

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 withheld 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 \$3400 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

Nine 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 \$179,424.71 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 \$11,831.25 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 Reiser Sts.; 13th and Ashland Sts.; Lauter Ave.; Howard and Pershing Sts.; Flanner House, S. Keystone Ave.; Convalescent Park; Coleman Park; 2801 N. Capitol Ave.; Rural and Washington Sts.; 740 E. Vermont St.; 510 E. 46th St. and Public Schools 35, 3, 9 and 70.

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

These increases, however, are

asked \$666,440 increase as filed with the County Auditor, calls for expenditure of \$6,553,385.24 for 1940 as compared to an appropriation for 1939 of \$5,986,944.65, an increase of \$566,440.61.

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 \$6000 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 expenditure of \$12,504. Assessor Ira Haymaker explained that his requests were the same as the amount allowed for the current year.

The Council is scheduled to hear Thomas Neal, County Welfare Department director Thursday. Councilmen anticipate that the Welfare Department budget, which calls for an increase in expenditures for next year of \$472,000, will require the longest time for study.

Just Before the 'Battle of the Budget'



This group on the sidelines enjoys a hearty laugh over reminiscences before submission of the 1940 budget to City Council. They are (left to right) Fred Schmidt, representing the Building Owners & 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.

City Budget Comparison

Fund	1939 Budget	1940 Budget	Increase 1940	Decrease 1940
Mayor	12,278.25	12,278.25		
Clerk	7,103.75	7,578.75	475.00	
Council	5,400.00	5,400.00		
City Controller	284,336.01	286,235.78	1,899.77	
Barrett Law	14,133.21	14,213.66	80.45	
Legal	43,349.96	44,589.97	1,239.97	
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	10,915.00	10,915.00		
Public Buildings	39,300.15	39,325.15	25.00	
Municipal Garage	40,432.26	40,432.26		
City Engineer	90,722.60	90,589.18		133.42
Street Commissioner	111,477.49	111,477.49		
Safety-Adm.	11,886.50	12,709.00	822.50	
Building Commis.	33,609.25	46,673.70	13,064.45	
Dog Pound	8,312.94	9,398.03	1,085.09	
Gamewell	51,488.56	53,508.44	2,019.88	
Market & Refrig.	26,137.50	27,224.50	1,087.00	
Weights & Meas.	8,394.96	8,749.00	354.04	
Fire Department	1,373,217.50	1,380,917.50	7,700.00	
Police Department	1,298,872.33	1,281,277.76		18,594.57
Police Radio	30,961.37	31,093.31	131.94	
Bd. of Health, adm.	71,586.21	84,497.33	12,911.12	
Laboratory	5,864.85	6,114.85	250.00	
Child Hygiene	31,053.00	31,738.00	685.00	
Prenatal & Dental	3,809.00	3,809.00		
Hospital Adm.	351,940.43	362,194.88	10,254.45	
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	28,891.62	469.96	
Flower Mission	63,737.50	64,187.50	450.00	
School Health	30,711.32	30,836.32	125.00	
Park	475,887.41	473,700.45		2,186.96
Sanitation, Adm.	5,894.00	5,088.00		795.00
Collection	215,233.58	215,163.32		70.26
Garbage Reduction	91,133.33	92,146.72	1,013.39	
Sewage Disposal	184,146.95	183,135.56		1,013.39
Airport	27,356.00	28,575.58	1,219.58	
Fire Pension	198,727.50	220,330.22	21,602.72	
Police Pension	102,082.86	144,574.39	42,491.53	
Mun. Certificates	50,857.70	127,055.65	76,197.95	
City Sinking	418,618.57	427,676.42	9,057.85	
Flood Sinking	133,382.50	118,410.00		14,972.50
War Memorial	102,080.00	99,390.00		2,690.00
Park Sinking	249,121.94	241,110.42		8,011.52
Sanitation Bond	274,400.50	268,204.25		6,196.25
Health-Plumb Insp	4,045.56			4,045.56
	\$7,861,366.80	\$8,040,691.51	\$238,746.14	\$59,321.43
Increase			\$179,424.71	

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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 refuse to work in the show.

Miss Tucker already has been suspended by Equity and should she fail to show for trial, it was assumed that her expulsion would be automatic.

Striking Fisher Snared by Law

FT. 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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• Right here and right now—the citizens who must pay the taxes next year insist firmly that you DO something!

• In this crisis in Marion County it is imperative that every expenditure for relief, education recreation, streets, sanitation, protection to persons and property, administration and every other expense be cut to the absolute minimum.

• By thousands, day after day, the taxpayers of Marion County are signing their names to a Warning! It informs you that the utmost economy and efficiency must be exercised in every department of our government to lessen this oppressive load of taxes which is sapping the strength of business and jobs and homes and jeopardizing our Indianapolis Tomorrow!

• These taxpayers represent every class and creed and political party. For this is a movement of the public—that public which expects the men and women it puts in charge of its government to be good stewards. The stewardship they ask of you now is greater economy and efficiency in every cent of tax expenditure.

• One cent on the tax rate means \$61,000 in money taken from Marion County jobs and homes and living—money which is sorely needed to build up our Indianapolis of Tomorrow.

• Advance figures on tax budgets you are now preparing indicate Center Township rates will advance from \$3.21 to \$3.64. This means 27 cents added to this year's rate for poor relief and 16 cents added to the county budgets—with state, city and school city rates at this year's high points. Do you realize that something MUST be done NOW to CUT DOWN EXPENSE in every department—to avoid EVERY CENT OF WASTE in EVERY BUDGET? We expect ACTION!

• The Citizens Tax League which sends you this open letter is sending daily messages to every home in Marion County through our newspapers to reach all taxpayers. Its sole purpose is to fight waste and unnecessary expenditure in tax making.

• We want to work with, not against, every public official for businesslike, common sense, up-to-date accounting and budget building in every public department. We, as taxpayers, expect definite returns in value from every cent paid for taxes.

• Wasteful expenditures and oppressive taxes stifle business initiative, penalize thrift and industry, discourage progress, throttle investment, kill confidence and harness every activity in the strait-jacket of debt!

• There are good taxes and bad taxes. We can manage somehow to pay the good taxes. Our fight is against the bad taxes—those representing the waste and extravagance of which YOU could not or would not pay your share from your own pocket!

• In closing, we urge a careful reading of the report of the 1938 Marion County Board of Tax Adjustment. The taxpayers expect action on these matters—now! Taxes MUST Be LOWER!

• P. S.—More taxpayers are signing the Warning, mentioned above, at their nearest drugstore, every hour. And as a representative of theirs we are getting a lot of strong letters which we will submit to you.

Taxes Must Be Lower!

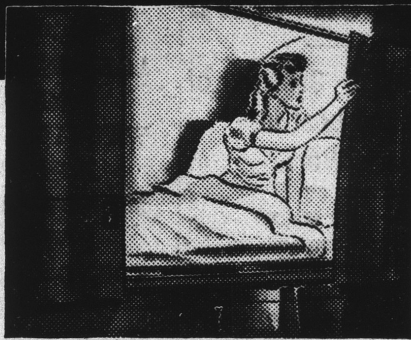
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