

CENTER'S TAX RATE RISES 10 CENTS TO \$3.31

Increases Also Made in Perry and Wayne; Washington, Warren Reduced.

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levy would reduce the Indianapolis (Center Township) levy next year to \$3.25, or 3 cents above the current rate.

Despite the drastic cut in the Center poor relief budget, the township trustees will have available for relief purposes next year \$1,099,643. This is exclusive of the sum raised by the bond levy.

However, it was brought out that there is virtually no way to prevent the trustees from issuing more bonds to make up the funds slashed from the budget by the Adjustment Board.

The Board made its first heavy slash yesterday when it cut \$308,207 from the County Welfare budget, reducing the proposed 51-cent County levy to 46 cents, which is 2 cents under the current levy.

Welfare Levy Cut
The Board's action effected a reduction of 5 cents in the 18-cent welfare fund rate. The proposed 18-cent rate was the result of a previous 4-cent cut by the County Council.

Although the Board made no cuts in requested 1940 expenditures in the Indianapolis City/City budget, it reduced the City tax levy by 2 cents, to \$1.28, and, like the County levy, brought the 1940 levy under this year's rate. The 1939 City City rate is \$1.30.

The rate cut was made on the basis of an adjustment of additional anticipated revenue to the City next year from the new light rate contract, which is expected to bring \$42,000 to City coffers, and the anticipated receipt of \$73,000 from the sale of street lighting equipment.

The School board called for a 96-cent rate, the same as the current levy, was passed Monday by the Board without change.

Attorney Questioned

Near the close of yesterday's session, Leo X. Smith, attorney for Center Township Trustee Thomas Quinn, was questioned by Board Member Harvey Hartsock on reports "disturbing to the Board."

Among the reports Mr. Smith was asked to explain were the allegations that during August, 56 1/2 per cent of the bread purchased for Center relief purposes came from one retailer; 38 1/2 per cent of the milk came from one dealer, and that two-fifths of the groceries received 80 per cent of the staple food business.

Mr. Smith said he did not know if the reports were correct, but that if they were, it was the result of geographical location and refusal of some stores to handle relief orders.

Figures purporting to show that two stores received about \$800 each in poor relief orders last month also were presented by Mr. Hartsock. Mr. Smith said he had no knowledge of the truth or falsity of another report that a relative of Mr. Quinn was connected with one of the stores. He branded as a "slandering report" that the present trustee and his predecessor, Miss Hanna Noone, received a bonus of 50 cents a ton on all relief coal.

General Fund Slashed

Mr. Smith said the trustee's office was doing all it could to rid the relief rolls of the undeserving, but added that the increased relief load was the result of "professional welfare workers who have been building it up."

Yesterday, in addition to making the drastic cuts in the welfare fund, the Board agreed to slash \$91,000 from the County general fund. A total of \$700 for extra clerical help was taken from the Treasurer's budget during a discussion on the fee system, and \$1800 from the Sheriff's budget, scheduled as salary for an additional deputy. However, the general fund rate of 18 cents was not changed.

The general fund and the welfare fund are only two of the six separate funds requiring separate levies which combine to make the total county tax rate.

Neal Request Sliced

The Board spared little in making the welfare department cuts. The largest slash was made when the Board voted to entirely strike from the budget a \$175,237 fund request to pay past-due bills to the Riley Hospital contracted in the operation of a children's program.

A total of \$100,000 was whacked from the request of \$1,796,850 for old-age assistance program next year. Welfare Director Thomas Neal had originally requested \$1,970,910 but the County Council cut it before it was submitted to the Adjustment Board.

The \$100,000 cut in this fund represents only a \$20,000 saving in Marion County taxes. The remainder of the money is received from the State and Federal Governments as reimbursement.

The Board cut \$40,000 from the fund for assistance to crippled children in custody of relatives. Only \$8800 of that amount was to be raised from county taxes.

Other cuts were \$20,000 from funds for assistance to dependent children in custody of individuals; \$24,260 from the Colored Orphans Home fund and \$47,910 from the requested \$196,220 for administrative employees' salaries.

Staff May Be Cut

It was believed the Board's action would necessitate a reduction of 37 in staff of 139 employees in the Department.

The Board, in all but one case, acted unanimously on the welfare reductions. Harvey Hartsock, Board representative from the School Board, led the attack on welfare requests.

