

# Two School Merger Bills Pass Senate

One Measure Calls For Consolidation Under Trustees

Two plans for consolidating schools within a county or in adjoining counties were given final passage last night by the Indiana Senate.

The House had earlier approved the measures, but since the Senate amended the two bills slightly the changes must be adopted by the lower assembly.

Both bills were sponsored by the Indiana State Teachers Association and the Indiana School Study Commission.

One calls for consolidation under a board composed of township trustees. The other would provide for a county board of education composed of five members elected on a non-partisan basis from districts.

Several Forms

The two plans provide several forms of consolidation. Under the five-member board, any two or more school units in a county or all units could be consolidated.

The system under the direction of trustees would call for a complete county organization with means by which town and city units might consolidate with the county school corporation.

Under the trustee organization, the trustees not later than May 1 of each year are mandated to consider the plan for consolidation if the schools are not consolidated.

If they desire to consolidate they may do so by resolution. If they pass the consolidation resolution persons objecting to consolidation will have 60 days in which to file a protest.

Vote in Protest

If the protest is filed by 5 per cent of the voters then the question of consolidation is put before the people at a special election. If a protest is not filed the consolidation is accomplished within 60 days after expiration of the protest period.

Under the five-member plan any two trustees or school boards in a county may agree to consolidate by a resolution.

Persons objecting have 30 days in which to file protests with the county clerk. Protests must be signed by 5 per cent of the voters in the school unit who cast for secretary of state at the last general election.

In case a protest is filed the county election board must hold a special election within 30 days or the vote may be taken at the next primary or general election.

# Assembly Passes Reassessment Bill

The Indiana real estate reassessment bill last night was approved by the General Assembly. It now goes to the Governor for signature.

Thus ended weeks of battling over provisions of the measure which calls for a complete new assessment of property under a standardized procedure set forth in the bill.

At its various stages of passage the measure brought forth some of the most heated debate of the 56th session. Late yesterday afternoon the House gave final approval to amendments added to the bill in the Senate.

Set 35% Limit

Under provisions of the bill, property will be assessed at a figure no higher than one-third its 1949 sale value or construction cost.

The State Tax Board will provide forms, standard rules and regulations for the reassessment. The bill gives power to standardize assessments on a county basis and the State Tax Board is given standardization powers over the counties.

Each township assessor must complete his reassessment by April 1, 1950 on property held Mar. 1, 1950.

# Greencastle Guide

The Chamber of Commerce of Greencastle has just issued a complete directory of trading facilities in the area. The brochure also lists civic assets, top among which is DePauw University.

# Legislative Calendar

March 8 PASSED

HB 199 (Rosen-Kendall) - Highway: Allows state highway commission to accept a financial contribution for the purpose of improving highways. (14 ayes, 0 noes.)

SB 316 (E. Conrad-Bach) - Cities: Puts City of Ellettsville in the 7th class thereby enabling it to reorganize its city board to qualify for federal assistance on flood control projects. (15 ayes, 0 noes.)

SB 288 (Kimes-O'Grady) - Real Estate: Provides for release of an ex-convict held by the state in connection with the building of a pond or lake on private lands. (10 ayes, 0 noes.)

HB 170 (Barnes-Beamer) - State Aid to School: Provides formula for state support to school. (42 ayes, 0 noes.)

SB 276 (Littlejohn-Latham) - Court Clerk: Increases salary of chief clerk to circuit and criminal courts of Marion County. (15 ayes, 0 noes.)

HB 249 (Brunner-Andrew) - Illegitimate Children: Sets procedure by which persons born out of wedlock may bring action to establish legitimacy. (18 ayes, 0 noes.)

HB 306 (Cumber-Medical) - Nurses: Requires employers to furnish employees copies of medical examination report in 10 days prior to hearing in workmen's compensation cases. (38 ayes, 0 noes.)

HB 311 (Cumber-Medical) - Nurses: Requires employers to furnish workers with medical examination reports 10 days prior to occupational disease compensation hearing. (38 ayes, 0 noes.)

