

## COUNCILS SCAN ESTIMATES FOR 1940 BUDGETS

Juvenile Court Inspected; Conditions Deplorable, Says Bradshaw.

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of the court to call the conditions to your attention, and it is your duty as the Councilmen to make up your minds as to whether the County can afford this request."

### Appears Sympathetic

The Council then accepted the Judge's invitation to make a personal inspection of the court's quarters.

After looking at the office equipment, councilmen appeared to be sympathetic with the request but without comment as to what they might do.

Because of an increase in the load placed on Juvenile Court by a new indigent hospitalization law, Judge Bradshaw asked \$3402 for two additional "intake" workers. He also asked a \$268 increase in the chief probation officer's salary and \$1200 for an additional stenographer.

The Council heard a request earlier by Dr. Oscar D. Ludwig, County health commissioner, for \$2000 for a County sanitary inspector.

Dr. Ludwig told Council members the health office "is inadequately staffed properly to care for health protection of the 80,000 citizens of the county outside the city."

He said the U. S. Public Health Service recommended as a minimum staff for a County health unit a physician, three nurses and a sanitary inspector. The County office here lacks only the sanitary inspector.

The Council was expected to review the Detention Home budget later today.

### County Cuts Indicated

None County department heads were questioned yesterday, and the informal sessions are expected to be completed by Friday.

The questions yesterday indicated that the County Councilmen intend to make heavy slashes in the budget requests, particularly those asking salary increases.

City Councilmen will begin interviewing department and division heads on their requests Thursday in the City Controller's office. Councilman Ernest C. Ropkey will preside over the sessions which are expected to continue through Saturday.

In a letter covering the proposed budget ordinance, Mayor Sullivan accounted for \$164,301.40 of the \$179,424 increase as City obligations in outstanding indebtedness and as pension fund increases mandated by the Legislature.

The increases were \$67,094 for the Police and Fire Pension funds, \$76,297.95 for the retirement of municipal certificates of indebtedness, \$9057 for the City Sinking Fund and \$11,851.25 to pay interest on certain bonds.

"None of these increases were created by this Administration" the Mayor's letter said, "but they are all obligations of the City and must be paid."

### Plan New Playgrounds

Representatives of the Indiana Taxpayers' Association, the Building Owners' and Managers' Association and the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce attended the session, but left before the budget ordinance was introduced.

Included in the Park Department's 1940 request is a \$9365 item for land purchase and \$4200 for staffing 14 new playgrounds.

New grounds proposed are located at S. West St.; Howard and Reissner Sts.; 13th and Ashland Sts.; Lauer Ave.; Howard and Pershing Sts.; Flanner House; S. Keyston Ave.; Convalescent Park; Coleman Park; 2801 N. Capitol Ave.; Rural and Washington Sts.; 740 E. Vermont St.; 510 E. 46th St. and Public Schools 36, 3, 9 and 70.

The budget provides for increasing salaries of playground instructors from \$50 to \$60 a month.

These increases, however, are

## Just Before the 'Battle of the Budget'



Times Photo  
Managers Association; Walter Horn, Indiana Taxpayers' Association, and Adolph Fritz, State Federation of Labor secretary. Mr. Fritz is a former member of the City Council.

more than offset by cuts in contractual services, including a \$74,678.80 cut in contractual services for WPA. On the basis of these figures, a drastic reduction in Park Department WPA projects was indicated.

Changes in the Police Department are reflected in budget figures. By reducing the number of police assigned as detective sergeants from 54 to 28, a net saving of \$3483 was accomplished. Patrolmen's salaries will be paid to 30 investigators, most of whom were reduced from the detective sergeant rank.

The number of first grade patrolmen reduced from 330 to 230 and all but one of 10 second grade patrolmen were eliminated. Total salaries for uniformed police were reduced from \$839,751.08 currently to \$814,950.68. Police radio expenses remained about the same.

### Sewage Disposal Less

Garbage collection estimates were increased slightly while the sewage disposal request decreased, correspondingly. Refuse collection remained the same. The Streets Commission took a cut of \$2300.

As department heads took their turn at the County Council table in the Court House yesterday to explain the budgets, councilmen made pencil notations on their budget sheets.

Although the intentions of the councilmen were not revealed, it was reported they were in agreement on many slashes in proposed expenditures. Councilmen, it is believed, intend to reduce the 1940 estimates to the amount allowed for this year.

### Ask \$666,440 Increase

The proposed County budget, as filed with the County Auditor, calls for expenditure of \$6,553,385.24 for 1940 as compared to an appropriation for 1939 of \$6,596,944.63, an increase of \$666,440.61.

The proposed 1940 county tax rate is 64 cents as compared to the current levy of 48 cents.

The first called to appear yesterday afternoon was County Auditor Fabian Biemer, whose budget for 1940 calls for an expenditure of \$76,012 as compared to the \$69,570 allowed the office for this year.

Biggest single increase was approximately \$6000 for rental of accounting machines. The Council did not question the increase after Mr. Biemer explained that the new equipment was part of a program to modernize the tax accounting and bookkeeping system in the office and "would result in an ultimate saving to the taxpayers."

### Question Stationery Item

The Council asked Mr. Biemer, however, if there was not some way a \$9000 stationery and printing item could be cut.

