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FINANCIAL HOCUS-POCUS

(From the New York Times)

During the first four months of the fiscal year the government of the United States has collected \$215,000,000 in social security taxes. If anybody imagines that this money has been set aside under lock and key, in a special reserve fund which will accumulate interest over a period of years and enable the Government ultimately to pay the benefits which the Social Security Act requires his faith is based upon a misconception of facts.

The \$215,000,000 has all been spent, for a variety of purposes: perhaps to help build Grand Coulee Dam, perhaps to finance WPA projects in street-paving, perhaps to pay the salaries of officers in the navy—no one knows precisely, since the dollars that come into the Treasury are not so earmarked that they can be identified when they go out again. As for the reserve fund which is supposed to supply the money needed in future years for the payment of benefits under the Social Security Act: it consists at present only of Government I. O. U's.

Certain conclusions are inescapable. One is the fact that what the government has actually done has been to invent a new kind of personal income tax, applied in the case of individuals even to the smallest income. Equally clear is the fact that this system is a constant beguiling temptation to governmental extravagance.

THE COUNTRY PRESS ON THE SUPREME COURT ISSUE

At the end of the first session of the current Congress it was believed that the Supreme Court issue would again be introduced at the next session.

Since that time, the feeling has grown that, due to the size and influence of Congressional opposition, the issue is dead and may not see the light of day again.

If the country press of the nation accurately reflects the temper of the American people, the issue is dead indeed.

The Industrial News Review recently sent a questionnaire to 12,585 country papers asking four direct non-leading questions concerning possible Court changes. More than 2,300 papers replied. Proposed legislation that would permit the President to appoint additional Justices was opposed by 90.4 per cent; 71.6 per cent were opposed to the proposal that a two-thirds vote of the Court be required to declare acts of Congress unconstitutional; 72 per cent were opposed to any bill forcing Justices to retire at an age fixed by law. And 88.3 per cent were opposed to a constitutional amendment limiting the authority of the Court over acts of Congress.

There was a remarkable consistency in the views of editors in far separated states, showing sentiment solidified against Court changes, irrespective of sectional politics and feelings. The completed questionnaires, together with a multitude of supplemental notes and letters, indicate that these editors—as did the Congressional majority when the Court vote was voted on—feel that the Supreme Court is the bulwark of our liberties, and our first line of defense against dictatorship, and that it would be a national catastrophe to tamper with it.

The country press is not swayed by momentary enthusiasms, or political hysteria. It looks at issues in the light of their effect on the fundamentals of government. It thinks them out. And no better example of this fact could be found than in the editors' reply to the Industrial News Review's Court questionnaire.

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"Pinocchio" at Benson Saturday, Dec. 18th

The play "Pinocchio" will be staged at Benson Poly Saturday December 18 having about 60 persons in the cast and L.S. Ferris, attorney at law, of Multnomah is to take the part of Fire-Eater, with Rosalee Lambert daughter of a deceased French soldier and a Russian mother, playing part of Pinocchio. This dramatization, based on a story of a puppet that "came to life" after becoming involved in trouble resulting from playing truant from school and who finally behaves himself and is gratefully rewarded by being made an honest-to-goodness boy and is so recognized.

It will be an occasion for children to witness a play of great benefit to them and far superior to the common every-day theatrical affair and the play is sponsored and OK'd by the PTA, Board of Education, Civic Theatre school and the Junior League. Admission will be 35c each and it is said this small charge will not defray the production cost, but the Junior League has volunteered to underwrite whatever if any deficit there is.

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