

**HEX RURAL HOME EC.**  
Hex Rural Home Economics club met on Tuesday afternoon, with twenty-three members and seven children present.

The president, Mrs. Izel Beck, called the meeting to order after singing "America the Beautiful." The creed was repeated in unison. The president gave a report

of a meeting held of all county presidents at Goshen.

The following officers were elected for 1950.

President—Erma Byland.  
V. Pres.—Evelyn Bobeck.  
Secretary—Fay Shannon.  
Treasurer—Opal Nicolai.

A few Sunshine sisters received gifts. The hostesses were

Sarah Ott, Bessie McDaniel and Tracy Kahn.

#### ORDINANCE FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

An Ordinance appropriating additional moneys for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the several departments of the Town government of the Town of Syracuse, Kosciusko County, Indiana, account an emergency existing for the fiscal year beginning October 1st, 1949 and ending December 31, 1949 including all outstanding claims and obligations, fixing a time when same shall take effect.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Board of Town Trustees of the Town of Syracuse, Kosciusko County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the Town government and its institutions for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1949 the following sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall be held to include all expenditures authorized to be made during the year, unless otherwise expressly stipulated and provided by law.

Section 2. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund of said Town, the following—

General Fund  
16. Compensation of Firemen \$2000.00

32. Supplies 300.00

51. Insurance & Official Bond Premium 150.00

Section 3. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Street Fund of said Town, the following—

Street Fund  
1. Services Personal. \$500.00

13. Wages of Laborers 400.00

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage. Passed by the Board of Town Trustees, September 30, 1949.

Attest:  
Ernest O. Buchholz,  
Town Clerk-Treasurer.

**RAY R. FREVERT  
RONALD V. KRAMER  
JOSEPH R. BUSHONG**

Board of Town Trustees

(48-2t)

#### GAS TAX AND POLITICS

"From 1923 until July 1, 1947, the elected auditor of State was the Administrator of the Gasoline Tax Division. As early as 1925 the Auditor of State attempted to use the refund provision of the law for political purposes. 'Todd Stoops, secretary-manager of the Hoosier Motor Club asserted today.

"Rules and regulations," continued Mr. Stoops, "would be made so as to allow easier payment, so that by 1941 all the claimant had to do was to present invoices showing the purchase of gasoline, state that it was not used for propulsion of a motor vehicle on the highway and receive a refund of 4 cents per gallon. In 1941, if the claim was presented in person to the Auditor's office, the claimant was refunded in cash over the counter. This practice led to many claimants presenting claims for 20 to 40 cents, whereas the cost of processing these claims was equal to or in excess of amount paid."

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Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Syracuse, Kosciusko County, Indiana, that the proper legal officers of said Municipality at their regular meeting place on the 30th day of September, 1949 will consider the following ordinance covering additional appropriations for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1949 and ending December 31, 1949 and fixing a time when same shall take effect.

**Ordinance for Additional Appropriations  
Ordinance Number 388-A**

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REFUNDS FOR AGRICULTURE AND OTHER PURPOSES

1943-1948

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use, except for propelling MOTOR VEHICLES OPERATED IN WHOLE OR IN PART UPON THE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS OF THE STATE."

"The above portion in capital letters was for the purpose of stopping the refund of the tax when the fuel was used in trucks, both farm and commercial, which were used partly on private property and partly on the highway.

"The 1943 Act also provided that the claimant should make an affidavit that the statements made were true and that gasoline or motor fuel was not used for propelling a vehicle on the highway.

"The 1945 Legislature, upon the recommendation of the new State Auditor (elected November 1944) deleted by amendment the provisions for an affidavit and the signature of the claimant was all that was required, if it was witnessed by another."

"In 1947, the same Auditor of State recommended that the Act again be amended so that only the statement of claimant be all that was required. The 1947 amendment also allowed the sale of motor fuel for airplanes to be sold tax free."

"The 1947 Legislature created the State Department of Revenue and transferred the Motor Fuel Tax Division from the Auditor to the Revenue Division. The 1943 Act provided that all refunds should be paid from a revolving fund in the name of the Administrator, but because of the supposed political effect of having his name on all refunds, the Auditor of State refused to create a revolving fund for the Revenue Division and began making payments direct from the Treasury."

The Indiana Tax Study Commission and Governor Schricker recommended to the 1949 Legislature that they re-enact Section 23 as it was in 1943, but due to the objections by the Auditor of State (elected in 1948) and the Farm Bureau, the Legislature did not act favorably on the recommendations of those in favor of a better refund law."

"Although we are all aware that more motor fuel (gasoline) was used in automobiles and trucks during the years since the end of the War, yet the percent refunded remained practically the same."

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1943-1948

1943—Total refunds. \$3,221.

568.72; agriculture, \$2,151,460. 48; percent, 66.8; other \$1,070. 108.24; percent 33.2.

1944—Total refunds, \$3,895. 306.76; agriculture, \$2,443,867. 12; percent, 62.7; other \$1,451. 439.64; percent 37.3.

