

## BROOKSIDE CIVIC LEAGUE WANTS CHEAPER WATER

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

By ROGER BUDROW  
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 Treated Menace

Increased traffic regulation will be sought for Brookside Ave., which was termed "a menace to school children" by Mr. Cross. Terminating it "as a regular speedway for traffic," 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 at the park, you can hardly get off Rural Street," she said.

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

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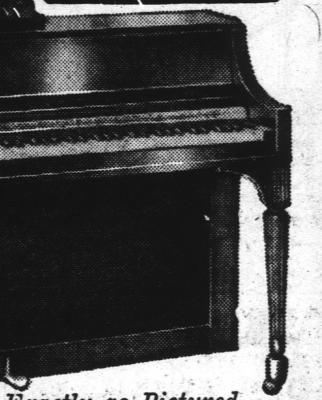
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## Around and Around the Wagon Goes



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of paper or perhaps a hub cap broken loose from its mooring. The "it" referred to is the new white wagon which Mr. Piglacci pushes around the Circle, exhorting Indianapolis to civic cleanliness. 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. Whishup.

## 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.

C. Klemm, 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 Woodard, 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 line and filled with sand are said to be the most effective means of combating such fires.

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## 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 1011 Berwyn St. He worked with the Indiana Bell Telephone Co. 35 years, retiring in 1936.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge at 23, the Shelby St. 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. A. C. Hoyt of Indianapolis, and six grandchildren.

### Mrs. Daisy M. Bowser

Services for Mrs. Daisy Mae Bowser, 2044 Broadway, will be held at 2 p. m. today at the Harry W. Moore Peace Chapel with burial in Washington Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Bowser, who was 58, died Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wilma E. Eisenhut, 117 N. Grant Ave. She was a native of Flora and came here 14 years ago from Lebanon where she had lived 19 years. She was a member of the Christian Church.

She is survived by her husband, William W. Bowser; a son, Thomas C. Bowser; two grandchildren, and her daughter.

### Mrs. Opaline Smith

Mrs. Opaline Smith, wife of Oscar Smith, died yesterday at her home, Second Avenue West, Marion. She had been ill for two months. She was 25.

Services will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow at the Speaks & Finn 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.

### William H. Kindley

Services for William H. Kindley, a retired grinder who died Sunday at his home, 109 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. Mayme Lott and Mrs. Helen Riegel; a sister, Mrs. Charles Hartman; a brother, Joseph, and two grandchildren.

### John W. Thompson

John W. Thompson, former missionary in Japan, died yesterday at his home, 954 N. Sheffield Ave. He was 65.

Mr. Thompson had been an invalid several years. He and wife, Mrs. Mary E. Thompson, who survives him, lived in Japan 10 years working as missionaries.

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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 reward the state 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 Accountants to the 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.

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 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 that tax problem.

Albert W. Weller, 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. W. E. 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 residence of two physicians at City Hospital last night, police were notified today by Dr. Kenneth Kohlstaedt, 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 Prentiss.

### 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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