

## Board Made Decision On July 1 to Tunnel Sewer, Records Show

WPA Workers Await Call to Begin 38th St. Project; Cave-ins Are Reported in Other Cities; Secret Meeting Revealed.

Under terms of a decision reportedly made at a secret meeting, the Works Board at last is ready to go ahead with the 38th St. storm sewer.

North Side residents, swamped by recent heavy rains, had demanded that the Board settle a technical controversy which has delayed work on the project nearly two months.

The Board announced yesterday it would build the sewer by tunneling—the method advocated June 3 by City Engineer Henry B. Steeg instead of the open ditch method originally planned.

But, although announcement of the decision was not given out until yesterday, Board records showed that it was made July 1.

Although Board members evaded direct questions on the decision, it was learned on good authority that the decision was agreed upon at a secret meeting of some Board members on Thursday June 30.

The Board meets in regular session on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

**Question Debated for Weeks**

For weeks, the Board had been unable to decide between the tunnel and open ditch methods of building the big sewer. Manufacturers of concrete pipe, used in a surface cut, advocated that method; manufacturers of steel tunnel lining urged the tunnel method.

Finally, on June 29, Board records show, the Board ordered Mr. Steeg to prepare two sets of specifications "to enable the Board to secure alternate bids under the open cut method and also the tunnel method."

Then, unannounced, the secret session was held the next day at some place other than City Hall.

On Friday, July 1, at the regular meeting, Mayor Boettcher asked if the specifications for alternate bids were ready. Mr. Steeg replied they were not.

Lloyd D. Claycomb, attorney for North Side residents, who have requested the sewer, asked the Board to hasten its decision so work could be started.

Mayor Boettcher assured him a decision would be reached "very soon."

The next day, Saturday, July 2, the torrential rain struck, flooding the North Side area once more.

On July 5, Mayor Boettcher declared, "There can be no further delay." He ordered Mr. Steeg to speed up his two sets of specifications so the Board could advertise for alternate bids.

**July 1 Entry Revealed**

No further action was taken last week. Then yesterday, the Board's decision was announced. The entry of July 1 on the Board minutes was revealed.

It said: "The Board hereby rescinds all previous instructions to the City Civil Engineer with reference to the manner and method of constructing the College Ave. main storm relief sewer, and said Engineer is now directed and instructed to prepare plans and specifications for the construction of said sewer by and under the tunnel method of construction of sewers."

Board Secretary Ernest Frick usually keeps the minutes. But it was understood that City Attorney Michael Reddington made the July 1 entry ordering the tunnel method.

Mr. Reddington said, "The Board itself makes all entries. I often act as the Board's agent in making entries, drawing resolutions and drawing contracts. Obviously, no entry could have been made without Board action."

He said he knew nothing of a private meeting outside City Hall.

**Heard News Yesterday**

Robert K. Eby, Republican Board vice president, said he was out of town July 1 and that the first he knew of the decision to tunnel was yesterday when he saw the minutes dated July 1.

Mr. Steeg advocated the tunnel method because, he said, it would save the City about \$52,000 and would cause less inconvenience to North Side residents.

He estimated the cost by tunneling the main section of the sewer—from College Ave. to Fall Creek—at \$100,810, and the cost by open cut at \$152,000. This \$152,000 estimate was raised from his original estimate of \$136,000.

Under that original estimate, one bid was received nearly two months ago. It is not known what the bid was, because it was returned unopened when Mr. Steeg announced he had been studying the tunneling method.

WPA labor is to be used on the job. Carl Korteipfer, Marion County WPA administrator, has said the tunnel method will employ 100 men rather than the open ditch method.

**Engineers Cite Cave-Ins**

Engineers who urged the open ditch system told the Board recently that serious cave-ins have occurred when the tunnel method was used elsewhere. In one city, a cave-in resulted in the death of several workers.

