

1948 Civil City Tax Rate Set At \$1.80, Cut Of 23.5 Cents

Expenditure Of \$15 Million Provided

Total to Exceed Current Year Outlay

A civil city tax rate of \$1.80 for 1948 was fixed in the office of City Controller Cecil S. Ober yesterday. The rate is 23.5 cents lower than the current civil city rate of \$2.035, but projects an expenditure of \$15,500,000. The expenditure for the current year was \$17,500,000.

Tax experts explained the phenomenon of a lower rate for the next year with a higher expenditure as follows:

ONE—Increased property valuation which yields more tax revenue than last year's valuation on which the current rate is based.

TWO—The accumulation of \$1 million by the Indianapolis redevelopment commission in its annual clearance program. This sum cannot be spent this year because of legal obstructions.

THREE—Boosting of anticipated revenues for 1948 above the controller's estimate.

Tax experts said the actual increase in expenditures next year over the current year is about \$134,000 for usual municipal operations.

Confirmed at Meeting

The establishment of the \$1.80 rate had been predicted. It was confirmed at a meeting in the controller's office between Mr. Ober, Council President John A. Schumacher, and representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and the Indiana Taxpayers' association.

Councilmen will convene Monday night to vote formal approval of the budget and the new rate. The budget will then be sent to the county tax adjustment board for review.

Russians to Free 3 G.I.'s Sunday

SEOUL, Korea, Aug. 23 (U. P.).—The U. S. army announced today that the Russians had promised to free tomorrow the three American soldiers they seized on Aug. 12.

The G.I.'s will be released at Yohyon-Ni, the town on the border between the Soviet and American occupation zones where they were picked up, the announcement said.

The Soviet promise to turn the soldiers over to the Americans was made by a representative of the Soviet command at Pyongyang to the U. S. liaison officer there, Lt. Col. Ernest McLaughlin.

An American officer and interpreter from the seventh infantry division will accept the release of the men, as requested by the Russians.

The soldiers were picked up while they were making a routine check of a telephone line.

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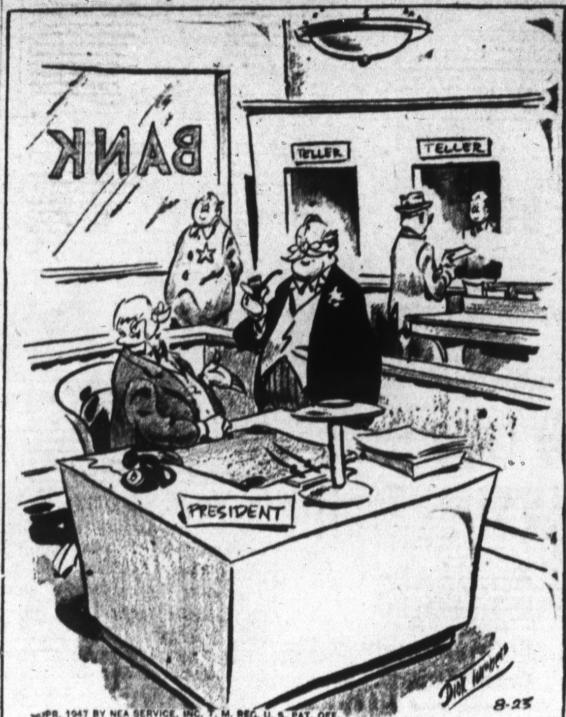
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Carnival—By Dick Turner



"Maybe we'd better have the bank examiners in right away, J. G. —nobody has asked for a raise this week!"

Cries of a Mystery 'Crittter' Again Rouse Farmers

Cattle Barns Are Guarded in Nashville Section; Woman Tells of Screams Near Henhouse

NASHVILLE, Ind., Aug. 23.—It's that "wild critter" again!

Another flareup of a roaming wild animal in the vicinity of Belmont, Ind., southwest of Nashville, has put the nerves of farmers and homeowners on edge.

