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Legislature Slow As Halfway Mark Is Passed

While the Democratic state administration continued to wrestle with its monumental financial problems, the 1949 legislative session neared the halfway mark this week with little to show.

Governor Schricker reached the night work stage in his study of the forthcoming budget. New governmental obligations, including payment of a soldiers' bonus, and indications that revenue from present taxes has reached a peak made it apparent that the administration will be forced to curtail still more of its campaign promises.

At the close of last week's session the legislature was far behind its 1947 pace. Only two pieces of legislation—one to provide \$100,000 for legislative expenses and the other to ask congress for a General Peasant Memorial Day—had passed both houses.

One major field in which progress was made, however, was in the move to make all county offices four-year offices. The Republican-controlled senate passed two proposed constitutional amendments extending the terms of county treasurers and prosecutors to four years.

In the lower house an effort was made to speed the overall program by combining several county offices under one constitutional amendment originally drawn to give only county surveyors a four year term.

After a belated effort by House Democrat Earl Utterback, of Kokomo, to provide a substitute for the doomed 1947 utilities compulsory arbitration law, the Democrat sponsored measure to repeal it outright passed the house 76 to 22. The Utterback measure proposes to retain some protection for the public from strikes and lockouts in utilities but without compulsory arbitration.

Only bonus bill to make any progress so far was the bill introduced by Republican Senator William Bates of New Albany. It came out of committee with a favorable recommendation and was sent on toward the passage stage. Because only the lower house can initiate measures to raise revenue, the Bates bonus bill provides no method of payment.

How to raise the money for the bonus remained an unsolved riddle.

Legislation for nomination of candidates for state office by primary election began bidding for more attention. Members of both parties have introduced primary bills. Basic bone of contention at the start of this week's work appeared to be the stern GOP insistence that rigid steps be taken to prevent voters from switching parties in the primaries.

Republican unity in the senate stood its first test last week in stamping out a move to launch legislative investigation of the state hospital for the insane at Logansport. The senate majority quashed the probe plan by amending the house resolution in such a way as to lay the whole matter at the governor's lap.

The standard time controversy shifted to the house after the senate passed a diluted bill which would require governmental units only to remain on Central Standard Time the year around. The bill, introduced by Sen. O. Bruce Lane, Bainbridge Republican, originally was drawn to put the state on Central time altogether and to outlaw Daylight Saving Time.

The House advanced a bill to extend for another two years the right of women to work around the clock in industry. Democrats countered a CIO-sponsored silent unemployment compensation measure with a more temperate bill to liberalize jobless payments.

The lower house passed a constitutional amendment proposed by Rep. Glenn Slesker, Monticello Republican, which would eliminate the 61-day time limit on sessions of the General assembly.

Among the new legislation to be introduced during the week were a senate bill to repeal the gross income tax and a house bill which would put the tax on a withholding basis like that now used by the federal government. Another new house bill would do away with the present plan to reassess all real estate in Indiana during 1949.

BANK CLOSED SATURDAY
On account of Lincoln's birthday, Saturday, Feb. 13, all banks in Kosciusko county will be closed.

MUST REGISTER ON 18TH BIRTHDAY

Indianapolis, Feb. 10.—Brig. Gen. Robinson Hitchcock, state selective service director, today cautioned 18-year-old males that they are still required to register with local draft boards on their eighteenth birthday or within five days thereafter. He emphasized that no registrants are being sent for physical examination or induction this month, but declared the legal necessity to register remains in full effect.

He also stressed the requirement that every registrant must keep his draft board informed as to changes in his status or address. "This applies to registrants who have passed the age of 26 as well as to all others," Gen. Hitchcock said, "although men over 26 are not liable for induction under the present regulations."

At the same time, the state director announced that he has received new instructions from national selective service headquarters to continue and complete the classification of all registrants, including those eligible for I-A and I-A-O classifications. Previous instructions to suspend temporarily the I-A and I-A-O classifications for men available for induction if they are otherwise qualified, have been rescinded by the national organization. Local boards will now assign these classifications whenever they are appropriate, although it is not anticipated that these registrants will be physically examined or actually inducted until selective service calls are resummed.

Gen. Hitchcock stated also that all outstanding orders to report for physical examination or induction have been cancelled and, as far as the selective service system is concerned, any registrant previously under such orders may volunteer for enlistment in the Regular Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard between Feb. 1, 1949 and a future date when the National Military Selective Service again places a call for inductees.

The existence of the selective service system has contributed to the current satisfactory record of the recruiting programs of the armed forces, Gen. Hitchcock stated. "If voluntary enlistments are insufficient later to maintain military manpower at the required strength, selective service must be ready for prompt recruitment or induction."

He urged local board personnel to complete and perfect their records during the present lull in drafting and to be ready to resume inductions whenever they are called upon to do so.

