Precious Mary in the Geraghty home seven days after the girl's birth.

She said she did not know the name of the baby's parents.

Precious Mary, who received her unusual name from Mrs. O'Shea, is appealing a Probate Court decision in order to share in Mr. Geraghty's \$50,000 estate. Mrs. O'Shea's testimony was presented on behalf of Mrs. Mary Geraghty, the manufacturer's third wife, who is contesting the suit.

Mrs. O'Shea said she was given Precious Mary by a priest at a hospital on Chicago's West Side.

DIES IN STATE PRISON

MICHIGAN CITY, Dec. 9 (U. P.).—John Curney, 74, sentenced to the State Prison last September from Dearborn County to 10 years for arson, died last night in the prison hospital of pneumonia. Curney was suffering from a broken hip when he entered the prison and never had been out of the prison hospital.

Sale of 1938 Auto Tags Opens Throughout State Tomorrow

Indiana's crimson and cream colored 1938 auto license plates will be placed on sale tomorrow at 176 offices in the State.

The deadline for use of 1937 plates will be midnight, Dec. 31, with tags to start thereafter, Frank Finney, Motor Vehicle Bureau head, said.

In addition to the State House headquarters, there will be 20 branch offices in Marion County, and 155 others in the State where licenses can be purchased.

Besides regular passenger car plates, there will be for sale truck and trailer plates, drivers' licenses, truck weight tax tags and registration card containers. The latter two were added to the list by acts of the 1937 Legislature.

Containers Cost 25 Cents

The card containers will be sold by the State at 25 cents each and are to be installed on windshields.

Mark Rodenbeck, of the Motor Vehicle Bureau, said the net profit for the State would be "less than 10 cents for each container."

The truck weight tax is to be collected on the basis of the size of tires on the truck for which plates are bought.

Under the amended drivers' license law, persons under 18 years or older persons applying for their first license will be required to take out beginners' permits only.

Must Take Tests

Then the new drivers will be allowed to drive only if a licensed driver is present. These permits

are good for three months. At the end of that time, the new driver is to apply for a beginners' license and take special examinations. After one year's trial, the driver can obtain a full-fledged license.

"The department will keep a running record of every licensed driver and motorist whose records are bad will be required to take special examinations," Mr. Rodenbeck said.

A staff of 70 investigators will be maintained to conduct the examinations, he said.

GOOD FOOD IS GOOD HEALTH

Christmas Shoppers Special

Served Daily 'Til Christmas

11 A. M. to 3 P. M.

ROAST NATIVE TURKEY

Dressing and Gravy - Cranberry Sauce

Whipped Potatoes - Roll and Butter

45c

SEVILLE TAVERN

MERIDIAN at WASHINGTON

FIVE NAMED TO COMPENSATION RESEARCH BODY

Committee to Study Laws of Other States on Helping Wage-Earners.

Formation of a five-member commission to study workmen's compensation laws of other states and to make recommendations to the 1939 Indiana Legislature was announced today by Governor Townsend.

The members are Earl Hefner, State Industrial Board; Carl Muller, State Federation of Labor; Senator Charles Bedwell, Sullivan, representing the Indiana Senate; Rep. Bass Robbins, representing the Indiana House of Representatives; and A. H. Myers, Indianapolis, representing the Indiana Chamber of Commerce.

The commission was authorized in a resolution passed by the 1937 Legislature to study various compensation insurance systems "for the purpose of ascertaining and determining whether it will be desirable for the State of Indiana to establish compensation insurance systems, which employers of labor are required to maintain."

Reports in 1939

The commission will report its findings to the 1939 Legislature.

The Workmen's Compensation Act now in operation was passed in 1915 and amended in 1929 and 1937. All employers are presumed to come under its provisions, although any employer or employee has the right to refuse, providing the State Industrial Board is notified.

Occupations exempt from the present system are transient laborers, farm workers, domestic servants and operating employees of railroads.

Two Methods Open

An employer now has two ways to provide insurance. He can have workmen's compensation policies written by any one of approximately 55 authorized companies, or he can carry the risk himself if he can prove his financial responsibility to the Industrial Board.

Benefits are to be paid to injured workmen seven days after the accident and are to be 55 per cent of the worker's average weekly wage, with the further provision that benefits are not to exceed \$16.50 weekly or fall below \$8.80.

Total amount paid to any one person cannot exceed \$5000.

The worker also receives free medical treatment for 90 days, and in case of death, survivors are given an additional \$1500 burial grant.

La Porte County became the coldest spot in Indiana with a reading of zero today as a cold snap blanketed every section of the state.

Half of La Porte County's 39 rural schools were closed, County Superintendent Scott Knoll estimated, and heavy snows blocked roads in the northeastern section of the county. Two State Police cars were stalled in drifts near Stillwell for several hours last night until they were extricated by snow plows.

Logansport, reporting a low of 2 degrees above, was the next coldest spot in the state. Evansville, in the southern section, reported 12 above.

Michigan City and Goshen had lows of 6 above while Terre Haute's minimum was 10 above. Valparaiso reported 4 above.

Snow blanketed the entire state although the sun was shining in most areas.

