

COUNCIL WANTS CITIZENS' OPINION ON BUS LINE FRANCHISE; CITY TAX LEVY IS 98 CENTS

Fall activities of the city council were ushered in with the dispatch of considerable important business Tuesday night.

A summary shows:

Daylight saving repeal resolution defeated.

Bus line franchise read for first time.

Mayor opposes creation of city judge position.

City budget of \$314,960 passed.

Municipal light plant budget of \$456,920 passed.

Discusses handling of charity patients at hospital.

Raises salaries of school board members.

City tax levy set at 98 cents.

Repeal of the daylight savings ordinance, received a check when it failed to go to third reading by two votes, cast against it by Councilmen Fahsing and Stilliner. As a result the measure goes to the next meeting of council, Sept. 18 for third reading.

Unanimous Consent Needed

The rules of council provide that to pass an ordinance in one evening unanimous consent is necessary to advance it to third reading. The measure failed of unanimous consent through these two votes.

The ordinance providing for a franchise for the Richmond Motor Transit company, came up for first reading. On recommendation of the ordinance committee, the measure was given first reading and then put on the regular order of business, in order that all facts may be brought out before the franchise is granted.

Citizens who had expected to see proponents of the bus plan, and advocates of the city street car system appeared on the council floor in a verbal battle, were disappointed. There was no argument by representatives of either side, although they were present.

Want Expression of Citizens

One councilman called the attention of citizens to the need for an early expression of opinion. "Citizens should take notice of the fact that this ordinance is now before council," he said. "There should be an expression of opinion now, and they should not wait till the third reading before coming up here to act."

Mayor Handley stated his position on the city judge question, after City Attorney Kelley, in response to a request from council, gave them his advice. The mayor said:

"While the duties of police judge do not appeal to me, and I would appreciate the chance to be relieved of them, nevertheless, I do not want to be placed in the position of shrinking the responsibilities of this office. I do feel that the city is growing large enough to have a city judge, but I am willing to abide by the wishes of council in the matter, and I believe the citizens should be given a chance to express themselves."

Kelley Admires Council

City Attorney Kelley said the office would carry with it a salary of \$600 to \$1,500 per year, and that the mayor would have the power to appoint a city judge for the term of office prior to the next city election.

Acting on a suggestion of a councilman, Mayor Handley appointed a committee of five to look into the Reid Memorial hospital situation before the city turned over more money for care of charity patients. Members of the committee are Councilmen Ford, Williams, Salazar, Benn and Fahsing.

Criticisms as to the manner in which the hospital had been run was voiced by two councilmen, John E. White and Councilman Ford spoke of reports that a "clique" of doctors had entire control and were running the institution in such a way as to exclude other doctors. Councilman Salazar took an opposite stand.

An appropriation of \$4,000 in the budget for the use of charity patients, was set aside temporarily pending the report of the committee, which is to meet with the hospital board.

Comments Plant Manager

The management of the municipal light plant was commended. A councilman said: "I want to say that I am highly pleased with the way that plant is being run. I visited it the other day and found it in first-class condition. I think there ought to be some law forbidding the turning away of such an efficient manager of the plant as long as he maintains it in its present condition."

A communication from the president of the Municipal League, W. F. Hodges, calling attention to the annual convention at South Bend, Oct. 4, 5 and 6, was read to council.

An ordinance appropriating \$125 for board for prisoners in the city jail, and \$30 for band concerts was passed.

A special ordinance transferring various sums of money from funds to certain other accounts was passed. The measure was put through to adjust payroll, depreciation, miscellaneous, wiring and other accounts, which had been drawn on during the past year.

Raise School Board Salaries

The combined salaries of members of the board of school trustees formerly \$800, cut to \$400 in 1916, was raised to \$600 by a special ordinance. The raise was made necessary through the fact that the bond for the treasurer has been raised to \$135 a year. The treasurer's salary had been set at \$160 annually under the old ar-

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arrangement. It was raised to \$300 a year; the other two members of the board receiving \$120 a year each, under the old arrangement were raised to \$150 a year under the new.

