

# New Increase In Trolley Fare Seems Certain

Temporary Hike Probable While PSC Probes Efficiency

By ROBERT BLOEM  
An immediate increase in local bus and trolley fares for Indianapolis seems almost certain.

Tomorrow Indianapolis Railways, Inc., will renew its fight before the Public Service Commission for higher rates. At the same time the PSC will be pre-

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paring for a full-dress investigation of the efficiency of the utility's operation.

But according to Indianapolis Railways figures, the transit operation now is losing nearly \$40,000 a month. Only last week the company reported its stockholders a loss of more than \$211,000 for 1948.

In the face of these figures, there appears little chance of charging the cost of investigation to the company. Rate payers for the same reason believe that they are required to wait until the "efficiency study" is finished before getting financial relief.

Seek 2-for-25c Rate

When the hearings began last January, are reopened tomorrow, it is believed likely Indianapolis Railways will ask that they be given the higher fares until the study is finished. The new fare sought is 13 cents a ride, two rides for 25 cents.

Mr. Steckler will oppose a temporary increase of this size on grounds it is hard to reduce rates later. The commission has reduced rates before, however, and is expected to take the view that some sort of relief should be granted despite this contention.

The present rate case is the newest step in a hectic four years, both for the company and for the PSC. Since September, 1945, when the first rate change in 15 years was made the transit company has had three rate increases and one rate reduction from the PSC.

Shows Operating Loss

In the past the rate fight has been based largely on losses which seemed likely. Now, for the first time, the utility shows an actual operating loss on its books—less money being taken in than is being paid out to operate the service.

From the time Railways was reorganized in 1932 until the beginning of the almost continuous rate drive in 1945, fares in Indianapolis were 10 cents on motor buses, seven cents on four tokens for a quarter on streetcars and trackless trolleys, 2 cents for each transfer.

At that time fares were set the same for all vehicles. 10 cents a single ride, eight tokens for 65 cents. Later they were cut back to 10 cents and four tokens for 25 cents. It took a bitter court battle in 1946 to get the token price boosted to three for 25 cents and not until the first of last year did he present fare of 10 cents straight with free transfers come in.

Since then, the company records show a number of fares collected has dropped about 5 per cent. Payroll, subject to arbitration under the state Utilities Compulsory Arbitration act, have jumped by nearly half a million dollars. Other operation costs either are holding at a high level or still rising.

During the past year, company records show, more than \$1.6 million worth of new equipment has been added to the service. The company estimates that it needs half a million dollars more revenue than is in prospect for this year to break even, more than \$2 million additional revenue if it is to make what it calls "a fair return on the fair value of property used in providing transit service."

(TOMORROW: The efficiency study.)

## Father Refuses Plea for 6 Cents; Boy Hangs Self

CINCINNATI, O., Apr. 23 (UP)—Nine-year-old Ronnie Lee Cecil apparently has everything to live for—he was an honor student and had just been promised a job as a newsboy sometime in the future. But today he hanged himself with a necktie from the post of a double-decker bed in his home.

Ronnie's father, Malcolm Cecil, 62, found the boy. Police said his neck had been broken. They said there was a kitchen chair nearby, indicating the boy had stood on it while he placed the end of the necktie around the bed post.

RONNIE HAD gone to a newspaper office earlier and had been promised a newsboy job within a year or two. When he returned he asked his father, who operates a shoe repair shop in the front of his home, for a nickel and a penny. Mr. Cecil said he turned down the request.