HB 321 (Baker-Thorn) - Aid to Blind: Provides \$75 monthly aid for blind persons engaged in vocational training. (28 ayes, 0 noes.)

HB 341 (Rudolph-Kiesling) - Banks and Trusts: Authorizes department of financial institutions to set service charges to be collected by trust companies upon certificates of investment. (34 ayes, 0 noes.)

HB 44 (Davis-Maehling) - Dependent Children: Provides for support for dependent children in district courts where one legally liable has left jurisdiction of the court. (19 ayes, 0 noes.)

HB 455 (Rosen-Kendall) - Indianapolis Parking Commission: Establishes off street parking commission for Indianapolis for 1949-50.

# Pays in Tears for Law's Delays



For Patty there is no lobby.

# Two Years Patty Has Awaited Day When State Would Keep Its Promise

By OPAL CROCKETT

On May 21, 1947, the pen in the hand of Marion County Circuit Court Judge Lloyd D. Claycomb scratched across a legal paper. The words inscribed were:

"Committed to Epileptic Village at New Castle."

Patricia was just a little girl. She was only 5. But she knew she was going away some place where they would try to make her better.

May, 1947, rolled into May, 1948. Now it is nearly May, 1949. And the happiness in the heart of Patricia's mother when she learned her baby was going to be helped has turned to sorrow.

For Patty is still at home. Still on the waiting list.

PATY has been subject to epilepsy since she was 2. The doctors say if she were sent to one of the state institutions, she could be helped, possibly she could become normal with the proper treatment.

But again the state has failed. Patty, like her predecessors, the outgoing Indiana General Assembly has appropriated no money to expand facilities for those with nervous disorders, the mentally ill, and no funds with which to treat them.

Patty has no lobby.

I WENT out to Patty's house this week.

Patty was sobbing.

"Why can't I go to school, Mother?" she said as the tears coursed down her cheeks.

"Brother goes. So do the others. I want to go, too."

Her mother bites her lip as she tries not to show her tears too. She has almost given up hope that Patty ever will be taken to the Village for the treatment so necessary.

"AND WHY don't I have some friends?" Patty asked.

It's hard to understand, at 7, why there's no "best friend's" hand to swing in friendship—why children pick on you, when you like them so well.

"They hurt my face," she said of the children who jerked her the jumping rope high, when it was her turn. She fell many times. Though her nose was smashed and her face bled, she kept trying—trying for the kids she wanted as friends.

"She'll be 8 April 14, but there won't be a party, with ice cream and cake. The child has but two friends, and they're practically babies."

A LOVING mother and grand-mother don't make up for the childish hurt from being shunned. Pitying looks and whispers, "That poor little girl," aren't substitutes for friendship.

# GOP in Huddle Over Bonus Tax

Goes to Senate After Agreement

Republican members of the joint legislative conference committee working on the bonus were put "on their own" yesterday to work out the best agreement they could on a bonus tax plan.

Once an agreement is reached, a Republican Senate spokesman said, the committee members will take the plan before the GOP Senate majority which will "either vote it up or vote it down."

Party leaders had little hope in any event of holding the majority solidly together for or against any plan agreed upon by the four-member conference group.

The conference committee was scheduled to meet at 9 a. m. Monday.

Gov. Schricker, it was learned, quashed a plan to raise the cigarette tax to 6 cents a pack to help pay the bonus. He indicated he would approve a tax on other tobacco products to help raise bonus money, but would insist the present 3-cent cigarette tax be used for other state needs.

Backs Income Tax

In his session with the conference committee the Governor held out for the bonus-gross income tax to raise the bulk of the bonus. It was expected Democratic leaders would be able to hold their members together to approve this plan if that is what the conference recommends Monday.

Democrats have held so far for a straight one quarter of one per cent gross income bonus tax except for retailers who would be permitted to get off with an eighth of one per cent. Republicans may seek to modify this plan if that is what the conference recommends Monday.

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98 Local Veterans Placed on Jobs

Ninety-eight Indianapolis residents are among 670 veterans who have received placements through Indiana Business College since the close of the war.

