

Records of Police in Traffic Cases Now Under Broad Attack

'Judgment Withheld' Labels Innocent Guilty, Say Three Officials.

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ing money from a family not in good circumstances.

"Sometimes," he added, "there are good excuses, but in all cases where there is gross recklessness the penalty in my court is a heavy one."

The Accident Prevention Bureau's records show the following:

	1938	1939
Drunken driving	279	273
Failure to stop after accident	96	131
Reckless driving	354	507
Speeding	1581	1729
Running red light	1417	1792
Running preferential street	1612	1358
Improper lights	1328	1796
Miscellaneous	2246	2213
Totals	8912	9799
CONVICTIONS	1938	1939
Drunken Driving	134	147
Failure to stop after accident	51	55
Reckless driving	327	424
Speeding	1566	1491
Running red light	1342	1387
Running preferential street	1404	1358
Improper lights	1344	1330
Miscellaneous	2034	1758
Totals	8197	8029

Commenting on the collection of traffic sticker cases, Chief Morrissey said there were "absolutely no stickers being 'fixed' and declared that the percentage of collections would be "90 per cent or better."

1008 Pay on Stickers

Of the 1879 stickers issued between June 8 and July 1, payment was made on 1008, said Mrs. Ann Brown, deputy city clerk. Ninety-two other cases were protested and carried into the Municipal Courts for disposition there.

Of the 779 remaining unpaid stickers, second notices have been sent out on 517, said Mrs. Brown. In 26 other cases warrants have been requested, she said, and that on the remaining 236 there were "delays" or "noncollectible" circumstances, including "removals, persons out of the city on vacation, rural residents, stickers issued to corporations which are not liable, stickers issued to governmental units which also are not liable, and stickers issued to small salaried violators, who have asked for more time."

Myers May Give Ruling

The "judgment withheld" dispute may be settled shortly by a ruling from Criminal Court Judge Dewey E. Myers, it was learned.

He said a case is pending before him in which a man who received the ambiguous ruling in the Municipal Court Appeal received the ruling.

"It is up to me to decide what the ruling is, whether it can be appealed, and I am not going to decide until I know what it is," Judge Myers, a former Municipal Court Judge, stated.

Judge Karabell said he uses the ruling in cases where he believes the defendant to be guilty but where he wishes to spare him from a conviction record, because of age or for some other reason.

"I use it to the advantage of the defendant where I deem discretion is in the best interest of justice and society," Judge Karabell said.

He added that he uses it in cases where he believes that the defendant should have a possible conviction and sentence "hanging over his head—pending good behavior."

This is a common practice among judges in criminal cases, he said. Further he said, that where there is suspicion that some one is being "framed" he avoids making a record of a conviction by this ruling in order to stop any possible plans for malicious suits.

Carried as Convictions

"Judgment withheld" rulings have been carried on our records as convictions for years," Sgt. Jack O'Neal, Police Record Bureau head, stated.

Another high ranking police officer agreed. "Sure, it's a conviction because the defendant has the case still hanging over his head and he is not clear of guilt in such a ruling," he said.

The statute covering suspended judgments reads:

"The . . . city courts shall have the power to suspend or withhold judgement in any case where any person shall have been convicted in such court or shall enter a plea of guilty."

IN INDIANAPOLIS

Here is the Traffic Record.

County Deaths Speeding . . . 3

(To Date) 45 Reckless driving . . . 2

1939 . . . 53

1938 . . . 21

July 6 15

Injured . . . 4

Dead . . . 0

Arrests . . . 65

Others . . . 22

MEETINGS TODAY

Exchange Club, luncheon, Hotel Washington, noon.

Optimist Club, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon.

Reserve Officers' Association, luncheon, Phi Delta Theta, luncheon, Canary Cottage, noon.

Alpha Delta, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon.

Indiana Club, meeting, Hotel Antioch, 12:30 p.m.

Kappa Sigma, luncheon, Canary Cottage, noon.

MEETINGS TOMORROW

Alliance Francaise, luncheon, Hotel Washington, noon.