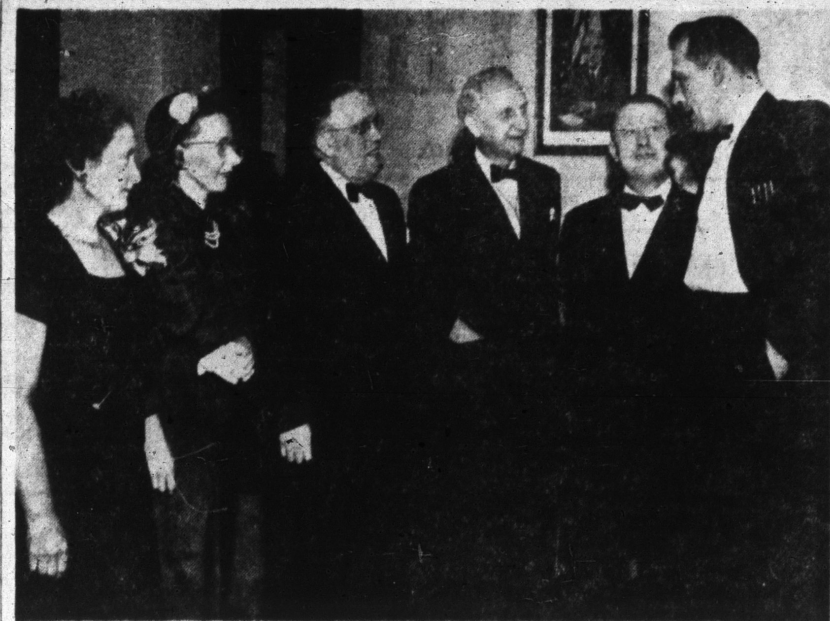
A half hour later the father walked into the house and found his son's body.

"These kids see too many movies," the grief-stricken father said, "maybe he saw one with a hanging in it."

## Senator Seeks Return Of Good Old Days

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Apr. 23 (UP)—A cigar-chewing Democrat from Chicago wants Illinois to return to the old days of a spittoon in every room.

## Prominent Democrats Attend Editors' Caucus



At Democrat editors' gathering... Mrs. Ruby Ware, state Democratic vice chairman; Mrs. Ira Haymaker, wife of the Democratic state chairman; Curtis Hostetter, retiring president of Indiana Democratic Editors' Association; Gov. Schricker, and Russell Wise, newly elected secretary of the association (left to right) chat with Rep. Andrew Jacobs (extreme right) who addressed the editors association last night.

## Dixiecrat-GOP 'Alliance' Scored

Jacobs Sees Major Split in Democrats

By ROBERT BLOEM

Congressman Andrew Jacobs last night served notice that the Democratic Party and southern Dixiecrats "masquerading as Democrats were nearing a parting of the ways."

And at the same time Gov. Schricker publicly shook off rumors that he was a potential candidate for U. S. Senator.

Both top Democrats spoke at the annual spring business meeting of the Indiana Democratic Editorial Association.

While editors and about 400 party leaders responded with occasional ripples of applause, Mr. Jacobs ripped the party's southern wing with charges that Dixiecrats were "Republicans masquerading in Democratic garb."

Forecast 'Reshuffle'

He flatly forecast a reshuffle—maybe sooner than you think—in which Dixiecrats in Congress would be openly invited by Democrats to "cross the aisle and join their Republican cohorts." The split may come soon, he said, or it may have to wait until the program of President Truman is "reduced to little or nothing" by the "unholy alliance" of Dixiecrats and Republicans.

Gov. Schricker, who introduced Mr. Jacobs as principal speaker of the editors' closing banquet, warned that party leaders must provide "clean government" because communism is just waiting to "take over."

"Throughout the world," the governor said, "Communists are working to shake the people's confidence in our Democratic form of government. Government corrupted with graft and greed can make almost anyone disgusted enough to vote for something else, even if they don't know much about it."

Thanking editors and other party workers for their part in the recent Democratic election victory, the governor said he had "my share of public office" and would never again be a candidate for anything.

Mr. Jacobs charged that the coalition between "reactionary" Dixiecrats and Republicans in Washington was destroying the ability of the Democratic Party to live up to its responsibilities.

"If the unmasking makes us a minority party," Mr. Jacobs said, "let it be. At least the responsibility would be laid where it belongs."

Reports 'Seething Undercurrent'

"If Democratic majority in Congress is a fiction, then I advocate this drastic step to reshuffle the alignment so the people may clearly judge us and them."

The move to classify all who think and vote Republican as Republicans is a "seething undercurrent."

