

State Asked to Build, Maintain 'All City Streets'

APPEALS TO FEDERAL AGENCIES

Municipal League Puts Up Proposal

Roads Commission Gets Request Today

RALEIGH (AP)—North Carolina cities and towns want the State to assume responsibility for construction and maintenance of all their streets.

This was proposed today by the North Carolina League of Municipalities to the State Municipal Roads Commission as a long range solution to the problem of cities sharing in state highway revenues.

The Commission is making a thorough-going study of the problem and will present its recommendations to the first General Assembly.

The League recommendations were to be presented to the Commission early this afternoon.

LONG RANGE PROGRAM

The report said that in the event the Commission felt it would be impractical for the State to assume responsibility for all the streets immediately it should recommend that the General Assembly seek that ultimate goal by creating a long range program.

Such a program should be designed to eliminate the existing inequitable apportionment of State highway revenues and to provide for the maintenance of all city streets.

Governor Scott told his news conference several days ago that he believed the State's taking over responsibility for city streets might be the ultimate solution of the problem.

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- 5.—That the State law on transportation be amended so that no new taxes be levied.

6 Bodies Are Found In Fire-Gutted House

HAMMOND, Ind. (AP)—The bodies of four adults and two children were found in a fire-ravaged home here today and Deputy Coroner B. W. Tidwell said there was evidence of murder and suicide.

Police said "blood was all over the place." They said they found several bloody butcher knives and empty .22 caliber cartridges in the house.

Four of the victims were identified as Felix Samas, 23, a machanic; his wife, Katherine, 24, and their two children, Felix Jr., 4, and Phyllis Elaine, 18 months. The two other adults were identified as Richard Norman, 23, and his Christmas bride, Shirley, 19. They were staying in the Samas home.

The deputy coroner said bullet wounds were found in the bodies of Mrs. Samas and her son.

An autopsy would be performed on the body of Samas to determine the cause of his death.

Officers said they were informed Samas and his wife had separated before Christmas and that the Normans had taken room in the Samas home on the southeast of Hammond.

Mrs. Gladys Norman, mother of Norman, said her son and his bride went to live in the Samas home so the younger Mrs. Norman could take care of the Samas children. She said Mrs. Samas at that time went to work in a restaurant owned by her husband here.

Norman was a railroad fireman. Court records show Mrs. Samas had filed suit for divorce and recently obtained a restraining order to prevent her husband from molesting her.

Officers were there when indications that Samas had gone to his wife's home in the night and had broken in.

Officers reported both bedrooms were burglarized and the house was gutted; a hall between them was scorched. "The rest of the house was not damaged."

European Economic Union Urged

Truman Reports Recovery Gains

BY JOHN SCALI

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman submitted a report to Congress today urging Europe's Marshall Plan countries to weld their economies into a "single producing and trading area" of 270,000,000 people.

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It predicted such a move would bring a boom in manufacturing and trading throughout all Western Europe. This would "immeasurably improve" the sale of European goods and the European economy.

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Gen. George C. Marshall, father of the program, said today that the program has made more progress in the last two years than in the first two years.

Marshall spoke to a Kivisto Club meeting in Southern Finland.



TWO-GUN 'HOG JAW' RIDES AGAIN

Manchuria Now Part Of Russia

Disputes Taft's Formosa Claim

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Acheson said today that Russia now is busy detaching the Northern provinces of China and "re-attaching them to the Soviet Union."

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"America's real interest, he said, is in the Asiatic people as people; it is in protecting their freedom and their spirit of independence and self-determination."

Acheson said that the United States wants to check the Communist expansion in the Far East.

Did Fugitive Elude Officers?

BOONE (AP)—An armed fugitive, sought by a posse of 100 officers and several patrolmen who are combing this rugged mountain country for him, is believed to have slipped through their net.

Highway Patrol Capt. C. E. Speed of Asheville, reported to Patrol Chief C. E. Taylor today that he had reason to believe the second of two armed men had left the area.

Speed said in his telephoned report that searching patrolmen had found an abandoned shack with evidence of a struggle. The fugitive had fled there. Since the fugitive was believed to have slipped through their net, members Speed believes the fugitive slipped through and escaped.

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West Flood Danger Increased By Rains

By Associated Press

REPORTED moderate to moist sections of the West today on the flood-stricken areas of Indiana and Illinois, increasing the danger of fresh rain.

The rain belt which covered the water-soaked areas along the Indiana-Illinois boundary line extended from Central Texas to the Gulf of Mexico and extended westward to the Rocky Mountains during the early morning hours.

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British May Convoys To Shanghai

BY WAYNE RICHARDSON

ROUTE TO TRINGTAO (AP)—Reported by the U. S. destroyer Bussell, the British, who were requested by the Chinese, are preparing an armed convoy to proceed from Hong Kong to Shanghai and to break the Chinese Nationalist blockade.

The ship's owners, the Inland Line of New York, said orders are received to "proceed to Shanghai."

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(Rock Island is across the Mississippi River from Davenport.)

This development followed the announcement by State Attorney Bernard Moran of Rock Island County that Mrs. Eppert had admitted she started the fire in her room at St. Elizabeth's mental ward of Mercy Hospital.

The three-story building was destroyed by a fire which burned through it while the patients slept.

Investigating authorities, meanwhile, awaited the woman's arrival at Moran's office. They said Mrs. Eppert returned voluntarily to Iowa.

Moran cautioned that a question of insanity would be placed in the woman's story. He said Dr. Werner M. Hollander, a Davenport psychiatrist, who attended her, described the woman as a "schizophrenic."

The state's attorney said Dr. Hollander said she was the type of woman who would be responsible for all the troubles of the world.

Moran said that the woman told him in a telephone conversation that she had set the fire by pulling the curtains in her room.

He said the first information he had received was in the form of a telephone call from the woman's husband, John, who made the disclosure.

A half-hour later, Moran said, Mrs. Eppert called him in person at his office and repeated the story "line by line."

Deputy Sheriff Harry Weinberger, assigned to the state's attorney's office as an investigator, questioned the woman at her home from D. P. M. yesterday in J. M. Flinn.

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14,211 Lopped Off Government Rolls

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Civil Service Commission today reported a drop of 14,211 civilian workers from Government pay rolls in November.

The highest number employed in the executive branch of the government down to 1,988,400 — the Post Office added 2,700 new workers. Most of the cut came from the Defense Dept. where civilian employment dropped 11,254.

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