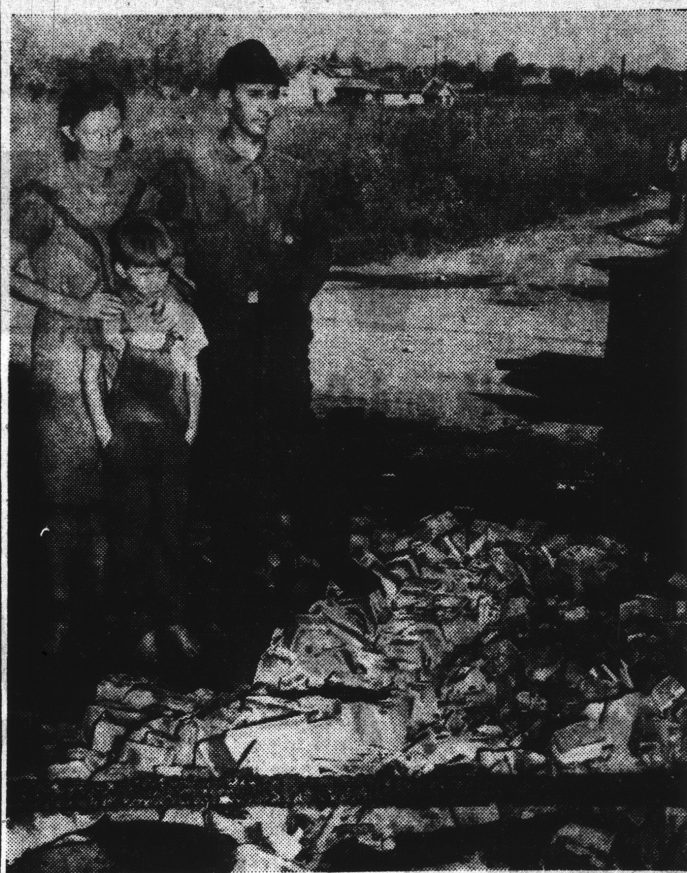
As the Board opened the study of the welfare budget, Mr. Hartsock said:

"I would like to get this budget back to 1938 expenses. Conditions ought not be worse now than they were in 1938 considering some industrial expansion... let's get back on a sane basis in welfare services."

The Welfare Department spent a total of \$2,383,949 in 1938. It requested expenditure of \$3,624,547 for 1940.

All the tax rates set by the board today, may be appealed for readjustment to the State Tax Board, final budget review body.

Fire Leaves Family Homeless



The William Harper family... at the ashes of their home.

Tent Offers Roof Until Cold Sets In—Then What?

The William Harper family pitched an army tent on the ashes of its home at 802 S. Addison St. today, and prepared to stay until cold weather. Then they don't know what they'll do.

The home burned yesterday afternoon after a kerosene stove exploded in the kitchen. All three members of the family—Mr. and Mrs. Harper and 9-year-old William, the son—escaped without injury.

Mrs. Harper broke a kitchen window and rescued Dickie and Suzie, canaries, and a neighbor, Harvey Slaughter, turned over a coop near the blazing house and rescued Henrietta, a bantam hen. Nothing else was saved.

Even the boy's new shoes burned and he was given permission to stay away from class at School 49 until he gets new shoes Monday. The family spent the night at the farm home of relatives.

Probing in the ruins today, Mrs. Harper discovered some of the 45 cans of foods she had put up for winter were undamaged. Most of it was beyond use.

Mrs. Harper received a slight scratch on her arm when she broke the windows to rescue the birds and Mr. Slaughter was slightly burned when he rescued the chicken.

Also discovered intact in the ashes was a bottle of strawberry soda. Young William washed it off, opened it, and went happily about the place drinking it this morning.

Table of Tax Rates

CHART 1

The following table shows the current and requested tax rates compared to those rates formally fixed by the Adjustment Board today for 1940, to be paid on each \$100 taxable property by property owners in all cities, towns and townships in Marion County. All are subject to possible further review by the State Tax Board.

