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COST OF GOVERNMENT:

Figures compiled by the legislative reference bureau on the costs of government in Indiana during the past year should provide interesting data for the people of the state, who have suddenly awakened to the realization that it does require money to run the business of a state, county, city and township. The figures should bring apologies from those who, inadvertently or maliciously, have questioned whether there is a lowering in the cost of government or whether it has been reduced as much as it should be.

The cost of operating the business of the state, cities, counties, townships and towns last year was one million dollars less every month than it was the year before. The new state administration has predicted that a further reduction of ten millions of dollars will be effected as a result of legislation enacted at the recent session of the Indiana assembly. Incidentally, the legislative reference bureau indicates that salaries paid to those in charge of administering the business of the governmental units was only a small percentage of the total outlay and represented a minor item.

More than twenty-six percent of the total cost of government in Indiana last year was expended on education. Highways, streets and bridges represented 19.76 percent of the cost. Payments on bonds, temporary loans and of interest took 17.94 percent of the taxes paid. These are fixed charges over which no administration or set of officials have control. The people themselves must bear the brunt of the responsibility for these charges but many of them are now attempting to shoulder this burden on others. The demand for better education facilities has been met as it was made and the cost is reflected in increased taxes. The public and the taxpayers have demanded better roads, better streets and better bridges, they petitioned for these improvements and usually were given what they wanted. Bonds were issued to cover the cost of building schools, auditoriums and other buildings and they must be met along with the interest. There is no way of getting free legitimate debts that were contracted in the days of inflated prosperity. The taxpayers are alone responsible for much of the high taxation to which they have been

objecting.

The new state administration, through its legislative program and its own rigid rule for economy, will reduce governmental expenses this year and it is forcing reductions of governmental expenditures in counties, cities, townships and towns. There is nothing it can do about fixed expenses and the report of the legislative reference bureau shows they are after all the major expenses. Perhaps this will be a good lesson to taxpayers if there is ever a boom prosperity period in the future.

It has been figured out that most of the automobile accidents are caused by the "road hog." That's one thing that they haven't been able to stop and probably won't, although the state police will go after them the next few months. Road hogging has many phases. Driving to the left of the center of the highway, fighting for right-of-way at intersections, passing on curves or hills, making turns without proper signaling, parking on the highway, cutting in and out of moving lanes of traffic, passing street cars which are discharging or receiving passengers—these are the acts of the road hog. Their result is, each year, thousands of unnecessary deaths, hundreds of thousands of injuries, millions of dollars in property damage.

The humaneness and wholesome old-fashioned manner of President Roosevelt is revealed in a conversation he had with Prime Minister Ramsey MacDonald a few days ago. The word hope was used several times in expressing the executive's desire in bringing about accord between nations.

"Mr. MacDonald, it's more than hope; we GOT to do it." The prime minister, a Scotsman, turned to Roosevelt and replied:

"Yes, an old Scot word, 'got'—it's good enough for me."

An amiable feeling was created between the English envoy and our President and it seems that he has a way of speaking the right word at the proper time and place.

