

POLICE TO SEEK LEGISLATION

Committee to Present Program to Members of Legislature.

A state tax on foreign automobile insurance companies to help boost the police pension funds, was one of four proposed pieces of legislation endorsed by members of the Red Rose Lodge, No. 16, Fraternal Order of Police, at a meeting held last night.

The lodge named a committee to confer with Lancaster's representatives in the Legislature for the purpose of arousing interest in the program. The committee consists of Chief of Police Albert F. Montgomery, Lieutenant James Crawford and Patrolman John Sebelist.

The proposed program includes:

1. The levying of a State tax on all foreign automobile insurance companies operating in cities, boroughs and townships and having the revenue of these taxes turned over to the local police pension funds.
2. The fixing of a uniform retirement schedule for police of all third class cities, whereby all police would be entitled to retire after twenty years of service and be required to retire at the age of sixty-five. This amendment also would establish a uniform plan of fixing the amount of the pension. It proposes that the officer receive an annual allowance of one-half the yearly salary he received at the time of retirement.
3. The establishment of a statewide wage scale which would operate as follows: For cities of 80,000 population or more, a minimum police salary of \$2,100 a year, for cities with from 40,000 to 80,000 people, a minimum police wage of \$2,000 a year; for cities of 20,000 to 40,000 population, a minimum police wage of \$1,800 a year, and for cities of less than 20,000 population, a salary of not less than \$1,680 for policemen. If passed, this amendment would go into effect on January 1, 1938.
4. Setting up a civil service system for all first and second class cities, counties and boroughs or other political sub-divisions, with employment, dismissal, rates of pay and any other phase of police administration under the control of a civil service commission and entirely removed from politics.

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