

WATSON SAYS HE MAY 'TALK POLITICS' HERE

Ex-Senator Will Appear for Creditors in Cord Case.

Times Special

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Former Senator James E. Watson will be in Indianapolis this week and he may "talk a little politics," he said today.

But his chief purpose is to appear for creditors in the Auburn and Cord Automobile Co. case in Federal Court, he explained.

The old-time G. O. P. chieftain said he never has told anyone that he will be a senatorial candidate, but he added that he hasn't said he wouldn't, either.

It is well known here that he has had luncheon talks with a number of Hoosiers and brought the subject around to his possible chances to return to the Senate from Indiana.

Speaks of Marion County

Informed of the talk in Marion County of the possibility of young G. O. P. leaders inaugurating an outer movement to unseat Frederick Schortemeier as County Chairman and thus capture the organization leadership from George V. (Cap) Coffin, Senator Watson said he hadn't heard of it.

"Of course there have been newspaper stories about unseating 'Cap' Coffin for the last 12 years," he said.

"That is distinctly Marion County's business. You see I come from Rushville and while I used to have a Watson organization in 91 counties in the state I never did tackle Marion County."

Scores National Leaders

Mr. Watson said that Mr. Coffin supported Archie N. Bobbitt for State Chairman as did he and other leaders.

The current attack on Interior Secretary Ickes and Assistant Attorney General Robert H. Jackson on business leadership is aiding the possibility of recapturing congressional seats in Indiana and elsewhere by the Republicans, Mr. Watson predicted.

"It looks to me like those boys have overreached themselves in their anxiety to blame others for the business decline," he declared.

"Such talk as they have made does nothing to clear the atmosphere."

GOVERNOR STUDIES CHILD-MOTHER CASE

Hints He May Call for Marriage Law Ruling.

"I never knew of any way for a Governor to set a law aside," Governor Townsend today said when asked if he believed there was any way for him to legally allow the marriage of the 12-year-old Linton, Ind., school girl and the 13-year-old father of her child.

Indiana law prohibits marriage of a girl under 16, even with the parents' consent.

"I haven't been asked to intervene and if I am I will ask Atty. Gen. Omer Stokes Jackson for a ruling," he said.

A group of other public officials were of the opinion that no attempt should be made to circumvent the law, even though Linton public officials have stated they believe the young parents are in love and should be allowed to wed.

Would Set Precedent

Criminal Court Judge Frank P. Baker said he was unalterably opposed to any kind of marriages and that he thought the Linton couple should not be allowed to wed before they come legally of age. He said it would be setting a precedent.

County Clerk Glenn B. Ralston said he believed that the way is being paved for enactment of uniform Federal marriage laws, that would prevent marriage mills and include requirements for reasonable health inspection.

Superior Court Judge Joseph Williams said that the main trouble back of child marriages or the desire for them was the "failure of parents to control their children through the adolescent stage."

SUICIDE IS VERDICT IN EDITOR'S DEATH

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SCOTTSDALE, Ind., Jan. 3.—Authorities today said Samuel B. Wells, Scott County Journal editor who was found dead in the Journal office here Saturday, took his own life by hanging. He was 77.

Mr. Wells, who was recognized as one of Southern Indiana's leading lawyers, was a member of the 1911 Indiana Legislature. Surviving are the wife, a son, W. Marshall Wells of Scottsburg, and a daughter, Mrs. Grace Hertlein of West Palm Beach, Fla. Mr. Wells had been ill eight years.

WISCONSIN TEACHER HEADS PROFESSORS

Dr. Mark H. Ingraham, University of Wisconsin mathematics professor, today had been elected president of the American Association of University Professors following the organization's two-day convention which closed here yesterday.

Dr. Ingraham succeeds Dr. A. J. Carlson of the University of Chicago. Other officers named are Dr. Alzada Comstock, Mount Holyoke, and Dr. A. C. Krey, University of Minnesota, vice presidents, and 10 new members of the association council.

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Champion Liar Is Selected By Wisconsin Club

CHICAGO, Jan. 3 (U. P.).—John P. Zelenak Jr., Tacoma, Wash., today was the possessor of the Burlington, Wis., Liars' Club "diamond" studded medal for the best tall story of 1937 with a tale of his lady wife who "feeds the chickens popcorn so that when she fries the eggs they turn over by themselves."

Mr. Zelenak's selection for the dubious honor of world's champion liar was announced by C. C. Hulst, Burlington, club president.

CONGRESS SET FOR STUDY OF TAX REVISION

House Committee to Work On Controversial Measure.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (U. P.).—Congress resumes work today on the legislative item of greatest cash concern to American business—a general tax revision measure.

