

4 State Schools For Handicapped Children Proposed

Spokesman Says GOP Will Offer Bill

Plan Construction in Large Communities

The administration bill to aid in educating physically handicapped children will be introduced in the house Monday, Republican spokesmen said today.

Under the measure, the state would pay half the cost of building special schools and providing for these children. It also would pay all educational costs in excess of those which would be required if the youngsters were normal.

The bill would be of particular benefit to handicapped children living in small communities where no special facilities are available for their education. It would authorize school corporations to furnish such facilities.

It provides for four special schools similar to the Roberts school in Indianapolis. These schools would be built in large communities throughout the state, according to the administration plan.

Special Supervision

The measure would create a state division of special education to supervise the program.

Other highlights of the bill would:

ONE: Authorize dormitories to permit handicapped children to stay at the school during the week, returning to their homes on weekends.

TWO: Permit transfer to the special schools of children from surrounding counties and areas.

THREE: Assist families unable to meet costs of sending their children to the special schools.

Study Requirements

The schools would be staffed by specially trained teachers and attended by doctors and nurses. A doctor's certificate would be required for admission to one of the schools as a pupil.

The bill would appropriate \$20,000 a year for the special education division and authorize expenditures from the common school revenue fund to meet costs of building. The act would become effective July 1.

Ex-Purdue Student Completes H.S.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 24. (U.P.)—A college graduate was graduated from high school last night.

Robert Erwin decided in 1943 to skip his senior year at Springfield high school. He took a special college entrance examination and was admitted to Purdue university.

Later he enlisted in the navy and was assigned to Northwestern university as a V-12 student. He was graduated from Northwestern last February.

Last night he was given his high school diploma by Springfield high school, which granted him credit for his navy basic training.

Disciples of Christ In All-Day Meeting

Disciples of Christ will hold an all-day meeting Feb. 7 in the Central Christian church to discuss their Crusade for a Christian World.

The Indianapolis crusade assembly is one of 60 scheduled for the nation. William T. Peary will lead the local program. The meeting will open at 10 a. m. and close with a 9 p. m. mass session.

A maximum stewardship goal of \$14 million was set by the International Convention of the Disciples of Christ. The crusade began last autumn and will continue through June, 1950.

Pittsburgh Teacher To Lead Workshop

Dr. Charles E. Manwiller, director of curriculum study, Pittsburgh public schools, will be resource leader for the third Butler university conference on "Development of Better Human Relations."

The meeting will be held Monday afternoon and evening in Arthur Jordan Memorial hall. It is part of a series of workshops held on six consecutive Mondays.

Fight Promised on Measure To Pay Officials \$4 a Day

Rep. Grant Says He'll Oppose Bill, Called 'Salary Grab' at Hearing

Rep. Wilbur Grant (R., Indianapolis) said today he will bitterly oppose a measure to pay at least 12 Marion county officials a per diem of \$4.

The \$4 a day would be in addition to the annual salaries now provided by law.

At a public hearing yesterday in the house chamber, the bill was described as a salary grab.

Carl R. Dorch, Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce director of government research, declared if Marion county officials are backing the bill, they are breaking faith with the people.

"Our officials were put on a \$10,000 a year salary to eliminate the iniquitous 'fee system,'" Mr. Dorch said. He added that gains made in the 1943 session are threatened by this and other similar bills.

Extra for Sheriff

Mr. Dorch asserted that bills now pending in the legislature would increase the salaries of 28 Marion county officials by an average of \$2600 a year.

The proposed per diem measure, authorized by Rep. Howard Steele (R., Knox) would pay per diem to county officials on scales varying with the size of the county.



V. F. W. Bonus Backer Favors Giving Veterans \$1000 in Life Insurance

World war II veterans would receive a \$1000 paid-up life insurance policy under a bill to be introduced in the house by a sponsor of the pending V. F. W. bonus measure.

Rep. John Metford (R., Seymour) said he will introduce the bill as soon as he has checked details. He said a similar measure was introduced in the Maine legislature.

Meanwhile, the American Legion bonus bill will be introduced in the house Monday. This bill would give veterans from \$100 to \$300, according to length and type of service. It provides no method of financing.

Calls Monday Meeting

While no action has been taken on a V. F. W. bonus proposal already in the house, the insurance measure was seen as a move to give veterans some sort of benefit if the bonus bill falls through.

Mr. Metford plans a meeting of

all freshman representatives for 1 p. m. Monday in an attempt to muster strength for the V. F. W. bonus committee.

Also behind the freshman caucus was a veteran legislator who favors the V. F. W. measure.

The V. F. W. bonus bill would pay veterans \$10 for each month of domestic service and \$15 for each month of overseas service. It would be financed by a three per cent sales tax to be in effect for five years.

The sponsors Mr. Metford and Rep. Ralph Hines (R., Portland), estimate the bill would cost \$300 million. No payments would be made until the fund was large enough to pay all approved claims.

Financing Held Unsound

The method of financing the bill was described as unsound by Rep. Jesse Andrew (R., West Point), chairman of the powerful ways and means committee.

Mr. Andrew indicated the bill has little chance of passing.

"They'll have to blast it out of me," he said. "With a 3 per cent sales tax, the poor people would pay for the bonus."

Another observer pointed out that administration of the bonus program would cost nearly as much as the actual payments.

Six Are Elected To Phi Kappa Phi

Six graduate students have been elected to the Butler university chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, national scholastic honor society.

Ten senior students were named to the group earlier this year and Thomas J. Luck, Indianapolis, who received his degree last year, also was elected.

Graduate students include Helen Ruth Cook, Zionsville; Mary E. Kershner, Indianapolis; Mrs. Betty B. Maher, Kokomo; Lois Mallett, Indianapolis; Edna Miller, Indianapolis, and Lester Parker, Carmel.

Seniors include Wanda Lee Coll, Avilla and Barbara Park; Reba Mae Marshall, Helen Antonia Need, Mara Jean Pittenger, Nancy Clute Rodecker, Dorothy Jean Witte, Mrs. Carolyn Helen Shaw, Richard H. Jowitt and Robert L. Terrican, all of Indianapolis.

Gas Overcomes East Side Couple

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence C. Bray, 3401 E. 38th st., were recovering at City hospital today from the effects of gas escaping from pipe valves in the basement of their home last night.

Neighbors noticed that Mr. and Mrs. Bray were not in their sitting room as usual all evening. They called police after smelling gas.

Police broke open the front door and found the couple unconscious. They were revived with oxygen at City hospital.

Bilbo Gains Rapidly

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 24 (U.P.)

—Physicians marveled today at Senator Theodore G. Bilbo's rapid improvement from a cancer operation of the mouth. The Mississippi senator was sitting up in bed interested in reading newspapers and listening to news broadcasts.

Transfer G. I. Leave Pay Office

Terminal leave claim headquarters for Indiana will be moved from Ft. Benjamin Harrison to the U. S. army finance office at New York City, Brig. Gen. Clifford Bluemel, Ft. Harrison commander, announced today.

The transfer will not affect present practice in filing claims. All claims from soldiers who received their discharges in Indiana should be sent to Ft. Harrison as before.

A preliminary check-up will be made there. The claims will then be forwarded to the New York office.

The big finance office in New York has the personnel and equipment to work four times as fast as the Ft. Harrison office, Gen. Bluemel said. It should be able to liquidate the current backlog of claims at the fort within 60 days, he said.

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