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Wouldn't That (Fruit) Jar You?

An illustration on the first page of the Sunday Star made us almost weep with emotion.

It was a picture of the four horsemen, Jim Watson, George Ball, Harry Leslie and Raymond Springer.

Springer, Republican candidate for governor, stood at the left somewhat aloof.

Governor Leslie was within reaching distance of George Ball, but kept hands off, but not so Jim Watson.

Jim's arm was around Ball's neck and strange to relate, his free hand was in his own pocket.

It was a touching scene, that picture of the Watson-Ball necking party.

The Post-Democrat would hate to hazard a guess what that pose cost George, but being a Republican national committeeman, and a hard working capitalist expecting tariff favors, it is likely that ardent hug set him back several carloads of fruit jars.

Somehow or other we never figured one of the celestial balls in the light of a little pet, to be ardently fondled, and hugged, and necked, and squeezed even by a Watson.

They belong on Pedestals.

All Republicans

The local tax adjustment board has been completed through the appointment, by Judge Guthrie, of the three members to be named by him through the provisions of the law enacted by the late lamented special session of the legislature.

The seven members of the board are County Auditor Max Shafer, ex-officio, County Councilmen Charles Koontz, Moses Black and John Hall and J. R. Marsh, Harold McCormick and Ora Dawson, the last three named by Judge Guthrie.

Thus the city of Muncie in no way represented on the board and it will be observed that all seven are Republicans, three named by the judge being of that political persuasion.

Inasmuch as the judge was not circumscribed in the matter of selection it was suggested that City Controller Holloway, a Democrat, would make an admirable member of the board, as representing the city's interests in any tax controversy, but no Democrat was given representation on the board, although the Democratic city of Muncie, is the principal taxing unit in the county.

The fact that Judge Guthrie appointed three Republicans to the three remaining places on the board, is no particular reflection on the judge, since in Democratic counties, where Democratic judges preside, and Democratic auditors and Democratic councilmen are in office, Democrats seem to have been appointed in most instances.

It is an indication, however, that politics plays a large part in the selection of these important boards, which will have the final say as to the maximum of the levies and budgets in the various territorial units within the various counties of the state.

In spite of the fact that the Democratic civil city of Muncie must look to an adjusting board wholly of Republicans, it will stand squarely on its right to be considered on an absolute equality with other county taxing units.

Assurances have been given that the seven members, who are all men of sound business judgment, will forget politics and will not cramp the growing city of Muncie as to its requirement for funds to operate the various departments of the municipality.

In accepting the responsibilities incident to the appointment on this city board, the seven men named, who will work without pay, have taken on a rather heavy obligation, and no matter what they do will be subjected to many criticisms and their job will not be easy, by any means.

The dollar and a half maximum law was an idiotic piece of legislation and the creation of an intervening board of local adjusters, to operate as a buver between budget makers and the state tax board, was the cap sheaf of asininity.

At a time when the people of Indiana had become almost a unit in demanding decentralization and in pleading for a reduction in the number of appointive boards and bureaus, the creation of this new piece of taxing machinery has placed just one more obstacle between the individual citizen and the object of his desires.

County Auditor Max Shafer is a level headed official who will hardly be stampeded into any action that will handicap the city of Muncie. His long experience in the auditor's office has given him a true perspective of the requirements of governmental departments.

Koontz and Black are bankers, McCormick and Marsh are manufacturers. Dawson is a business man and John Hall is a sort of a combination of all three; he is a retired farmer and vice president of a bank and any kind of a farmer these days, retired or active, must be a business man to keep his head above water.

As far as the political side of it is concerned, the city of Muncie really prefers at this time to submit its taxation to an all-Republican board of adjusters.

If they were all Democrats the Democratic party would have to take the blame for any partiality shown the city. If the Republican board should play petty politics its action will prove a boomerang.

The city is willing to rest its case with an all-Republican jury.

It Has Soaked In

The editorials you read in the Muncie Star each morning appear in the Indianapolis Star the morning before.

They are of the syndicate, or canned type. Occasionally your own morning paper carries an editorial that makes you gasp.

The Muncie Star carries them whether they fit Muncie or not, or whether they fit the Muncie Star's local policies or not.

For instance: One morning this week the Star ran an editorial congratulating the public that the dollar and a half taxation law meant no more bond issues.

It will compel public officials to quit floating bond issues and force them to keep within their budgets, said the Star.

The Star urged that the law would be an automatic check to prevent grasping officials from borrowing money and squandering it.

The Star seems to forget that the present administration has resolutely opposed bond issues and for over two years and a half has not floated a bond nor borrowed a cent.

It is interest and not taxes that eats up the substance

of the people. While every Republican unit in Delaware county borrowed money and floated bond issues, the Democratic civil city administration incurred no obligations, cut the tax rate twenty-five percent and always has money in the bank to pay bills.

