

THE NEW BUDGET

The Federal Government operates on a fiscal year which begins on July 1st but it is necessary for officials to consider the budget many months ahead. So it is not surprising that President Roosevelt and his fiscal aides are already studying the budget for the fiscal year which begins next summer. Tentatively, it is understood that the expenditure of \$6,500,000,000 is in mind. This would be a cut of about two billion dollars under the figure sent to Congress last January, but inasmuch as expenditures for this year are running below estimates, it will only be about \$1,250,000,000 less than the expenditures of the current year.

While the figures given cannot be set down as conclusive, it is thought that the cost of regular departments and the expense of carrying the public debt will be about the same. For relief, the present suggestion is that three billion dollars be provided but again it is estimated that one-third of this sum will be on hand as a carry-over from the huge appropriation for the current year—almost five billion dollars. Expenditures for regular departments will require around \$2,200,000,000, and servicing the public debt will consume \$1,300,000,000.

These figures will be knocked into a "cocked hat" if the Supreme Court throws out the processing taxes which provide the funds for the payment of crop benefits to farmers. Moreover, they include no allowance for payment of the bonus if, as seems likely today, Congress passes the veterans' measure over the President's veto next winter.

JOHNSON'S CRITICISM

Considerable interest has been aroused by the open denunciation of what General Hugh S. Johnson calls the "amazing blunders and failures of the New Deal." The laconic general speaks as a "sincere friend" of the President and maintains his conviction that the salvation of the country will be found only under the "do something" leadership of Franklin D. Roosevelt. However, Republicans and enemies of the Administration are delighted with the blunt speech of the former soldier, who frankly refers to the "obvious and fantastic flop" of the combined WPA-PWA program, the "expedient measures" for the temporary and artificial propping up of farm prices, the failure to solve the unemployment problem, the inability of the government to face continued deficits and the tarant of "printing press" money.

ROOSEVELT'S STRATEGY

The President's campaign strategy is beginning to appear. It includes championship of a permanent AAA and a claim for credit for national recovery. In his first speech upon returning to the United States after a three week's cruise aboard the Houston, the President insisted, "We are on our way back; not just by pure chance, not by some turn of the wheel in a cycle; we are coming back solidly because we planned it that way and don't let anybody tell you differently."

This rather clearly sets forth the President's attitude to what has been accomplished by the nation in its battle with the depression. Shortly after returning to Washington and just before the farmers of the country voted overwhelmingly for the new Corn-Hog program, Mr. Roosevelt, in a surprise statement, took occasion to stand squarely behind the AAA as the basis for a permanent agricultural program.

SOME TROUBLES EXIST

Of course, the Administration has its troubles, including the annual Treasury deficits, the question of constitutionality that assails some of its measures, the troubles of the farmers and the persistent problem of unemployment. At the same time, it is only fair to point out that the situation this fall is much better than it was in the summer of 1934 when the Chief Executive landed at Portland, Oregon, after a trip to the Hawaiian Islands, to face complications of the drought, the NRA squabbles and the menace of threatened labor strikes.

Undoubtedly the country as a whole is in much better condition than it was in 1933 when President Roosevelt assumed office. There are abundant statistical figures to demonstrate this with indisputable evidence. Whether this progress has resulted because of or in spite of what the Administration has done, the political effect is that, usually, blame or

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TODAY'S THOUGHT

One man's word is no man's word; we should quietly hear both sides.—Goethe.

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Rome Continues To Discuss Plans For Early Peace

Mussolini, Eric Drummond Are Understood To Have Made Progress In Their Renewed Peace Efforts

HAVE ONE-HOUR TALK

Plans For Enforcing Trade Reprisals Is Opposed By Committee Of League At Geneva

Rome, Nov. 5.—Efforts were renewed today by Premier Mussolini and Sir Eric Drummond to pour oil on the troubled Mediterranean and were understood to have made progress.

A one-hour talk between them was said officially to have dealt with the question of British naval tonnage in the Mediterranean and Italy's military reinforcement in Libya.