This time reports of blood curdling screams and howls of the critter have been added, and several nights of watching of cattle barns has robbed farmers of their sleep.

Hunting Dogs Hurt

Reports have also been given of favorite hunting dogs having encountered the critter and coming home injured. Cattle have been stampeded.

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Move to Indorse Wallace Fails

State C.I.O. Votes Resolution Down

A resolution indorsing Henry Wallace as the 1948 presidential candidate and calling on the C. I. O. to form a third party, if necessary, to elect him, was defeated today in a stormy session of the C. I. O. state convention here.

The resolution, specifically urging that Mr. Wallace be chosen as the Democratic standard bearer, stipulated that in the event he is ignored by the party, that the C. I. O. "take the initiative" in forming a "coalition of labor, small business, farmers and liberals in general" to form a third party.

After a lengthy debate, the resolution was sent back to the resolutions committee by a standing vote of more than two to one. State C. I. O. President James McEwan said "it might be re-written and presented again," although union leaders said it had "in effect, been killed."

Charges 'Unholy Alliance'

The resolution charged that an "unholy alliance of reactionary Republicans and reactionary Democrats" had "disregarded the welfare of the common man."

It cited passage of the Taft-Hartley act and the "lack" of beneficial legislation by congress and "indorsement by President Truman" of policies of the G. O. P. legislators.

It said Mr. Wallace would bring a "return to the policies of Franklin D. Roosevelt."

"Mr. Taft will be the next president unless we get behind this," said Al Smith, a delegate from Evansville.

James Robb, Indianapolis, a steel union official, said adoption of the pro-Wallace resolution would be a "grave mistake," and termed it "premature." He said it should be referred to the national C. I. O.

Triple Slayer

Kills Self in Jail

Butts Head Against Cell Bars

VINCENNES, Ind., Aug. 23 (U. P.).—Roy Turpin, 46, confessed triple slayer, died early today of injuries received when he battered his head against the bars of his jail cell, Sheriff Francis Thomas said.

Mr. Thomas said a turnkey found Turpin unconscious late last night. He was rushed to Good Samaritan hospital and died sometime after midnight, the sheriff said.

Turpin went berserk Aug. 4, shot the farm couple he lived with and then shot and decapitated his sister, Nora. He told police his sister tried to boss him and he "got mad."

Turpin had recently recovered from a nervous breakdown. The shooting occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bateman, the victims, near Princeton, Ind.

Turpin readily admitted the shootings. He was being held for grand jury action and was brought here from the Princeton jail for "safekeeping."

Sheriff Thomas said that during his confinement here, Turpin went on several hunger strikes, slit his throat and wrists with the jagged edge of a tin cup, flung himself off his cot, and battered his head against the cell bars in suicide attempts.

"He's been a problem prisoner," said Mr. Thomas.

Last night when guards thought he was asleep, Turpin succeeded in knocking himself unconscious. Doctors said he died of a blood clot.

New British Mine

Blast Kills 19

ANNFIELD PLAIN, England, Aug. 23 (U. P.).—A midnight explosion deep underground in the Morrison north mine killed 19 coal miners today and raised to 123 the one-week death toll in the north England coal fields.

Five men were hospitalized with severe burns. Only 24 men were in the mine when the blast occurred.

The last of the 19 bodies was removed from the mine about noon.

Just a week ago 104 miners perished in an explosion at Whitehaven, about 85 miles southwest of here.

Near 21-Year-Old Blaze

The explosion occurred 600 feet from the main shaft in a tunnel paralleling sealed-off workings in which an underground fire has been blazing since 1926.

Youthful couples in evening dress who had been attending a dance mingled around the pilehead with the poorly garbed miners' families while search parties brought the bodies to the surface on stretchers.

The Morrison north mine is one of the oldest and largest workings in the Durham coal field.

Hopes Buyers Strike Follows Price Probe

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23 (U. P.).—Senator John J. Sparkman (D., Ala.), expressed hope today that congress' \$25,000 cross-country investigation of high prices will increase buyer resistance.