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## Hoosier Artists Plan Exhibition

"The 20," a group of Indiana artists, will hold an exhibition in the H. L. Leiber Galleries, 24 W. Washington St., tomorrow through May 7.

Indianapolis artists represented in the exhibit will include Garo Antreasian, Charles Barnes, William Burden Jr., Harry M. Davis, David Dunlap, William Kaeser, Gene Lacy, Robert Selby, Reynolds Selfridge, Lawrence Trissel, Norman B. Wilson and Charles G. Yeager.

Other Hoosiers included in the exhibit will be Lawrence McConaha, Esther Nussbaum and Roland Osborne, Richmond; John Grepp, Franklin; Arthur Harshman, Dunkirk; Palmer Holmes, Terre Haute; Harold McDonald, Veedersburg; and Hill Sharp, Muncie.

## Elkhart to Stage Auto Show June 17

ELKHART, Apr. 23—If you don't believe things are getting back to normal, run over to Elkhart about the middle of June. You'll find a real, honest-to-goodness auto show in full swing.

The Elkhart Auto Dealers' Association has decided to display their new models with old time fanfare June 17 and 18. L. M. Gergeron, association president, announced today.

Not only is Elkhart getting back to the auto show idea, but Wabash is planning an auto show for 1950. Herman Schaefer, executive secretary of the Indiana Auto Dealers Association, revealed.

## CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

The celebration of the 200th anniversary of the first parish records of the Old Cathedral (St. Francis Xavier Church) will be broadcast today from 3:30 to 4 p. m. DST over Radio Station, current.

In Washington, Mr. Jacobs said. He added he was ready to join a movement to force the issue "at any time that this coalition votes down a major plank in the Democratic platform."

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"When a labeled Democrat votes consistently with the Republicans, he has read himself out of the Democratic Party."

At the same time, Rep. Jacobs defended the principle of having parties and condemned "do gooders" who advocate "non-political government."

## Muller Describes Atomic Aftermath

IU Professor Sees 'Genetic Death'

WASHINGTON, Apr. 23 (UP)—An atomic war would leave a wake of "biological time-bombs" which would doom large numbers to "genetic death" generations hence, Dr. H. J. Muller said today.

Dr. Muller, Nobel Prize winner and Professor of Genetics at Indiana University, discussed hereditary effects of atomic radiation on the "Adventures of Science" program of the Columbia Broadcasting System. He was interviewed by Watson Davis, director of Science Service and editor of the Science News Letter.

By "genetic death" Dr. Muller meant actual, physical death or inability to reproduce. He said it was untrue, however, that an atomic war would produce "human freaks of all kinds." Also untrue, he said, is the belief some would cause "no significant hereditary damage."

"Insidious Changes"

Atomic radiation, whether from a bomb or an X-ray machine, definitely does damage to germ particles called genes which transmit hereditary patterns, Dr. Muller said.

But these mutations seldom produce "human monsters" and their effects may not show up in a serious way for many generations, he said.

When radiation is not heavy enough to kill or cause sterility, it produces insidious "hidden changes" which may "secretly handicap" descendants of the original victims "through hundreds or even thousands of years."

## Lost Boys Get Police Car Ride

Two tiny, dusty boys were back safe in their West Side homes today after wandering off for more than an hour to play alongside the Belt Railroad tracks.

Apparently victims of spring fever, the youngsters, 4 and 5, got themselves a peck of dirt and a police car ride home in their travels yesterday.

Steven Dalzell, 4, and his cousin, Kenneth Turpin, 5, strayed from Steven's home at 1617 W. New York St., after becoming bored with playing "jacks" on the front porch. They were found playing in the dirt of the railroad grading two blocks from home.

Steven's mother, Mrs. Mary Dalzell, said, "I've seen them dirty many times but never as dirty as when they were brought home."

## BROTHER, SISTER MARINES

ATLANTA, Ga., Apr. 23 (UP)—Pvt. Raymond H. Goodman, 18, and his sister, Pvt. Barbara Goodman, are undergoing recruit training at the Marine Corps recruit depot, Parris Island, S. C.

