

## DELEGATION TO URGE COUNCIL PASS CITY PLANNING ORDINANCE

A movement to secure passage of the city ordinance whereby the mayor will be granted power to appoint a city planning commission is planned for next Monday evening when it comes before the city council, it is known Tuesday.

The movement is an outgrowth of the civic gathering held Sunday at the Public Art gallery, at which speeches were made by Lawrence A. Handley, City Engineer Dell Davis and other prominent citizens.

Councilmen are to be visited and a large delegation of citizens is expected to attend the council meeting next Monday to signify their approval of the measure. There is some opposition to the passage of the ordinance, it is understood.

### Gives Mayor Power

The ordinance, as it stands, would give the mayor power to appoint a city planning commission, the body thus appointed having advisory powers. It would be composed of three appointees and the mayor and city engineer, who would be ex officio members. It will be given its third reading at Monday's council meeting.

Discussion of the ordinance was held by the art department of the Woman's club Tuesday morning at the Public Art gallery. Mrs. Melville F. Johnston, speaking of the measure, briefly reviewed the growth of the city planning movement in this city. She said:

"About 23 years ago Mr. Weber, the city engineer at that time, made a plan of the city of Richmond, on which he put much work. He also made a model in sand showing the planting of trees, flowers and shrubbery on a model street. This work of his resulted in the organization of a city improvement society which was followed by outbursts of enthusiastic spring cleaning and other improvement drives."

### Must Be Educated.

One thing, Mrs. Johnston said, blocks the work here. There are not in America as in foreign countries, kings and other royalty to create beauty and pay the bills. Nothing, she said, can be done until the people who compose the common council appreciate and realize the importance of beauty in the community. "City improvement in American," she pointed out "must be effected through education. The people must be educated to appreciate beauty."

Explaining the "zoning clause" in the ordinance, which says that certain districts will have the right to say what is built in that district, Mrs. Johnston quoted City Engineer Dell Davis as saying the clause does not have to be put into action but remains at the will of the people. It would give persons in districts where erection of a garage in an undesirable place for example, was contemplated, to petition against the erection which would disfigure that district.

### City Seems Ready.

"The city seems to be ready to take up the city planning question now," Mrs. Johnston observed, speaking of the fact that an unusual political situation exists, with an open-minded mayor in office, and other city officials, not elected because they are Democrats or Republicans, but because they stand for better government and clean politics.

What has been done in other cities was reviewed briefly by the speaker who said "Richmond has an almost ideal situation and location with surroundings of unusual possibilities. The Whitewater gorge, she pointed out, "has a natural beauty unexcelled in many places which with drives, shrubbery and groves would become a place renowned for its beauty." The fact that Richmond is on the main east and west thoroughfare of the country would mean that as a place of great beauty and example of civic planning hundreds more of visitors would come here each year, Mrs. Johnston said.

"It should not be done by a few people," she declared, "but all the people of the community should cooperate, each giving what they can toward the movement."

## WAYNE ASSESSORS WILL MEET FEB. 22

Formal advices from the state board of tax commissioners at Indianapolis were received by County Assessor William Matthews, Tuesday, to the effect that a representative of the board would be here Feb. 22, to preside at meeting of the assessors of the county. The meeting is to be held at 10 o'clock in the morning in the court room.

The letter follows:

Dear Sirs:  
You are hereby instructed to attend a meeting of all assessors of your county, which will be held at your court house, Wednesday, Feb. 22, 1922, at 10 a.m.

The meeting is being called by your county assessor to discuss plans and instructions for this year's work. A member or special representative of the state board of tax commissioners will be present, and it is important to have full attendance of all assessors and deputies.

In a few days a copy of the printed report of the 1922 conference of county assessors and state tax board will be mailed to you. We trust that you will read it all carefully before the assessing season begins. Special attention should be paid to the instructions to township assessors and deputy assessors.

Very truly yours,  
State Board of Tax Commissioners,  
John J. Brown, Chairman.

