

DEERY DOUBTS INCREASE IN '40 CITY TAX RATE

Controller Says Bonds Are Considered for Buying New Equipment.

James E. Deery, City Controller, announced today he was "certain" there would be no increase in the tax rate for the 1940 budget.

The announcement was made after Mr. Deery completed a study of departmental budget estimates for next year.

"While some of the estimates run a little high," Mr. Deery said, "they do not indicate that it will be necessary to boost the rate."

The year's civil city rate was \$1.30 for each \$100 of taxable property in Indianapolis.

Equipment Funds Asked
Mr. Deery said he noted several increases in requests for equipment funds. Replacements to Works Board rolling stock and Park Department equipment will be necessary next year, he said. About \$15,000 for land purchase is also being asked by the Park Department.

"We are considering the possibility of issuing bonds for the purchase of new equipment," he said. "There is no reason why this needed equipment which probably should have been bought several years ago, should be added to the budget all in one year."

"With present low interest rates available, I think we shall issue bonds, paying off the cost of the equipment over a period of time as we use it."

The Controller said he believed that property valuation in the City would remain about the same as last year.

Items Being Fared
"We decided early in this administration to keep the budget at least within the limit set last year," he said. "We are paring items which might raise the total estimate for all departments above last year's figure."

Mr. Deery said that he would confer with heads of departments and divisions on their budget requests next week. The meeting will be called to advise officials of reductions.

Departmental budget estimates of all departments were submitted earlier this week. Mr. Deery and his assistants have been reviewing the budgets and tabulating figures. No public announcement of estimates will be made until all departmental estimates are in final form, he said.

'CONFESSION' FAILS AS 'EASY WAY OUT'

CLINTON, Ill., July 29 (U. P.).—Charles Campbell Boyle, alias George Carson, 38, a Kansas hitchhiker who confessed a "murder" in the hope of "finding an easy way out of living," faced the prospect today of a harder life. He later admitted his confession was false.

Police said they would charge him with vagrancy and ask that he be sent to the State Prison work farm. They arrested him Monday on suspicion and he caused a flurry by confessing that he killed Edward L. Schneider, 58, fiscal agent of Boss Tom Fendegast's Democratic political organization at Kansas City.

The Indiana Political Scene—

Party Leaders Will Watch Town Elections This Fall

Bays Calls State Central Committee to Meet Here Tomorrow.

By NOBLE REED
ELECTIONS to be held in 432 Indiana towns next November, usually ignored by most State party leaders because of local issues, have become the basis of major party campaign maneuvers.

With party leaders scrambling for some concrete data on voting trends to use in mapping 1940 activities, the election of trustees for towns of less than 3000 population affords a "sounding board" for political issues.

The forthcoming community voting will be one of the major subjects of discussion at a State Democratic organization meeting at the Claypool Hotel tomorrow afternoon.

State Chairman Fred F. Bays has called the entire State Central Committee to meet jointly with 184 county chairmen and vice chairmen for campaign organization. It is the first time in history that all county organizations have been called into a State organization meeting this early in a campaign.

Chairman Bays says "no campaign can start too early."

Republican Congressman Charles A. Halleck's statement in Washington recently that Indiana's share of the national debt exceeds the assessed valuation of all the farm land in the State has caused Hoosier Democrats to sharpen their pencils for an answer.

Rep. Halleck put Indiana's share of National Government debt at \$1,680,000,000. State House Democrats found that Indiana valuations in 1932 (the last assessment year) totaled \$1,158,000,000 while in 1928 it was \$1,745,000,000.

"That is a valuation loss of \$584,000,000 caused mostly by Republican policies during the Hoover Administration," a Democratic statistician said. "Furthermore, half of the present national debt existed in 1932 when President Roosevelt took office."