## Ballistics Experts Study Garris Clue

Try to Link Parolee With Fatal Bullet

ATLANTA, Apr. 23 (UP)—Atlanta ballistics experts, weary from a sleepless three-day grind, knocked off for a few hours sleep today before resuming their crime laboratory attempt to link a parolee North Carolina killer with the slaying of Metropolitan Opera tenor John Garris.

Dr. Herman Jones, Fulton County crime detector, spent nearly four hours this morning seeking similarity between the death bullet and test slugs fired by a gun taken from Grover Togo Pulley, 45, parolee slayer of a policeman.

At noon he and his assistants quit for a few hours rest. It was the first Dr. Jones has had since he was called into the case after the body of the singer, neatly laid out, was found in a rain-soaked, littered downtown alley here last Thursday.

'Be Back Tonight'

"I can't trust my eyes any more," Jones said. "I've got to rest them and get a little sleep, but I'll be back tonight."

The bullet taken from the body was fixed in a comparison microscope, together with one of those fired with the nine-millimeter Belgian pistol taken from Pulley in Clinton, S. C.

He was arrested there Thursday, some 12 hours after Mr. Garris' body was found.

Every other course the police had followed, trailing the opera company to Memphis, Tenn., and Dallas, Tex., backtracking to Mr. Garris' intimates in New York and his acquaintances here, had ended in failure.

Pulley was considered a suspect because his pistol was loaded with steel-jacket slugs, similar to those which killed Mr. Garris. It is the American-type bullet recommended for use in the Belgian weapon.

## Watkins Heads Democratic Editors

Gov. John A. Watkins, publisher of the Bloomfield World, was elected yesterday as president of the Indiana Democratic Editorial Association.

Mr. Watkins succeeded Curtis Hostetter, Lafayette, in a customary move from the vice presidency. Herbert H. Harris, Greenwood, moved up to the vice presidency from secretary, and Russell E. Wise, Union City, advanced to secretary from treasurer.

George Schwin Jr., Rockville, moved into the IDEA "hierarchy" when he was elected treasurer to succeed Wise.

Plaques were presented to the Bloomington Star-Courier as the best all-round Democratic newspaper, and to the White County Democrat of Monticello for the best Democratic editorial.

## Generous—

CHICAGO, (UP)—The internal revenue collector reports that one Chicago taxpayer sent in a check for his entire net income of \$3400.

Collector John T. Jarecki had these theories: The check might bounce. Maybe it was a practical joke. Like the man who sent a pint of blood.

Maybe the taxpayer was confused.

## Irene Rich Reports She Spurned Slain Millionaire

Real Estate Man Shot in the Back

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Apr. 23 (UP)—A gray-haired widow confessed today that she was driven to shoot fatally her millionaire employer, John E. Owen, 68, by her fear that he planned to jilt her and wed Movie Actress Irene Rich, the sheriff's office revealed.

Mr. Owen, well-known real estate man, was slain by a single bullet in his back in his \$50,000 ranch house last night.

Mrs. Agnes Garner, 53-year-old manager of his vast properties, admitted she fired the shot after an argument over his threats to leave her and marry the aging star, Deputy Sheriff M. L. Vivion said.

District Attorney William O. Mackey scoffed at the jealous motive, saying the shooting took place during an argument over Mr. Owen's drinking last night.

Commenting in New York on the report, Miss Rich said: "That's so silly, I hardly knew the man."

Miss Rich, now 57, said that Owen, "a perfectly darling man," had proposed marriage to her, but he was "just carried away by the glamor of a New York actress" and she turned him down.

Miss Rich, star of the current Broadway success "As the Girls Go" said Mr. Owen had spoken of marriage, "but how could I take him seriously—he was a married man. No man has a right to ask a woman to marry him if he's married."

Miss Rich said she first met Mr. Owen about five years ago at a cattle auction in California. She said he was "a very brilliant, very astute cattle man." Since then she saw him several times at other cattle sales.

"Then he came to New York about two months ago and came behind stage to see me after the show," Miss Rich said. "He was

## Speaks Here

An armless World War II veteran and movie star, Harold Russell, will address the luncheon meeting of the Indianapolis Round Table of Christians and Jews at noon Tuesday, May 3, in the Claypool Hotel.

