

1000 MEN TO WORK ON FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

STATE GARDEN CLUBS CONDEMN CUTTING OF TREES



About 1000 men will work for nearly two years to complete the flood control program now under way from Cold Springs Road to 30th St. along White River. A general view of the Cold Springs Road end shows the levee, which will be topped with a boulevard, skirting the river and in the deep background can be seen the fill that will be the extension of 38th St.

SEEK CASE FOR PAY LAW TEST

Litigation Delayed Until Airtight Grounds for Suit Are Found.

Times Special
WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—The Government and organized labor are both walking on eggs as they prepare to launch test cases against suspected violators of the Wage-Hour Act.

On Thanksgiving Day the act will have been in full effect one month. Hundreds of complaints against employers have been received, but officials will not say when the first litigation is likely.

"They are exceedingly anxious to pick an airtight case. Attorneys for both the A. F. of L. and C. I. O. are co-operating by trying to prevent ill-advised suits by aggrieved workers.

The staff of Maj. A. L. Fletcher, Assistant Wage-Hour Administrator in charge of co-operation and enforcement, is making a routine check of all noncompliance complaints, of which some 550 had been received at last report.

Some Complaints Adjusted

Scores of these are being discarded as unjustified, and others are being selected for further inquiry. One or more of these latter will presumably be selected eventually for a lawsuit.

Both the A. F. of L. and the C. I. O. report that some complaints received by them have been adjusted voluntarily after conferences with the offending employers—sometimes with the help of representatives of the Wage-Hour Division.

"We are planning to go to bat in court only where a substantial and flagrant violation is found," said Boris Shishkin, A. F. of L. economist.

"It probably will be some time before we start anything. In the meantime, of course, we have no voice in controlling the individual unions. I know of some instances where unions have planned suits for back pay on behalf of members. In at least one of these cases the employer finally came across, under pressure, and this may happen in the others before the cases actually reach the court.

C. I. O. to Co-operate

The real problem, it seems to us, will come when wages higher than 25 cents an hour are set up in certain industries under the "industry committee" procedure. When this is done, and some employers within such an industry try to chisel, you may be sure the A. F. of L. will move in."

At the office of John Abt, recently appointed by C. I. O. leaders to supervise activities in connection with the Wage-Hour Act, it was said that any legal action by the C. I. O. probably would be taken in collaboration with the Wage-Hour Division.

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Wood-Chopping Finished, Protesting Group Told

Informed that no more trees will be felled for the White River flood control project between 30th St. and Cold Spring Road, the Indiana Garden Clubs today entered a protest to any other tree-felling projects that may be planned.

The trees—about one hundred of them skirting White River in the project area—were felled Thursday by WPA workers, all in a period of a couple of hours.

WPA supervisors in charge said

TOWN SPEED LIMIT CHANGES STUDIED

Survey Is Started in 200 Indiana Corporations.

State Highway Commission traffic engineers are conducting surveys preparatory to establishing speed limits on the portions of state roads located in cities and towns, it was announced today.

The Park Board, Mayor Boettcher and members of the Marion County Flood Control Board all have approved the plans, which called for the felling of trees as necessary to the project.

John K. Jennings, Indiana WPA Administrator, said the WPA did not initiate the project and therefore accepted no responsibility for cutting the trees.

The Garden Club resolution said clubs protested the marring of Indianapolis boulevards by the Flood Control Board and by the WPA, now or at any future time, and asked that "proper publicity be given any contemplated move to destroy natural scenic beauty along our roads and drives."

COUNCILMAN FINED IN GAMBLING CASE

Woman Pays \$30 on Charge Of Vote Interference.

NEW ALBANY, Nov. 22 (U. P.)—A City Councilman and six other persons today had pleaded guilty in Circuit Court to gambling charges and were fined by Judge John M. Paris.

An eighth person, Mrs. Bessie Fisher Jonte, Democratic poll worker in the May primary election, charged with interfering with voting, was fined \$35 on a charge of exhibiting a slot machine.

City Councilman Harry Daniel was fined \$35 on a charge of exhibiting a slot machine.

Four of the same amount were assessed against Andy McBarrom, charged with operating a handbook; Courtney Synder, operating a dice game; and former City Councilman Henry Barnett, Charles Luette, Edward Graf and Gilbert Burton, all for exhibiting slot machines.

WORLD POLO INVITED SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 22 (U. P.)—Invitations have been sent by the Golden Gate International Exposition committee to 200 of the leading polo clubs of the United States, Hawaii, England, Argentina and Mexico to participate in the international polo contests to be held here during 1939.

MANITOBA FARMING DOWN WINNIPEG, Manitoba, Nov. 22 (U. P.)—More than one million acres of land has gone out of cultivation in Manitoba since 1921. Prof. J. H. Ellis of the University of Manitoba estimates in a report on soil conditions in the Province that 7,789,920 acres were under the plow in 1936, compared with 9,022,738 acres in 1921, he reports.

FIVE PRIESTS GIVEN RANK OF MONSIGNOR

FT. WAYNE, Nov. 22 (U. P.)—With more than 200 priests and other church dignitaries looking on, Bishop John F. Noll of Ft. Wayne today invested the rank of Monsignor on five Diocesan priests. The degrees were granted by Pope Pius XI on Bishop Noll's recommendations.

Rt. Rev. Denis Lawrence Monahan of Ft. Wayne and the Rt. Rev. Thomas Travers of Anderson, dean of the Muncie District, were given the rank of domestic prelate.

The Very Rev. Felix Thomas Szczerzynski of South Bend, dean of the South Bend District; the Very Rev. Michael J. Alchinger of Logansport and dean of the Logansport District, and the Very Rev. William Richard Arnold, a priest of the diocese who is senior chaplain of the U. S. Army, all were given the rank of papal chamberlains.

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