The engineers said that WPA men are seldom skilled enough to do tunnel work and that they have been forced to import skilled laborers from other cities.

Other difficulties have beset cities on tunnel projects. For example, Walter S. Rae, a Pittsburgh contractor, was awarded \$61,859 damages against the city of Reading, Pa., on a tunnel job according to an article in the June 16 issue of the Engineering News Record, construction industry trade journal.

A U. S. District Court jury awarded him the damages when he claimed that borings and samples of the ground a water tunnel was being built in were inaccurate. Whereas borings and samples showed solid limestone, Mr. Rae found mud and boulders, the article said.

The contractor rescinded his contract and sued the City.

**Borings Here Show Gravel**

Mr. Steeg said borings taken under 38th St. show a gravel substratum.

Work has been started on the sewer running under 38th St. from Carrollton Ave. to Fall Creek—another part of the North Side sewer development.

The Board received three bids on a part of the concrete pipe for the project. Low bid was submitted by J. C. Pierson at \$1312. Mr. Steeg

## CADET GROUPS VIE FOR HONOR

3 Companies at C. M. T. C. Camp Try Again This Afternoon.

A second parade was scheduled for student soldiers at the Citizens Military Training Camp at Ft. Harrison at 3 p. m. today, after three companies tied for first place in the parade last night.

They are Company A, commanded by Capt. C. F. Killick, Cincinnati, O.; Company B, commanded by Capt. R. A. Wagner, Dayton, O.; and the Signal Company, headed by First Lieutenant G. E. Kent, Columbus, O.

A full day's program was scheduled for the 2242 cadets today, starting with rifle squad practice at 8 a. m., extended order drill at 9 a. m., and first-aid training for third and fourth-year men, followed by work in advanced scouting and patrolling. Citizenship classes topped off the morning program.

The afternoon schedule included studies in mapping and aerial photography for fourth-year men; musketry practice for third-year men, and supervised athletics and recreation for the entire camp.

**Athletic Events**

Preliminary bouts in camp wrestling and boxing meets will be held at 7 p. m.

Special assignments of the day included radio code practice and installation and operation of field telephones and controls for the Signal Company, and instruction in machine gun use for the Machine Gun Company.

John R. Lloyd, Cambridge, O., won the pistol championship among fourth-year men yesterday with an "expert" score of 69 per cent.

Command of the cadet companies will be transferred tomorrow from officers of the 329th Ohio Reserve Infantry to the 330th Ohio Infantry. Old and new officers were guests at a reception last night in the officers club.

**Naylor at Reception**

The receiving line included Brig. Gen. William K. Naylor, post commander; Col. L. A. Kunig, 11th Infantry, and camp commander; Col. H. D. McDermott, surgeon; Col. R. S. Harsh, 330th Infantry commander; Col. Thomas Dobbin, senior medical reserve officer, and Maj. O. H. Cornwell, 329th Infantry commander.

Candidates for a C. M. T. C. rifle team to represent the Fifth Corp Area at national rifle matches at Camp Perry, O., in August, reported yesterday to Capt. Montgomery McKee. A team captain, 10 principals, two alternates and a coach will be named.

An entertainment program will be presented tomorrow night through the courtesy of L. S. Ayres & Co. and the Women's Overseas Service League.

**PRESIDENT SENDS GREETINGS TO ELKS**

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 12 (U. P.).—Greetings from President Roosevelt and the plaques of the Elks of the Navy, who called them "practical patriots" and "practical patriots," were bestowed today on the Elks at their 74th annual convention.

Mr. Roosevelt messaged: "I am enclosing to you the Elks so long active in all good work are alive to the importance of adequate national defense."

Mr. Edison, addressing the delegates, said that the Elks have been in common with the Navy in their attitude toward national preparedness.

**TOWNSEND CALLED IN FREIGHT HEARING**

Governor Townsend is to testify Thursday in the Interstate Commerce Commission hearing at Buffalo on the petition of eight Southern Governors for special freight rates as a means of developing southern industries.

