

BROOKSIDE CIVIC LEAGUE WANTS CHEAPER WATER

Delegation to Meet With Mayor on Possibility; WPA Project Also Sought.

By ROGER BURROW
Brookside Civic League representatives are to meet with Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan, probably next week, to determine if the City will seek lower rates from the Indianapolis Water Co.

Those appointed by William Calvin, league president, at last night's meeting in the Brookside Community House are Charles Hart, chairman; Carl Payne, Henry Blume and Sherrell Thompson.

"We don't know if City officials want to or can secure lower water rates," Mr. Calvin said, "but we want to find out. We want to know just what procedure we must follow to get cheaper water. It's the duty of City officials to serve the public if they will. If they won't, then we'll go to town ourselves!"

Special Meeting Planned
The league's water rate committee is expected to hold a special meeting before conferring with the Mayor to discuss the bonded indebtedness of the Indianapolis Water Co. and its effect upon the water rates.

League officials also plan to try to interest City and State officials in applying for a WPA project to widen and straighten Massachusetts Ave.

This was recognized as a needed improvement as far back as 1925, James Cross told the group. "It was included in City Plan Commission proposals then. The route is the only logical thoroughfare to the northeast part of Indianapolis. It is a state highway and the best road to Ft. Harrison." He estimated the cost between \$750,000 and one million dollars.

Avenue Tamed Menace
Increased traffic regulation will be sought for Brookside Ave., which was termed a "menace to school children" by Mr. Cross. "Termining it a regular speedway for trucks," he declared, "it's one of the seven wonders of the world that the children going to Technical High School and School 33 haven't been killed."

Mrs. Bertha Hayes suggested that regulation be sought to prevent trucks from speeding on Rural Street and that a stop sign be erected at the intersection of Rural Street and Brookside Parkway, South Drive. "When there is a baseball game on Sunday in the park, you can hardly get off Rural Street," she said.

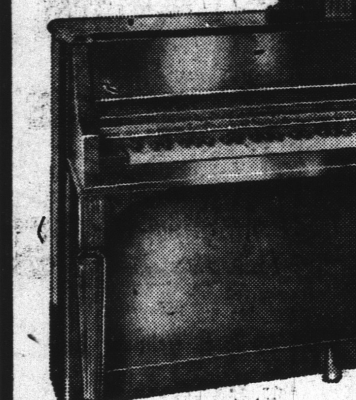
Scott Gehring said he had discussed with City officials the possibility of making Newland Ave. a preferential street and was continuing his efforts toward that goal.

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Around and Around the Wagon Goes



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Around and around it goes, and where it stops John Figliacola (right) stops and picks up a stray bit of paper or perhaps a hub cap broken loose from its mooring. The "it" referred to is the new white wagon which Mr. Figliacola pushes around the Circle, exhorting Indianapolis to civic cleanliness while it serves a practical purpose. Inspecting the vehicle are Mrs. Lowell S. Fisher, chairman of the Mayor's Cleanup Committee, and Street Commissioner Wilbur H. Winship.

MUCK BLAZES RAGE UPSTATE

Two Fires Reported Out of Control on Farm Lands in Allen County.

The Conservation Department and State Highway Commission joined forces today to fight muck fires raging over several square miles of wooded farm land in Allen County.

At least two fires were out of control, reports from Allen County indicated. The burning area extends from a point north of Road 24 to a point south of the Wabash Railroad and is from three to five miles wide, it was estimated.

G. V. Kimmel, Allen County agricultural agent, has secured permission from the Forestry Division to use WPA workers in fighting the blaze. A survey of the burning area has been instituted by C. M. Carpenter, forester in the Wells County Game Preserve CCC camp, who will call upon Forest Woodward, district WPA supervisor, for the manpower needed.

The Highway Commission's Ft. Wayne district office has been instructed to furnish trucks, graders and other equipment.

The fire is said to be burning from two to four feet underground and to be spreading rapidly. Trenches dug below the fire level and filled with sand are said to be the most effective means of combatting such fires.

REV. ERNEST PREVO TO SPEAK TONIGHT

The Rev. Ernest Prevo, New Richmond Methodist Church pastor, will speak on "The Greatest Power—Love," tonight at the Riverside Park Methodist Church in the second of the "home-coming week" services.

The Church is celebrating the 10th anniversary of the dedication of the present building at 2240 N. Harding St. with a series of sermons by former pastors. Tonight will be women's night.

The Rev. R. M. Selle, now pastor of the Grace Methodist Church at South Bend, will speak on "All Things Are Yours" tomorrow night.

LOCAL DEATHS

Louis A. Miller
Services for Louis A. Miller, retired telephone worker who died yesterday, will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow at the Shelby St. Methodist Church. Mr. Miller, who was 59, will be buried in Floral Park.

Born in Crawfordsville, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Miller, Mr. Miller came to Indianapolis when he was 10 years old. For 26 years he lived at 3011 Berwyn St. He worked with the Indiana Bell Telephone Co. 35 years, retiring in 1936.

He was a member of the Masonic Center Lodge 23, the Shelby Street Methodist Church and the American Telephone Pioneers Association. He is survived by his wife, Ethel; a daughter, Mrs. Dora Carson of Indianapolis; two sons, Raymond Miller of Beech Grove and Lewis E. Miller of Indianapolis; a sister, Mrs. C. C. Hoyt of Indianapolis, and six grandchildren.

John A. McNaught
Services for John A. McNaught, retired Baltimore & Ohio Railroad engineer, will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow at the Flanner & Buchanan Mortuary. Burial will be at Crown Hill.

