

TOWNSHIP AND COUNTY CHIEFS DISCUSS LAWS

Clerks May Ask Recoding of Election Rules; Auditors Rap Fund Interest.

A definite legislative program began to take form today out of the welter of resolutions being discussed at the Indiana County and Township Officers Association convention at the Claypool Hotel.

The Association, itself, adopts no resolution, leaving this subject to the individual groups affiliated with it. But when they get down to acting on resolutions tomorrow, the "best bet" in each group appeared today to be the following:

The County Clerks' Association will urge reformation of election laws and laws covering registration and central ballot counting.

The County Treasurers' Association will come out for a four-year term for all county officers. Some are on a two-year basis now.

Auditors Seek Changes

The County Auditors will renew their fight for a change in laws covering their handling of the State School Fund. The auditors now are required to pay 5 per cent interest on all School Fund money allotted to them, regardless of whether the auditors have been able to loan it. They also are held responsible for any losses through bad loans.

The Township Trustees will seek legislation to meet the problem raised by demands of county welfare departments for additional aid to welfare recipients when the townships have no money budgeted for such exigencies.

The Trustees' resolutions committed yesterday tentatively adopted another resolution assailing tax adjustment boards for setting poor relief budgets below needs and thus forcing the issuance of bonds to meet the deficit.

Bus Drivers Want Fees Cut

The School Bus Drivers tomorrow will ask legislation reducing the cost of their bus licenses on a pro rata basis for the time during the year the busses are in service. They also will ask that they be paid for the number of days contracted for during the year, regardless of whether the busses are used that many days.

While the County Assessors are not in session, they have indicated they will ask the Legislature for a general reassessment of all property in the state on a uniform basis with the work being done by local officials on a county-wide basis.

The Trustees today heard a discussion of the "legislators' viewpoint" by Senators Claude B. McBride, Jecersonville, and William E. Jenner, Shobbs, and Reps. James M. Knapp, Hagerstown, and Robert H. Heller, Decatur.

Attack Bond Issues

In its discussion of inadequate relief budgets, the Trustees' resolutions committee attacked the practice on the basis that the ensuing bond issues impose unnecessary additional cost through heavy interest payments.

If this resolution is adopted tomorrow by the Trustees, a bill will be drawn asking the Legislature to relieve the adjustment boards of their arbitrary power.

Trustees also are expected to go on record for revision of laws covering indigent migration so that indigents may not migrate to Indiana and put an unfair relief burden on the state.

SUSPECT JAILED IN FORTVILLE SHOOTING

A 35-year-old Fortville, Ind., man was held in the Hancock County Jail at Greensburg today on an open charge following a shooting early today in Fortville in which Damon Cook, 34, was struck in the side by a blast from a shotgun.

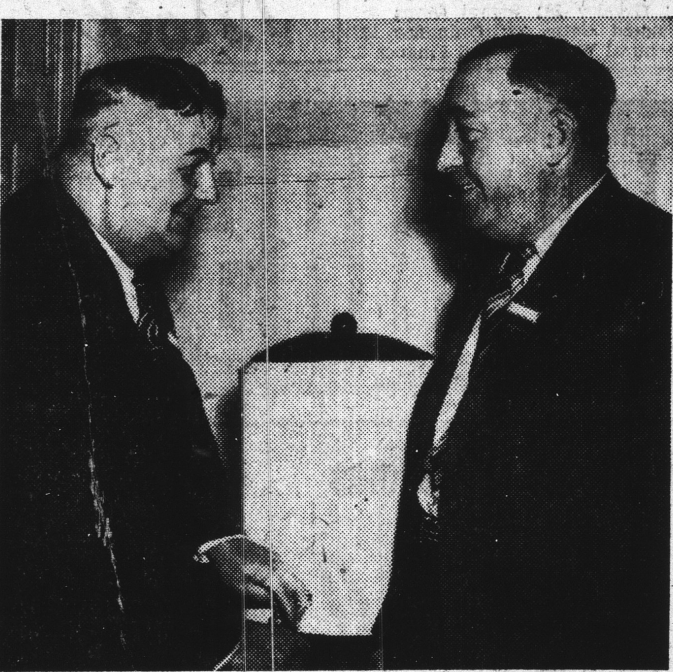
Mr. Cook is in a critical condition in the Ft. Harrison Hospital.

Mr. Cook was brought to the post hospital shortly after midnight by a woman alleged to have been with him when the shooting occurred. Don Stiver, superintendent of State Police said.

Officials Draft Plans



Leaders of the two largest groups represented at the Indiana County and Township Officials' Association convention met today to compare and co-ordinate plans for their organizations. They are (left) Dr. Odell Archer of Clinton, Township Trustees Association president, and Kenton W. Russell of Greensburg, County Clerks' association head.



The County Commissioners after voting yesterday to demand extension of the auto license plate deadline, called a recess to refreshen. President is Ralph Biery (left) of Lafayette, and secretary-treasurer of the organization is William Brown of Marion County.

CLAIMS 'POLITICAL RACKETEERING' GONE

Indiana, under the Republican program, will have a government "free from the political racketeer," declared State G. O. P. Chairman Arch N. Bobbitt before the Indianapolis Women's Republican Club today.

The chairman referred to recent resolutions in which Republican majority leaders in the Legislature said they will sponsor bills to take State institutions and the liquor business out of politics.

Mr. Bobbitt said the Republican program will bring the "government closer to the people, taking it from the hands of the few who were centralizing power, a dangerous thing in these days of tendency toward dictatorship."