1945—Total refunds, \$3,636. 597.04; agriculture, \$2,585,307. 60; percent, 71.1; other, \$1,051. 289.44; percent, 28.9.

1946—Total refunds, \$3,497. 123.07; agriculture, \$2,847,765. 49; percent, 81.4; other, \$649. 357.58; percent, 18.6.

1947—Total refunds, \$4,038. 693.82; agriculture, \$3,237,583. 74; percent, 80.1; other, \$801. 110.08; percent, 19.9.

1948—Total refunds, \$4,593. 891.65; agriculture, \$3,824,095. 77; percent, 83.2; other, \$769. 795.88; percent, 16.8.

"The table herewith shows that through the act of 1943;

which provided that the motor fuel for industrial use was non-taxable and reduced the amount of refunds, also, that the amount of tax refunded increased because of claims filed for agricultural use. Tax methods of investigation, and the deletion of the affidavit has caused an increase in the amount of tax refunds for agricultural purposes since 1943 of more than \$1,700,000.00 annually or an increase of 79 percent in the amount of tax refunds."

"Should the highways of Indiana loose \$1,700,000.00 a year because the refund claimant does not want to swear that the claim is correct?"

"Every employee and every other person who is due money from the State swears that he performed the service or furnished the material. Why make exceptions?"

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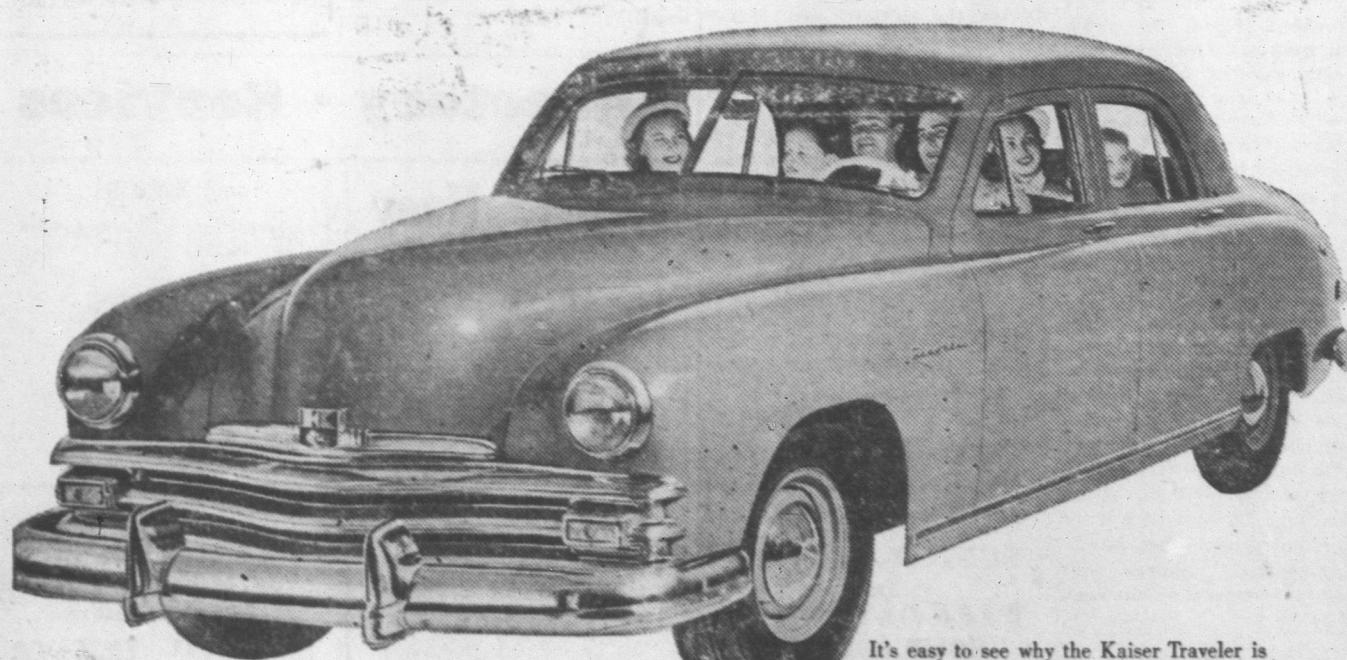
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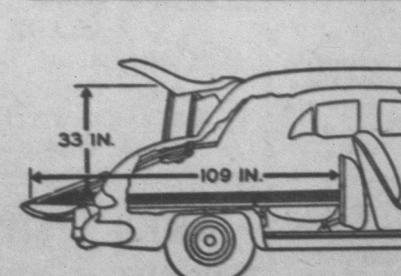
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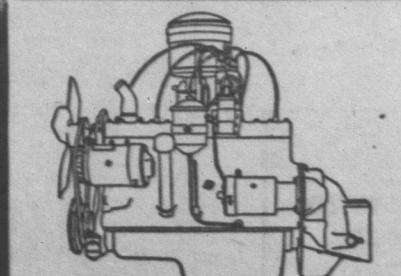
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