

Charges Railways Owe On Underpass

Feeney Backs Suit to Force Utility to Pay \$25,000 Cited As Fair Share

By LOUIS ARMSTRONG

Mayor Al Feeney today charged Indianapolis Railways, Inc., with "evading its responsibilities" by not paying a portion of the cost of the \$500,000 Shelby St. underpass.

Yesterday the city filed suit in Superior Court for a declaratory judgment against the utility to force it to pay \$25,000 on the construction costs.

For several months, the city has billed the utility for the amount but each time has received only a letter from the transit firm stating it did not owe the money.

Byron Hollett, city legal adviser to the Works Board, prepared and filed the suit. He gave the following outline of the case.

In 1945 the streetcar company petitioned the Works Board for permission to abandon its rail service over Shelby St. and to substitute motor coach service. The petition was granted but so time elapsed for the change-over and the utility continued to operate street cars on the street.

In February, 1946, the Works Board passed the Shelby St. grade separation resolution. The streetcars were still operating over the route.

Under this situation, the city was liable for 40 per cent of the cost, the county 40 per cent, the Indianapolis Union Railway Co. 15 per cent, and the Indianapolis Railways, Inc. 5 per cent.

Public Hearing Set
The resolution was advertised and a public hearing set for Mar. 6, 1946.

But on Mar. 3, according to the city's suit, the utility removed its electrical wires over the Bell crossing, along with several hundred feet of track on each side and discontinued streetcar service.

At the public hearing the utility objected to any of the cost being allocated to it. The Works Board overruled the objection. The firm has never taken an appeal to this ruling.

The suit placed secondary liability upon Indianapolis Union Railway Co. as it will have to pay the 5 per cent in question if a court rules for the transit firm.

Mayor Feeney said he was in accord with the city's suit. "I told them to go ahead and file it," he declared. "The utility is just trying to evade its responsibility."

See No Urgency For Civic Building
Two top officials of City and County agreed today there is no pressing need for a combined multi-million dollar municipal building.

Mayor Al Feeney termed the City Hall a "good, solid building" and reminded the public it has \$2 million tied up in the structure. He said he had been advised the building is good for 50 years.

In turn he proposed a plan under which a new police station and City courts building would be constructed in connection with a new Court House with the idea of adding a new City Hall when needed.

At the same time, Paul B. Clark, chairman of the County Council, commented he thought a thorough cleaning of the present Court House would make it "liveable" for a number of years.

Ship Movements

By United Press
New York Arrivals—Vendam, Rotterdam; Jamaica, Puerto Barrios; New York Departures—Baltica, Lisbon; Monte Tejar, Bilbao; San Miguel, Peking; Delgado, St. Petersburg; Alexandria, Long Key, Port Limon.



BACK OF THESE WALLS—This is the main building of the state school. The center portion houses administration and business offices, while the east and west wings are "home" for patients. It was in the east wing I worked as an attendant.



UNDERSTAFFED—This operating room at the Ft. Wayne School for Feeble Minded Youth serves 1900 patients. In the hospital, as over the school, there is a severe shortage of trained personnel. Many attendants' duties must be performed by inmates.



BLEAK SURROUNDINGS—For a week I lived in drab quarters like this while I worked as an attendant at the institution. Lack of modern conveniences is illustrated by the two pitchers and wash basin shown on the dresser at the left. The room had no toilet facilities.

Has Indiana Forgotten School for Feeble-Minded?

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tember afternoon. I walked through the gates of the school into well kept grounds, to the dull, brown brick administration building.

In the half light of the gloomy hallway sat two inmates. They were of legal age. One knitted while the other fingered thread-work.

I asked for a job and filled out an application blank I was handed. The questions were routine: Name, age, date of birth, service record, previous employment and reasons for leaving it, marital status and references.

These were obviously for the record. The fact that I was here and was willing to work was recommendation enough.

Youthful Miss Faunell Jacques, administrative assistant, interviewed me. She reviewed the application questions but didn't probe the why of my answers. I offered absolutely no personal identification. She accepted my word that my service discharge was honorable.

She asked why I wanted the job. I told her I was just going through Ft. Wayne and heard there was a good chance for work at the school.

ONE QUESTION gave away the fact that labor turnover is high. She wondered if I planned to work only until I had my first paycheck and enough money to move on. Then she added that a lot of transients hit the school for a week or two of work.

From another employee I later learned an attendant had shown his duties and quit. "Any

idiot can do this work," he said. After a brief but adequate physical examination by an elderly, slow-moving doctor, I officially was hired.

I was to work six days one week, five the next, 14 hours a day for \$115 a month less \$25 for room, board and laundry. The pay is raised five dollars a month to a top of \$130.

Thirty minutes are allotted for meals. Usually the periods were shorter. I was to be allowed three to four nights out a week, but found I could take off any night. I was due in at 11:30 p. m. except for a 1:30 a. m. night and a 2 a. m. Saturday deadline.

TWELVE WORK DAYS sick leave per year are granted on approval of a doctor. Vacations called for 12 work days a year. Holidays and other days off brought the total to 96.

I reported for my first day at 7:30 the next morning. After that, the days began at 5 a. m. when the nightwatchman would shake me out of my sleep.

Drinking on the grounds or possessing liquor are cause for dismissal. I was not to discipline the patients but report disturbances to my supervisor. Discipline is handled through the hospital administration.

I found this procedure is not always followed. Attendants and supervisors sometimes take matters into their own hands.

I THEN WAS ASSIGNED to a division of more advanced inmates to supervise their work, play, smoking, bathing, deportment in fact, his was to be a full-time job.

Most of the employees, male and female, are middle-aged, many are former farmers. Calvin Curran, east wing supervisor, and I had become one of this group. I was a state employee in the Ft. Wayne School for Feeble Minded Youth.

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Times Sunday Edition Announced

The Indianapolis Times will publish Sunday editions starting Oct. 17.

Sunday editions of The Times will be produced with the emphasis on news, presented in clear, concise, easy-to-read form. The full services of the world's greatest news and picture gathering organizations, and of The Times' large local, national and foreign staffs of exclusive writers will be used to make that news complete, accurate and authentic.

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The first of the Sunday morning editions of The Times will be available from your daily Times newspaper carrier and on news stands a week from Sunday.

besides being available for emergency night call.

George Matthews, an assistant supervisor, took me into the East Wing of the administration building to show me around.

I picked up a lot of information from him and others I met that day and throughout the week.

A year ago the main building was de-roached by an Indianapolis exterminator. Employees say the pests are returning, even to the point of running across the dining room tables.

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Wolf Proposes 'Hatch Act Policy'

Robert L. Wolf, city combustion engineer, today proposed adoption of a "Hatch Act" policy in the proposed new anti-smoke ordinance.

He said a provision should be incorporated in the bill which would level a fine of not less than \$5 or more than \$300 on employees of the department found guilty of political activity. Conviction also, he said, should result in immediate removal from office.

He said the department never had permitted political activity or political contributions by staff members, but he felt this administrative rule should be made official by councilmanic action.

\$300 in Equipment Stolen at Shop Here

A \$300 burglary at the Maple Road Paint and Body Shop, 3358 N. Capitol Ave., was being investigated today.

Lloyd Passwater, 45, of 3306 N. Capitol Ave., the owner told police he discovered the loss when he arrived for work. Listed as stolen were two electric grinders valued at \$180, two spray guns valued at \$100, and miscellaneous tools.

Lions to Hear Doctor

Dr. Thurman B. Rice of the State Board of Health will address the Lions Club of Indianapolis at noon tomorrow in the Claypool Hotel. Dr. Thurman will speak on "Adding Life to Your Years."