In well-informed circles, however, the belief was expressed that Drummond had received from Il Duce an agreement to withdraw a second Libyan division, in return for a promise that Britain would recall at least part of her home fleet.

This "peace talk" took place after Il Duce began "reprisals" against sanctionist nations, encouraging the nation to eat and buy Italian.

Authoritative quarters would go only as far as to say Italy is "aware of reports" that Britain regarded the withdrawal of one Libyan division as insufficient bait for sending her warships home.

Geneva, Nov. 5.—No trade quota punishment will be meted out to so-called "deserter league states" in the general boycott of Italy, a league subcommittee on sanctions decided today.

Similarly, no measures will be taken designed to embarrass Geneva's relations with non-member states such as the United States and Germany.

Some members have expressed fear that the possible transit of goods across the United States and Germany, ostensibly directed to those two countries but which might eventually reach Italy, would thus destroy the league boycott.

The subcommittee struggled at length with this complex problem.

What was called a formula of "non-interference" was devised. Under this normal trade with non-participating states will be permitted to continue unless such countries give some guarantee that a huge war trade to Italy would not develop.

The British recommended allowing the general situation to develop to see whether abuses arise.

Eventually everyone seemed agreed that it was desirable not to complicate relations with outside states but that if a huge trade develops with Italy through non-participant channels measures could be taken later to correct this.

Elder Roberts To Fill Appointments In This Section

Elder S. P. Roberts, Primitive Baptist, of Independence, R. F. D. No. 4, will fill appointments in the near future as follows:

Baywood, Monday, November 11; Galax, Monday November 11 (at night); Crab Creek, Tuesday, November 12; Zion, Wednesday, November 13; Sparta, Wednesday, November 13 (at night); Union, Thursday, November 14; Piney Creek, Friday, November 15, and Fox creek, Saturday and Sunday, November 16 and 17 (regular meeting time.)

MUCH BUSINESS ATTENDED TO MONDAY IN SPARTA

Monday was a very busy day in Sparta, it being a first Monday and the regular time for Commissioner's court. The usual routine business was attended to by the Board of Commissioners.

No business of more than ordinary interest was transacted, although several claims were paid by the county treasurer, many of which were claims for sheep which had been killed by dogs.

Alleghany County Boy Is Faced Here With Assault Charge

Robert Delp, 13, son of Robert Delp, who lives near Piney Creek, was arrested Saturday and placed under \$500 bond for cutting Mrs. David Osborne's arm with a knife.

The Delp boy, it is reported, was on his way home from school, together with the children of Mrs. Osborne, and the children had resumed an argument over an altercation between the two families. The Osborne children, it is said, ran ahead and reported the argument to their mother, who met the Delp boy and, after some argument, struck him across the head with a stick. When struck, the Delp boy slashed her arm, causing a severe loss of blood.

On account of the extreme youth of the defendant, the case was moved before the Alleghany county juvenile judge, A. F. Reeves, who will preside over the trial of the case and pass judgment.

The case will be heard when Mrs. Osborne recovers sufficiently to appear in court.

Citizen Of County Celebrates Birth Anniversary Sun.

Approximately 1,200 Attend Celebration Of 90th Birth Anniversary Of "Uncle Billie" Wooten

Approximately 1,200 persons gathered Sunday to celebrate the 90th birthday anniversary of W. J. ("Uncle Billie") Wooten at his home near Sparta.

The aged man was joined in the celebration of his natal day by persons who came from practically all sections of North Carolina and points in Virginia, West Virginia and Tennessee.

After a delicious dinner had been served in picnic style, those present heard a sermon delivered by one of Mr. Wooten's grandsons, Rev. Charles Wooten, a Baptist minister who resides at Whitehead.

"Uncle Billie" is a leader in political circles of Alleghany and has always taken an active part in the civic, as well as political, affairs of his county.

Three Injured In Collision Tues. On Glade Valley Road

Fred Jerrell, of Mt. Airy, was seriously injured Tuesday afternoon, and Crockett Lucas and W. H. Teer, Sparta, suffered minor injuries, when two pick-up trucks collided on the Glade Valley road near the home of W. B. Carpenter. Teer, superintendent of the construction work on the scenic highway, and Lucas, also connected with the highway force, were enroute to the project and met Jerrell, who was driving at such an excessive rate of speed that he lost control of his truck on the loose gravel of the road, and smashed into the side of the light truck driven by Teer, completely demolishing the latter truck.

