

ENGINEERS' PAY BILL APPROVED

Provides Raises and Merit System to Offset Lure Of Defense Salaries.

Another step to make state engineering jobs so attractive that the engineers won't quit to take more highly-paid defense industry positions has been taken by the Indiana Legislature.

The Senate yesterday approved a House bill setting up a merit system for 375 registered engineers now employed by the Highway Commission, the Board of Health and the Conservation Department.

Earlier in the session both Houses unanimously passed a bill transferring \$300,000 from one Highway Department fund to another to allow 15 per cent pay raise for the Highway engineers.

Provides for Appeal

The merit system bill provides that whenever any change is made in the employment status or rating of an engineer he may appeal to the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers. The decision of the Board is binding on both parties unless an appeal is taken to the Marion County Superior or Circuit Court.

Senator Clyde A. Black (R. Logansport) declared that the bill would give security to the registered engineer and "make him anxious to hold onto his state job."

Senator Albert Ferri (R. Milton) said he thought the bill was "bad" because if does not give department heads the right to discharge engineers "without going through a lot of red tape." The final vote was 31 to 11.

The Senate passed another House bill allowing Indiana University to trade land which the City of Indianapolis wants to use for a park in return for some city-owned land which the university would like to use for the expansion of the I. U. Medical Center here.

Two Rippers Passed

Two minor "ripper" bills which the Governor is expected to refuse to receive were passed by the Senate yesterday. One would place the Gross Income Tax Department under the G. O. P.-dominated Department of Audit and Control while the other would place under Republican control the State Live Stock Sanitary Board and the Veterinary Examining Board. Transfer of the control of these departments to Republican boards is provided for, however, by the "big ripper" bill which has been passed over Governor Schricker's veto.

Other House bills passed yesterday by the Senate would:

Amend the police pension fund act to provide that payments to policemen permanently disabled should be one-half the amount they would receive if they had retired after 20 years of service. This pertains to all cities but Indianapolis. Exempt the purchase of land by the Federal Government for national defense purposes from the provisions of the 1937 law governing acquisition of lands over which control could be taken by the Conservation Department.

Gets Up Sanitary Boards

Enable township trustees to let contracts to school bus drivers five to nine weeks earlier than under the present law.

Establish board of sanitary commissioners in fourth-class cities.

Give county commissioners in counties of less than 35,000 population the right to remove from office county inspectors of weights and measures.

Two House resolutions were approved by the Senate. One would set up a 20-man commission to study the road needs of the state and make a report to the next legislature while the other provides for a constitutional amendment increasing the terms of office of county officials from two to four years.

BILL GIVES 2 TOWNS MORE STREET FUNDS

Ravenswood and Rocky Ripple will be able to spend more of their tax money for new streets under provisions of a bill passed by the Legislature and sent to Governor Henry Schricker today.

"Under present laws, incorporated towns are limited to a 25-cent property tax for streets and in most towns, this does not return enough revenue to maintain their streets and roads, according to town officials.

The bill, introduced by Rep. Thaddeus Baker (R. Indianapolis), will permit the town board to determine how much of its \$1.25 tax levy should go for streets.

"This bill follows the home rule principle," Rep. Baker said. "It was sponsored especially for Ravenswood and Rocky Ripple but it will apply to all incorporated towns. The law limiting street levies in towns to 25 cents is not fair to local taxpayers."

FACES 1-10 YEARS IN WIFE'S SHOOTING

GREENFIELD, Ind., March 8 (U.P.)—William Nickson, 52-year-old WPA worker, today faced one to 10 years in the State Prison after he pleaded guilty to assault and battery with intent to kill.

Nickson was accused of shooting his wife, Goldie, three weeks ago. She is in a critical condition in an Indianapolis hospital.

Nickson appeared in Hancock Circuit Court minus his left arm, lost when he turned a gun on himself.

KILLED IN SLATE FALL

CLINTON, Ind., March 8 (U.P.)—Ralph C. Brown, 40, was killed instantly yesterday in a slate fall at the Waukegan Coal Corp. mine. A widow and seven children survive him.

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Safety Group Hears Traffic Report



The Mayor's Advisory Committee on Traffic Safety hears a report from Irwin A. Ward, secretary of the committee, during yesterday's meeting at City Hall. In the extreme rear of this photograph (center) are Judge John McNells and Prosecutor Sherwood Blue. In front of Judge McNells is Sheriff Feeney and to the right of the Sheriff, Dr. R. N. Harger, toxicologist of the Indiana University School of Medicine, and Todd Stoops, manager of the Hoosier Motor Club. Against the wall at the right are Otto N. Frenzel, vice president of the Merchants Bank Building; Aurely Dunham, locksmith, and Norman E. Isaacs, managing editor of The Indianapolis Times. Back to the camera is Wallace O. Lee, chairman of the committee.

BETTER BUS SERVICE TO FORT IS PLANNED

Improved bus service between downtown Indianapolis and Ft. Harrison, Anderson, Muncie and Ft. Wayne will be inaugurated to-morrow.