He said one of the chief aims of the forthcoming inquiry should be to instruct housewives to delay all but essential purchases until prices come down.

A joint senate-house economic committee will launch three simultaneous investigations next month—in the East, Midwest and Far West. Mr. Sparkman will travel with the Midwest group.

Washington Calling—Navy Soon to Launch Guided Missiles From Battleship or Cruiser in Test

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battles. In Pennsylvania district all labor groups are fighting for the Democratic candidate, Philip Storch, a newspaperman. But this is the home territory of high-tariff Joe Grundy. A legislative world war II veteran probably will win Michigan seat for G. O. P.

Two other special elections may be held—one for Ohio seat of Robert F. Jones, named to the federal communications commission, and the other for Illinois seat vacated by Evan Howell when he moved to the U. S. claims court.

Battles are on for former Mansfield and Thompson congressional seats in Texas, but they're strictly intra-Democratic.

Senator Bilbo's senate seat will be filled in the November Mississippi election. Rep. William M. Colmer is sure to run. Paul Spearman, who has been practicing law in Washington, is likely to be.

REAR ADM. Ross T. McIntyre, retired, President Roosevelt's personal physician, is in line to head American Red Cross, insiders say.

Speed Too Early

INSIDE STORY on the navy's breaking air-speed record. It wasn't scheduled until next week. Wednesday's show was to be a dress rehearsal. But Cmdr. Turner Caldwell, pilot of new Skyraider, outfoxed everyone by grabbing record ahead of time.

Navy in Washington was caught flat-footed, didn't have appropriate fanfare ready.

Special Elections

IT LOOKS like victory for Republicans in two congressional elections just ahead—in 11th Michigan district of late Fred Bradley, next Tuesday, and eighth Pennsylvania district of late Charles Gerlach, where election will be held Sept. 9.

Both districts went Democratic in New Deal days, but were won back by G. O. P.

Labor is main issue in both

W. M. Wheeler

Heads Paper Firm

Directors of the Paper Package Co., 802 S. Delaware st., a subsidiary of Eli Lilly & Co., have named W. M. Wheeler Jr. as board president.

Raymond F. Stultz will continue as general manager.

Other directors besides Mr. Wheeler are:

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Rob Jeffersonville Store of \$10,000

Women Employee Tied to Chair

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Aug. 23 (U. P.).—Two short and slender, "untidy" men tied a woman clerk to a chair in the back room of a jewelry store yesterday, scooped up some \$10,000 in cash and jewelry and escaped.

Jeffersonville city police sent out a three-alarm for the two men who entered the Jewel Box store in the downtown business district and forced Mrs. Marie Pecar, the clerk, into a back room at the point of a gun. They tied her to a chair with a piece of clothing.

"Give Us 5 Minutes"

"Just give us five minutes," Mrs. Pecar said they told her. "You won't be hurt."

The loss was estimated at between \$2000 and \$3000 in cash and \$6000 in diamond rings and watches.

Mrs. Pecar told police she had no difficulty in untying her bonds, but by the time she got to the front part of the store, the men had left.

Says Clerk Nervous

Police said the clerk was in a "high state of nervousness" and that she gave several contradictory descriptions of the men.

One of the men was wearing his shirt tail on the outside of his belt, Mrs. Pecar said.

A police alarm was spread through southern Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio.

Hunt for Missing

Ohio Baby Widens

WALDO, O., Aug. 23 (U. P.).—Police in midwestern states were on the lookout today for blond, blue-eyed Carolyn Jeanette Peterson, 20-month-old girl believed to have been kidnapped.

Sheriff Leroy Retterer said he believed some childless couple, attracted by the child's beauty, may have kidnapped her.

Charles Peterson, the girl's father, said he would not prosecute the kidnappers if they would return Carolyn.

A radio appeal was sent out yesterday after deputies, neighbors, and volunteers had conducted a fruitless 48-hour search of the area.

Indianaapolis Clearing House

Clearings \$ 5,518,000

Debits 26,714,000