BIRTHS

Edward, Mabel, Judith, at City.

Vincent, Margaret Black, at City.

Ora, Vera, Allen, at City.

Ernest, Valdora, Perry, at City.



SELF-SUPPORT BY PARKS URGED

Lieber Advocates Paying Own Way at Spring Mill Dedication.

(Times Special Photo)

SPRING MILL PARK, Ind. July 7.—Organizing the state park system to pay its own way today had been advocated by Col. Richard Lieber, first state park director.

He was principal speaker at last night's dedication of the new 76-room hotel recently completed here.

Governor Townsend, to whom the new hotel was presented formally by Virgil M. Simmons, State Conservation Commissioner, extolled the values of Indiana's park system for posterity.

Col. Lieber said the cost of state park must be paid on the general taxpayers or the user.

"The wise method is for the individual users to maintain and increase the park system, and not the general taxpayers," he said.

He invited advocates of free state parks to offer a better method of financing, or quit criticizing.

Several officials of the National Park Service were honored guests at the banquet last night at the hotel. In addition, members of Rotary and Lions clubs of surrounding cities and towns attended.

PARLEY ON WATER PLANT DEADLOCKED

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Never indicated, following the meeting, that they were inclined to compromise.

However, in the report, Mr. Dickerman commented that the benefits resulting from municipal ownership of the company might justify the City in paying more than his \$3,500.00 figure.

"I do not at this time," he reported, "say that even a higher price might not be put on the value to the City of acquiring this property. Developments may indicate such as necessary or desirable."

He also said that even "if it should happen that the City paid as much as \$5,000,000," the additional sum "would be wiped out in less than four years" by the equity which would be acquiring in the utility and the surplus revenue available for the City treasury annually.

In addition to buying the common stock, which carries ownership of the company, to acquire full ownership, the City would have to retire bonds and preferred stock totaling \$18,438,400, and pay an \$823,265 premium for retiring the bonds before their maturity.

In addition, Mr. Dickerman recommended that the City provide \$2,000,000 for development of the Oakland reservoir site and half of the planned rapid sand filters at the Fall Creek Station. He also recommended setting aside a \$300,000 open fund.

Thus, paying \$5,000,000 for the common stock, a bond issue of more than \$23,000,000 would be necessary to complete the transaction.

A bond issue of \$25,351,663 would be required if the City were to pay \$5,000,000 for the common stock.

Major Sullivan said no future meeting of his committee has been arranged.

He said the "next step" would be up to the Geist estate.

Mr. McNear said he had no comment to make at this time.

LINE FORM FOR FINAL STAND ON HATCH MEASURE

Dempsey Predicts Deleted Section to Be Restored By House Vote.

By CHARLES T. LUCEY

Times Special Writer

WASHINGTON, July 7.—The Hatch bill limiting political activity by Federal officials in its last committee hurdle cleared, became a fighting issue of a waning session of Congress today as it reached the House floor ready for final action.

Opposition to the measure formed along two lines. One group, led by Rep. Claude Parsons (D. Ill.), was against the bill in any form. A second group, represented by Democrats like Rep. Emanuel Celler (N. Y.) and Rep. Arthur D. Healey (Mass.), apparently was ready to go along with the bill in the weakened form in which it came from the House Judiciary Committee, but opposed the much stronger measure which passed the Senate in April.

Dempsey Leads Fight

Leading the fight for adoption of the legislation, Rep. John J. Dempsey (D. N. M.) predicted there would be enough votes in the House to restore in the bill a section barring all administrative and supervisory officials from taking "active part in political management or in political campaigns."

This section was stricken from the measure by the House Judiciary Committee but will be offered as an amendment by Mr. Dempsey.

Senator Hatch (D. N. M.), author of the bill, has said this section, prohibiting the "packing" of national conventions by Federal officeholders, is the heart of his legislation.

Predictions today were that the fight to restore the bill to its original form would have almost solid backing from the Republican side.

Rep. Joseph Martin (R. Mass.), minority leader, pledged his support to the measure, anew, and said it should pass because "it is an issue far above the narrow concerns of mere partisanship."