The House Ways and Means Tax Subcommittee is expected to pick up its half completed draft of the Revenue Act of 1938 and to continue its study of the tax structure in an effort to have the bill ready for introduction by mid-January.

The issue promises to be one of the most controversial of the regular session. It is expected to center on provisions for relieving the tax burden on business, particularly the undistributed profits tax which business has complained bitterly.

Repeal Demanded

In its tentative action after nearly two months of study last year, the subcommittee under Chairman Fred M. Vinson (D. Ky.) vastly modified the undistributed profits tax and acted to reduce the higher brackets of the capital gains levy.

House Republicans, however, are committed to outright repeal of the former and drastic modification of the latter. There is strong sentiment in both Senate and House for repeal of the undistributed profits tax.

The Administration's revision plans, however, always take into account the fact that no revenue must be lost, in view of President Roosevelt's hope of balancing the budget in the next fiscal year.

Changes made so far would cut revenue from some items and increase the yield from others. The subcommittee has not revealed figures on any net change, believing the cuts and increases would about balance each other.

Changes Planned

Under the existing law, corporations pay a normal tax ranging from 8 to 15 per cent on net incomes and an undistributed profits tax ranging from 7 to 27 per cent, depending on the amount of earnings retained as surplus. The system, adopted in 1936, was designed to prevent business firms from "hoarding" their earnings instead of pouring them out as dividends into the incomes of stockholders where they could be taxed by the Government.

The changes tentatively agreed on are:

1. To exempt corporations earning up to \$25,000 a year from the undistributed profits tax and raise their normal taxes as follows: 12½ per cent on the first \$5000 of net income; 14 per cent on the next \$5000, and 16 per cent on the next \$5000.

2. To charge a flat 20 per cent rate for corporations earning more than \$25,000, giving a credit for distributed earnings at the rate of four-fifths of the per cent for each 10 per cent of net income paid out in dividends. This would reduce the tax to 16 per cent for corporations which paid out 100 per cent of their earnings.

3. To encourage such builders as Jones, the bill provides that if he makes his application for mortgage insurance before July 1, 1939, the premium charge will be only one-fourth of 1 per cent on the amount of principal outstanding at any time.

Summing it up, Jones will have to pay each month for the first year: Payment on principal, \$22.50; interest, \$22.50; mortgage insurance charge, \$1.35 or a monthly fixed payment total charge of \$46.35.

Jones also must make allowances for taxes, assessments, fire and other kinds of insurance, and other incidental charges.

After the first year, the interest and mortgage insurance charges will decline, as they are based on the amount of the principal outstanding. Thus, as Jones reduces his principal he also reduces the insurance and interest charges.

In the event that Jones defaults on his mortgage, the lending agency may obtain from the Government the amount he failed to pay on his debt in addition to any additional costs, such as taxes or special assessments. In return, the Government will take over the property for liquidation.

Most persons now driving cars have 1938 drivers' licenses in spite of the fact that the number sold this year so far is about 450,000 short of last year, Mark Rodenbeck, assistant commissioner, said today.

He explained that in many cases only the head of a family takes out a license in the middle of the winter, and the rest of the family take out theirs in the spring. When colleges and universities are out, the license total jumps, he said.

The moratorium until March 1 on automobile license fees included the new transparent title certificate holders, it was announced today.

At the time he granted this extension, Governor Townsend said motorists would be required to purchase only driver's licenses.

Automobile owners on March 1 must buy the title certificate holders with their car license plates. Fee for the holders is 25 cents.

LADIES' GROUP TO MEET

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U. S. TO SPEED HOME BUILDING ON \$2000 WAGE

Housing Bill Hopes to Free 15 Billions in Capital For Construction.

EDITOR'S NOTE—As Congress convened for its regular session today, one of its major problems was completion of the new housing bill by which President Roosevelt hopes to release up to 15 billion dollars in private capital in a construction boom. The following explains operation of the bill as it affects the average man. It has been passed by both houses in the special session and is now in conference awaiting final action in the session which began today.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (U. P.).—The new housing bill is designed to put home ownership within economic reach of Mr. Jones—the average citizen whose salary annually averages below \$2000.

Hope of the average Mr. Jones of acquiring a home of his own has been blocked in the former Federal housing measure by a requirement of a 90 per cent down payment and monthly payments which probably exceeded what the average citizen now pays as rent.

The proposed new program would work like this:

Jones decides to build a home costing not more than \$6000.

He will go to a bank, mortgage association or other lending agency and apply for a loan. To come within scope of the program, Jones must make a down payment of 10 per cent or \$600 of the appraised value of the property he is to acquire. The lending agency will submit his application to the Federal Housing Administration for approval.