Upon investigation by Deputy Sheriff Chap Edwards, it is said, it was found that Jerrell's truck was loaded with 50 gallons of contraband liquor, which he destroyed.

Jerrell was immediately taken to Galax hospital in an unconscious condition, where his injuries were pronounced serious.

Lucas escaped with a badly sprained shoulder and Teer, with bruises.

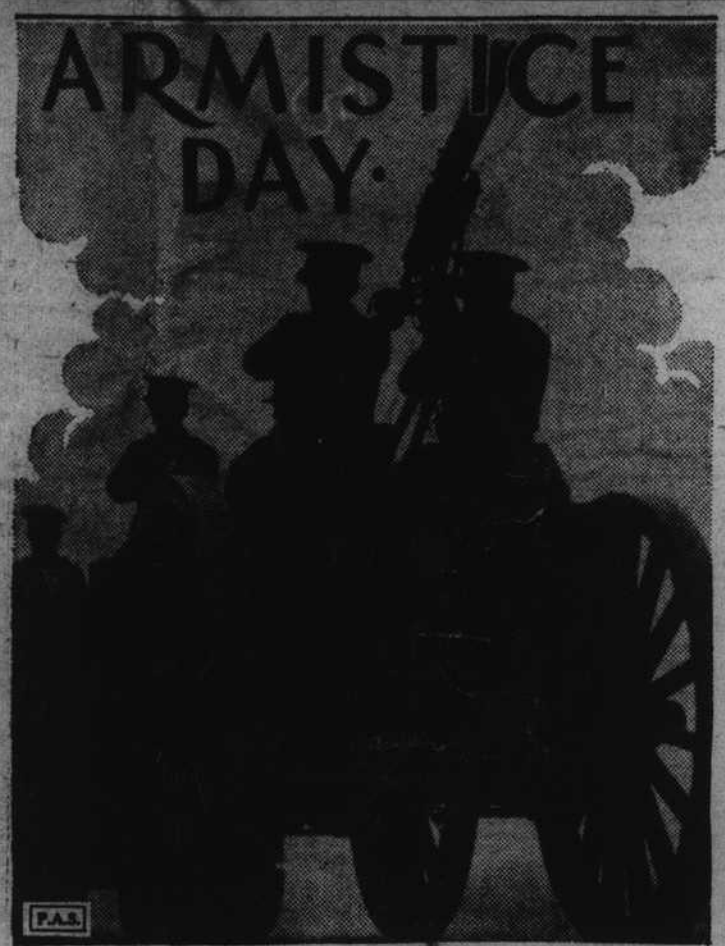
Galax Firemen To Sponsor Another Square Dance Sat.

Members of the Galax (Va.) Fire department will sponsor another Square Dance on Saturday night, November 9, to be held in Firemen-Legion hall, Galax.

Music will be furnished by "Chisel Chin" Cockerham and his Blue Ridge Mountaineers composed of Fields Ward, Sampson Ward, Wade Ward and Dr. W. P. Davis.

Dancing will begin at 8 o'clock.

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As is customary, citizens of Alleghany county, as well as millions of others throughout the United States, will pause for a moment at eleven o'clock next Monday, November 11, in memory of those who lost their lives in the greatest conflict the world has ever known.

Home-Coming At Glade Valley To Be Held Nov. 28

Graduates Gather Thanksgiving Day For Observance Of The 25th Anniversary Of School

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28, has been designated as Home-Coming day at Glade Valley high school, in observance of the school's 25th anniversary.

E. B. Eldredge, principal of Glade Valley high school, desires a large attendance in order to make this quarter-century celebration complete. He calls attention to graduates of the school to the fact that members of their classes and members of other classes will be present, all of which would very likely be conducive to much pleasure and enjoyment.