Complaint was registered by Councilman Salazar that the city building did not fly a flag on Labor day. Mayor Handley said it must have been an oversight and promised to have the matter called to the attention of the proper officials.

Passing of the city and light plant budgets provided for in a special ordinance, was a bulky part of the evening's work. The city budget amounted to \$314,960, and the light plant budget amounted to \$456,920. The tax levy will be 98 cents.

ORGANIZATION OF "A" ORCHESTRA STARTED

Organization of the high school "A" orchestra for this season was commenced by Conductor J. E. Maddy Tuesday when 14 new members were admitted in the try-outs. The orchestra is to have a personnel of 85 this year, it is stated. A large number of last year's members will retain places this year. Instruments still needed in the orchestra are: two violins, one 'cello, four basses, one flute, two trombones and one harp.

New members for the orchestra admitted after the tryout Tuesday included the following violin players: Pauline Arnold, Maurice Mendenick, Lucille Loupbourou, Rhea Wellbaum, Georgia Healy and Clara Huber. Violin players accepted were: Carolyn Niece and John Farmer; French horn, Raymond Bish; trumpet, Garth Pilgrim; flute, Horton Cowles; cornets, James Mulligan and Ralph Stanley; 'cello, Mary Minnick. All the new members were members of the "B" orchestra last year.

Called by Death

MRS. MAGGIE NEEDHAM

HAGERSTOWN, Sept. 6.—Mrs. Maggie Needham, 66 years old, mother of Mrs. Wm. Cordell, died Monday night following many weeks of sickness at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cordell. Mrs. Needham was born at Swayzee, and later lived in Dalton township. She is survived by one sister here, Mrs. Hetty Bennett and two daughters, Mrs. Cora Hawkins of Muncie and Mrs. Cordell. The funeral was to be held Wednesday afternoon at the M. E. church the Rev. S. H. Taylor to deliver the sermon and burial at Mooreland.

JAMES PAXTON

JACKSONBURG, Ind., Sept. 6.—Funeral services for James Paxton, 84 years old, who died at his home east of here Monday, were to have been held Wednesday afternoon at the Christian church. He is survived by his widow, one sister and several nieces and nephews.

TWO MORE

On the other hand, Harding's choice for the first vacancy he had to fill, William H. Taft, is rather conspicuously a pro-league of nations man.

However, the league of nations is one of the last questions likely to reach the supreme court of the United States. But what is important and what is cheering in a world in which a rather extraordinary number of things seem to be going wrong is the satisfaction attending the selection of ex-Senator Sutherland.

If sheer intelligence, the possession of good muscle inside an ample skull can help the world on its difficult way, Sutherland's presence on the supreme bench is an occasion for gratification.

Holds Middle Ground.

It never occurs to any one to classify Mr. Sutherland as conservative or liberal. Sometimes, when you enter his office, you encounter that ancient mariner of the labor unions, Andrew Feruseth. Feruseth and the Seamen's Union are among Sutherland's clients. Sometimes you encounter big bankers