201 Clothed 32 Children Are Cared For; J. W. Mull Jr. Takes 10.

THE list of children cared for in The Children's Clothes-A-Child campaign today moved past the 200 mark with the addition of 32 boys and girls to the lists.

Largest contributors were J. W. Mull Jr., who provided funds for 10 children and the National Library Binding Co. which cared for seven.

Today's donors list:

J. W. Mull Jr. 10 children
Paul Kravis Chapter, Beta Beta Lambda 1 Bob and 1 Girl
Mrs. Margaret Davis 1 Girl
Phi Psi Sorority 1 Girl
Elm City Co-S. Bacterial 1 Girl
Vaccine Dept. 1 Boy and 1 Girl
Alpha Chapter, Phi Gamma Tau 2 Boys
Display Advertising Salesmen, The Indianapolis Times 1 Boy
National Library Binding Co. 7 Children

HINT RENT CUT AT LOCKEFIELD

FHA Indicates Questions on Defects to Be Settled Tomorrow.

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heavy rain, the condition was again periodically noticed up to the time and including the last run in early November.

The company estimated that if the caking continued at the present rate, it would not be completed until next spring. Recently, the Government has made experiments with waterproof paint for the purpose of a combination dampproofing against further leaks, and correction of discoloration.

Meanwhile, maintenance expenses continue, with no revenue. The Severin firm has paid the Indianapolis Power & Light Co. approximately \$26,000 for steam heat in the last year at the rate of about \$3000 a month. It was estimated by contractors that the Government expense of maintaining the management branch is \$2500 a month; the cost of the Government's supervisory field force, used during construction and still retained, approximately \$3000 a month.

24 Buildings in Project

The company stated that it has additional expenses for watchman service, fire insurance and other maintenance.

The project consists of 24 buildings, 748 apartments, and 2538 rooms, not counting bathrooms, halls and closets. There are 458 three-room apartments, 290 four-room apartments, and two five-room apartments.

SAFEST TRAFFIC DAY SINCE 1933 ENJOYED IN CITY

Only One Minor Accident Reported; County Toll At 145.

Indianapolis enjoyed its safest traffic day since 1933, with only one minor accident reported during a 24-hour period ending at 8 a. m. today.

In the lone accident, only a fender was bent, according to police. There were no injuries.

Increased alertness by motorists and a marked drop in the number of vehicles on the streets due to hazardous driving conditions was credited for the unusual safety record.

"Conditions of the streets warranted more accidents," Lieut. Lawrence McCarty of the Police Accident Prevention Bureau said, "but the result that there were fewer is due to the people becoming safety conscious."

Two Killed in State

Meanwhile, Marion County's 1937 traffic toll reached 145 today with the death of Patrick Spellman, 60, of 340 Eastern Ave.

Three other traffic deaths were reported in Indiana. Six-year-old Harry Lee Pell was knocked down and fatally injured by an auto while returning from a West Terre Haute school to his home yesterday. The driver, Dean Davidson, was held on charges of drunken driving.

Walter Sass, 47, was injured fatally at South Bend when knocked from his bicycle by an auto.

Edward Mart, 20, living near Eaton, O., was killed when struck by a hit-and-run motorist as he was walking along U. S. 35 south-east of Richmond.

Police traffic arrests here dropped to 15 overnight, but deputy sheriffs continued the County safety campaign by ordering three more alleged traffic violators into Municipal Court.

Fifteen motorists were assessed \$131 in court today. John Graham, 5140 Ralston Ave., was assessed \$20 and his driver's license suspended for one year on a drunken driving charge.

Five drivers were assessed \$25 for turning around in the middle of blocks and three others were assessed \$37 for preferential street violations.

Mr. Spellman was injured Dec. 2 when the car in which he was riding collided with another at Road 67 and 38th St. Three other persons were injured slightly in the crash.

Resident 40 Years

He was a resident of Indianapolis for 40 years. He formerly was employed by the Indianapolis Railways. He was a member of St. Philip's Catholic Church.

Funeral services are to be held Saturday morning. Burial is to be in Holy Cross Cemetery. Time of the services was to be set today.

BOB BURNS

Says: HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 9.—One of the cruellest blows a man can suffer is being disillusioned in her husband. This could be avoided so easy, but it just seems like pret' near every man has a small streak in him that makes him want to pretend to be something that he ain't.



I felt so sorry for my Aunt Sophie when I saw her on the street the other day. She looked like a broken woman and I was asked her what the trouble was. She said "Oh, it's that husband of mine! I've been so happy because he's been callin' up every afternoon and sayin' 'sugar' sweet things over the telephone and just yesterday, I found out that it wasn't him at all. He's been goin' to the baseball games every afternoon and he's had his office boy call up instead."

I says "Well, surely you can tell your own husband's voice from that of the office boy" and she says "No, you see I been goin' to bridge parties every afternoon and I been havin' the cook answer the telephone!"

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NANKING RINGED BY FIRES AS DEFENSE

Italy May Quit League, Rome Reports Say.

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Two field guns and machine guns were employed at the Nanking adjacent to the United States gunboat Panay.