"It is the bare minimum upon which we can operate under the new responsibilities and work shouldered upon us by the Legislature," Mr. Biemer said.

He explained that the item amounted to a \$1000 reduction from the 1939 figure and that it paid for tax duplicates and other auditing mailing items.

The quickest review for the day was accomplished with the County Assessor's budget calling for an ex-

## City Budget Comparison

Fund	1939 Budget	1940 Budget	Increase 1940	Decrease 1940
Mayor	\$12,279.25	\$12,279.25	\$0	\$0
Clerk	7,103.75	7,578.75	475.00	
Council	5,400.00	5,400.00		
City Controller	284,386.01	296,235.78	11,849.77	
Barrett Law	14,133.21	14,213.66	80.45	
Legal	43,348.00	44,580.87	1,232.87	
City Plan	8,715.25	8,715.25		
Purchase	16,025.00	16,025.00		
Works-Adm.	851,113.50	863,597.50	12,484.00	
Assessment Bureau	10,815.00	10,424.00	491.00	
Public Buildings	38,830.15	38,325.15	25.00	
Municipal Garage	40,439.26	40,332.26	100.00	133.42
City Engineer	111,477.49	111,477.49		
Street Commissioner	111,886.50	122,000.00	822.50	
Safety-Adm.	71,586.21	84,497.33	12,911.12	
Building Commiss.	33,609.25	46,673.70	13,064.45	
Dog Pound	8,312.94	9,308.00	1,085.09	
Gamewell	51,488.56	53,508.44	2,020.88	
Market & Refrig.	26,137.50	27,224.50	1,087.00	
Weights & Meas.	8,394.98	8,742.00	347.04	
Fire Department	1,373,217.50	1,380,917.50	7,700.00	
Police Department	1,289,872.33	1,281,277.76	18,594.57	
Police Radio	30,961.37	31,093.31	131.94	
Ed. of Health, adm.	71,586.21	84,497.33	12,911.12	
Laboratory	5,684.85	6,114.85	250.00	
Child Hygiene	31,053.00	31,738.00	685.00	
Prenatal & Dental	3,809.00	3,934.00	125.00	
Hospital Adm.	351,194.43	362,194.88	10,204.45	
X-Ray	17,100.00	17,100.00		
Garage	13,795.59	13,968.09	172.50	
Training School	115,850.00	115,851.00	1.00	
Power Plant	58,944.71	58,944.71		
Laundry	22,676.40	22,676.40		
Laboratory	19,317.25	19,317.25		
Dietary	47,404.60	47,404.60		
Dispensary	20,043.50	20,043.50		
Investigating	6,024.00	6,024.00		
Tuberculosis	28,421.66	28,891.82	469.98	
Flower Mission	63,737.50	64,187.50	550.00	
School Health	80,711.32	80,936.32	225.00	
Park	475,887.41	473,709.45	2,177.96	
Sanitation, Adm.	5,894.00	5,098.00	70.26	
Collection	215,233.58	215,163.72	1,013.39	
Garbage Reduction	91,133.33	92,146.72	1,013.39	
Sewage Disposal	184,146.95	183,135.86	1,013.39	
Airport	27,366.00	27,375.58	120.58	
Fire Protection	195,770.50	220,330.25	24,560.85	
Police Pension	16,062.88	14,457.39	42,491.53	
Min. Certificates	50,557.00	52,757.00	2,200.00	
Civic Sinking	416,818.57	426,678.42	9,061.85	
Flood Sinking	102,080.00	118,410.00	14,330.00	
War Memorial	249,131.94	241,110.42	8,011.52	
Park Sinking	274,400.50	268,204.25	6,196.25	
Sanitation Bond	4,045.56	4,045.56		
Health-Plumb Insp.	\$7,861,366.80	\$8,040,691.51	\$238,746.14	\$59,321.43
Increase	\$170,424.71			

penditure of \$12,504. Assessor Ira Haymaker explained that his request was the same as the amount allowed for the current year.

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The Council is scheduled to hear Thomas Neal, County Welfare De-

## SOPHIE MAY 'DUCK' UNION TRIAL TODAY

NEW YORK, Aug. 22 (U. P.) — Actors Equity Association calls Sophie Tucker to trial today on a charge of treason, but it was understood on Broadway that she would ignore the summons and thereby start a theatrical union war.

James J. Brennan, sixth vice president of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, otherwise known as the stage hands' union, which is on Miss Tucker's side, said that if she were expelled and forced out of her show, "Leave It To Me," the stage hands would

F. WAYNE, Ind., Aug. 22 (U. P.) — John Clayton, 40, staged a brief sit-down strike on a rooftop late yesterday in defiance of a bench warrant, but it was to no avail. He ended his resistance when the arresting officer called in the aid of the Fire Department ladder truck.

Clayton was arrested several weeks ago for fishing in a private lake and sentenced to spend his week-ends in jail for a few weeks. Last week-end was to have been his last, but he didn't show up.

When the Fire Department persuaded him to abandon his perch, he made a third bolt but was captured quickly.

Charges of resisting an officer were continued today until Friday.

### JAPAN WARNS AMERICANS

PEIPING, Aug. 22 (U. P.) — A Japanese spokesman said today the Japanese Army was unable to assume responsibility for the lives of Americans and Britons in Japanese-occupied territory.

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