The hearing is to be opened today following a preliminary conference today. Governor Townsend is to testify in behalf of northern states, which have opposed the proposed rail freight rate differential.

Perry McCart, Indiana Public Service Commission chairman, and Ralph Hanna, Commission public counsel, also are to testify for the North.

**THIS GERMAN NEVER HEARD ABOUT HITLER**

YONKERS, N. Y., July 12 (U. P.).—Cort Pistorious, 16-year-old German boy, was asked in City Court today what he thought of Adolf Hitler.

"Who?" asked the boy, who was charged with jumping a ship from Germany.

"Hitler," said a policeman. "That head of your country—Adolf Hitler."

"Who is he?" Cort asked.

questioned whether Mr. Pierson could furnish the pipe immediately.

Next lowest bidder was the Independent Concrete Pipe Corp., at \$1400. A representative of that company said he could furnish the pipe at once and Mr. Steeg suggested his company be awarded the contract if Mr. Pierson is unable to deliver the pipe immediately.

## Girls Prepare for Camp at Winona Lake



These five girls are inspecting the handicraft material they will work with this summer at Camp Winona Lake, as Miriam Martin, counselor, and archery instructor, explains their use. The prospective campers are (left to right): Betty Jane Williams, Susan Arand, Miss Martin, Betsy Maynard and Winona Lake, as Miriam Martin, counselor, and archery instructor, explains their use. The

## Etta Jones Case Goes To Jury for 2d Time

DANVILLE, July 12.—For the second time the case of Mrs. Etta Jones, charged with first-degree murder in connection with the fatal shooting of Helen Schuler, was to go to a jury this afternoon.

The jury, composed chiefly of farmers, was expected to begin deliberation about 4 p. m. They will go to their chamber with a demand by the State attorneys that Mrs. Etta Jones be found guilty as charged and be made to "suffer death in the electric chair."

John Kelley, Marion County deputy prosecutor, told the jurors the gun introduced into evidence was found at the scene of the crime and "was used by the defendant to kill Helen Schuler and to wound her stepmother" in the Beech Grove Schuler home.

**First Jury Disagreed**

Miss Bess Robbins, Indianapolis, was to close pleadings for the defense this afternoon. The jury was expected to get their instructions from Special Judge Edgar A. Rice at 3 p. m.

A jury also composed, for the most part, of farmers disagreed after a three weeks' trial in January, placing Mrs. Jones back behind the bars to await the second trial that will climax today.

Helen Schuler, 21 City, daughter of Walter Schuler, Beech Grove, and stepdaughter of Mrs. Lettie Schuler, who was wounded on the day of the fatal shooting, was found dying of bullet wounds on the floor of a year ago Thursday.

**Denies Having Gun**

Mrs. Jones, who remained on the witness stand for the greater part of the day yesterday, said she never knew the Schulers before July 14 and that she had gone to the home on that day to inquire about music lessons for her 7-year-old daughter, Betty Jean.

Mrs. Jones has denied steadfastly she shot the child or her stepmother or held a gun in her hand at any time on the day of the shooting.

The first jury went into their chambers for deliberation at approximately the same time. The new jury is expected to go out. The jury in January remained out more than 30 hours before being dismissed by Judge Rice.

**MORGAN TO JOIN IN CHICAGO PARLEY**

CHICAGO, July 12.—DeWitt Morgan, Indianapolis school superintendent, will participate in a five-day conference on problems of educational administration at the University of Chicago, starting July 18.

Some time ago a story gained circulation that Mr. Morgan would take over Judge Landis' duties in December. This was founded mainly on a rumor born of a tip that Jim was about to be sounded out. Since then a certain man high in the ranks of major league direction has discussed the proposition with Mr. Morgan and obtained from him at least an expression of lively interest.