At eleven o'clock, a special Thanksgiving service is to be held with alumni of the school in charge, and at two o'clock in the afternoon, an assembly for the purpose of forming an alumni organization will be held. At this time a program of speeches and music will be presented, followed by elections and plans for a permanent organization.

At eight o'clock at night, the Junior class of the school will present a traditional Thanksgiving play, "Love's Magic," a comedy-drama by Lillian Mortimer. The fact that this play is to be presented at Glade Valley, it is said, promises much in the way of entertainment for the people of

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Horse Frightened By School Bus; Is Painfully Injured

A horse, one of an exceptionally fine team, owned by J. S. Wagoner, Whitehead, was painfully injured last week when it became frightened at a school bus. The team, hitched to a sled, was being driven along the side of the highway and the oncoming bus passed so close to the team that they took fright and began to plunge, overturning the sled on one of the horses, and the other, after rearing, came down on top of the sled and other horse.

The injured horse received several broken ribs and a severe wound in its side. At first it was thought it would be necessary to kill the horse but, after treatment, it appears to be recovering. The loss, it is said, would have been great, as this was considered one of the finest teams of horses in the county.

Bausell Is Given 20-Year Sentence At Second Trial

Bernace Bausell Gains 12 Years As Result Of New Hearing. Father To Be Tried At Jan. Term

A Carroll county jury last Thursday, at Wytheville, Va., convicted Bernace Bausell, 29, indicted for the alleged murder of his father-in-law, T. Eugene Cornett, Wythe county farmer, of first degree murder and fixed his punishment at 20 years in the Virginia penitentiary. A motion to set aside the verdict was promptly overruled by Judge Horace Sutherland, Galax, who presided at the trial.

The grounds for this motion, as stated by S. B. Campbell of defense counsel, was because of misdirection of the jury and because of the admission of improper evidence offered by the commonwealth and the exclusion of proper evidence offered by the defendant and because of improper remarks of counsel during the argument of the case and also because the verdict of the jury, as brought in, was not in accordance with the statute which required them to specify the degree of the offense of which they found him guilty and that on being returned to the jury room limited them to murder in the first or murder in the second degree.

On motion of the defendant sentence in his case was deferred until after he has testified in the case of his father, Henry Bausell, Lebanon, Va., newspaper publisher, who was indicted for the murder of T. Eugene Cornett.

The court, at the request of

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George Bledsoe Is Visiting Here After Five-Years Absence

George Bledsoe, of Memphis, Tenn., spent the week-end here visiting his mother, Mrs. Dema Bledsoe, and other relatives, after an absence of five years.

Mr. Bledsoe, whose fine voice of the crooner type, won him a radio contract some time ago, is now director of radio advertising for the Dr. Pepper Bottling company and is on an advertising tour.

This week he is advertising in Winston-Salem and is broadcasting some time between the hours of 5 and 6 o'clock. P. M. Bledsoe writes his own continuities and does all the work in preparing his programs, in addition to his singing.

Former Alleghany Girl Injured At Virginia College

Word was received early last week by Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Todd, Elk Creek, Va., formerly of Glade Valley, in Alleghany county, that their daughter, Mabel, a student at Harrisonburg State Teachers college, Harrisonburg, Va., had been found on the college grounds suffering from serious injuries when she plunged from a fourth-story window at one of the college dormitories Monday night, October 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Todd went to Harrisonburg, the former returning to his home later in the week and the latter remaining with the daughter. A letter received by Mr. Todd during the week-end from his wife stated that their daughter was getting along very well, although suffering considerable pain.

Before the family moved to Elk Creek, Miss Todd was a student of Glade Valley high school and graduated from Elk Creek high school last spring.

Literary Digest To Conduct Poll On The New Deal

Individual Ballots Have Been Mailed To Voters Of Sparta And Nearby Communities

Individual ballots have been mailed to voters of Sparta and nearby communities in a new Literary Digest poll of 10,100,000 persons to ascertain the present popularity of the New Deal and should be distributed by the Post Office locally within a few days, according to advice received recently from the magazine's publishers.

North Carolina's returns in this new referendum will be tallied as a unit so they may be compared with the voting in other states, it is announced.

