

## FINDS MILLIONS STUDY HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN

Nation-Wide Poll Favors New System of Paying Hospital, Doctor.

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NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Millions of Americans are interested in a new system of paying the doctor and the hospital—the system of voluntary health insurance—according to a nation-wide cross-section survey by the American Institute of Public Opinion.

The Institute's study, which comes after months of debate on the merits of health insurance by physicians, medical economists and Government officials, indicates that approximately twenty-five million persons would be interested in paying as much as \$3 a month for complete medical and hospital protection. This is a figure which many economists believe would be "the top" for guaranteed medical care. Some existing insurance plans are providing such care for as little as \$2 a month.

If the cost were limited to this latter figure, the Institute survey indicates that approximately thirty-two million persons would be interested in taking advantage of the plan.

**Wagner Planning Bill**  
The results of the Institute survey are especially significant in view of a plan announced by Senator Robert M. Wagner (D. N. Y.) to introduce a major national health measure in the present session of Congress. Senator Wagner, who is the author of the Social Security Act, is expected to ask for a general health program including arrangements for voluntary health insurance.

After a year of controversy, the American Medical Association, most important group representing the nation's physicians, has indicated it will offer no opposition to health insurance as long as it is voluntary and not compulsory, as it is in some European countries.

The Institute survey indicates that the bulk of the potential customers for medical and hospital insurance come from the upper and middle economic groups. They come, in other words, from those earning at least \$20 a week.

But a large group of Americans in the lower income group earn less than this figure, and their replies show that many of them are not likely to be reached by ordinary voluntary health insurance plans.

Many of those interviewed in the lower income group in today's survey say that the cost is still too high or that they could only afford to pay \$2 or \$3 a month "if the whole family can be included for that."

The survey shows that the largest proportion of persons willing to pay for medical insurance are to be found in the East—in states like New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland—and in the Midwest.

**WILLIAM T. INGRAM DIES IN 82D YEAR**  
Jeffersonville Merchant Was Father of Navy Captains.

Times Special  
JEFFERSONVILLE, Jan. 24.—William Thomas Ingram, Jeffersonville businessman and father of Capt. Jonas Howard Ingram and William A. Ingram, former Annapolis football players, died yesterday at his home here. He was 81.

Mr. Ingram was born in Charlottesville and came to Jeffersonville when he was 7. He studied law at the University of Louisville. In later years he was associated in the gravel and sand and real estate business with another son, Warland.

Capt. Jonas Ingram, who married the former Jean Fletcher Coffin of Indianapolis, now is commanding officer of the Brooklyn Navy Yard. He and his brother, "Navy Bill" Ingram, who was an all-American football player and rowed stroke on the Navy crew, both occupied the position of head football coach at Annapolis. "Navy Bill" in the early '20s coached football at Indiana University.

Mr. Ingram also is survived by seven grandchildren. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

**NAMED TO DEPAUW BODY**  
GREENCASTLE, Jan. 24.—William H. Thompson, Indianapolis attorney, has been appointed to DePauw University's board of trustees. Mr. Thompson was graduated from DePauw in 1889 and returned in 1937 to receive an honorary LL.D. law degree.

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## Recovering



Times-Acme Photo.  
Virginia Capri, Italian born dancer, seized in Geneva as the leader of an international spy ring, is recovering from wounds she inflicted on herself in a suicide attempt. Known as "the beautiful dancer," Miss Capri is accused of espionage in France and Spain as well as in Switzerland. Since her arrest the dancer has proved a problem to jail authorities. First she went on a hunger strike and had to be forcibly fed. Then she smashed the window of her cell and used a piece of the broken glass to sever blood vessels.

## MRS. ROMIG LEAVES ESTATE OF \$40,000

Husband Quits Protest, Two Suspects Wait Quiz.

An estate estimated at \$40,000 was left by slain Mrs. Carrie Leah Romig, according to papers to be filed this afternoon when will is probated, Judge Smiley Chambers said. Objections to the probate were withdrawn by the 28-year-old husband, H. Daniel Romig, who is killed one-third of the personal property, estimated at \$15,000, and none of the insurance. The insurance is left to Mrs. Romig's two sisters.

Meanwhile, Detective Sergeant Thomas Aulls was en route to Jacksonville, Fla., to question two Indianapolis men in connection with the death.

It was possible the men might be returned to the city.

**Both Left Day of Killing**  
Detective Chief Fred A. Simon said one of the men was known to have been acquainted with the murdered woman. Both left the city the day of the killing, he said.

He emphasized that no charge had been placed against either and that Detective Sergeant Aulls merely may question them in Florida and not return them here. He said Jacksonville police have informed him that both men said they will return here if police make the request.

Chief Simon said another thorough search of the Romig apartment at 120 W. 12th St. was made yesterday and no trace was found of three diamond rings, valued at about \$2000, which Mr. Romig says his 55-year-old wife possessed in addition to jewels found in a safety deposit box.

**\$60,000 GIVEN FOR RURAL POWER JOBS**  
COLUMBIA CITY, Jan. 24 (U. P.).—The Rural Electrification Administration has allotted an additional \$60,000 for construction of 88 miles of lines to serve 316 members in Whitley and Allen Counties, it was announced today.