## WILLIAMS ATTENDS RUSHVILLE MEETING

County Superintendent C. O. Williams spent Tuesday in Rushville, attending a meeting of the county superintendents of the district. A meeting of the superintendents at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon was to be followed by a banquet in the evening.

The affair is in the nature of a "get together" occasion, and is sponsored by State Superintendent Burris for the purpose of getting more co-operation in the school work in various sections of the state.

The meeting is to continue all day Wednesday.

## CUPID AND THE FLAPPER A ST. VALENTINE DAY STORY



## MAYOR HANDLEY OUTLINES PLANS OF CITY AND ASKS FOR CO-OPERATION OF CITIZENS

A summary of what the new city administration proposes to do, a presentation of its problems, and a cordial invitation to the public to lay criticisms before officials, was presented to the Rotary club by Mayor Handley today.

He showed how the administration was carrying out its pre-election pledges and asked for the co-operation of citizens. He said that the city would be given a business administration and that the laws would be enforced.

**Mayor Handley said:** "In my pre-election statement certain things were mentioned in which I believed and among them was a belief in an organization of the best men obtainable and then when the organization was completed and working a belief was expressed that the boards and department heads should not be interfered with by the mayor.

"I used the best judgment I had in making the selections and so far as we have gone I am well satisfied. You will agree with me, I am sure, that I have not allowed personal friendship or politics to guide me along this line. Several of the men I have appointed to important positions were not aware of the appointment until they were announced publicly.

"I also said I believed in a business administration, and have been guided by that desire so far as it is possible to apply the principles of private business to public matters. Many difficulties present themselves in a program of this kind for certain things in public matters must be accomplished through a long routine of formality that does not obtain in private business.

**Police Department**

"You are aware that there was an instant demand for a reorganization of the police department. No matter how good or how competent men may be they must have leadership that will command their respect and they must have backing in discharge of duty. Isaac Burns, with his long experience as a railroad detective, is a distinct asset as president of the board and with LeRoy Hodge and W. B. Dye we have a police board in whom I have explicit confidence and I am sure the citizens who know these men feel the same way. The superintendent of police, William F. Eversman, is a man who inspires confidence by his application to duty. The men have faith in his integrity, his firmness and his fairness. He is untrusting and I venture to assert that he will devote more hours to his job than any other man in this city would. The department is organized and functioning, except that we have not as yet appointed a police matron. There is important work for a woman of judgment and character and we expect to appoint her as soon as some minor changes are made in the office.

**Board of Works**

"The board of works is the most important of our boards, and really the business head of the city is composed of Walker Land, Frank R. McFall and Bert Henley. I do not need to tell you that I regard these men most highly and fully believe them competent to deal with any business problem the city may have, more especially when they have the able advice and support of our city attorney, William H. Kelley, who has been untiring in his service both in a business way and as legal advisor.

"At the time a buffalo for Glen Miller park was under consideration the board made an inspection trip to the parks. They found that the money that would be required to properly prepare for a buffalo could much better be applied to the repairing and painting of the various appliances, buildings and equipment belonging to the park department. All the equipment was found in bad condition. The improvement of the parks has been neglected either because the appropriation was too small or that the money was spent in pay rolls without showing anything of a tangible nature. Work in this department must go forward in a modest way this year because of lack of funds.

**Trash Collection**

"Trash and ashes are now being collected by the city employees, and so far as we have learned, is very satisfactory. However, garbage collection is still being done under contract and in the main is most unsatisfactory. The present contract will not expire until Sept. 1, and there is a demand that the city again undertake the work. Prior to making the present contract the city collected the garbage and burned it, but it costs some \$3,000 to pay for the coal, firemen, etc. We are contemplating taking up the collection of garbage again, hauling it to the crematory, placing it in tanks, and then disposing of it by contract to hog feeders. We do not consider that it is good policy to allow other than city employees to collect this garbage because of the dan-

gerous districts should be extended as soon as deemed expedient to do so.

"We are reliably informed that a greater per cent of homes in our city are users of electricity than any other city of its size, but there is capacity at the plant for greater use of current and this can be done by promoting the use of more electric irons, more washing machines, more electric sweepers and other like appliances, as well as the use of more electric signs and greater use in factories. This promotion of new business will be part of the duty of our commercial manager.