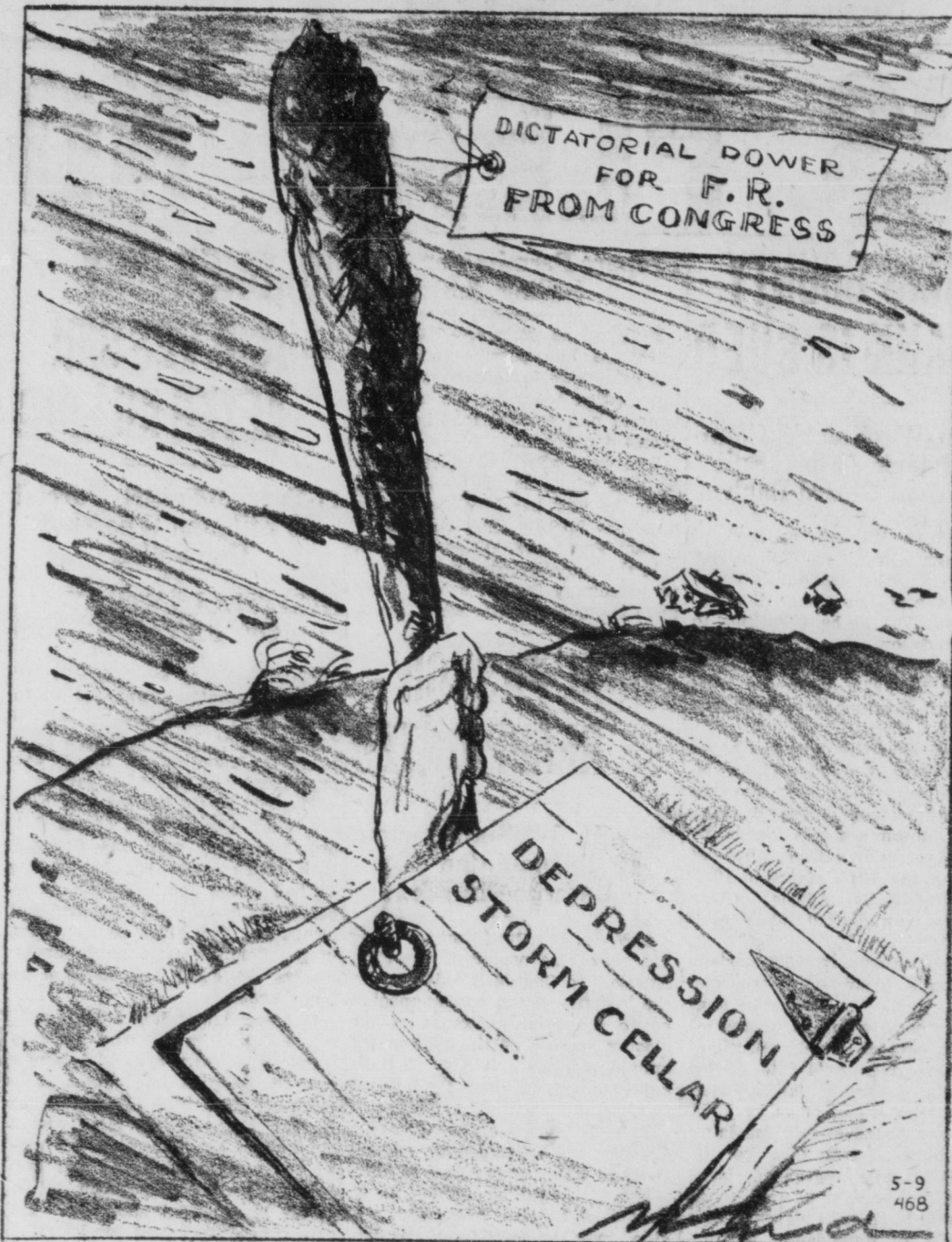
A central heating plant here would be a great thing every way. It would mean employment while the lines are being installed and a profit to the city and think of the convenience to those who install it and thus do away with the dirt and labor that go with operating an individual heating apparatus of most any kind. Many are in earnest about desiring such an improvement and there never was a better time to do it. We have heard a score of more citizens declare they favor it.

The selection of Carl Klepper as president of the Decatur Rotary club is pleasing to his many friends. Carl is one of the younger business men of this community but a hustler with plenty of pep and personality and will give the boys the liveliest year of their history. Congratulations, Carl, and many good wishes for your success in this and every thing else you undertake and that comes from hundreds who delight in seeing young men do worth while things.

Only about one thousand of the twelve thousand acres under contract for sugar beets have been planted and the rains of the past week have been discouraging. There is still a little time however and every one is hoping the sun will shine a week or ten days permitting this and other farm work to be gotten out of the road. That's all we need—a good crop—to bring back good old fashioned prosperity to the farmer and every one else.

The big city newspapers have finally decided not to send news dispatches over the radio. Many people will be disappointed but why should the newspapers spend their money to gather news and then give it to the public in some other manner than through their columns. And then the same agencies have become advertising competitors, adding to the impos-

Congress:—"Here you are, Mr. President; we're right behind you!"



tion when they expect to use news bulletins. We are not surprised.

A great crowd saw the Kentucky derby, a leading annual sporting event at Churchill Downs near Louisville, Saturday, and the gay colors, the cheery yells, the excitement were as great at in many years. It was as always, a great race and was attended by several governors, leaders in every walk of life and thousands of others. Say what you please, it would be dull living without our sports.

Test Your Knowledge

Can you answer seven of these test question? Turn to page Four for the answers.

1. In which Canadian Province is the city of Medicine Hat?
2. Of what kingdom is Serbia now a part?
3. In which German state is the town of Tilsit?
4. From what plant is tapioca obtained?
5. Who was Thomas Churchyard?
6. Did women have the right to vote at the time the prohibition amendment was proposed by Congress?
7. What Strait connects the Atlantic and Mediterranean Sea?
8. What is the nickname of the religious Society of Friends?
9. In which French possession is the town of Timbuctu?
10. When was New Mexico admitted as a state?

1. Who wrote the novel "Martin Chuzzlewit"?
2. Who is the heir presumptive to the British Throne?
3. Of what organ of the body is the Medulla a part?
4. What is Socialism?
5. Which U. S. government agency sends out standard time signals?
6. Whom did John Barrymore marry?
7. Name the vice President during the Wilson Administration.
8. Who was Colley Cibber?
9. To what family of fruits do oranges, lemons and grapefruit belong?
10. Name the compact, earthy, mineral, hydrated, magnesium silicate used for making bowls for tobacco pipes.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

From the Daily Democrat File

Mrs. Fred Heuer returns from Fort Wayne where she visited Mrs. Frederica Heuer.
Miss Della Haruff is visiting at the Lewis Beard home in Salmona, Indiana.
L. C. DeVoss is a Van Wert business visitor.
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Dorwin enter-

tain the Orient Club.
Mrs. W. L. Lehne entertains at 500 party. Prizes awarded to Mesdames Vance, Graham and Anker.
Dallas Brown is ill with mumps.
Mrs. Hiram Gregg of Chicago is visiting here.