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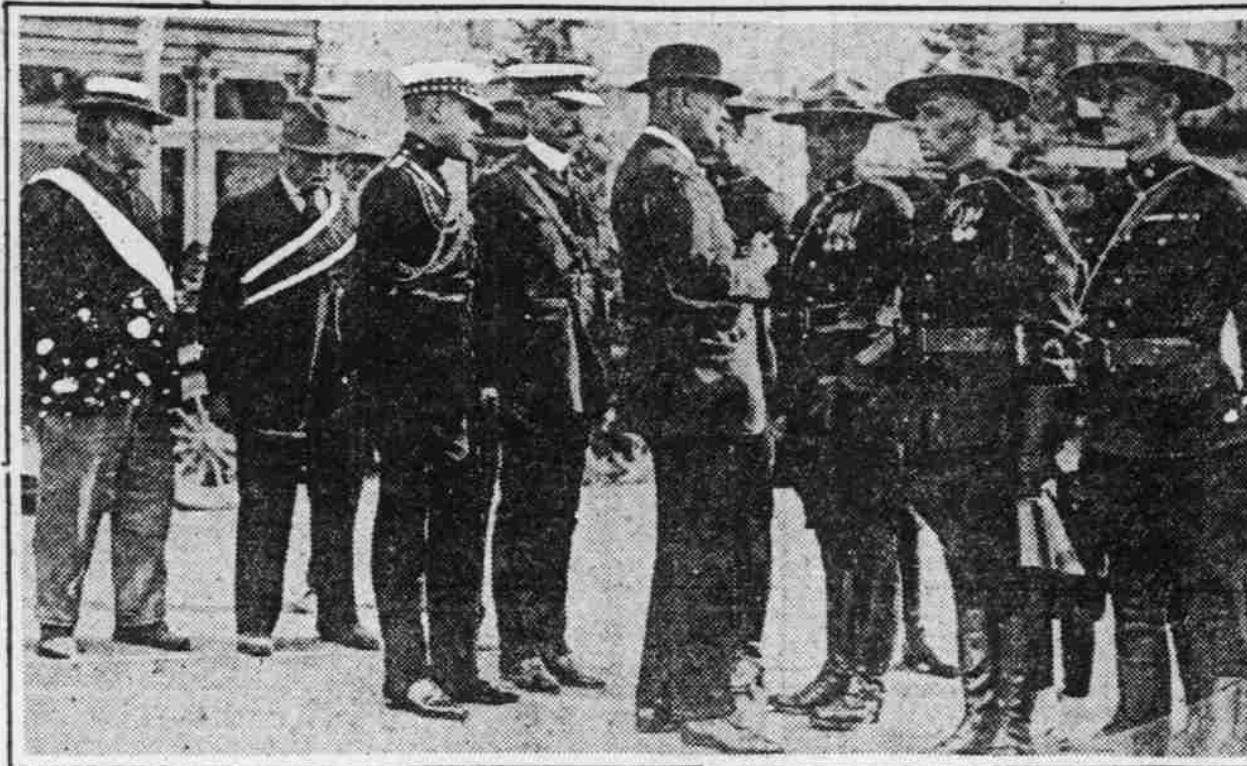
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CANADA'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE INSPECTS FAMOUS POLICE



Lord Byng, in civilian clothes, reviewing the troopers at Dawson.

Canada's national mounted police—the famous Royal Northwest mounted police about which fiction stories by the thousands

have been woven—was inspected recently by Lord Byng, governor general of Canada, during his recent visit to Dawson L.

Yukon territory. The official name of the force was changed some time ago, but the traditions still hold.

COLUMBUS TO HAVE MUNICIPAL COAL BINS

(By United Press)

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Sept. 6.—Ten thousand dollars was appropriated by city council today for the establishment of municipal coal bins, where coal this winter will be sold at cost. Not more than five tons will be sold to any one family at one time. The service will start Oct. 15.

Councilman Justus, in introducing the measure, declared there is not more than 10,000 tons of coal available for domestic use in Columbus and that unless immediate steps were taken by the city dire suffering would result.

Has Common Sense

Sutherland has the kind of mind in the defined and delicate perception of its processes, is sometimes called "slippery" but Sutherland has also what is the supreme equipment of a judge, namely, the instinct for common sense. Sutherland has this because he had to have it in the place where he got his early training. The ex-senator's father was an English mining engineer who lived in the mining camp of Utah. Where Sutherland first practiced law a lawyer could not "get by" merely through reading the law from a half-bound text book.

The juries and the rough judges of those communities could only be impressed by showing them that the legal axiom was what all good law ought to be, namely, the epitome of their own rough but accurate sense of what is right.

Two other great lawyers who are graduates of this same mountain camp school are Senator Borah, of Idaho and Senator Thomas J. Walsh, of Montana.

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LIGHTNING KILLS COUPLE

MIDDLESBORO, Ky., Sept. 6.—Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Thompson, of Shawnee, Tenn., were killed by lightning on the porch of their home. Thompson's mother and his babe, in another part of the house, were shocked. Thompson formerly lived at Hagan, Va.

Ceylon's railway is 712 miles long. Greenland is Denmark's only colony. George Bernard Shaw is 66 years old.

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