Bright Moments Come With Dark as 2.51-Inch Rain Drenches City



It was a swell rain as far as this crowd was concerned. And why not? Didn't it create a swimming pool in a jiffy in vicinity of 23d and Pennsylvania Sts.? The only bad feature was the pool disappeared as quickly as it came.

The new 38th St. sewer went to work for the first time. Before the big tunnel was completed the water went into basements and flooded streets. But yesterday the excess flow roared right through and came out the outlet into Fall Creek.

HOOSIERS IN WASHINGTON—By Daniel Kidney

WASHINGTON, July 29.—There now are three Senators from Virginia—Glass, Byrd and VanNuy—all conservative Democrats.

Senator VanNuy formerly was from Indiana, but now resides on a farm at Vienna, Va., and so far as the record of this Congress is concerned, has been "voting Virginian" 100 per cent.

Throughout the debates on the "spending" bill this week, that waspish oldster, Senator Glass, whom President Roosevelt calls an "unreconstructed rebel," has not been on the Senate Floor. But Senator VanNuy came in every day from his Virginia farm and backed his colleague Senator Byrd's amendments to the bill.

Both are great advocates of curtailed spending and open foes of the New Deal Administration. So is Senator Glass.

Senator VanNuy has no intention of returning to Indiana to run for re-election again, but he does expect to attend the Indiana Democratic Editorial Association meeting and explain his stand on various measures, he said.

Particularly he wants to stress his action on neutrality which he says, as a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has been directed entirely toward "keeping the United States out of foreign wars in either Europe or the Orient."

Senator VanNuy's moving from his Washington apartment to his Virginia farm recalled here the story of former Rep. Phil Campbell (R. Kas.), who at one time was chairman of the potent House Rules Committee.

Having held his Congressional seat for years, Rep. Campbell, who also had a Virginia estate, seldom bothered to return to Kansas to campaign. He would send out henchmen to tell his constituents that he was too busy with national affairs and that the President needed him here.

O. A. F. of L. split. This week Mr. Lewis, as C. I. O. president, figuratively took another swing at Mr. Hutcheson. For his announcement of C. I. O.'s entry into the construction field is aimed directly at the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, of which Mr. Hutcheson is president and whose headquarters are in Indianapolis.

Back in 1924, however, Mr. Lewis and Mr. Hutcheson were great pals and used to campaign together for the Republican Party. They united their union forces, Mr. Lewis as president of the United Mine Workers, and put William Green as president of A. F. of L. instead of Matthew Woll. The latter was slated for the job when Samuel Gompers died and always had been looked upon as the Crown Prince.

Mr. Green then was Treasurer of the United Miners and thus was an outright Lewis selection. The backing of Mr. Hutcheson gave Mr. Lewis sufficient power to put the present A. F. of L. president in his place. Later he has been trying to do so in the more slangy sense of that phrase.

Mr. Lewis took that poke at Mr. Hutcheson in October, 1935, and in November he launched the Committee for Industrial Organization to establish industrial unions where the crafts were weak or unorganized.

Mr. Hutcheson is credited with pushing Mr. Green into suspending from the A. F. of L. the unions which joined Mr. Lewis in the C. I. O. That was done in August, 1936, and the warfare between C. I. O. and A. F. of L. has continued ever since.

According to Rep. Gerald W. Landis (R. Ind.), an ardent labor supporter in the House, this split has done even more to hurt the labor legislation program than the Southern leadership, which Mr. Lewis so powerfully condemned this week in his verbal assault on Vice President Garner.

Rep. John W. Boehne Jr., was the only Indiana Democrat to support the resolution of Rep. Howard W. Smith (D. Va.) for an investigation of the National Labor Relations Board.

As a result, he received a letter from a woolen manufacturer congratulating him for his courage. The same letter, however, asked him not to support the "truth-in-fabrics" bill, which requires labeling the amount of pure wool which any fabric contains.

Rep. Boehne replied with thanks and added: "I shall support the truth-in-fabrics bill for the same reason I supported the NLRB resolution. I feel that anything that doesn't want to be investigated, ought to be investigated."