1000 Boston school children strike for shorter hours.
Clerk Blecke receives new licenses for hunting and fishing.
Robert Kintz weds Edith C. Hogan of Buffalo.

Dynols Schmitt suffers painful injury when he slips cutting long grass in his right hand.

Household Scrapbook —By— **ROBERTA LEE**

The Garden Hose

If there are tiny holes in the garden hose, paint it on the outside with pliable roofing paint. This will close the small breaks and the hose will wear another season at least.

Scorched Cotton

When cotton fabric is badly scorched try dipping the article in cold water and hang it dripping wet in the sunshine. When dry, wet it again and repeat the process. It may take about two or three days but it is a cure that will not injure the wearing qualities of the material.

Poaching Eggs

Try putting one tablespoonful of vinegar in the water in which the eggs are to be poached, to make the white of the egg firm.

PROMINENT MAN DEATH'S VICTIM

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Mrs. W. L. Lehne, who was engaged in farming.

In December 1863, Mr. Wertzberger enlisted in the Union army. He was only 19 years old. The story is told how he had been working in the fields, when he decided to enlist. He informed his parents and went to Indianapolis and enlisted in Company "I," 89th Volunteer Indiana Infantry. This unit was so badly shattered in the early conflicts, that he and the remaining members were transferred to Company "K," 26th Infantry. He saw service in several major battles, including Tubbelo, 9:30 o'clock.

Notice

Starting Tomorrow, May 9, the City Newsstand will be changed from the Omlor Confectionary to our new location in the building formerly occupied by the Nichols Shoe store.

City Newsstand

Paul Briede.

MANY ENROLL IN GIRLS 4-H CLUB

Enrollment For Girls 4-H Club Work Is Almost Completed

The enrollment for the girls 4-H Club is almost completed, and enrollments have come in for sewing, canning, food preparation, and Junior leadership. There are four new clubs being organized—French, Union, Blue Creek, and North St. Marys.

A meeting was called at the home of Delores Neuhauser May 4, and the Pollyanna 4-H Club of French township was organized with the following officers: president, Janet Soldner; vice-president, Lola Kaufman; secretary, treasurer, Ann Williams; reporter, Mildred Beer; song leader, Unis Kaufman; yell leaders, Betty Augsburg and Marjorie Liechty; pianist, Mildred Beer; games chairman, Justine Liechty.

The leaders for North St. Marys are Miss Doris Shifferly and Mrs. Nellie Jackson. Leaders for Blue Creek township are the Misses Helen and Glennys Roop. The leader for Union is Miss Dorothy Spuller. The enrollment is not yet completed in these townships.

The leaders in Kirkland township are the Misses Doris Johnson and Bernita Hoffman. This club has organized with the following members: Juanita Cable, Mary Fuhrman, Rachel Helmrich, Bernice Cable, Miriam Hoffman, Marjorie Dilling, Eleanor Mankey, Delores Worden, Edna Smith, Hazel Yake, Pollyanna Lehman, Donabelle Arnold, and Mary Elizabeth Arnold.

The leaders for Jefferson are Mrs. Leslie Sprunger, Miss Helen Kenney, and the Misses Madeline and Marcella Robin. The leaders for Hartford are Miss Mary Schlangenhaus and Mrs. Wm. Liby. Mrs. Leland Ray and Mrs. Chas. Schenck are the leaders for south St. Marys. Mrs. Everett Rice is the leader for Monroe township.

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ROOSEVELT TO BRING PRICES TO FAIR LEVEL

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ing proclamations of overthrusting assurance. We cannot ballyhoo ourselves back to prosperity.

"I am going to be honest at all times with the people of the country. I do not want the people of this country to take the foolish course of letting this improvement come back on another speculative wave. I do not want the people to believe that because of unjustified optimism we can resume the ruinous practice of increasing our crop output and our factory output in the hope that a kind providence will find buyers at high prices. Such a course may bring us immediate and false prosperity, but it will be the kind of prosperity that will lead us into another tailspin."

The gold embargo and refusal to meet contracted payments in gold on government bonds, much criticized abroad, were necessary to put all creditors on an equal basis, protect the country's momentary reserves and prevent threatened panic, Mr. Roosevelt said. Explaining that between 90 and 100 billions of public and private obligations call for gold payments, he pointed out that this country's gold supply, vast as it is, would meet demands

of only one out of every 100 dollars if all should demand gold. "We have decided to treat the justice and the exercise of the institutional powers of this government," he said. "We have every one on the same level in order that the general good be preserved."

Thanking members of the administration's program, President vigorously demanded the powers granted to him by congress in any way constituting dictatorship.

"The function of congress," said, "is to decide what has been done and to select the appropriate agency to carry out its will. The only thing that has been pending has been to designate President as the agency to carry out certain of the purposes of congress. This was constitutionally and in keeping with the past American tradition."

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