Time Limited to 20 Years

Jones and the financing agency will work out the date on which the mortgage will be due, but the time must not exceed 20 years. All the arrangements must be approved by the Federal Housing Administration.

For example, Jones may decide that he will make payments on the \$6000 principal remaining after the down payment in monthly installments of \$22.50 for 20 years.

In addition, Jones must pay the financial agency 5 per cent interest per year on the amount of the principal outstanding at any time.

For the first year, the monthly interest payments will be \$22.50—the same as the payment on the principal—and will be scaled down annually as he reduces the principal of his debt.

Another fixed charge Jones must meet is the premium payment on the mortgage insurance. The Government promises by insurance features of the bill to make good any amount that Jones fails to pay on his mortgage. The financial agency will pass the insurance premium obligation on to Jones for payment.

Savings Provided

To encourage such builders as Jones, the bill provides that if he makes his application for mortgage insurance before July 1, 1939, the premium charge will be only one-fourth of 1 per cent on the amount of principal outstanding at any time.

Jones then will add \$1.35 to his monthly payments for mortgage insurance.

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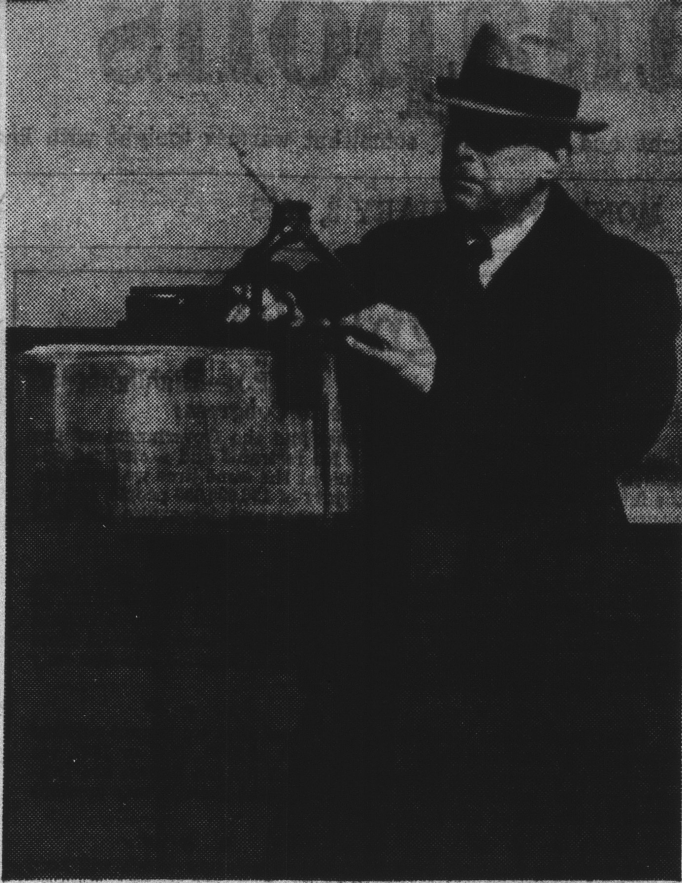
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He's Stacking Up Sunshine



J. H. Arrington, meteorologist, is shown examining the Weather Bureau's sun measuring machine on top of the Consolidated Building today, as January continued to brighten its corner in Indianapolis. At 1 p. m. today January had drenched 22.7 hours of sunshine. The average January spreads 130 hours of sunshine all month long.

HUSBAND HELD AFTER AUTOPSY

Third Bullet Wound Casts Doubt on Suicide of Star's Cousin.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 3 (U. P.).—Discovery of a second and third bullet wound in the body of Mrs. Villalee Goddard, a cousin of the movie star, Rochelle Hudson, caused police to hold her husband in jail today.

A bullet through the head caused death. An autopsy showed two more wounds in the chest. Police doubted whether Mrs. Goddard could have raised the gun a third time for the fatal shot.

They were holding George Goddard, 47, a wealthy New Mexico lumber dealer, on a technical booking of suspicion of murder, pending a Coroner's inquest.

The body of Mrs. Goddard, who was 38, was found on the floor of her apartment Saturday. Her death was listed as suicide until after the autopsy. The Coroner said that a suicide theory was not eliminated.

The chest wounds were not serious enough to have caused death and it was possible that the woman could have fired all three shots herself, he said.

Christmas Card Clue

A Christmas card that Mrs. Goddard sent Mrs. May Hudson of Beverly Hills, mother of Rochelle, provided a clue. Police said they were comparing the handwriting of the card with that of a suicide note.

