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A Continuous Deficit?

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S second "add" to his budget message is a polite request for \$1,500,000,000 for relief, all to be spent through WPA.

So it now appears the federal deficit again will approximate \$4,000,000,000 in the forthcoming fiscal year unless congress passes stiffer taxes than any one contemplates in an election year.

Not only is \$1,500,000,000 of new appropriation to go for federal relief; some billion dollars left from the gigantic \$4,800,000,000 blank check of 1935 is left to throw into Harry Hopkins's lap and \$600,000,000 is to go for continuing the CCC camps.

No person can demand immediate demobilization of relief. But there is no sense in maintaining in full swing the bureaucratic, centralized, highly political WPA organization. The operation is too costly; its control too removed.

One hope that a continuous, disastrous federal deficit shall not continue is the slow awakening of congress. Democrats this week joined Senator McNary in protesting the new "blank check" handout.

The \$1,500,000,000 appropriation sought by the president is only an election stop-gap. He graciously pared \$500,000,000 from the Hopkins' estimates, plucked a billion dollar appropriation residue from the treasury and thus made it appear that he was following the dual role of economy and budget balance without offending the 3,500,000 persons dependent on federal largess for made-work.

Courthouse Renovating Needed

THE present Marion county grand jury takes honors for a decade for industry. Ordinarily 49 gambling indictments would be a full order but this jury has taken the time to investigate and indict a group of careless drivers and then to pry about all the state institutions and the county courthouse.

The jury's report on the courthouse is the most significant of its reports on public institutions. The courthouse is termed a "veritable firetrap, ill arranged, badly ventilated and overcrowded."

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Knox Act Functions Well

THE annual report of the state liquor commissioners is proof anew that the Knox liquor act has been a rather happy compromise between the state's decision not to go on with prohibition and to avoid the return of the old-time saloon.

Bootlegging of liquor is being steadily curtailed, the commission states, due to its own efforts in arresting violators of the Knox act but especially to the low spread existing between wholesale and retail prices for liquors.

The commission takes a correct stand when it reiterates that its purpose is not to make money for the state or to encourage the use of alcoholic liquors; it is rather to supply the demand that exists and to divert a reasonable return to the state relief fund.

The commission should inquire about the effect of liquor advertising on sales. Temperance is a chief goal of the Knox act. The blatant advertisements of liquor tend not only to create trade for the particular brand advertised but also to increase the aggregate sales of liquor.

If the administrators of the Knox act do not become greedy to pile up profits; if they do not fall prey to the blandishments of liquor manufacturers eager to increase per capita consumption of liquor; if politics can be kept out of store operations, the Knox act will be a good compromise between prohibition and a wide-open condition.

Tournament Days are Here Again

THE state high school basketball tournament has reached that enviable age where tradition shines through the present play and throws glamor around the event.

The Great Game of Politics

By FRANK R. KENT Copyright 1935, by The Baltimore Sun

A Propaganda Test

Washington, March 19. AN interesting "drive" is about to begin in the WPA, which will be closely watched by politicians and observers.

It may establish certain facts about politics worth knowing. The question it will answer is this: Can the facts, no matter how plain and true, be nullified or obscured by propaganda, if the propaganda is sufficiently big? In other words, is politics altogether a question of the size, speed and volume of the publicity department? The Administration apparently believes so.

THE thing behind the effort is the political saturation of the WPA organizations in the States and the clarity with which this is being revealed. Here on the threshold of the campaign and just as the Presidential request for another billion dollars for relief goes to Congress, from all parts of the country, it is being disclosed that the local Democratic politicians are doing all they can to make the WPA machine a political asset.

Every politician knows this is true and every man of any experience in politics knows that it was inevitable as soon as the system was adopted of naming the local WPA organizations with men recommended by the Democratic politicians. No matter how pure the purpose of Mr. Roosevelt nor how non-political Mr. Hopkins, there will be politics.

AN illustration of what is going on and how can be gleaned from the following paragraph in the Kansas City Star regarding the Missouri: "The Democrats had an efficient, hard-working organization on the job, headed by Fred J. McGinnis, county supervisor of the WPA. It was estimated that 3000 names and changes of address were put on the books to-day."

THAT sort of item has gotten to be almost routine news. They appear in papers all over the country. The Republicans charge that there isn't a State in which politics does not tinge the work. Certainly, there are several where it is too clear to deny.

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THE county court unfortunately, wanted no immediate building program. Its members talked of avoiding the red tape of federal supervision and of paying cash as the new courthouse was built. Very well: let the grand jury report, 1936 version, serve as the basis for the inauguration of a courthouse fund, raised each year in the county budget and set aside for the specific purpose either of remodeling the present structure of building or an entirely new one.

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Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Rank foolishness about 3-20-36 treatment in prisons, the parole board and other things; A very silly set of arguments:

(Continuing from yesterday.) The writer being quoted said: "The penitentiary at Salem as at present conducted in a joke. Instead of being a prison where its convicts are punished, it is a place where the state's guests are entertained. The convicts there have their ball games, their movie picture shows, their turkey dinners, are furnished tobacco, and have better food, better beds and more of the comforts and luxuries of life than two thirds of them enjoy when out of the prison, and the dear people pay the bills."

Health

By Royal S. Copeland, M.D.

MALARIA is a disease which many of us have almost forgotten. Conditions have arisen which demand consideration. It is no longer confined to the tropics. A recent health survey shows that malaria is again prevalent in central New York state, as in other northern states. This is disturbing because the disease has been absent from these sections for years.

