

STATE PROGRAM TO BE SURVEYED

3-Day Parley Opens Monday For Pre-Legislative Discussions.

A three-day pre-legislative study session to analyze and discuss state-wide and local issues which may face the Indiana general assembly meeting in January will open at 10 a. m. Monday with a closed preliminary meeting.

Hoosier organization executives attending the conference, which will be held at the Athletic club, will include representatives of chambers of commerce and other affiliated commercial and professional organizations.

During a noon luncheon Monday Senator I. Floyd Garrett, chairman of the state budget committee, and C. Anderson Ketchum, state budget director, will outline the condition of state finances and prospective required expenditures in the near future.

Other Topics Listed

Other issues to be taken up during the three-day session are the progress of the newly formed governor's commission on aviation, the highway situation in Indiana, the post-war highway program, anticipated legislative proposals in the multi-million-dollar social security unemployment compensation and public welfare programs, re-employment for veterans, opportunities for new industries and personal relations.

Scheduled to speak are Samuel C. Hadden, chairman of the Indiana state highway commission; Dean H. Mitchell, president of the Indiana State Chamber of Commerce; Col. Robinson Hitchcock, Indiana selective service director; James D. Strickland, director of the Indiana OPA; Hassil E. Schenck, president of the Indiana farm bureau, and Harry S. Rogers, Indianapolis district director of the Smaller War Plants Corp.

The conference is being sponsored by the Indiana Commercial Secretaries association and the Indiana State Chamber of Commerce. Clarence A. Jackson, executive vice president of the state chamber, will preside at a round-table session set for Wednesday morning.

BUTLER ENROLLMENT GAINS OVER 1943

Total enrollment at Butler university for the fall term is 200 more than last year. Dr. C. B. Maxam, registrar, announced today.

There are now 1511 students enrolled in both the day and evening schools and the increase in male students is reflected in the registration of 331 men in the day school. Dr. Maxam said that approximately 10 per cent of them were veterans of this war studying under the G. I. Bill of Rights.

Half of the students in the regular session are in the college of liberal arts and sciences and the majority of the rest are studying either education or business administration.

BROWNING SLATED FOR CHURCH TALK

Dr. Dallas L. Browning, pastor of the North Methodist church, will speak at the first of a series of fellowship and dinner programs at 6 p. m. Thursday at the Central Ave. Methodist church.

Following Dr. Browning's address on "Christian Optimism" an informal welcome will be extended to the Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Klausmeier and his daughter, who came to Central Ave. Methodist church this summer.

Other fellowship and inspiration programs will be held on successive Thursdays.

QUARTET TO PLAY

The Musical Art quartet, assisted by Louise Essex, cellist, will present a program in the world war memorial building auditorium at 8:30 p. m. tomorrow under the auspices of the Ensemble Music society of Indianapolis.

Ration Calendar

MEAT—Red stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through K5 in Book 4 good indefinitely for 10 points each.

CANNED GOODS—Blue stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through R5 in Book 4 good indefinitely for 10 points each. No more blue stamps will become valid until Nov. 1.

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SHOES—No. 1 and No. 2 "airplane" stamps in Book 3 good indefinitely. A new stamp will become valid Nov. 1.

TIRES—Commercial vehicle tire inspection every six months or every 5000 miles. B card holders are now eligible for grade 1 tires if they can prove extreme necessity. All A holders are eligible for grade 3 tires, if they find tires which may be purchased.

FUEL OIL—Period 4 and 5 coupons valid through Aug. 31, 1945. All change-making coupons and reserve coupons are now good. Fuel oil rations for 1944-45 heating season now being issued. Period 1 good immediately.

Seven Divorce Suits Are Filed in Marion County for Every Eight Marriage Licenses Issued, Survey Shows

By NOBLE REED

War-time strains on the home coupled with the wives' new economic freedom in war plant work are dealing marriage increasingly severe blows in Indianapolis.

Another big jump in the divorce rate here was disclosed today in a check of court house records for the first nine months of 1944.

For every eight marriage licenses issued so far this year, seven divorce suits have been filed in Marion county's six civil courts, com-

pared to six divorce suits to every eight marriages last year.

While 4410 marriage licenses were being issued this year, 3810 divorce suits were filed, or 86 divorce suits for every 100 marriages.

Six years ago the ratio was about 30 divorce suits to every 100 marriages.

The first of the hasty war-time marriages during the last three years have begun to show up in the divorce courts, according to the records.

However, the ill-fated war-time marriages comprise only a small part of the rush to the divorce courts this year.

The bulk of increase in divorces this year, according to the six judges who hear hundreds of marital cases every month, is traced to homes where wives have become economically independent through war work.

"These marriages, of course, never were very successful but they didn't have enough money to get a di-

vorce and establish separate homes until the wife started making her own livelihood, which in some cases is better than her husband ever provided," one judge summarized.

The wives' usual complaint on the witness stand is that their husbands spend all their money on themselves nowadays and refuse to support the home any more. Then the evidence shows that the wives are making about as much as the husbands and they went separate ways economically, eventually going

separate ways socially, too; thus the marriage went on the rocks.

According to the wives' stories on the witness stand, their husbands have been stopping at taverns more frequently or have been paying too much attention to the girl working on the next machine to them in the factory.

On the other hand, the husbands bringing divorce actions against their wives are complaining that their working spouses are living their lives mostly apart from them and

refuse to contribute their share to making a home.

Extra marital love affairs are charged against the wives almost as much as against erring husbands and in many cases, judges contend that the blame for the broken home is about 50-50 between the husband and the wife.

In no divorce case is one spouse 100 per cent to blame for their troubles, judges agreed.

In many cases where the wives recite a long list of misbehaviors

against their husbands, an investigation will show that the wife was a nagger, trying to mold him to her ideas and causing endless conflicts.

Divorce comes high for some ex-husbands, especially in cases where children are involved.

Alimony records in the county clerk's office show about 4000 ex-husbands are paying an average of between \$50,000 to \$80,000 alimony every month to their wives.

Payments run as high as \$40 a week and as low as \$1.50 a week.



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