The voting of the post-card ballots is secret as no signature or other identification is required and the return postage is paid by the magazine. To guard against tampering and counterfeiting a specially manufactured cardboard is used for printing the ballot, according to the sponsors of the poll, and all spurious votes can be detected immediately and destroyed.

The ballot asks a yes or no answer to the question: "Do You NOW Approve the Acts and Policies of the Roosevelt 'New Deal' to date?"

A similar poll to the same 10,000,000 persons was conducted in the spring of 1934, following the first year of the Roosevelt administration. Final returns then showed a vote of 61.15 per cent. for the New Deal to 38.85 per cent. against it.

Another question on the ballot in the coming referendum asks each voter how he voted in 1932 to ascertain if there has been any shift in political sentiment since the last Presidential election.

Ballots are reported being mailed from the magazine's headquarters in New York at the rate of over 500,000 per day and will continue until every section of the country has been sent its proportionate share of the total being mailed.

Publication of the first tabu-

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Quintuplets Have Been Signed For Work In Movies

Boston, Nov. 5.—The Dionne quintuplets have been signed as movie actresses and as soon as they are old enough will appear in "licker fiction" David Arnold Croll, Minister of Labor and Public Welfare in Canada and foster father of the quintuplets, disclosed here today. Croll said: "Yes, there are movie contracts already signed and they'll appear in some sort of fiction when they are old enough. The Government isn't exploiting them, but is shielding their interests."

Canada's youngest Minister, himself the father of three girls, said the seventeen-month-old quintuplets are his greatest responsibility.

Republicans Win New York State's Assembly Battle

G. O. P. Leaders Say Empire State Repudiated The New Deal. Farley Disputes Claims

HEAVY VOTE IN KY.

Assembly Election In Roosevelt's Home District Is Captured By Republican Candidate

New York, Nov. 5.—Following returns from today's election which showed decisive leads in New York's state elections, Republican leaders filed a claim to-night that the Empire state had repudiated the New Deal.

Ousting at least eight Democratic incumbents, they apparently regained control of the state assembly, by a margin estimated at five to six seats. The Democrats had a majority of four in the last assembly. A Republican trend was apparent too in the state's morality elections.

Melvin C. Eaton, Republican state chairman, hailed the balloting as plainly marking "a trend away from the New Deal." Irving M. Ives, Republican assembly leader, declared the result outright repudiation of the Roosevelt administration.

Such claims, however, were quickly contested by Postmaster General Farley, chairman of the Democratic national committee and of the New York Democratic state committee.

The result, he said, "ought to be a sufficient answer to the question of the continued popularity of Franklin D. Roosevelt." He asserted that Republican gerrymandering had made it impossible for the Democrats to elect a majority of the assembly except in a landslide election.

Farley saw his own district go Republican, as did President Roosevelt, so far as the assembly elections were concerned. In Hyde Park, however, a Democratic supervisor was elected for the first time in years.

Elated neighbors formed an impromptu torchlight procession to the Roosevelt home. Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt greeted them, smiling, on the porch. Several of the ladies kissed the president.

Meanwhile, returns were coming in slowly from state legislative elections in New Jersey. They showed the usual Democratic sweep in Hudson county, one of the party's strongholds.

Topping a long list of majority elections, Philadelphia produced a growing lead for the Republican candidate, S. Davis Wilson, over his Democratic opponent, John B. Kelly.

In Kentucky more than a million votes were cast in a heated gubernatorial election which saw a split in the ranks of Democratic leaders. The ballots were locked up until today, when counting will begin.

A year ago, nation-wide voting gave the Roosevelt administration an emphatic endorsement by an unprecedented off-year increase in its majority in the national house of representatives.

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- 1—Lewis and Clark reach the Columbia River, 1805.
- 2—United States army captures and occupy Sedan, 1918.
- 3—34th state voted for repeal of 18th Amendment, 1933.
- 4—American Legion holds first national convention, 1919.
- 5—Start of German revolution, Berlin, 1918.
- 6—Quintuplets born in Canada, Nov. 11, 1934.
- 7—Great fire starts in London, Nov. 9, 1940.