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# Parking Plan Gets Go-Sign In Assembly

Legislature Passes Off-Street Measure; Bill Forbids Tax

A go-sign to Indianapolis' off-street parking program was given yesterday by the Indiana General Assembly.

The legislature passed a bill creating a new department in the city government which will control off-street parking facilities. The program would be controlled through an off-street parking commission of five members.

The bill now goes to the governor for signature.

Indianapolis will not be permitted to levy any taxes for support of the program or float any bonds.

Two of the commissioners will be appointed by the mayor, two by the city council and one by the circuit court judge.

Financing of the parking garages must be done by revenue bonds which are redeemed by the revenues from the parking.

The bill was so designed as to encourage private capital to lease or purchase from the city land acquired through the city's purchase by right of eminent domain.

Parking garages would be erected by private capital.

One section of the measure reads: "The acquisitions of land for

and construction of off-street parking facilities by cities of the first class are hereby declared to be public uses and purposes for which public money may be spent and private property may be acquired by the exercise of the power of eminent domain."

Present Law Curbs

Present laws do not permit the city to lease or sell to private capital lots which it might buy for parking facilities. Authors of the measure said, the bill was specially designed to attract capital which it was felt would make the revenue bonds more saleable.

The bill was introduced in the House by Reps. David Beets and Harry Latham, both Indianapolis Democrats.

It passed the House 80 to 0 on Feb. 17 and was approved by the Senate yesterday.

Blizzard Losses Deductible in Tax

WASHINGTON, Mar. 5 (U.P.)—Farmers who lost cattle in this winter's Midwest blizzards may deduct certain losses from their income tax, the Bureau of Internal Revenue said tonight.

George J. Schoeneman, commissioner of internal revenue said that government surveys indicate losses may average two per cent of the cattle and five per cent of the sheep in the disaster areas. Individual losses, he said, may vary widely from those figures.

Because farming and ranching are businesses, deductions may be made on income tax payments for the losses, plus any damage or destruction of business property, he explained.

# Schricker Hints He'll Sign Bill to Ban Lewd Comics

Assembly Women Revive Measure That Imposes Top Fine of \$200

Designed as a blow against juvenile delinquency, Indiana lawmakers are planning to clamp a censorship on the sale of crime comic books and obscene literature.

Women legislators revived an old bill outlawing the sale of lewd publications and have tightened some of its provisions.

In its new form, the censorship bill already has passed both Houses of the 56th General Assembly.

Gov. Schricker has indicated he will sign the new measure, making it law.

Backed by PTA

Mrs. Elsie Barnard, Democrat Representative from Evansville, introduced the book ban bill with the support of Parent-Teacher Associations, civic clubs and several Indiana mayors.

Mrs. Mary Garrett, Indianapolis Democratic Senator, sponsored the book ban proposal in the Senate. She said it had the support of Indianapolis women's organizations.

The bill would prohibit any person, firm or corporation to sell or publish books or papers displaying lewd pictures or portraying a crime.

\$200 Top Fine

Sen. Garrett asserted that many publications now on sale in Indianapolis bookstores would be outlawed under provisions of this act. Violators are subject to a top fine of \$200 and 90 days in jail.

Mayor Al Feeney said Indianapolis now has an unofficial ban on the sale of obscene literature. He said the city was having little trouble in keeping newsstands clear of lewd publications.

# Tenant Tobin Facing Prospect of Rent Hike

WASHINGTON, Mar. 5 (UP)—Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin faces the prospect of a 10 per cent rent increase.

Mr. Tobin has just moved from the Statler Hotel to Winthrop House where the local rent administration today approved a 10 per cent boost for apartments to cover increased operating costs.

P. S. Mr. Tobin is backing a bill now in Congress to extend strict rent controls.

AMVETS to Oppose Rankin Pension Bill

WASHINGTON, Mar. 5 (UP)—Harold A. Keats, national commander of AMVETS, World War II veterans organization, said today that he will ask his organization to fight the Rankin pension bill.

The organization's executive committee will meet in Des Moines next Saturday and Sunday when Keats will ask it to clarify its position on pensions.

He said today that 60 per cent of AMVETS posts have voted against either discussing pensions at this time or against having general pensions at any time.

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