On his last term, however, he was prevailed upon to make one speech in the district. This was on the night before election and a great crowd assembled to hear him. He was given a flowery introduction and again it was explained how he was too busy with big affairs to come home and take up such trifles as getting himself re-elected.

At last Rep. Campbell arose to speak. At that point the band broke out with "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia" and the jig was up. For this had been his opponent's theme song and next day Mr. Campbell went down to defeat.

He still lives in Virginia, practices law in Washington and visits his old haunts in the House occasionally.

Home Capehart was here this week, filled with enthusiasm regarding the Indiana Republican Editorial Association shindig to be held at the Fair Grounds in Indianapolis Aug. 23. It is going to be comparable to his famed "corn-field conference," he claimed.

With himself often talked of as a G. O. P. favorite son from Indiana, he said of Paul V. McNutt: "I am sure glad Paul got a good job. There are too many unemployed."

JOHN L. LEWIS' display of temper before the House Labor Committee recalled here that at the Atlantic City convention of the American Federation of Labor in 1935, he swung at William L. Hutcheson, Indianapolis, and knocked him down.

That really put a period to a friendship and is credited with being the starting point of the C. I.

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Hoosiers Give Example Of How Democrats Stand

WASHINGTON, July 29.—Indiana today could be cited as an excellent example of the condition in which the Democratic Party now finds itself in Congress.

In the last Congress the Hoosier delegation consisted of 11 Democrats and one Republican. In this Congress there are seven Republicans and five Democrats from Indiana.

Last night the Democrats held a caucus to show their solidarity. Two of the five Indiana Democrats attended. They were Reps. Eugene B. Crowe and John W. Boehne Jr. The latter had announced in advance that if any attempt was made to bind him to vote for the Administration's "spending" bill he intended to file a written protest and not be bound. But no attempt was made to put the caucus on record for anything definite whatever.

A resolution was adopted condemning the Republicans, praising the President and the Democrats, all in general terms. Rep. John W. McCormick (D. Mass.), caucus chairman, said that Speaker Bankhead, and such anti-New Deal Congressmen as Rep. E. B. Cox (D. Ga.) talked of "harmony" and "pointed out that the Democratic Party is the one national party, the Republican is sectional."

Rep. Joseph A. Gavagan (D. N. Y.) introduced the mild-mannered resolution, which was passed unanimously. He did not contradict the sectional contentions by asking support for his anti-lynching bill.

Indiana Democrats who missed the meeting were Reps. Louis Ludlow, William T. Schulte and William H. Larrabee.

CONVICT FILES WRIT, PLEADS FOR RELEASE
MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., July 29 (U. P.).—A writ of habeas corpus was on file today in La Porte Superior Court by Lawrence E. Cook, a convict at the State Penitentiary.

Cook was convicted of murder eight years ago and sentenced to life in Jennings Circuit Court. His writ alleged the State dismissed an appeal from his conviction and re-committed him, and contended that a previous new trial granted in Jennings Circuit Court nullified his commitment. He acted as his own attorney.

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DINUTIVE PILOT LICENSED
SYRACUSE, N. Y., July 29 (U. P.).—Omar Murray of East Syracuse claims he is the country's smallest man to be granted a pilot's license by the Federal Civil Aeronautics Authority. Mr. Murray is 4 feet 8 inches tall and weighs 98 pounds.

Seeing-Eye Dog Saves Master

F. T. WAYNE, Ind., July 29 (U. P.).—"Sparky" is a seeing-eye dog. Yesterday he was out walking his master, Howard Timmis. Sparky led and Mr. Timmis blindly followed.

Sparky, according to witnesses, reared back against the frame leash, back, back, until Mr. Timmis was almost out of the path of the automobile.

The bump was slight, Sparky rode along to the hospital in an ambulance, one paw gently resting on his master's chest.

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