P.T.A. MEETS

The February meeting of the local P.T.A. was held Thursday evening, Feb. 4, in the High School study hall with a large group attending.

The meeting was called to order with the reading of the P.T.A. prayer and a short business session followed. Treasurer's report was given and various committees reported on their progress.

Trustee M. F. Jones gave a short talk and told of the meeting with the Purdue officials regarding having a survey made in preparation of building a new grade school and adding to the school curriculum.

Milt Wysong introduced the speaker, Robert Weaver, who is superintendent of Goshen schools. Mr. Weaver spoke on the subject of student guidance, aptitude tests and counseling, and told of the extensive program the Goshen schools were carrying out in this respect.

The meeting adjourned, refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed by all.

CATHOLIC BOY SCOUTS TO HOLD RALLY AT NEW SEMINARY

On Sunday, Feb. 13, Troop 57 and Sea Scout 57 of Our Lady of the Lake Seminary will be hosts to all the Catholic Boy Scouts of this area in a rally which pretends to be a fitting grand climax to their activities of "scout week."

The afternoon activity will begin promptly at 1:15 P.M. in the temporary chapel with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The Scouts will then make a tour of the Seminary, including an inspection of the new "Land Ship" of Ship 57, which has recently been converted by the Scouts themselves from one of the old barracks.

Father Constant, the area Scout Chaplain of the Pioneer Scouts Council encourages all Scouts, Senior Scouts and leaders to wear uniforms for the rally. He advises them to come prepared for a turn at skating, weather permitting, on the rink prepared on Lake Wawasee in front of the Seminary.

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ON LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

By COLLEEN



TEACHER—"What Lincoln saying have we studied that is particularly apt now, when Federal government is seeking more and more power?"

PUPIL—"The world has never had a good definition of the word liberty, and the American people, just now, are much in need of one."

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Who's Who

There seems to be little doubt to whether or not the stork brought Mary Jeanette Poyer. They decided they would like to put on a class play. As yet they have not revealed the name. Let's hope it's a good one. They also decided that for a party they would like to take a trip to Chicago. They want to take this trip in the near future. Good luck!

The Juniors are wondering why Miss Hannaman changed their seats in English class. Could it be that they were getting too rowdy?

Ted Stucky! What were you doing on the floor in English class last Monday? Don't you like your chair?

That sure was a curious curiosity problem that the students in Social Business Arithmetic class were passing around. Finally Mr. Garner came to the rescue.

In the Junior play she had the part of a college girl, and in the Senior play, a co-owner of a gift shop. She is the Sophomore reporter for Syracuse paper, and has the Calendar for the year book. Her plans for the future are indefinite. We, the Seniors, wish her luck in whatever she may choose.

Another technicolor movie was shown last Friday. It was entitled "Trees to Tribune" and was presented by the Chicago Daily Tribune. It was the story of the Tribune from the time it is merely a tree until we get it as a newspaper.

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GIRL SCOUT NEWS

The Girl Scouts met Feb. 9th. Nearly all of the girls have pen pals in England or Germany and letters from these girls were read. Remember those delicious cookies the Girl Scouts sold last year? Well, they're going to do it again this year. The Girl Scouts also wish the Boy Scouts a Happy Birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Finton and son, Pat, and Mr. and Mrs. John Sudlow and daughter, Connie, spent the weekend in Chicago, where they attended the Outdoor Show at the Navy Pier and also visited the museum and attended the hockey game.

Back Up Your Local Officials

TWO SYRACUSE BOYS GRADUATE FROM PURDUE

Charles F. Kroh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kroh, of Syracuse, Feb. 2—Eleven Indiana officers are attending the fourth regular course of the Air University. He has accepted a position with the Delta Airlines and will be located at Chicago starting March 1st. Mr. and Mrs. Kroh and daughters, Mary Jo and Jane, Mrs. Stephen Freeman and Miss Margaret Freeman were among those present at the graduation exercises.

Two years ago the school term was made nine months instead of eight. One year ago a sinking fund was started which will be used to erect a new grade school building. Salaries of local teachers have been raised—and still are not as high as in some other nearby townships.

The continuance of this program for improvement will bring about the following:

1. Additional school grounds will be purchased, for use of athletic field, electric lights, community outdoor gatherings. Two sites are available.

2. A building will be constructed to house a shop and agriculture department. This would include practical work on wood and metal working machinery, welding, ceramics, gas and electric motors, farm machinery, as well as established 4-year agriculture classes. The present shop room in the high school would be converted into a chemistry and physics laboratory and full courses offered in these. The domestic science equipment would be thoroughly modernized.

3. Plans will go forward towards erecting a new grade building, near the high school, within the next few years.

All the improvements will cost the taxpayers money. We might as well face it. That it will be money well spent can also be proven.