The new schedule will increase the service to 30 round trips daily and several additional runs will be operated over the company's main line to Ft. Wayne. Shuttle service will be maintained between Sunnyside Sanatorium and the junction of Sunnyside Road and State Road 67 where direct connections will be made through busses to and from Indianapolis.

Claims by Germany that British control of the seas has been destroyed can have been made only to stimulate home morale.

Neither by submarine nor airplane attack has the Axis made any serious inroads on the power

of British warships engaged in blockade duty.

The British have lost 36 destroyers, but the 50 American destroyers delivered to Great Britain have much more than made up the difference. In addition, about 25 destroyers and torpedo boats were under construction at the outbreak of the war and it is certain there have been additions since then.

The German assertion that British sea power has been broken cannot refer to destruction of mercantile shipping. Though that has been severe, Mr. Alexander said last Wednesday, the more than two-thirds of the losses have been made up by new domestic construction, acquisitions abroad and seizures of enemy ships.

SUPER-LABOR BOARD CLOSER

U. S. Officials Predict New Mediation Body for Defense Strikes.

WASHINGTON, March 8 (U.P.)—Government labor officials today predicted establishment of a Federal super-mediation board, perhaps within 10 days, to deal with strikes affecting national defense.

Several proposals have been submitted to President Roosevelt who yesterday expressed growing concern over jurisdictional defense strikes, declaring that the need for some form of Federal mediation machinery is becoming more clear daily.

Some labor officials, quoting figures to show that approximately 75,000 employees, most of whom are at work on defense contracts are affected by strikes, said that speedy action is necessary to prevent the situation from "getting out of hand." They said the number of workers affected was "about normal."

One suggestion which they said had been put forward calls for creation of a super-mediation agency of five members to work in conjunction with the Office of Production Management to handle labor disputes. Composed of two union and two employee representatives and a "non-partisan" chairman, they said, its chief power would be that of public opinion—authorized to "bring public pressure" on both unions and manufacturers which the present U.S. Conciliation Service is unable to do.

The proposed agency would not replace the OPM, the Conciliation Service and the National Labor Relations Board, but would supersede them in handling difficulties involving defense contracts. Officials said the division of responsibility among the three separate agencies has resulted in "some confusion."

Howard E. McCloud, former assistant Secretary of Labor and now labor relations adviser for the Army, was mentioned by Government and union leaders for a prominent place on any super-mediation board.



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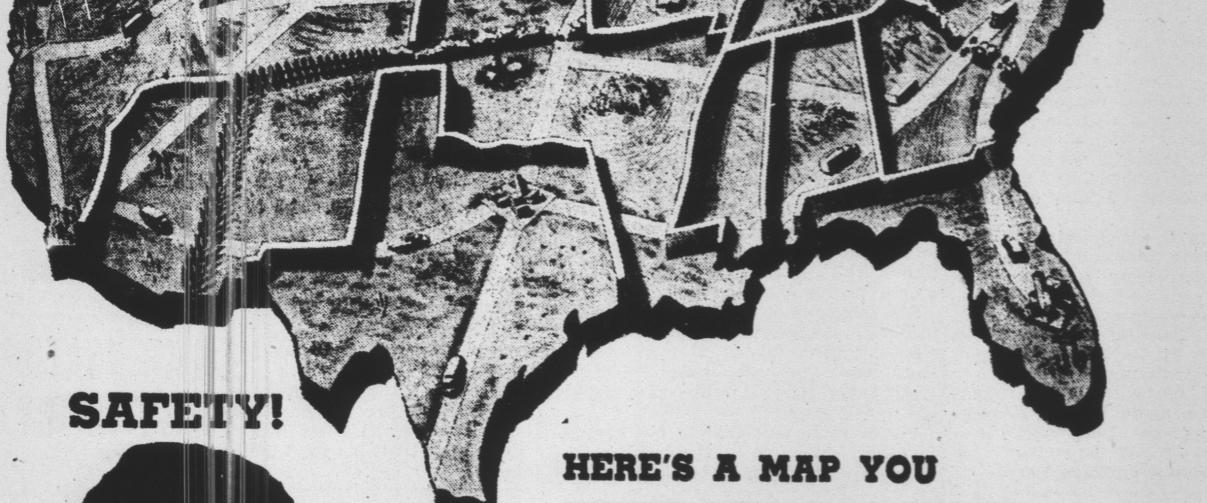
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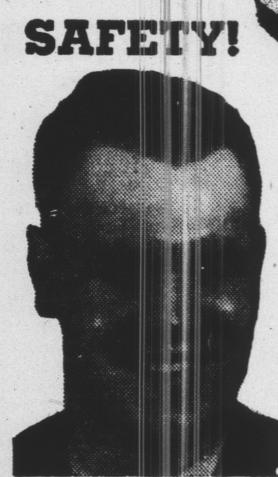
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Orville Hoffert is the champion of 3,500,000 truck drivers—100,000 of whom live right here in Indiana. He, like his fellow "Knights of the Highway," does his job safely and well. Trade barriers affect his job and those of his fellow workers. They affect you, too, because they mean higher living costs for all of us.

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