TOWNSHIPS INSIDE INDIANAPOLIS			
	1939 Rate	1940 Requested	1940 Approved
Center	\$3.21	\$3.51	\$3.31
Perry	3.21	3.42	3.29
Warren	3.06	3.04	2.97
Washington	2.93	2.93	2.82
Wayne	3.30	3.55	3.45
TOWNSHIPS OUTSIDE INDIANAPOLIS			
Center	\$2.01	\$2.75	\$2.51
Perry	2.01	2.40	2.18
Warren	1.54	1.54	1.44
Washington	1.17	1.15	1.03
Wayne	1.94	2.34	2.21
Decatur	1.22	1.22	1.16
Franklin	1.81	1.89	1.81
Lawrence	1.52	1.90	1.84
Pike	1.65	1.55	1.49
Other Corporations			
Castleton	\$1.76	\$2.25	\$2.09
Clermont	3.01	3.41	3.25
Crows Nest	1.17	1.15	1.07
Highwoods	1.17	1.15	1.07
Town of Lawrence	2.26	2.30	2.14
Lynhurst	2.43	2.74	2.61
North Crows Nest	1.17	1.15	1.07
Ravenwood	2.63	2.85	2.57
Rocky Ripple	2.67	2.85	2.57
Shooters Hill	1.17	1.15	1.07
Southport	2.76	3.00	2.73
Speedway City	2.36	2.65	2.60
Spring Hill	1.17	1.15	1.07
Warren Park	1.82	1.89	1.81
Williams Creek	1.37	1.35	1.27
Woodruff Place	3.05	3.06	2.88
Woodstock	1.17	1.15	1.07
Beech Grove	3.36	3.68	3.53
Beech Grove (Center)	3.19	3.23	3.17
Beech Grove (Franklin)	3.46	3.62	3.51

Requested 1940 rates are those submitted to the Adjustment Board after action by the City Council, County Council and Town and Township advisory boards. In some cases the councils and boards made cuts in amounts requested by governmental department heads.

The following is a comparative table of rates in tax districts which combine to make the total property tax rate paid by property owners living in Center Township, inside Indianapolis.

	1939 Rate	1940 Requested	1940 Approved
State	\$.15	\$.15	\$.15
County	.48	.51	.46
Poor Relief	.32	.59	.46
School City	.96	.96	.86
Civil City	1.30	1.30	1.28
TOTAL	\$3.21	\$3.51	\$3.31

The 5-cent cut in the county rate was made in the proposed 18-cent county welfare department rate. The 51-cent requested county rate had been previously trimmed by the County Council from 64 cents.

The following is a comparative table of township poor relief and poor relief bond rates in the three townships with largest load.

(Franklin)			
Beech Grove	3.46	3.662	3.519
(Perry)			

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Each 1 cent in the rate raises the following amounts.

Center...\$42,538 Perry...\$1281 Wayne...\$3593

HITLER VISITS U-BOATS BREMEN REPORTED SAFE

BERLIN, Sept. 28 (U. P.).—Fuehrer Adolf Hitler, it was announced, paid a surprise visit today to Wilhelmshaven where he inspected officers and men of submarines who returned to the (naval) base after a successful cruise against the enemy.

MALMOE, Sweden, Sept. 28 (U. P.).—The crew of the Estonian steamer Kuressaar, which arrived at Lindhamm, Sweden, from Murmansk, Russia, said today that they had seen the German superliner Bremen in Murmansk Harbor on the Arctic Ocean.

F. D. R.'S BILL ON NEUTRALITY GIVEN SENATE

Reported Out After Long Debate as to Effect on U. S. Shipping.

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he said the present statute permits Germany's allies, Russia and Italy, to import whatever they wish from the United States.

Mr. Pittman is expected to open the Senate debate Monday, followed by Senator Borah for the opposition. Mr. Pittman predicted that American shipping would not suffer greatly because of the cash-and-carry restrictions on all cargoes to belligerents, but it was known that steamship interests were fearful that American traffic would be reduced.

Defense Study Asked

Meanwhile, some Senators started a drive to examine the national defense program to determine if the Army or Navy lacked adequate equipment. When the controversial neutrality issue is disposed of, they said, Congress ought to be willing to remain in Washington to patch any holes that might be found in the defense structure.

Senator Tom Connally (D. Tex.), a member of the Foreign Relations Committee who helped draft the neutrality bill said that if the occasion arose, he would renew his suggestion that the \$50,000 members of the Civilian Conservation Corps be given military training. This would provide an adequate, well-trained reserve army, he said.

Senator Robert F. Wagner (D. N. Y.) said Congress ought to undertake "a more thorough study of the adequacy of our defense, because our country must be ready to defend itself against any enemy."

