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Balancing The Budget

The annual income of the Federal Government has been increasing steadily for the past six years. It is now close to six and a quarter billion dollars a year. It is derived from taxes of every kind, including the Social Security payroll taxes, which are just so much more income in Government bookkeeping.

The annual expenditure of the Federal Government has also been increasing steadily for the past six years. It is now close to or above nine and one-half billion dollars.

The difference between what the government spends and what it collects from its citizens is borrowed money. In the past six years the Federal Government has borrowed and spent about twenty-five billion dollars more than it has taken in. Close to a billion dollars a year of government expanditures are for interest on the national debt, which now amounts to about 41 billion dollars.

The largest item of government expenditures is relief, which includes W.P.A. Next largest is public works, which covers new postoffices, highway construction, river and harbor improvement and the like. Next is national defense. The interest charge comes next in size.

Unless spending is checked, the United States will go deeper and deeper " in the red". When you read or hear talk about "balancing the budget", it simply means trying to keep the outgo within the income. It is a very difficult idea to put across with politicians in office. They love to spend other people's money.

That spending can be reduced and ought to is the conclusion reached by the National Economy League of New York, from whose booklet "How to Balance the Federal Budget" the figures here are taken. We think it would be worth every thoughtful citizen's time to study the League's analysis of the Federal finances.

Striking Comparisons

If, as some of our politicians argue, the steady and rapid extension of government control over individuals and businesses marks the royal road to security and plenty for the people, the totalitarian states should be veritable marvels of prosperity.

The fact is, as everyone who has studied the subject knows, that totalitarianism tends to promote a lower, not a higher standard of living; a lower, not a higher wage for the worker; a smaller, not a larger return for farmer and manufactur-

In Russia, articles that Americans of all economic levels consider almost absolute necessities-such as woolen clothing, good leather boots, meat and butter for the table, and adequate furniture-are possessed only by the relatively few, the favored ones of totalitarian In Italy, wages and the standard of living have been consistently lowered by governmental fiat, and even so common a commodity as wholewheat bread is unavailable to the bulk of workers. In Germeny, the government-sponsored spread of "ersatz" foods and materials-that is, substitutes for rubber, eggs, butter, bread made of grains, coffee, etc.,-testifies mutely to what is happening to the ordinary citizen's standard of living and chance to progress there.

There isn't any mystery as to why this is so. As Harry Curran Wilbur has said: "Government is a non-producer, and has no resources save what it takes from producers, distributors and those servicing both processes". Taxes and competition, under paternalistic government, gradually drive the private producer to the wall. The nation's resources are gradually used ap and destroyed. The national income ne, while taxes rise. And the standard goes down.

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Covering Cobblestons

People of this section, and those who ride in an automobile to ly over Ninth street, were no doubt glad of the news that the cobblestones are to be surfaced. Covering up the cobble stones on Sixth street with a smooth suriace was one of the major improvements on North Wilkesboro streets last year.

Should Be Supported

We understand that several communities are planning to enter baseball teams again in the American Legion's junior league. It is a good movement for the youth of the county and every public spirited citizen should in some way lend support to the junior baseball program. Young people who take major parts in athletics and team competition rarely ever grow up to be criminals. Boys will find recreation. If the adults do not help in furnishing a clean type the boys may choose recreation and diversion along disastrous lines.

The man who looks 1939 in the eye with no debts behind him is really sitting pretty.

Borrowed Comment

IT COULD HAPPEN THEN

(Chattanooga News)

It is a gloomy moment in history. Not far many years . . . not in a lifetime of most men who read this . . . has there been so much grave and deep apprehension; never has the future seemed so incalculable as at this time. In our own country there is universal commercial prostration and panic, and thousands of our poorest fellow-citizens are turning out against the approaching winter without employment and with no prospect of it.

In France the political caldron seethes and bubbles with uncertainty; Russia hangs, as usual, like a cloud, dark and silent; upon the horizon of Europe; while all the energies, resources and influences of the British empire are sorely tried more sorely, in coping with the vast and deadly disturbed relations in China.

It is a solemn moment, and no man can feel an indifference . . . which, happily, no man pretends to feel . . . in the issue of

Of our own troubles (in the United States) no man can see the end They are, fortunately, as yet mainly commercial; and if we are only to lose money and by painful poverty to be taught wisdom ... the wisdom of honor, of faith, of sympathy and of charity . . . no man need seriously to despair. And yet the very haste to be rich, which is the occasion for this widespread calamity, has also tended to destroy the moral forces with which we are to resist and subdue the calamity.