The grant will provide 25,000 man-hours of work in erecting the lines. The Whitley County REMC has more than 1500 members served by 482 miles of lines in Whitley, Allen, Huntington, Wabash, Kosciusko and Noble Counties.

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## 'LET US SIT IN,' STUDENTS ASK BUTLER STAFF

Campus Newspaper Gives Support to Program Of Council.

Butler Student Council officials today sought student representation at faculty meetings when questions involving the student body arise.

Two Council members plan to visit James Putnam, president of the University, this week to make the official request.

The plan was suggested by William Hart, president of the group. An editorial in the Collegian, campus newspaper, praised Mr. Hart's suggestion and students were quick to take up the idea.

The editorial declared the request for a student representative is "not one of 'noseyness' . . . but, rather, an honest conviction that a college student should have that much 'say-so' in a situation involving him."

"It is not the idea of the council to have its representative make a voting member of the faculty meetings, but merely to express student opinion."

Angelo Angelopoulos, author of the editorial and a Council member, said that as far as he knew no other school has such representation.

Of course, he said, every school has some sort of student representative body, but usually they do very little toward acquainting faculty members with student opinion. Last year, he said, the Council did manage to have a representative make a recommendation at one faculty meeting, and it was adopted.

A course in Federal income taxes, designed to aid businessmen, bookkeepers and accountants, will be offered the second semester at the Butler University evening division. The course will include explanation of Federal laws and regulations.

Meanwhile, it was announced that registration for the second semester will be held Jan. 31. First semester examinations will be concluded this week. Evening school registration is scheduled for the week Jan. 30 to Feb. 4.

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## So 'Cracker' Popped With July Result

Donald D. Gilbert, 33, of 1408 N. Alabama St., carried his left thumb in a bandage today as the result of either a belated or premature celebration last night of the Fourth of July.

Finding a firecracker in the rumble seat of his car, he lit it. It promptly exploded and at City Hospital physicians took six stitches to close the wound.

## TOWNSEND DENIES CLEMENCY TO ROBY

Former Rail Man Is Ordered To Serve Sentence.

Eugene Roby, former railroad employee, now under one-to-10-years sentence for manslaughter in connection with a traffic accident, today was denied executive clemency by Governor Townsend.

He was sentenced in St. Joseph County as a result of a fatal accident July 25, 1937, on Road 31. The Indiana Supreme Court affirmed the lower court judgment and refused Saturday to grant a petition for rehearing. Mr. Roby has been at liberty under bond pending the Supreme Court ruling.

In refusing the petition after he had authorized the State Clemency Commission to investigate the case, Governor Townsend said:

"While Mr. Roby's petition supported by the pleas of citizens of influence and importance in Southern Indiana, unquestionably has merit, it would be inconsistent with my ideals of justice to grant him a pardon of parole."

Mr. Roby lives in New Albany.

**DISCOVERS NEW COMET**  
TASHKENT, Uzbekistan Republic, U. S. S. R., Jan. 24 (U. P.).—Observatory officials announced today the discovery of a new comet, between the Swan and Pegasus Constellations. The comet resembles a foggy circle with a faintly traced tail, it was said.

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## CITY IS READY FOR POPULATION BOOST OF 4000

Police, Fire Units Adequate, Officials Say as Building Rise Is Sighted.

An increase of 4000 to 5000 in the City's population would not call for a proportionate increase in the equipment and personnel of the Police and Fire Departments, but would stimulate building here, according to a consensus of city officials.

Leroy J. Keach, Safety Board president, said that the high degree of mobility of the City's motorized fire equipment would take care of the fire protection demands of an expanding population for the next two years.

"The same would hold true for the Police Department," he said. "There might be a slight increase in personnel required, but not a proportionate increase."

**400,000 in '40 Expected**  
According to a survey of potential population increases for the City, released by Harry O. Garman, consulting utilities engineer, a population of 400,000 is expected for Indianapolis in 1940.

Mr. Garman estimates that the City's population will reach 405,500 by 1941.

George E. Popp Jr., City Building Commissioner, said such an increase in population would stimulate residential building probability of the apartment type.

"There is no positive method of determining increases in the population," Mr. Popp commented. "With good economic conditions prevailing for several years, the population trend should rise, as predicted."

"However, the experience of the last five or 10 years has moved us not to rely too heavily on population predictions which are made on the basis of present conditions."

**Kennedy Agrees**  
Mr. Popp said that he had made several population surveys when previously connected with a local utility.

Fire Chief Kennedy agreed with Mr. Keach's observation. He said that the present personnel and equipment of the Fire Department would take care of the predicted population increases within the next two years.

The present fire-fighting equipment, he said, includes 91 pieces of active and reserve apparatus and 603 men.

Chief Morrissey said that a survey would be necessary to determine whether an increase in the personnel and equipment of the Police Department would be necessary to maintain complete protection if the population expanded four or five thousand.

He said the Department now has 522 men and women on active police duty and 64 pieces of equipment, including cars and trucks.

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## ENGLISH NOBLE WEDS

DEL MONTE, Cal., Jan. 24 (U. P.).—Sir Henry Gordon-Ley, 64, English sportsman, and his bride, the former Lady Dorothea Gertrude Borwick, 39, said today that they would leave tomorrow on a wedding trip to England. They were married yesterday at the Pebble Beach home of Eric Tyrell-Martin, socialite polo player.

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