If the mayor had listened to the Star and the Press the city would be bonded to the limit for airports and sewers, and the administration was soundly abused for refusing to go in debt.

Muncie is the only city in the country of its size that has remained solvent and retained its credit since the bottom dropped out of everything.

If the mayor had listened to the highbinders and fallen for the bankers' bunk and the contractor's guile, he would have been hailed as a true Rotarian instead of a near-con-

Vict. It did not take a dollar and a half law to teach the present city administration a rudiment of government that has just soaked into the thick head of the Star's syndicate editorial writer.

PROPER FOOD ESSENTIAL TO DEVELOPMENT

Children of 1 and 6 Years Demand Careful Watching.

COD LIVER OIL IS A VITAL ELEMENT

Heart Often Damaged by Certain "Catching" Diseases.

Dr. John H. Williams, City Health Commissioner, says that for the last ten years, the average number of babies born in Indiana has been 60,000 per year. Twenty years ago the loss of life in babies under one year of age, was 95 per 1,000 births. In 1931 in Indiana, it was 57 per 1,000 births.

While these figures show a wonderful improvement and education in the proper direction, our present method of handling and protecting early childhood is far from being perfect. Evidently something is happening to thousands of babies between the ages of one and six years which should be prevented.

Many of them fail to get the food elements essential to normal growth and development to children of this age. Some of them weigh more than the average child of the same age and height, but the tissues may be flabby, the skin lack tone and the eyes dull in appearance. Children of this type are usually susceptible to every form of infection. They seem to have colds almost continually.

Lack of Proper Food

Many of them have diseased tonsils, bad teeth (from lack of mouth hygiene and proper diet), adenoids, sinus infections, discharging ears, poor digestion and rheumatism. Bone development is faulty in many children due to improper feeding and a lack of certain foods at this tender age.

Milk and Ice Cited

One of them is milk for the family. The poor have to pay the same price for milk as any one else. He pays the same ten cents a quart as his more fortunate neighbor.

Let us go back a little further, say, to the producer.

The farmer gets about seventy cents per hundred for milk. One hundred pounds will make about twelve gallons of bottled milk, besides the small amount of cream that has been "mooched" from the raw milk before bottling. Twelve gallon—forty-eight quarts—four dollars and eighty cents, for one hundred pounds of milk, which was bought from the farmer for seventy cents.

Perhaps if these same farmers received a fair division of the four dollars and eighty cents, they would not feel so much like howling about their taxes.

More To Follow

Next in line is ice. Of course, if we have milk, we have to have ice to keep it. That brings us up to the point of inquiring into the price.

In 1919 we bought ice for sixty cents per hundred, or what was left of it after hauling it around in a wagon for half a day.

Today, we pay the same sixty cents per hundred for the same sized piece of ice, that we paid in 1919. It is to be admitted that water is the same price it was then, but chemicals, machinery, labor, gasoline for delivery, and what not, are less than half what they were in 1919. Yet we pay the same price for the same size chunk.

Perhaps the poor might get along better if the ice companies could be content to "remember them."

There are other things to follow but this is enough for this time. So let us all "remember the poor, for they are always with us."

0.00 UNITS GET MONEY

Austin, Texas—Nine thousand

local units of Government get their tax fingers in the pockets of Texas property owners, a survey by the state auditor reveals. For each \$100 of assessed valuation the average Texas county has \$14.70

indebtment and a tax collection of \$3.49. The average public indebtedness per inhabitant is \$104.

13. Many counties vary widely from the average. One county has a debt of \$65 for each \$100 of valuation while another has only \$6 cents. One county collects \$6.05 taxes on each \$100 valuation and one only 69 cents.

If a child has had rheumatic fever, unless properly treated and carefully watched, there is a tendency for its recurrence. Any possible source of infection should, if

The Voice of the Kitty

The Salary of the President is \$75,000 a year, or at the rate of \$240.38 each working day. Do you believe the President should be paid this sum per day when he is off duty making political speeches, incidentally building up his political fences?

MRS. ANALINE DYER, White River avenue and 23rd street—No, I don't think so. I don't see anything right in paying a man \$240.38 a day for making political speeches to elect himself. The \$240.38 per day wouldn't mean much to the people of the country, but when you consider the other expenses attached to it, that is expenses of government agents who travel with him for protection, special trains and other similar expenses, then it is something enormous.

MRS. IMA SIMPLE MCPHERSON, Second street and Riverside avenue—Lord bless you, no. Why should the people, especially Democrats, pay out or help pay out, \$240.38 a day to any candidate to make speeches for himself? Besides, there is the expense of carrying Pat Hurley, secretary of the navy, who is always at the President's elbow, and ready to train the navy's big guns on all who cannot see Hoover for President.

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