He reiterated party policies that new legislation will not interfere with the "normal functions of government."

APPROVE SALE OF RICHMOND UTILITY

The Public Service Commission today approved the sale of the property of the Indiana Gas Utilities Co. at Richmond to the newly-formed Richmond Gas Corp. for \$550,000.

The Commission authorized the new company to issue \$400,000 in first mortgage bonds, \$50,000 in notes, \$50,000 in preferred stock and \$149,000 in common stock, to obtain funds for the purchase and provide a working capital.

Who Picked Out Dix Hostesses?

NEW YORK, Dec. 5 (U. P.).—The Army has selected three hostesses to make life homelike for the soldiers at Ft. Dix, N. J., but declined today to reveal the officer who did the picking, lest the wrath of "hundreds" who applied but were not chosen, fall upon him.

Miss Bonnie B. Hawthorne and Miss Ernestine E. Latimer, of New York, both youngish and attractive, were named junior hostesses, at annual salaries of \$1620. Mrs. Ethel Keech Logan of Delanco, N. J., was appointed senior hostess. Under the Army's policy of selecting a mature, prominent woman living near the post for that position. She will receive \$2100 a year.

CONSERVATION AID AT EXCHANGE CLUB

Henry W. Moesch Jr., field representative of the State Conservation Department, will address Indianapolis Exchange Club members at their weekly luncheon meeting tomorrow at the Severin Hotel. Slides will illustrate the talk which will cover Conservation activities from forests to fish hatcheries. The club will accept a new American flag, donated by Wallace L. Shilling.

TOWNSHIP CLUB TO MEET Belmont Township Club No. 4 will meet at 7:30 p. m. tomorrow at the home of William Ash, 47 S. Holmes Ave. J. M. Miller will speak.

WILLIS PLEDGES 'NO-WAR' STAND

'Shall Do My Part to Build Defenses,' He Tells South Bend Club.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 5 (U. P.).—Senator-elect Raymond E. Willis pledged himself to "aid in every way in keeping this country out of war" in an address to the Rotary club here yesterday.

"I shall do what I can to help bring an adequate national defense and shall do my part to re-establish traditional American philosophy in our national affairs," he said.

With Republicans in control of both Houses of the Indiana Legislature, "the outlook for better government is good," he asserted.

During preliminary discussions on proposed legislation with Republican members of the Assembly, "I observed . . . a very serious determination to improve the people's government."

"I saw in their discussions demonstrations of the spirit of economy and a sensitiveness to the serious economic burden which will be faced by our people due to the attempt to put the nation in a proper state of defense."

"I saw those men seek a sound method for administering relief and to bring about more efficient service in conservation, highway construction, and the administration of penal, correctional and benevolent institutions in the state."

At the State House— State to Build Long-Delayed Memorial to Nancy Lincoln

By EARL RICHERT

One hundred and twenty-two years after her death, Indiana is building a \$100,000 memorial to a Kentucky woman who lived in the State only about 24 months.

That woman is Nancy Hanks Lincoln, the mother of the 16th President.

The memorial will be a low structure of Indiana limestone and St. Meinrad sandstone to be built one-quarter of a mile south of Mrs. Lincoln's grave in the Nancy Hanks Lincoln Memorial at Lincoln City, Ind.

The memorial will be only a short distance from the cabin where Mrs. Lincoln taught her young son about the Bible by fire-light. Mrs. Lincoln died at the age of 35 on Oct. 5, 1818, two years after the Lincoln family moved to Indiana. The Lincoln family lived in the State until 1830 when it moved west to Illinois.

The memorial will include two buildings, joined by a cloistered walk. One building will house the chapel and the other a public lounge and rest rooms. Scenes from Lincoln's life will be portrayed on the walls of the walk connecting the buildings.

Construction of the memorial is to be completed by Nov. 18, 1941. It is being financed jointly by the Indiana Lincoln Union and the State Conservation Department. The general construction and electric contract for the structure has been awarded to W. A. Armstrong,

Terre Haute, for \$65,660; the plumbing and heating contract to the Tri-State Plumbing & Heating Co., Evansville, for \$11,848, and the stone contract to the Sare-Hoadley Stone Co., Bloomington, for \$20,750.

Construction of the memorial will complete the development program of the Lincoln State Park and Nancy Hanks Lincoln Memorial at Lincoln City, according to Virgil M. Simmons, Conservation Department Commissioner.

Prisoner, 81, Paroled

Berry Hudson, 81-year-old Davies County man who was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1923 on a charge of first degree murder, was paroled yesterday by the State Clemency Commission.

Hudson was sentenced in connection with the fatal shooting of William Gilley following an argument at a meeting of a miners' union.

School for Conciliators

Anxious that there shall be no lengthy tie-ups of defense industries in Indiana by labor difficulties, State officials are drafting a plan to train a number of labor conciliators "to be adequately prepared for any emergency."

The plan, while still very nebulous, calls for the establishment of a school at which a number of men, who have knowledge of labor problems, will be given intensive train-

ing to prepare them to serve as conciliators in labor disputes.

The school would be conducted by the State Labor Department and probably would not be held for longer than a month, Tristram Coffin, secretary to Governor Townsend, said. He said no plans had been formed as to how to select the men for training.

The formation of such a school, of course, would depend upon the Legislature. That body would have to provide the funds for training the men. Mr. Coffin said that the men would have to be paid during the training period.

The State Labor Department now has only six conciliators, including the head of the department, Thomas R. Hutson.

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