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Eisenhower's Budget

President Eisenhower returned from quail hunting Monday long enough to give the American people his bill for services for the next year—a whopping \$79 billion budget.

But the president's message was anything but popular with those who read it.

First of all, it proposed, among many other things, a one-half cent raise in the Federal gasoline tax. It's about time the American driver called a screeching halt to the Federal government's bland idea that the auto drivers of the country should pay for roads built to carry commercial traffic. Sure, American drivers want good roads—for their cars. If heavy expensive roads for truck traffic have to be built, let the truckers pay for them. Let's not bankrupt every American just to provide free roadways for one medium of commerce.

And then came the perennial postage rate increases. Now they want a five-cent letter and an eight-cent air mail. This is preposterous. In the first place, raising rates actually cuts income from postage; this happened in the 1920's, and again last year. There is no need to raise first class postage. First-class is paying its own way, and nearly everybody else's. However, if the taxpayer, worker, and farmer wants to continue to subsidize Life Magazine (and the Decatur Daily Democrat) by paying more for its letters and post cards, why the President will be very happy.

Certainly no one will object to a crack-down on tax cheats. That was one bright spot in the President's message; it's nice to know that after seven years in office he finally decided that someone isn't paying his share.

The master-stroke of all, and one of the most expensive in the entire message, is the one on interest rates. After careful manipulation of interest rates to the highest point since 1929 (remember that year?), our pro golfer suddenly discovers that 12% of all the Federal spending is going for interest. Now, says the President, the way to cut that interest is to remove the 4 1/4% ceiling on long-term money, raising it, so that the government can put out long-term securities at 5%, or any other figure it desires.

Now, how higher interest rates will lower expenditures on interest, especially when they will be for long periods, he does not explain. Perhaps his ghost writer didn't go into detail with him.

But has he carefully thought out what effect such higher long-term rates will have on the stock market? Won't thousands take their savings out of unpredictable stock and put the money in governments, thus panicking the stock market?

Undoubtedly President Eisenhower will go down in history, like President Grant, as a fine general, but a poor administrator.

COURT NEWS

Marriage Applications Glen Roger Poor, 22, of route 6, Decatur, and Twanette Lou Magley, 20, of Decatur. Frank Walter Gebhart, 27, of Lima, O., and Kathryn Elizabeth Hinds, 18, of Lima, O. Harrison Fockler, 70, of Decatur, and Lottie M. Amspaugh, 63, of Lima, O. Jury Commissioners Because of the illness of both jury commissioners, Republican

James G. Gottshall, and Democrat Ed F. Berling, Judge Myles F. Parrish appointed two pro tem jury commissioners, who are currently checking the records in preparation to the scheduled drawing of jurors Monday, Jan. 25. Republican Frank C. Rawley, of Decatur, and Mrs. Ruth Merriman, a Democrat, of Blue Creek township, received their oaths today. On the 25th, they will draw 24 names for the petit jury and 12 names for the grand jury for the February term.

Bluffton Building Rented By Eiting

Ben H. Eiting, formerly proprietor of the Friendly Tavern in Vera Cruz, is reported to have rented a building adjacent to the Bliss Hotel in Bluffton. Eiting was denied a renewal of his beer and wine license by the Wells county liquor board last September, and has been running a restaurant since then.

20 Years Ago Today

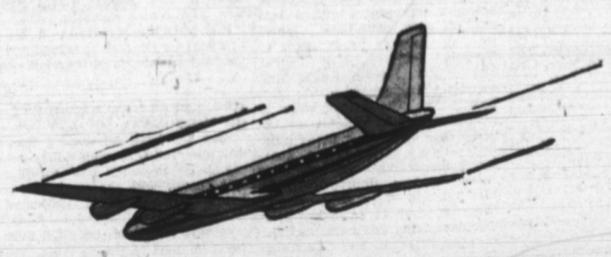
Jan. 19, 1940—Jerry Mangano, 22, of Chicago, the alleged slayer of Anthony Michael of Berne, was sentenced to die in the electric chair Feb. 23 for the slaying of a Chicago policeman. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Evans, of Pleasant Mills, was destroyed by fire, believed caused

by an overheated stove. School units of Adams county have received \$4,571.57 of common school and congressional school fund interest. The mercury dropped to 11 below zero today, the third night in a row to fall below zero. Walter Reed, of the state board of health, was a business visitor in Decatur. First round games in the annual Adams county tourney, held at the Pleasant Mills gym, found Monroe defeating Jefferson, 33-18; Pleas-

ant Mills eliminating Hartford, 47-20, and Geneva whipping Monmouth, 41-18.

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- Central Daylight Time WANE-TV Channel 15 TUESDAY Evening 6:30—Amos & Andy 6:30—Tom Calenberg News 6:45—Doug Edwards-News 7:00—Hotel De Paree 7:30—Lock Up 8:00—Dennis O'Keefe 8:30—Dobie Gillis 9:00—Tightrope 9:30—Red Skelton 10:00—Garry Moore 11:00—Phil Wilson News 11:15—Behave Yourself WEDNESDAY Morning 7:30—Peppermint Theatre 7:45—Willy Wonderful 8:00—CBS News 8:15—Captain Kangaroo 9:30—Coffee Cup Theatre 10:00—Red Rowe Show 10:30—On the Go 11:00—Love Lucy 11:30—December Bride Afternoon 12:00—Love Of Life 12:30—Search For Tomorrow 1:45—Guiding Light 1:30—Ann Colons 1:25—News 1:30—As The World Turns 2:00—For Better or for Worse 2:30—Houseparty 3:00—The Millionaire 3:30—Verdict is Yours 4:00—Brighter Day 4:15—Secret Storm 4:30—Edge Of Night 5:00—Dance Date Evening 6:30—Amos & Andy 6:30—Tom Calenberg News 6:45—Doug Edwards-News 7:00—San Francisco Beat 7:30—Lineup 8:30—Men Into Space 9:30—The Millionaire 9:30—I've Got A Secret 10:00—Circle Theatre 11:00—Phil Wilson News 11:15—Blackwell Story WKJG-TV Channel 33 TUESDAY Evening 6:00—Gateway to Sports 6:15—News Jack Gray 6:30—The Weatherman 6:30—Yesterday's Newsreels 6:45—Huntley-Brinkley Report 7:00—Brave Stallion 7:30—Laramie 7:30—Fibber McGee and Molly 7:30—Arthur Murray Party 8:30—Startime 9:30—Phil Silvers Show 10:30—News and Weather 11:15—Sports Today 11:20—Jack Parr Show WEDNESDAY Morning 6:30—Continental Classroom



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