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## Good Year for Health

Marion county's department of heaith, which has just
Issued its first printed report since 1931, reveals a steady 1 mprovement in general public health. Last year not a single
death was reported in the county from communicable. dissases: smalipox, diphtheria, typhoid ever, scarlet fever, meaTuberculosis continues as one of the most prevalent zauses of death in the county although 15 years ago the white
plague caused 72 of every 1000 deaths in the county while the plague cast rated has been cut by earlier diagnosis and better treatment to 28. The health department's steady work for infants began its operations, Marion county's infant death rate has dropped from 55
have been halved.

Probably the greatest new field of treatment for the department lies in the field of venereal disease. With pubic sen-
timent mobilizing to stamp out this social menace, more and nore elases are being reported and treated. Clinical treatEnding in 1937.
indings in that the so-called degenerative diseases -occas disease, diabetes and cancer are becoming more prevalent The health department's most significant work in 1938
has been its program of education. Under the general direc-
tion of Dr. Vernon A. Douglas, health officer, and Mrs George Moorhead, education director, thousands of avoid it
have heard not only how to meet disease but how to
and how to enjoy good health. The county department has by no means attained its objectives: it wants the maternal and
infant mortaity death rate further reduved, it is anxious to
improve the nutrition of youngsters in this area, its hygiene program has only begun. But the department has functioned disease, insisting on healthful supplies of milk and foods needy. Its value is indicated in the willingness of the county's
various governmental agencies to furnish $\$ 33,000$ annually for its suppor

## The Court Changes Color

The rapid change is the personnel of the United States
suppeme court, four new justices having been named in 20 months, is an ironic sequel to Mr. Roosevelt's volcanic court packing proposal. Resignation and death have won out, accomplished where impatience and directness failed. With the experals will not unquestionably dominate the high court, Jus-
libes Black, Reed, Frankfurter and the Hoover-appointed
ticher Justice Stone, all, falling in the and the Hoover-appointed of men who will Mr. Rooservelt's political horseahoe failed him in his su-
reme court packing plan. For the first time a majority of premetion came to the conclusion that too much power was sought by administration and that the court should not be in-
cluded in the branches of government easily moulded by the president. The congressional revolt against the court-packlican victories last fall
One legislative change resulting from the court packing
proposal is commendable. A justice may retire now at full ayy at 70 which means that the court is not forced to carry But retirement is voluntary, not compulsory, and the impractical scheme of having a junior aide-de-camp sitting next to a 0 -year old justice is a political dod
The liberal trend in the
doubtedy continue for several decades. The president has
assiduously chosen young men for the bench, his latest ap pointee, being the most youthful, save for Justice Storey, of ay man ever named to the court. Long after Mr. Roosevel
has left the White House they will dominate the court's opinions and thus without his own motion
president has achieved his court goal.

## The Dawes Loan

nize Peconstrution Hoover-or tily-made $\$ 90,000,000$ loan to the Central Republic bank and Trust company of Chicago-the Dawes bank. Economically propped up the weakened mid-west banking structure but and its officers well known, before it could get immediate Jesse Jones, the liquidation of the loan. Turrently for the RFC, interest and principal
payments to RFC total $\$ 62,383,207$. Stockholders have paid $7,300,000$ on $\$ 15,000,000$ of assessments although they hav such assessments. Jones estimates remaining collateral fo loss on the advance to Mr. Dawes' property will be $\$ 5,000,000$,
plus all interest, plus costs of making the loan: as sweet as RFCCC defenders first set out. The government is going to lose sizeably on the transaction. In defense of the very cent they had invested in the bank's shares together With s heavy additional assessment. No profit accrued to them
from the RFC advance; the only beneficiaries were the dewere aided by the loan.

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as the conviction and now the sentencing of Jem York J. Hines Tammany political chieftain. Tammany could lose temportake, the rap" - that is too much for sophisticated New York
tine Tietion and sentence. As the evidence unfolded it seemed ver certain that Hines had beeen a h high priced buffer for "Dutch methods of taking care of its men. Smali wonder that Hines uption has met its master in New York,
With Hines in prison
rosecution, is pushed further into the spottight as a presi dential candidate. Dewey has vigor and integrity; he also ha
political charm. To the rest of the states, as in his own com 1940. A vigorous life insurance expose brought Charles 'Ev ans Hughes to the New York governorship; the Boston police
(trike rocketed Mr. Coolidge to national attention; the Hines prosecution and conviction may yet prove the turning point
which revealed Dewey as an extraordinarily able and cour-


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