Mr. Morgan does not seek the job. He is not going to allow his name to be used as the spearhead of any possible campaign to get Judge Landis out of an office in which his lands have three more years to run. But if Judge Landis is tired, Jim would pick up where the Judge left off.

**C. OF C. DISCUSSES ROAD SAFETY PLAN**

WASHINGTON, July 12 (U. P.).—Committees of the National Conference of Street and Highway Safety, began a series of meetings today at the U. S. Chamber of Commerce to revise and modernize the uniform state vehicle code, city traffic signs, signals and markings.

The existing standards, prepared in 1926, were revised by previous national conferences in 1930 and 1934. Chairman of the committee on uniform traffic laws and ordinances is George R. Wellington of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

**BUND CASE NEARS CLOSE IN NEW YORK**

RIVERHEAD, N. Y., July 12 (U. P.).—The trial of six leaders of German-American Settlement League, Inc., charged with violating the State Civil Rights Law in the operation of an alleged Nazi camp at Yaphank, N. Y., drew to a close today amid acrimonious quarrels over the term "Nazi," the proper salute to the American flag and the banding of the name of Adolf Hitler.

Defense witnesses, testifying to their admiration for Hitler and denying that the settlement league required an oath of membership, had the stand again today. The case was expected to reach the jury today or tomorrow.

## 4 SEEK POST AS COMMANDER OF STATE LEGION

Only One Woman in Race For President of Auxiliary.

As candidates for State Legion Commander offices began throwing their hats in the ring, plans for the convention here Aug. 20 to 23 were broadened to include formation of a safety committee to prevent traffic accidents and to ban gambling during the convention period.

Four persons have announced their candidacies for Department Commander. They are William Hyland, Evansville police captain; Dr. O. T. Turflinger, Bloomington; Harry A. Shindler, Newburgh attorney, and John A. Watkins, Bloomfield publisher.

The new committee is to work with accident prevention authorities and uniformed police in an effort to make a safe convention for the Hoosier veterans.

George R. Popp Jr. is to serve as chairman of the committee.

"Not only will the safety committee hang a 'not welcome' sign out to those who would prey upon the public during the convention, but it will also seek to prevent fires, to handle the big parade movement through the downtown city in cooperation with the police, to cut down automobile accidents and to provide information for convention visitors," Mr. Popp said.

Other candidates are: Auxiliary President—Mrs. Gladys Huckleberry, Salem.

Forty and Eight—Dean Bechtel, Bonham, Elwood.

Northern Vice Commander—W. Carl Graham, Ft. Wayne, and Harold E. Holloway, Hammond.

Southern Vice Commander—Edward Bonham, Elwood; Albert P. Meurer, Indianapolis, and John Fuller, Bedford.

State Chaplain—The Rev. Harry Parker, Delhi, and the Rev. John S. Jones, Richmond.

District Commanders and post officers will be elected by their respective groups prior to the state elections.

**RAILWAY BUILDINGS WILL BE DEDICATED**

Governor Is Listed Among Luncheon Speakers.

The new \$800,000 shops, garage, service and transportation buildings of the Indianapolis Railways will be dedicated formally at a luncheon meeting Monday in the new garage at 1150 W. Washington St. An inspection tour will follow.

Speakers are to include Governor Townsend; C. D. Alexander, Chamber of Commerce president; Charles W. Chase, railway president; City Controller H. Nathan Swaim, representing Mayor Boettcher. Mr. Chase is to preside.

Railways directors are in charge of the program. They include R. Malott Fletcher, George C. Forrey Jr., Arthur L. Gilliom, Pierre Goodrich, Irving W. Lemaux, Roy C. Shanberger, Skiles E. Test, Ross H. Wallace and Mr. Chase.

**Disorderly Is Right, Say These Police**

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Tore down the steam and water pipes in the City Jail, causing damage of several hundred dollars.

Set the County Jail afire when he was transferred there.

Started three fires in the City Jail when he was returned because Sheriff's deputies thought he was too hot to handle.