"I have neglected to say that the light plant will be managed by a triangle, so to speak, consisting of the production manager, the commercial manager with the board of works in authority and forming the other angle of this triangle. I feel that this triangle is going to ring true and give you a business administration in our municipal light service.

**Arrange Stock Room**

"We found also that no proper accounting of supplies and stock had been kept, and we are installing a stock room in which all supplies shall be kept under lock and under the supervision of the clerks at the plant who will only issue these supplies on requisition by the proper official.

**Law Enforcement**

"And now, gentlemen, if I felt that I had time, I would talk to you about our law enforcement program, but let it suffice that we are going ahead along the lines indicated thus far, and the fact that attorneys may take a change of venue from me, or may call for jury trials, will not make a particle of difference so far as our gathering in the offenders is concerned; and we are going to rely on public opinion to show these attorneys and offenders that their actions are not at all receiving the approval of the public. In every case where the case is taken from me, or juries demanded, we are going to get the case before Judge Anderson, if possible, and try to cure them that way. Many people are writing me unsigned letters asking why we do not get certain places, certain drug stores, or doing certain other things, which many times we have done or tried to do, and we have no way of informing these no doubt well-meaning but misguided people as to what is being done. If these people will just come out frankly and sign their names I will answer every letter and explain to them the best I can just what is being done. Street rumors should not be believed. If anyone will come to me I will lay the cards face up on the table and talk matters over with them.

"I wish to say further that once each month we have a cabinet meeting where all the heads of departments appear and make report. Then we inform them of what is being done, and consider new suggestions that may be of benefit to the city.

"Now, gentlemen, I wish to thank you for the splendid spirit you have shown in inviting us here and giving us an opportunity to outline some of the things we are trying to do, and we solicit four further co-operation, your suggestions and advice."

**Light Plant.**

"The most important asset the city has is the municipal light and power plant. This plant is valued at considerably over one million dollars, and the problem of how best to organize this most important utility to get the best results has given me more concern than any other part of the city's business. This also comes under the supervision of the board of works. My first resolution was to do all that I could to take this important department out of politics if humanly possible to do so. My idea was to secure efficient management and to build up such an efficient organization that the man who is selected to succeed me at the end of my term would not dare to tear it down. I believed that if I played the game square and gave no attention to political lines in building up this organization that the people would support such a plan and no man or set of men would dare to tamper with the personnel of the plant.

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**Community Song Institute This Week**

The Festival chorus held its first rehearsal in the high school auditorium Monday. Considerable time was spent on the Easter Morn chorus.

The chorus was under the direction of Charles G. Tingle, of Chicago, who is assisting Richmond Community Service in conducting a community song institute here this week.

The Institute will be held in the high school library Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday nights of this week and Monday night of next week. It will begin promptly at 7:30 o'clock and every person wishing to enroll is requested to be present promptly at that time.

The Institute is open to all persons in Richmond and vicinity interested in community singing and whose dues require them to lead club, Sunday school and other meetings.

During the Institute Mr. Tingle will teach the technique of song direction, how to secure the attention and interpretation of songs, program making, how to arouse enthusiasm and to choose songs people like to sing. Every organization in the city is requested to have at least two delegates present at the Institute.

**S. B. Garton Entertains  
Town Pupils at Studio**

Prof. Samuel B. Garton entertained his town pupils informally at his city studio Monday evening. An informal musicale participated in by his pupils was given during the evening.

The following program was presented:

"The Jasmine Door".....Scott Jeannette Scheil.

"Awake Little Flower" Sam Souci

"Lilac Tree".....Gartlan Ruth McCormick.

"The Quiet Road".....Speaks Mabel Helms.

"Whispering Hope".....Hawthorne Ruth and Pauline McPherson.

a. "My Mother Bids Me Bind My Hair".....Haydn

b. "Carissima".....Penn Goldie Van Tress.