Definition of Powers Sought

Without debate and without objection by Administration leaders, the Senate today approved a resolution by Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg (R. Mich.) calling on Attorney General Frank Murphy to submit "at the earliest practicable date" a report on what executive powers rest with the President in time of national emergency going on abroad.

The resolution asked Mr. Murphy what powers were made available to the President under his recent proclamation of a "limited" national emergency and also what "extraordinary" powers are available under existing statutes or under a state of war.

Senator Bennett Champ Clark (D. Mo.) introduced a resolution calling a Senate investigation to determine whether foreign Governments are behind any propaganda efforts in connection with the neutrality revision debate.

The resolution calls for the appointment of a Senate investigating committee to study the activities of any person or firm acting in behalf of a foreign government "to bring about a change in the neutral position of the United States toward the conflict now going on abroad."

It would grant the investigating committee \$25,000.

BAALS MAY ENTER RACE FOR GOVERNOR

Times Special

MAYOR WAYNE, Ind., Sept. 28.—Mayor Harry W. Baals today was reported to be preparing a statement announcing his candidacy for the Republican gubernatorial nomination in 1940, in competition with former Congressman David Hogg also of Ft. Wayne, who announced yesterday.

Mr. Hogg, who served four terms in Congress from the Fourth District, formally announced his candidacy for Governor at a luncheon of the Allen County Republican Club yesterday. He said his platform includes decentralization of government, encouragement of industry and building, tax reduction, elimination of nonessential offices, and labor's representation in state affairs.

BURGLARS LEAVE SCENE IN DISORDER

Burglars, beating a hasty retreat from the Ochelure Cleaners establishment, 2324 Shelby St., early today, left a large part of their loot strewn across the shop's rear yard. Police recovered a fur coat, a woman's coat and two dresses, a Tuxedo suit, two suede jackets, a pair of trousers and two bundles of laundry.

Several men's suits, however, were reported missing.

SWEDISH STEAMER IS REPORTED SUNK

OSLO, Norway, Sept. 28 (U. P.).—A report from Stavanger today said the 325-ton Swedish steamer Nyland had been torpedoed off Kvilysoy but that its 29-man crew had been saved.

The crew was taken to Tananger, near Stavanger, the report said. The Nyland belonged to the Tifing Shipping Co. of Gothenburg.

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Hitler Watches Shelling of Warsaw



Adolf Hitler (third from left) watches the shelling of Warsaw, according to the German-censored caption on this telephoto. With him is Gen. Wilhelm Keitel, German High Command chief (fourth from left).

SOVIET FLEET OFF ESTHONIA

Europe Wonders if Hitler's And Stalin's Ambitions Will Clash.

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withdrawn behind the Vistula demarcation line dividing Nazi and Soviet spheres.

Fighting in southern Poland yesterday was reported by the Nazis and the Polish Embassy in Paris that there was still fierce battling around Warsaw but that Polish civilians were urging the troops to surrender. It was said the soldiers wished to continue resistance.

With Germans asserting that there had been practically no gains by either side in fighting on the Rhineland front since the war began, His Holiness Pope Pius XII was understood to have sent another message to neutral and belligerent nations urging a general peace conference.

The Pope's message was described as saying that the Holy See would advise belligerents to co-operate if Germany would make honorable proposals for peace, including creation of a free and independent Poland.

Russia Is Mystery

There was not the slightest indication from either Germany or the Allied powers that such terms could be considered seriously.

But overshadowing all of the military developments was the enigmatic role being played by Soviet Russia, which had succeeded in ending the pilgrimages of worried statesmen to Berlin and in getting even the Nazis to visit Moscow to discuss the future of Eastern Europe.

Significantly, there began to emanate from Berlin indirect signs that Nazis were mystified if not concerned about the ultimate Russian aims. There was talk of a possible Pan-Slavic movement such as in Russia took up before the World War and the traditional antipathy between the Teutonic and Slavic races might again be of vast importance if Moscow follows up present indications of a desire for influence not only in the Baltic states but in the Balkan belt.

In that connection, the Allied capitals were quick to try to find signs of disagreement between Dictators Hitler and Stalin or of Russian plans eventually to oppress the Nazis. They had little to go on except speculation.

Scandinavians Concerned

So far, the Soviet moves have worked to Germany's advantage in the immediate military situation, although the Russians have now cut the Nazis off from Rumania (except through Hungary) and are moving in on the Nazi north flank by way of the Baltics. Whether there is a basis for future co-operation or hostilities may be indicated by the results of the present conference of Nazi Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop with comrade Stalin and Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov.