Our township tax rate has been in recent years among the lowest in the county. Compared with most Kosciusko county townships we have a high valuation. The valuable lake property locally pays about 60 percent of our taxes. This 7 1/2 million dollar valuation makes it easier for local taxpayers than in most comparable townships.

Syracuse schools have hundreds of graduates who have, or are now attending colleges and universities all over the U.S. A check of the past six years shows that 37 percent of S.H.S. graduates are now or have been attending some college or university. This is a higher percentage than the Goshen public schools, which have about 33 percent of its graduates in colleges. Syracuse high school graduates have gained honors at Notre Dame, Indiana, Purdue, Northwestern, DePauw, Dartmouth, Ohio State, Chicago, Columbia, and dozens of others over the midwest. A graduate of S.H.S. can enter any college or university in the United States. If he or she wants to, and works toward that end. It would appear that the 27 percent of S.H.S. graduates who are attending college are pretty well taken care of.

The 63 percent of local graduates who do not attend college have been neglected. And these 63 percent will benefit most by the program as outlined above. Teaching boys and girls how to work with their hands is important in this day and age.

The above program will cost money—big money—but each taxpayer will pay only a very small part. Next year (if the program is started at once) there would likely be a 30 cent raise in the tax rate. That still would leave Turkey Creek taxpayers near the bottom of the list, as compared to other townships in the county. A new grade school can be built and taxes remain very near what they are right now—for we are already paying a 25 cent rate in the sinking fund. This 25 cent rate will pay off the bonds on the new grade building.

We are sure that the trustee and advisory board want to do—and will do—what they think the people here desire.

DO YOU want this done? Why don't YOU write the trustee a post card or letter and tell him so. This will cost you one cent. If the trustee should receive seven or eight hundred requests from heads of local families, it would certainly cause him to know that this is what the people want. If you don't want it, you could write him that also—or neglect to write will do the same thing.

Back up your local township and school officials in this school improvement program!

It will take the cooperation of all to carry out this program. The trustee and his advisory board cannot do it alone. The school principal and teachers cannot do it alone. The parents and taxpayers MUST aid in this.

Electrical household goods—refrigerators, stoves, radios, etc., are going to be offered locally, in The Journal, at greatly reduced prices very soon. Watch for these savings.

Every family in this community can save dollars each week just by taking advantage of the bargains as advertised in The Journal.

LT.-COL. PINGSTON NOW AT MAXWELL BASE, ALA.

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Edward E. Stephenson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Stephenson, of Lake Wawasee, received his B.S. degree in Chemical Engineering, Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson and Major Harry Wilds, of Columbus, Lt. Col. Pingstion, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold A. Pingstion, of Syracuse, came to the Air University from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, where he was assigned to the Flight Test Division. He served 22 months overseas during the last war with the 11th Air Force in the Pacific. His decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with four clusters.

The new class of the Air Command and Staff School, the second highest unit of the Air University's educational system, will run for five months. Designed to prepare officers for responsible command and staff duties, the school units its enrollment to men with six to eleven years commissioned service and high efficiency ratings.

General George C. Kenney is commanding general of the Air University and Major Gen. Earl W. Barnes is commandant of the Air Command and Staff School.

LOCAL FANS GIVE

LOCAL FANS A TREAT

The Chicago Brown Bombers gave local basketball fans a treat Tuesday night when they defeated the Syracuse Firemen 50 to 42. (We will have to state that the score does not indicate the true relation of the ability of the two teams.)

The Brown Bombers are professional players and are a mighty classy outfit. After demonstrating their ability to score, the Chicago boys put on a regular circus, passing and clowning until they had the fans doubled over with laughter.

The Firemen had two complete teams, which they alternated. The Bombers had only five men. The colored boys were good sports, and commended only three fouls during the game.

Local players included Felts, Kister, Kline, Hummel, Robinson, Jack and Stanley Carr, Bauer, Workman and Poyer.

A team composed of players from North Webster and Leesburg played the preliminary against Essex Wire, of Ligonier. Essex Wire won this game, 41 to 31.

The members of the Syracuse Firemen's team want to thank the public for the support given at this game. Profits from this game will go towards purchase of the flood lights on the high school grounds.

The Firemen are attempting to schedule a game here with the famous Harlem Globetrotters.

**BREAK INTO COTTAGE
AT WAWASEE FEB. 4**

Pour people broke into the Fred Elsner cottage, on south side of Wawasee, last Friday, Feb. 4, apparently to stay all night. Nothing was missing from the home. The Elsner family, of Indianapolis, are here every week-end.

The members of the Good Samaritan class of the Lakeside Evangelical United Brethren Sunday School, Mrs. Gerald Bushong, gave two chapters in the study book "Climbing." A social hour of