A paratrooper with 51 jumps to his credit, Mr. Russell lost both arms to the elbows in an explosion. He won two Academy Awards for his movie work in the film, "The Best Years of Our Lives."

## War II Mothers Elect Officers

Mrs. Esther Bell Named President

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Apr. 23 (UP)—The Indiana Mothers of World War II today elected Mrs. Esther Bell of South Bend as 1949 president and paid special tribute to 70-year-old Mrs. Nellie M. Claypool of New Carlisle, the oldest members present.

The convention, after electing its new slate of officers, voted to reimburse its president with a small salary effective immediately.

Mrs. Claypool, mother of Dr. James Claypool, Army chaplain and author of the book, "God on a Battle Wagon," was honored in a special ceremony.

Others elected included Mrs. Ruth Kabrich, Anderson, first vice president; Mrs. Linda Long, Michigan City, second vice president; Beulah Meek, Pleasant Lake, treasurer; Mrs. Myrtle Debaun, Prairie Creek, recording secretary; and Mrs. Agnes McCaulley, Terre Haute, financial secretary.

Others were Mrs. Katie Miller of Winamac, chaplain; Mrs. Mildred Beck, Anderson, sergeant at arms; and Mrs. Mabel Goers, Muncie, historian.

## Mrs. Patton Back Home

HOBOKEN, N. J., Apr. 23 (UP)—Mrs. George S. Patton Jr., widow of the late Gen. Patton, arrived today on the Holland-America liner, Nieuw Amsterdam, after an extended European trip which took her to the grave of her husband in Luxembourg.

## OES to Observe Diamond Jubilee

1500 Expected At Conclave Here

The diamond jubilee of Indiana Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, will be celebrated here Tuesday through Thursday, highlighted by a march of time pageant Wednesday night.

The three-day pageant will open at 6:30 p. m. Tuesday with a diamond jubilee banquet in the Murat Temple honoring Mrs. Abbie Hanson, right, worthy associate grand matron. All sessions will be on daylight saving time.

Informal opening will be at 9:30 p. m. with a welcome by Gov. Schricker. Mrs. Sonoma Woodruff, Ft. Wayne, worthy grand matron, and Ray E. Walters, Nappanee, worthy grand patron, will give responses. Mrs. Emil W. Scheier, junior past worthy matron of Prospect Chapter, is general chairman.

Wednesday's program will include election of grand officers, the diamond jubilee pageant and the Nettie Ransford Memorial

Fund ball from 9 to 12 p. m. in the Murat Temple Egyptian Room.

The pageant was written and arranged by Otto W. Cox, past worthy grand patron.

Members will visit the Masonic Home at Franklin Thursday morning. Farewell will be paid to outgoing grand officers in the afternoon and installation of new officers will be at the night meeting.

More than 1500 delegates from the 741 state chapters are expected to attend the 75th anniversary sessions.

Guests at the meeting will include Mrs. Eva Holland Hamilton, most worthy grand matron; R. Donald Stewart, most worthy grand patron; Mrs. Abbie Hanson, right worthy associate grand matron; Frankland W. L. Miles, right worthy associate grand patron.

Also Mrs. Mamie Lander, right worthy grand secretary; Carl L. Hibbard, most worshipful grand master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, F. & A. M., and other grand officers and past grand officers.

## College Officials Told Of Student Problems

Dr. Philip Reed, chief of staff in Norway Sanatorium, 1820 E. 10th St., spoke before administrative officers of 33 Hoosier colleges at noon yesterday in the Columbia Club.

Dr. Reed's topic was "Problems of Mental Health of College Students." He spoke at a conference of the Indiana Association of Higher Education.

## Little Home Show Exhibit Gets Once-Over



Sandra Thompson, 11, of 1214 S. Grant St., and Ralph Michel, 8, of 2801 E. 62d St., inspect a display home in the Little Home Show. This and other models made by high school students are being shown in the Indianapolis Real Estate Board's booth at the Home Show in the Manufacturers Building at the State Fair Grounds.

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