Charges New Deal Opposed

Mr. Martin charged the bill was being opposed by New Dealers because it would "drive the political racketeers out of the work relief system, and because it would clean up the rotten scheme of political spoils which has turned our Federal Government into a gigantic machine for New Deal propaganda and electioneering."

The bill as it came from the Senate had been opposed by President Roosevelt and subjected to lobbying attacks by the Democratic National Committee.

The House Rules Committee advanced the measure to the floor yesterday, granting a rule for two hours general debate, but Rep. Adolph J. Sabath (D. Ill.), committee chairman, said he did not believe it could be taken up until after next week.

After leaving the White House yesterday, he had said he was confident with the bill would have almost solid backing from the Republican side.

Later, he expected to call on Senator VanNuys before leaving for the University of Virginia, where he is scheduled to speak tonight. Mr. VanNuys did not show up to greet Mr. McNutt when he arrived yesterday.

There were rumors that Mr. McNutt might be offered the post of Secretary of the Navy, succeeding Claude Swanson, who died today.

Mr. McNutt expressed regret at the Secretary's death, but refused to comment on cabinet speculations.

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It was similarly friendly and experienced of Mr. McNutt, as an officeholder in the Roosevelt Administration, to get around the word that he would support Mr. Roosevelt for a third term if the President desired for.

As it stands, Mr. McNutt will be in a position to work, at least, to develop his own campaign without an open break with the White House. Whether he can patch up his trouble with Mr. Farley remains to be seen, and unless he can his chances in 1940 will be much less than otherwise.

It was learned today that Postmaster General Farley refused yesterday to pose for pictures with Commissioner McNutt on the advice of Charles Michelson, the 1940 press agent for the Democratic National Committee.

Although the "no pictures" report came directly from Isaac Gregg, Assistant Director of Information in the Postmaster Department, it was promptly denied by William J. Bray, young secretary to the Postmaster General.

The upshot of the matter may be that it was Mr. Bray and not Mr. Farley who declined, it was said.

At any rate, three photographers

from picture services were on hand at 4:30 yesterday afternoon when Mr. McNutt was scheduled to call on Mr. Farley in the latter's office.

Photographers Get Chilly

As customary, they reported first to Mr. Gregg to arrange for the pictures. He went into Mr. Farley's office and returned with the report that Mr. Bray advised that there would be no pictures of Mr. Farley and Mr. McNutt. He added that Mr. Farley also said that the idea of checking out on the pictures came from Mr. Michelson, who was in Mr. Farley's office at the time.

After Mr. McNutt, who was accompanied by Wayne Coy, came out of the conference with Mr. Farley, Mr. Bray refused to permit any questioning of the Postmaster General regarding the talk.

When he learned that the reporters knew about the ruling against the pictures, he said the explanation of Mr. Gregg was all wrong.

Mr. McNutt's present political swing around the capital has the appearance of being designed to establish him as an available compromise 1940 candidate if it becomes feasible for the party factions to make a deal of political expediency.

But Mr. McNutt knows no more than the next man whether Mr. Roosevelt will run again. His long

on \$100 bond pending a hearing on July 26 on charges of shooting with intent to kill.

BOYS WOUNDED BY SHOTGUN SENT HOME

Clarence Gibson, 14, and Fred Ockerhausen, 15, wounded in a shooting at Lawrence, Ind., on Monday night, were released today from Riley Hospital. The shooting came as a climax to a neighborhood firecracker party. W. C. Debolt, Lawrence restaurant proprietor, is free on \$100 bond pending a hearing on July 26 on charges of shooting with intent to kill.

George Janos Jr., 26, of the

car, his wife, Ann, 24, and three

other passengers, all of Hammond, were en route to Eagle River, Wis., for a vacation.

British Fliers Serve Notice

The disclosure of the Anglo-British plans for a parade of might was made as a squadron of crack Royal Air force bombers prepared to leave London for Belgium on the first of a series of "courtesy visits" to friendly nations, and to serve notice on the world that Britain's fighting forces were now ready for action.

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