

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 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 Pared

"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 divisons 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 hitch-hiker 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 Pendergast's Democratic political organization at Kansas City.

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The Indiana Political Scene

Party Leaders Will Watch Town Elections This Fall

Bays Calls State Central Committee to Meet Here Tomorrow.

BY NOBLE REED

LECTIONS 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 concrete data 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 \$1,600,000,000.

State House Democrats found that Indiana valuations in 1932 (the last assessment year) totaled \$1,158,000,000 while in 1928 it was \$1,743,000,000.

Indiana's valuation loss of \$584,000,000 caused mostly by Republican policies during the Hoover Administration, a Dem-

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

U. S. WILL SURVEY DROUGHT DAMAGE



Times Photos.
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 28.—There now are three Senators from Virginia—Glass, Byrd and VanNuys—all conservative Democrats.

Senator VanNuys formerly was 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 VanNuys 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 VanNuys 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 has.

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

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Back in 1924, however, Mr. Lewis and Mr. Hutcheson were great pals and decided 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 is 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 following year Mr. Hutcheson gave Mr. Lewis sufficient "clout" to put the present A. F. of L. president in his place. Lately 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 in this week in his verbal assault on Vice President Garner.

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

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-fabric" bill, which requires labels telling the amount of pure wool which any fabric contains.

Rep. Boehne replied with thanks and added:

"I shall support the truth-in-fabric 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."

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, when it was 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.

Hoosiers Give Example Of How Democrats Stand

Times Special

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.

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. Larabee.

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.

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. E. 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.

WASHINGTON, July 29 (U.P.)—Federal machinery was put into motion today to survey drought damage and supervise any necessary relief in northeastern states.

President Roosevelt has asked acting Secretary of Agriculture Harry L. Brown to organize Federal agencies for emergency relief action if the situation warrants. The first step, Mr. Brown said, will be to ask for reports from Federal agents in the drought area—New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Vermont, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Weather bureau officials said the area from the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River to the Atlantic seaboard has had only about 50 percent of normal rainfall since May 1. The area generally is the driest in 60 years of Weather Bureau records.

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

Sparky, according to witnesses, reared back against the frame leash, back, back, until Mr. Timmins 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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