The above is 82 years old. It was taken from Harper's Weekly, October 10, 1857

BACK TO WATER WAGON? (Winston-Salem Journal)

Country Home Magazine deduces from a survey made recently that rural America, after five years of repeal is going back on the water wagon and that at least onefourth of the nation's chartered communities will be under prohibition by fail.

"Despite intensive campaigning by the liquor interests urging temperance", the magazine states, "and heavy pressure brought to bear by numerous state liquor monopolies, more than 5,000 towns had at the end of 1938, used the local option privilege provided by the repeal referen dum to ban the sale of alcohol within thei

"More amazing even than the return to prohibition itself is the reason for it It has happened without benefit of an aroused clergy thundering hell-fire to drinkers with the vehemence that was routine two decades ago. One quarter of our country has gone dry because rural America has decided that it is the only sensible thing to do".

The survey indicates that the underly ing factors in this return to prohibition by local option are increase in crime since repeal, increase in automobile accidents lowering of mortality among 'teen age young people, and disappointment as to the financial benefits from liquor taxes.

Rural residents complain that those who drink cannot, like the city dweller, walk after their liquor. They drive long distances. Often they go home "with a load under their belts". As a result, the magazine says that in 1934, the first year of repeal, the rural automobile accident rate nose 16 and one-half per cent. A year after that, country roads "offered the driver a 225 per cent better chance of being killed than did the crowded streets of our big cities".

Delan ane and Roaring River News of Week

ROARING RIVER, April past few days in the condition of Mrs. Laura Martin Linney who suffered a second stroke of pa-ralysis last afonday night.

Mr. George R. Johnson, of Roaring River, has been very ill with pneumonia. Miss Eisther Cothren has beer

Jim Frank and Shirley Roberts are recovering from flu and

Rev. N. T. Jarvis was in North Wilkesboro Friday and preached at Swan Creek Saturday and Sun-

Commencement is in the air at the Rearing River school with rehearing and some advance programs taking place. There are

weeks of school after this Mrs. Lee St. John has nearly recovered from a serious attack

Mrs. D. S. Lane, of North Wilkesboro, has spent about 10 days with her sister, Mrs. Laura Lin-ney, who has been seriously ill with flu, with severe injuries sustained when a calf knocked her out of the barn, and with a second stroke of paralysis. Her terlacerated limb has healed, however.

Little Rosalie Sale, colored, though only about 10 years old has already cut 3 set of teeth, a

very unusual phenomenon Nora Sale and Lonnie Bessie May Parks, all colored, have moved to McGrady. Katie Parks, colored, has re-

cently been to Pittsburg, Pa.
Mrs. J. J. Johnson has convalesced nicely from an appendic

Mr B L Johnson has a nev osition as timekeeper with highway construction force.

George R. Johnson has bought some land from hi er, Mr. B. L. Johnson, on the east side of the creek.

Mrs. J. P. Pardue, Mrs. L. W.

Smithey, Mrs. G. W. Scroggs, and Miss Zelle Harris, of Roaring Riv-er; Mrs. G. W. Cothren and daughter, Irene; Mrs. Lois Roberts and son, Jim Frank, visited Mrs. Laura Linney Sunday. Mrs. Alva Simmons has

teaching in the place of Miss Ruth Linney, who has been out five weeks because of a severe attack of flu and the illness of

ner mother.
Atty, Julius C. Martin, 77-year-

Sunday school and prosching was well attended at Piersen Grove Baptist church Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hungs were in North Wilkesboro ping, Monday.

old director of war risk litigation severely injured by a street car can walk about his Connecticuti Avenue apartment and expected to return to his work in the de-partment of justice before the 2 months allotted by physicians. Mr. Martin grew up in this neigh-borhood and is the only living brother of Mrs. Laura Linuey and

Ada, get attention-and results

Mrs. Celia Lane.



or tobacco frequently brings on an over-acid condition in the stomach Gas on Stomach Heedache, Sour Stomach, Colds. Fatigue, Muscular, Rheumatic er Sciatic Pains.

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Spenior for the event.

The theme of the May court Miss Mudel Formydaval, White-will center around the spirit of ville, will reign as May Queen.

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Town of North Wilkesboro

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April 12 to April 29, Inclusive,

for the purpose of listing property for taxation for the year 1939.

All property, owned by individuals or corporations, must be listed

As of April 1st, 1939.

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> I. H. McNIEL, Jr. Tax Lister Town of North Wilkesboro.

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