The neutral countries—particularly in Scandinavia—were more than ever concerned by the Russian blockade and the open retaliatory attacks on neutral vessels carrying supplies to England. Their envoys are expected in London soon to discuss the situation generally and to attempt to reach agreements that will permit continuation of trade.

170,000 Tons Reported Seized

The British announced they had seized 70,000 tons of contraband bound for Germany in the last week and the French said they had seized more than 100,000 tons since the start of the war.

London also reported that Soviet offers to open new trade negotiations with Britain had been received and unofficially the Government was urged to send a high ranking envoy to Moscow to attempt to offset the German-Soviet deal.

Women Voters Indorse Cash-Carry Arms Plan

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declared their list of commodities that would be considered contraband, and therefore subject to seizure. This list has included almost every item necessary to modern life.

"Many people also are under the false impression that the present embargo provisions of the act safeguard us against incidents likely to lead to war. While it is now true that neither our ships nor the ships of belligerents can carry American-made munitions—airplanes, guns, ammunition—bought in this country, yet our ships can and are carrying all other materials essential to the manufacture of munitions unrestricted under the present act. Since contraband lists have been declared and are so all-inclusive, our ships carrying these products are in danger. Incidents are possible and probable under present conditions."

Two Alternatives Given

"We are faced with the following alternatives: A complete embargo on every American product to belligerents, an arrangement whereby our trade would cease entirely with Canada, England, France, Germany, Poland, the belligerent countries affected by recent invoking of the present act, or an arrangement whereby we could sell anything to belligerents which they came here to get, paid for, and took away in their own ships. Since it is quite probable that public opinion never could or would endure the effect of embargoes on all trade with belligerents, the cash and carry plan seems to be the compromise which would be most effective now in avoiding incidents."

"It is a common assumption that opening our trade in a way which obviously discriminates in favor of one set of belligerents will result in an overwhelming urge to go into war on their side. To this we reply that possibly the contrary is true—for, since a vast majority of our people are known to favor the English-French belligerents both out of

sympathy and out of convictions about what is best for civilization, it is possible that if we persist in depriving these nations of necessary commodities feelings of frustration or regret might in a desperate situation psychologically bring about just what it was sought to avoid."

Embargoes Scored

"Almost from the first the League's foreign policy program has placed major emphasis on the abolition of war and the substitution of methods of peaceful change. The League has argued that neither our country nor any other can be safeguarded against war so long as war exists in the world. We have, therefore, worked for various proposals of international co-operation to this end."

The statement said that the League has always sought revisions of clauses which provided that embargoes be applied alike to aggressors and victims of war. The League urged the changes to discriminate against aggressor nations and discourage them from making war.

The League contended that "although the embargoes were theoretically impartial, in practice, they encouraged nations who were seeking or waging war."

KELLY ELECTED AS LEGION HEAD

Substitute Resolution on Veterans' Preference Passes Conclave.

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without debate reports of its Americanism and legislative committees which pledged the Legion to continued opposition to Communism, Nazism and Fascism and demanded legislation to eliminate all profits from war.

Communists Target

The national Legion organization was instructed to seek passage of legislation to outlaw "the Communist Party and any other party or parties, such as the German Bund, that may be organized to participate in political affairs."

Further debate was expected on the issue of whether the Legion should voice a stand on the arms embargo. The convention adopted late yesterday a resolution of its Foreign Relations Committee which referred to Congress the problem of determining America's course to maintain neutrality in the European war.

The resolution demanded that Congress remain in session during the present war crisis and that the armed forces be expanded to full peace time strength to protect our neutrality.

Before it was put to a vote, Leonard Olsen, Illinois, challenged it and said the Resolutions Committee would present a second resolution on neutrality to the convention today.

Delegates expected that the new recommendations would force reopening of the arms embargo question for further debate.

Forty and Eight Names Local Man Historian

Times Special

CHICAGO, Sept. 28.—Several Hoosiers and Indiana organizations today held national honors awarded them by the national convention of the American Legion.

Mrs. Bertha Welter, Elkhart, was elected president of the National Association of World War Nurses. The Lake County auxiliary drum and bugle corps won the national auxiliary championship.

Phil E. Clements, Indianapolis, was elected historian of the Forty and Eight; C. W. Ardery, Indianapolis, was appointed national correspondent of the organization, and the Indiana unit won third place for parade representation.

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