Japanese Demand Nanking Surrender

TOKYO, Dec. 9 (U. P.).—Japanese commanders in Shanghai have demanded the surrender of the Chinese Army defending Nanking, the Domei (Japanese) News Agency reported tonight.

Italy May Announce League Resignation

ROME, Dec. 9 (U. P.).—Italy's intention to renounce membership in the League of Nations may be announced after a special meeting of the Fascist Grand Council on Saturday, it was reported today.

Titulascu May Save Little Entente

BUCHAREST, Rumania, Dec. 9 (U. P.).—The state visit of Foreign Minister Yon Delos of France was obscured today by an announcement that Nicholas Titulescu, bitter foe of fascism and champion of a firm Franco-Rumanian alliance, has been made an official United Nations Party candidate in the forthcoming parliamentary elections.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

Here's County Traffic Record

Deaths (To Date)	
1937	145
1936	150
Deaths in City	
1937	96
1936	120
Accidents (Dec. 8)	
Accidents	6
Injured	1
Dead	1
Arrests (Dec. 8)	
Speeding	7
Reckless Driving	2
Running Preferential Street	2
Running Red Light	0
Drunken Driving	0
Others	8

MEETINGS TODAY

Sigma Nu, luncheon, Hotel Washington, noon.

Indianapolis Smoke Abatement League, luncheon, Hotel Washington, noon.

Alliance Francaise, meeting, Hotel Washington, 8 p. m.

Indianapolis Real Estate Board, luncheon, Hotel Washington, noon.

Community Fund, dinner, Claypool Hotel, 7 p. m.

Five Star Credit Group, luncheon, men's grill, William H. Block Co., noon.

Advertising Club of Indianapolis, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon.

Sigma Chi, luncheon, Board of Trade, noon.

American Business Club, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon.

Acacia, luncheon, Board of Trade, noon.

Caravan Club, luncheon, Mural Temple, noon.

Indiana Motor Traffic Association, luncheon, Hotel Antlers, noon.

Old Club, luncheon, Hotel Severin, noon.

Construction League of Indianapolis, luncheon, Architects and Builders Building, noon.

Indianapolis National Poultry Exposition, Manufacturers' Building, State Fair Grounds, all day.

MEETINGS TOMORROW

Indiana History Conference, joint state meeting of historical societies, Lincoln and Claypool Hotels, all day.

Indiana Section of Professional Engineers, meeting and dinner, Claypool Hotel, all day.

Indiana Intercollegiate Coaches, meeting, Claypool Hotel, 4 p. m.

Exchange Club, luncheon, Hotel Washington, noon.

Kappa Sigma, luncheon, Hotel Washington, noon.

Optimist Club, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon.

Reserve Officers' Association, luncheon, Board of Trade, noon.

Phi Delta Theta, luncheon, Board of Trade, noon.

Beta Beta Beta, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon.

Beta Theta Pi, luncheon, Board of Trade, noon.

Indianapolis National Poultry Exposition, Manufacturers' Building, State Fair Grounds, all day.

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BIRTHS

Boys

Chester, Mary Hawkins, at 3408 S. New Jersey.

William, Mary Neidinger, at 1907 Sherman.

John, Laura Sears, at Community.

★ 2 Days Only Boys' SHIRTS



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3 SHIRTS for 2.25

Good-looking broadcloth shirts in nice selection of patterns and styles. Included are whites, plain colors, deep tones, dusty tones, pastels and fancy patterns. A swell chance to stock up your boy's wardrobe.

2 SHIRTS for 2.50

Fine madras and broadcloths in a choice selection of plain colors and fancy patterns. Button-down, regular, hi-stand or tabless-tab collar styles. It's a good opportunity to get a fine group of good quality shirts at a price!

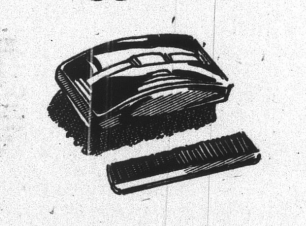
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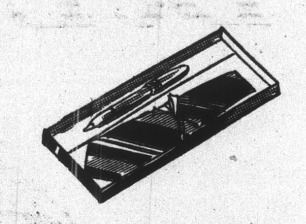
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L. S. AYRES & CO.

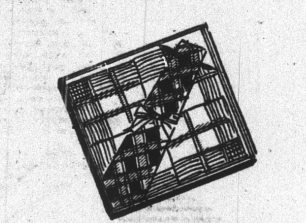
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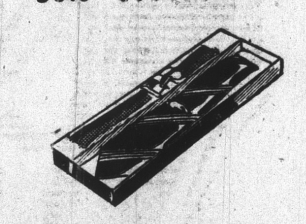
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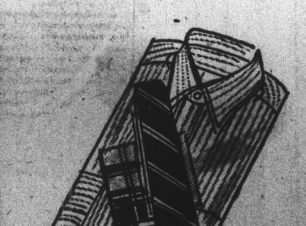
Tie and Pen-Pencil Combination 1.00



Tie and Kerchief Sets1.00



Tie and Belt Sets 1.00



Shirt-of-the-Month Ensemble1.95

Shirt, tie and handkerchief