

# SENATE BILL HIKES CITY JUDGES' PAY

Adds \$1000 Annually and Sets Bailiffs' Salary at \$2000; Measure Regulating Exterminating Companies Also Passed With One Dissenting Vote.

Marion County's four Municipal Court judges will get a salary raise of \$1000 a year each if the House approves a bill passed today by the Senate.

The measure, which raises the judges' annual salary from \$5000 to \$6000, passed by a vote of 26 to 17 only after absent Senators were called back into the chambers and several Senators changed their votes from no to yes.

Senator Robert Lee Brokenburr (R., Indianapolis) speaking for the bill, asserted that the judges were among the hardest working officials in the State and that this bill "should be passed as an act of encouragement to these conscientious public officials."

## Gives Bailiffs Raise

"I have been told that the judges are worse off financially after serving than they would have been as practicing attorneys," he said.

The bill also provides for an increase in the salaries of the two civil Municipal Court bailiffs from \$1500 to \$2000 annually.

With only one dissenting vote, the Senate also passed a bill setting up a State system of control over firms engaged in exterminating action.

## From Balance to Deficit

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condition. This was the chance for the State to make use of Federal money by matching it with some of its own surplus.

Hence, the 1938 special session of the Legislature was called and some \$7,000,000 for buildings and miscellaneous items was spent.

Six months later, the 1939 Legislature met. Its first glance at the new two-year budget showed all was not as rosy as they had believed. The curve on the chart had begun to turn downward—the State was going to spend more than it would take in. The balance in the State treasury would absorb the loss and leave a "working balance," but 40,000 retailers were demanding gross income tax relief.

When the gross income tax law was enacted, its authors placed manufacturers at  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 1 per cent along with wholesalers. Retailers were to pay 1 per cent on the theory that they could pass along most of this to the consumers. Trade practices made this impossible and by 1939 it was generally conceded that the retailers were paying more than their share of the gross income tax load.

So the 1939 Legislature planned to reduce the retailers' rate. After studying the budget, however, the Administration, aided by the farm bloc, which feared increased property taxes, defeated the proposed rate cut.

The picture had changed that much in less than a year—a \$24,000,000 surplus had developed into a bare working balance.

"Why," asked the bewildered taxpayer, "should the State suddenly start paying out more than it takes in?"

In the first place, the State was sending more money for tuition support to local school units. The amount originally was \$500 for each "teaching unit" composed of each group of 35 pupils. This was increased to \$700, a boost of more than one-third. And the welfare load which the State had taken over was growing.

Thus the State was taking in \$23,500,000 from the gross income tax in 1939, but was sending it right back out to the counties—\$14,000,000.

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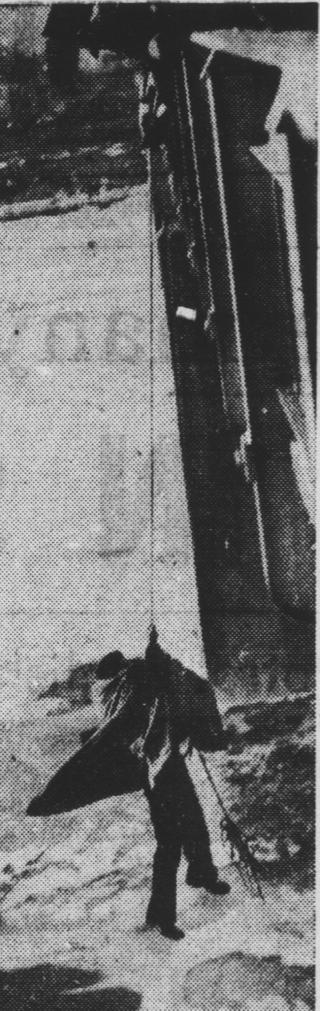
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ready to be dropped on a moment's notice.

In connection with the uncertainty of the Greek position rumors were heard in Belgrade that Athens had appealed to President Roosevelt for advice. Washington was silent.

Eden flew to Athens in a Sunderland flying boat which was guarded carefully against Italian or German air attack.

Whether Greece fights may depend principally upon the whereabouts of the "lost" Imperial Army of the Nile.

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