Mr. McNaught, who was 77, died Sunday at Methodist Hospital. He lived in the Fremont addition on Rockville Road.

Before his retirement in 1929, he had been employed by the B. & O. 59 years. He was born at Wilmington, Del., and came here as a young man. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, the Old Veterans of the B. & O. and the West Washington Street Methodist Church.

He is survived by a son, George, and a sister, Mrs. Esther Hood. His wife, Isabelle, died in 1938.

William H. Kindley
Services for William H. Kindley, a retired grinder who died Sunday at his home, 108 N. Harding St., will be held at 2:30 p. m. tomorrow at the Conkle Funeral Home. He was 65. Burial will be at Ebenezer Cemetery, near Millersville.

Mr. Kindley was born here and was a lifelong resident. Before his retirement he was employed by the National Malleable & Steel Castings Co.

He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Edna Stevens, Mrs. Mayne Lott and Mrs. Helen Rigel; a sister, Mrs. Charles Hartman; a brother, Joseph, and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Opaline Smith
Mrs. Opaline Smith, wife of Oscar Smith, died yesterday at her home, Second Avenue West, near Hill, after an illness of two months. She was 25.

Services will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow at the Speaks & Pinn Chapel with burial at Floral Park.

Mrs. Smith was a lifelong resident of Indianapolis and attended services at the Mayer Chapel. She is survived by her husband; a daughter, Barbara Jape; two sons, Charles and Homer; her mother, Mrs. Flora Nelson, and three brothers, James, Orville and Eugene Burge.

WPA TAKES 400 OFF LOCAL SEWER WORK

WPA workmen employed on the 38th St. sewer have been assigned to new projects following completion of the work last week.

About 400 WPA workers have been on the \$150,000 project for more than a year, according to John K. Jennings, state WPA administrator.

The sewer, now in partial use, is being connected to lateral drains, City Engineer M. G. Johnson said. It is expected to drain about four square miles on the North Side.

MRS. ANNIE MASON'S WILL IS FILED HERE

The will of Mrs. Annie Porter Mason, who died Saturday, was on file in Probate Court today.

Mrs. Mason, daughter of former Governor Albert G. Porter and wife of Augustus Lynch Mason, author and prominent Indianapolis businessman, left cash bequests to relatives and friends in the East. The will also provided for distribution of many rare household articles to relatives. Mr. Mason died Feb. 13, 1938.

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COUNTY BUDGET BOARD REVISES PUBLIC REPORT

Further Denunciation of Fee System Expected in Final Draft.

The County Tax Adjustment Board was in session today to revise the preliminary draft of its public report on budget and tax problems.

The Board was expected to reword the draft to make "even stronger" its denunciation of the system of paying public officials fees in addition to their salaries. It was believed the Board would recommend that the Legislature eliminate most of these fees.

The Board's formal report on budget revisions was signed at the session.

Fees Are Summarized
The fee situation was re-emphasized yesterday in a report by the State Board of Accounts to the Tax Adjustment Board, stating that last year the County Clerk received a total of at least \$20,685.90 and the County Treasurer at least \$16,218.68 in fees and salaries.

The Treasurer's compensation, according to the report, was in addition to a 50-cent demand fee for the collection of delinquent personal property taxes.

This demand fee, which was estimated by an Adjustment Board member, at between \$15,000 and \$25,000 was not included by the State Board because, it was said, no record of such fees is kept by the treasurer.

The report also stated that the clerk's 1938 income from fees and salaries does not include "any personal fees or profits which may have accrued from issuance of marriage licenses."

This statement referred to the practice by the clerk of charging \$1 or \$3 for marriage license certificates, in addition to the statutory marriage license fee of \$2.

Between 3500 and 4500 marriage licenses are issued by the Marion County Clerk each year.

Controlled by Law
In reviewing the budgets of the clerk, treasurer and other county officers who receive fees in addition to salaries, the Board found it had no power to eliminate the fees because they are provided for by law.

Because the Board said it was thus "handcuffed," it is reported, it will ask public pressure to revise statutes legalizing the fees.

The Board also declared it was balked in efforts to cut rising poor relief expenditures and is expected to make an appeal for public action on this tax problem.

Albert Walsman, board chairman, said yesterday he hoped to be able to issue the Board's report by Thursday noon.

Today's discussion on the report was to be closed.

BABY IS TRAFFIC VICTIM

WABASH, Ind., Oct. 3 (U. P.).—Funeral services will be held Wednesday for Linda Lou Ellis, 6-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ellis. The child died at the Wabash County Hospital of injuries received in a two-car collision Saturday.

Hold Boys, 14, For Car Theft

MITCHELL, Ind., Oct. 3 (U. P.). Police today held two 14-year-old cousins of Seymour, Ind., on a stolen car charge. Police said the driver had to sit on a gasoline can to see over the steering wheel.

THIEF GETS WATCH, MONEY AT HOSPITAL

A sneak-thief stole a watch and a purse containing \$45 from the rooms of two physicians at City Hospital last night, police were notified today by Dr. Kenneth Kohlstedt, assistant superintendent.

The watch, valued at \$35, was the property of Dr. Richard Woolery. The purse was taken from a drawer in the room of Dr. Willis Frontice.

KILLED BY TRAIN

MILLERSBURG, Ind., Oct. 3 (U. P.).—Mrs. Zelma Green, 45, of Millersburg, was killed instantly late yesterday when her automobile was struck by a fast New York Central train at a grade crossing south of here.

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