Mr. Goddard said he and his wife came here from Las Vegas, N. M., last Thursday. He went to visit his mother but left Mrs. Goddard in an apartment. He telephoned her Friday night and he said she was in "good spirits" then.

The revolver was his. Mr. Goddard said he usually kept it in his automobile but recently his wife asked him to leave it home.

CITY'S OPERATING COSTS RISE IN 1936

Placed at \$33 Per Capita; Outstanding Debt Jumps.

Cost of operation and maintenance of Indianapolis City departments rose from \$32.33 per capita in 1935 to \$33.93 in 1936, the U. S. Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, said today.

At the same time the gross outstanding per capita debt rose from \$80.16 to \$110.27, due, according to the report, to the inclusion of \$6,041,010 revenue bonds for the Citizens' Gas and Coke Utility in the city's financial figures.

The Census Bureau reported the total levy for all purposes, made against the taxable valuation in the City of \$505,861,680, amounted to \$15,025,041 for 1937.

Of this amount \$5,765,823 was levied for the City, \$2,225,791 for Marion County, \$5,412,729 for the School City, \$758,793 for the State and \$850,914 for the townships.

The summary of the financial status of the City was based on an estimated population of 372,100 and the per capita levy and debt fixed on that basis according to the report.

FLOWER CLUB TO ELECT

Indianapolis Flower Mission is to elect officers at 10 a. m. Thursday in the Fletcher Trust Co. directors' room, Mrs. David Ross, president, announced today.

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REV. FR. DUGAN MENTIONED FOR POST AS BISHOP

Local Chancellor May Take Over Tentative Diocese in Evansville.

The Very Rev. Henry F. Dugan, doctor of canon law and chancellor of the Indianapolis Catholic diocese, has been mentioned prominently as a possible selection for bishop of the Evansville See if a new diocese is established this year, it was reported today.

It has been informally forecast that such a new diocese would be established this year as a part of a program which is said to contemplate the erection of many new Catholic dioceses and several new ecclesiastical provinces in the nation.

Evansville has nine Catholic parishes with a population of 16,000. If the new diocese is established, a new ecclesiastical province probably will be established in the state it was said.

Ritter May Be Archbishop

In that case, it was predicted, Indianapolis would be made the chief city of a new province and the Most Rev. Joseph Elmer Ritter, bishop of Indianapolis, would be invested with the pallium and become archbishop.

Louisville, Ky., recently was made chief city of a new province and the Most Rev. Bishop John A. Fierch was appointed archbishop.

Owensboro, Ky., was made chief city of the new diocese and the Rev. F. R. Cotton, chancellor of the Louisville diocese, was made first bishop of the new diocese.

The diocese of Indianapolis is now a suffragan of the Cincinnati province, which is one of the largest in the country.

BUTLER STUDENTS RESUME CLASSES

Final Exams End Semester; New Term Jan. 31.

More than 2000 students returned to Butler University for the resumption of classes today.

Activities scheduled for the end of the semester include final examinations to be held in all departments beginning Jan. 24, and masters' examinations to be held from Jan. 17 until Jan. 21, according to Mrs. Martha B. Enyart, acting registrar and examiner.

Registration dates for the second semester are Feb. 2 for classes in the day division and Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 for classes in the evening division.

Instruction is to be given by 68 Butler University faculty during the second semester evening division, Prof. George F. Leonard, director, has announced. Courses are to be offered in all colleges of the university.

Ickes Assailed As a 'Royalist' By Pettengill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Interior Secretary Ickes was termed a "political royalist" today by Rep. Samuel B. Pettengill (D. Ind.), who urged his retirement from the President's Cabinet because of his speech attacking big business.

Mr. Pettengill based his attack on Mr. Ickes principally on the Secretary's sponsorship of the Thomas-Danley oil control bill, which the Indiana Congressman opposed as a member of the Cole committee.

This committee investigated the oil business and afterwards Mr. Pettengill wrote a book on the subject entitled "Hot Oil."

"Secretary Ickes has reversed himself completely and suddenly on the concentration of power and high prices," Mr. Pettengill declared. "He has been advocating the latter for years. The only difference is that he wanted the power concentrated in Ickes."

"He has been the leading advocate of the Thomas-Danley bill. This bill would make him a Fascist dictator of the petroleum industry, our second largest. That the country has so far been saved from his overlordship has been due alone to members of Congress who are still loyal to democratic principles."

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Warren Township pumpers drew water from nearby wells and cisterns in an attempt to save the home. Damage was estimated by firemen at \$3500.

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