"When Song is Sweet".....San Souci Mrs. Mary Crocker.

a. "Elizabeth's Prayer" Tannhauser-Wagner

b. "Birth of the Morn".....Leoni Mrs. Sherman Brown.

## Deaths and Funerals

**JAMES M. JOHNSON**

James M. Johnson, 65 years old, died Monday night at his home, 512 North Nineteenth street. Death was due to paralysis. Mr. Johnson was one of the oldest employees of the International Harvester company of this city. He served 34 years in this service. Mr. Johnson was a member of Whitewater Lodge I. O. O. F.

He is survived by his wife, Carrie; one son, Elmer A., two daughters, Myrtle Johnson and Mrs. Ruby Gatzek; one brother, D. R. Johnson, of Dawn, Ohio, and two sisters, Mrs. T. S. Beam, of Denver, Colo., and Mrs. E. D. Lowry of Dawn, Ohio.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home. Burial will be in Earhart cemetery. Rev. H. J. Sarkiss will officiate. Friends may call any time.

**Still Work to Do**

"The work of rehabilitating the plant is not done by any means. It is true wonderful improvement has been made. The new unit is installed and working. Two new boilers are furnishing the steam for it, but the old units must be overhauled and put in condition to carry the load if necessary, and the old battery of boilers should be replaced as soon as possible. Also there is quite a large loss of current on the lines. Some of the lines have been erected for twenty years and were not designed to serve the number of taps now on them. The whole system of lines have been made to show the location and size of each line, the number of taps, the location of transformers, street lights, and other matters that will be of value and interest in the work of rehabilitation.

"The gap in the ornamental lighting system on Main Street between Third and the bridge should be closed, and ornamental lighting in other busi-

## HARDING SACRIFICED SLEEP FOR SPEECH; SATURDAY'S ADDRESS BEGAN FRIDAY NIGHT

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—President Harding sat up until nearly 4 o'clock last Friday morning writing the message which he read to the United States senate 12 hours later when he delivered to that body the treaties and resolutions of the arms conference.**

**"He did not finish the message, as a matter of fact, that night, but after a few hours' sleep, resumed work on the document early Friday morning and completed the task about 1 o'clock in the afternoon. The message was sent to the government printing office at 1:30 o'clock Friday afternoon to be set in type, and when the president went to the senate to deliver his address at 3:30 o'clock Friday, he found his reading copy of the message awaiting him in the president's room in the White House wing of the capitol.**

**"It was learned last night that it was after 3:30 Friday morning that the president stopped writing and retired. But, as the message was far from finished, he awoke at the usual hour the next morning after little more than three hours sleep and again tackled the message. Until 1 o'clock Friday it was impossible, not only for newspaper men but even for attaches at the White House, to learn whether the president would go to the senate that afternoon with the message. This was because the president had not, until that hour, completed the document.**

**"After being written by the president the message had to be typewritten at the White House. Then it was sent to the government printing office, a mile distant, to be printed. The copy reached the big printing at 1:30 o'clock and by 3:30 o'clock the usual number of copies had been printed and bound for distribution to the two press galleries at the capitol and the White House press room. The reading copy for the use of the president had to be separately printed and was sent direct to the president's room at the capitol from the printing office, which had been instructed to deliver the printed message to the president on his arrival at the capitol.**

## Valentine Decorations At Kewanee Party

**"Kewanee Ladies' night will be held in St. Mary's community house Wednesday evening, at 6:30 o'clock. The Kewaneeans will be especially honored at this affair. The decorations will signify the Valentine season.**

**"A big banquet will be given as the first part of the program and immediately following will be a varied program of speeches and many novelties.**

**"Frankel's orchestra will play during the banquet and for the dance which will follow and conclude the evening's entertainment.**

**"Short News of City**

**"In Indianapolis—Dr. Charles E. Duffin is in Indianapolis where he is attending a meeting of the state health commissioners. Tuesday and Wednesday.**

**"Parent-Teachers Meeting—Hibbert Parent-Teachers' association will meet Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Prof. J. E. Maddy and the high school sextons are on the program. Mr. Maddie will explain several musical creations. Mrs. Lloyd Harter will sing and give a short talk.**