Repeatedly squirmed out of a strait-jacket in which he was placed at the County Infirmary.

Freedom from his bonds of 100 feet of rope, slipped the keys from the pocket of a sleeping, exhausted guard, and escaped from the Infirmary.

Led an attempted break of 13 prisoners from the County Jail by sawing the bars to the bullpen.

**CITY PASTOR HEADS LUTHERAN LEAGUE**

LAKE WAWASEE, July 12 (U. P.).—The Rev. Allen K. Trout, pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Indianapolis, today headed the Indiana Synod Lutheran League for the second consecutive year following closing of the 41st annual convention of the organization.

Other officers elected included Miss Dorothy Emerson, Elkhart, vice president; Mrs. Esther Emrick of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Ft. Wayne, recording secretary; Miss Marie Wetzel, Anderson, treasurer, and Miss Ada Stocking, Elkhart, corresponding secretary.

## A Hot Time

2 Fires, Lost 'Specs,' Bumpy Truck Leave Whole Town Tired.

ZIONSVILLE, July 12.—The volunteer fire department here did everything but fiddle yesterday—and it hadn't been mixed up in putting out a couple of fires, struggling with a broken-down fire truck and retrieving its chief's spectacles from a cistern, it might have done a little of that.

The laddies—about 20 of them—charged out to the blazing home of Ed Spauld in the afternoon and pumped enough water out of the cistern to extinguish the flames.

But, just when they were ready to leave, Chief Bernard Clayton discovered he had lost his glasses in the deep cistern. He explained he would need them badly since he edits The Zionsville Times in addition to being a smoke-eater.

So his comrades pumped the rest of the water out of the cistern and into the house and retrieved Chief-Editor Clayton's spectacles.

Things were quiet until a call came that Charley Pock's hay-filled barn a mile and half east of town was afire.

A fresh crew of volunteers rushed to the fire house and steered their truck out into the street. It broke down. Feverishly they labored to repair it.

But they finally had to call a wrecker and tow the truck to the blaze. By the time they arrived, it was too late. The fire, apparently caused by spontaneous combustion, caused damage estimated at \$5000.

Wearily, the volunteers rode homeward. Life is practically at a standstill here today. The citizens—300 of them—are too tired to do anything.

**Bandit Gets 5**

An armed robber, described to police as six feet tall, took \$5 from William Kegan, 515 1/2 E. Washington St., in a holdup in N. Blackford St. 400 block, it was reported to police.

While asking the direction to Indiana Ave., a man held up Earl Shildier, 21, of 230 W. Wyoming St., at knife-point and took \$2.50.

The bandit, accompanied by a woman, fled to an auto, containing two other men and a woman, and drove away, Mr. Shildier, told officers.

Thieves who removed a rear door at the Hotel English Coffee shop, 128 Monument Circle, stole about \$77 in cash. Mrs. Roy Parks, 17 E. St. Joseph St., told detectives.

**Truck Payment Stolen**

Sixty-four dollars saved for a payment on a truck was stolen from the home of Elmer Foster, 2330 1/2 Guilford Ave., last night, according to a report to police. Mr. Foster said he used the truck for WPA work.

Here to attend the Democratic convention, Paul Collins, Kokomo, a delegate, lost \$30 to a pickpocket, he told police.

Jewelry valued at \$48 was stolen from the apartment of Gaynelle Watson, 713 N. Delaware St., it was reported to police.

Other thefts included a \$30 watch from the home of Jack Edward, 1820 Ruckle St., and clothing valued at \$16 from the automobile of Edward L. Youree, 2830 Highland Place, parked in N. Senate Ave. 400 block.

**LIGHT FIRM PICNIC SET FOR THURSDAY**

Indianapolis Power & Light Co. employees and their families, about 4000 strong, will attend the company's annual picnic and picnic at Broad Ripple Park Thursday.

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