According to the statistical bulletin of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, more than nine hundred thousand cases of malaria occurred in the United States during 1934. The United States public health service reports that it is probable the figure is closer to two million. Worse than that, death resulted in one out of every five hundred to one, thousand cases.

Usually the disease is found where sanitary measures are not enforced. It is transmitted by the bite of the "anopheles" mosquito. This breeds in swampy lands and stagnant waters.

Health authorities now believe that those who have malaria should be kept away from others. By attending to this it is hoped to prevent the development of epidemics. This is not pleasant, but such rules will have to be followed. Otherwise, there is grave danger of a return of malaria, fever and profuse sweating are characteristic signs of the disease. First there is a chill followed by fever. The fever may be as high as one hundred and six degrees Fahrenheit. Sometimes the patient becomes delirious and even suffers from convulsions.

As a rule quinine is administered to the sufferer. This is not a "cure," but it hastens recovery. Other drugs are now used in the treatment of malaria but as yet no positive cure is known. We can only guard against the disease by resorting to hygienic measures and isolation of all cases of malaria.

Answers to Health Queries A. J. P. Q.—What is the normal blood pressure for an 18-year-old boy?—The blood pressure should be approximately 113. However, it would be impossible to say definitely. The blood pressure depends on other characteristics, such as the general build.

J. F. R. Q.—As my hair is turning gray, please tell me what kind of hair dye to use. —The use of hair dye of any kind is inadvisable.

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people that the WPA, as at present organized and conducted, is non-essential and that instead of full of small local politics and incredibly wasteful and inefficient. It means propaganda on the grand scale. The interesting thing is to see whether, with 250 men thus engaged in "disseminating" information, the WPA handsome, effective and beyond reproach, the fact that prove otherwise can be overwhelmed. If they can, then in the future politics will be almost completely a matter of propaganda. If they still preclude prominently, why then perhaps some of our more conspicuous politicians may become convinced that the things they do are more important than the publicity about them, no matter how full, false and favorable.

ward and Luke Gill at center dragged home the championship by one-point in the 1920 playoff? And this is the tournament where "Chappie" King scintillated, long before he became a coach of the maple floor squads. And here played the famous "Swede" Westergren, and dark, good humored "Hump" Agree of McMinnville and that persistent Eberhart fellow from Eugene. Astoria came to her basketball peak in these contests and produced Palmberg, later to win fame at Oregon State, and Sarpola and the handsome Anet, all from the land of the Finns.

The tournament is always first-class theatre. There have been no end of stars through the years, and of runners-up for honors, of victorious and disappointed coaches, of frantic crowds praying for one more field goal or for a stiffer defense.

Willamette university, along with Salem high school and the city, is peculiarly fitted for host for it was "Bob" Matthews, coach, who in 1917 instituted the invitational tournament in the valley which in 1920 blossomed into the state-wide contest. The schools and the city are happy to have the visiting players and the fans here again. Salem high is out of the running but there's no hard feeling. Salem in years past has won its share of victories and can look on with equanimity as other closely matched teams fight to the championship.

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"DAUGHTERS OF VENUS" By Robert Terry Shannon

CHAPTER XXVI

"We really must be going," she said, echoing Juliet. "You need rest." "Nonsense, you two. I'm tougher than the both of you! It's something else besides business that's in your heads."

An uncomfortable silence settled in the parlour room. The witch-like little figure, propped up in its mountain of cushions, gave them both a wordless, leering smile. It was an attitude of mind emanating from Madame Hubert that vaguely embarrassed Juliet.

"For my part, I'm going straight home and to bed," said O'Hara quickly. "How plous you've become!" said Madame Hubert mockingly. "Such a beautiful young man, too. After a hard business day and your little night before you—for love. Too bad you aren't a Frenchman—they know how to love."

O'Hara grimaced. "Aren't you developing some new ideas, Madame?" "Undoubtedly. I've always had more understanding in my little finger than you have in your whole magnificent body, O'Hara. The trouble with me is that I was never attracted. Besides, I was too busy making money."

"I was in prison, and I say came unto me eyes," he said. "I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Those words of the Master had a more significant meaning to his hearers than they would have to a modern audience; because men then and therefore not visited in prison starved.

Idiomian no doubt meant the prison parole board. "That brings up a big question. In a modern society, if you are pardoning power. That power must rest some where. In the hands of the chief executive is the logical place. And there must in an even half modern system of penology be parole and probation. (Continued tomorrow.)

Future Farmers To McMinnville R. L. Morgan, faculty adviser, and two members of the Salem high school Future Farmers of America chapter will attend a sectional banquet of the organization at McMinnville high school at 6:30 o'clock tonight. With Morgan will go Earl Lyons, Salem chapter president, and Earl Noble, winner of the Willamette valley F. F. A. public speaking contest.

Twenty Years Ago March 20, 1916 Governor Elliott W. Major of Missouri is running as a candidate for the Republican vice-presidential nomination. United States troops clashed today with Villa bandits in Mexico. Pauline Frederick in "The Spider" is showing at the Liberty.

Ten Years Ago March 20, 1926 The last of three airplanes in the Wilkins expedition was wrecked yesterday. A St. Louis man is suing an undentifiable company for \$4999 damage inflicted by hitting a coffin when he was ballbearer at a funeral.

Girl to Henries CLOVERDALE, March 18.—Mr. and Mrs. Louis Henries are the parents of an 11 1/2 pound daughter, Patricia Marie, born March 17. She is the second girl. Heidinger Improves DAYTON, March 19.—John Heidinger, who has been very seriously ill with blood poisoning in his left hand caused from injury to his thumb, is recovering at a McMinnville hospital.