

COUNTY BUDGET TO BOOST TAX RATE 21 CENTS

High Requests of Various Departments Branded as 'Unthinkable.'

The 1930 Marion county budget which, if approved, will increase the county tax rate from 31.5 cents to 33 cents, will be considered by the county council Tuesday.

Numerous civic organization leaders and high tax opponents in the county have branded the high requests of various county departments as "absurd" and "unthinkable" and have indicated remonstrances will be filed. Several council members have indicated that "numerous slashing will be done."

With Marion county's taxation valuation increased almost \$9,000,000 this year, persons who contemplated the remonstrances based objections on the theory that sufficient additional tax money would be provided with the increase.

To Oppose Gladden Raise

County Auditor Harry Dunn, however, with county commissioners, seek to pay current county indebtedness with the 21.5 cent increase to provide a working balance for 1930. The county in the last few years has floated temporary loans to pay running expenses each year. Dunn said the county would resort to the same method for the next few months. At this time the county is behind about eight months financially.

Councilmen, according to one of them, are unfavorable to the county's finance plan. It has been indicated that some council members will oppose "to the last straw" a \$1,200 a year salary boost for Fred T. Gladden, county school superintendent.

Whether they can prevent the boost is doubted in legal circles inasmuch as court action might be taken to force the council's approval.

\$44,000 Request Outstanding

Salary increase for a number of county employees proved to be a controlling factor in the budget increases. Outstanding in the list is a request of County Treasurer, Clyde E. Robinson, for an additional \$44,000 to pay thirteen clerks and extra help in the delinquent tax department. The 1929 budget of the office totaled \$71,375.

County Clerk George O. Hutsell, asked an increase of \$8,000 to meet boosts for six typists, a chief deputy and a bookkeeper. County Sheriff George L. Winkler, asks an increase of \$5,450 to boost salaries of several deputies and an additional \$10,000 to purchase riot guns.

County commissioners who studied the budget for several days, seeks to raise the free gravel road rate of 2½ cents to 5 cents. They asserted the present county road maintenance fund was inadequate, providing about 71 cents a day to maintain a mile of county road.

TWO WOMEN SLUG, SLASH NEGRO MAN

Paving Block, Razor Put Victim in City Hospital.

A paving block and a razor were responsible today for the dangerous condition of Edward Crockett, Negro, 42, of 430 Tippecanoe street, in city hospital.

Crockett told police he was slugged by a woman with a paving block and cut by another woman's razor in his home, Sunday.

Mrs. Margaret King, Negro, 32, 436 Tippecanoe street, is held as the alleged wielder of the paving block. The police are searching for the razor wielder.

METHODISTS TO MEET

Central German Conference Will Open at Evansville Tuesday.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Sept. 2.—The sixty-sixth annual session of the Central German conference, Methodist Episcopal church will open here Tuesday to continue six days, with delegates from all parts of the United States attending.

William Frazer McDowell, Washington, D. C., will be the presiding bishop. Dr. Thomas Nicholson, Detroit, is resident bishop.

KNIVES BROTHER; HELD

South Side Man Charged With Alleged Attack Sunday.

Thomas Donohue, 46, of 407 West McCarty street, was under arrest today on a charge of assault and battery with intent to kill following an alleged attack Sunday on his brother, David Donohue, 48, of 1102 North Tremont street.

Police said Thomas Donohue was alleged to have cut his brother with a knife following an argument over business affairs.

Eaten by Bear

By United Press WINNIPEG, Man., Sept. 2.—

Driven from its woodland haunts by forest fires, a hungry-maddened black bear carried away and partially devoured a 3-year-old girl in the vicinity of Lowlands, a sparsely settled section about 100 miles from here, according to reports received here.

The tiny victim was the daughter of Fred Groriusuk, a backwoodsman. Reports said the beast battered down the door of the Groriusuk home. Two other children fled in terror, leaving the 3-year-old left behind.

The parents, who were working in a field nearby, later discovered the partially devoured body of the child near their home.

Mooney's Judge



MORON SOUGHT FOR MURDER OF ILLINOIS GIRL

Fatal Shotgun Slaying Is Shrouded With Mystery.

By United Press

MANHATTAN, Ill., Sept. 2.—Handicapped by contradictory elements in the murder of 10-year-old Esther Groth, who was fatally wounded by a shotgun charge which punctured her lungs and nearly severed an arm, authorities today centered on the theory the child was slain either by a moron or by some one who had sworn vengeance against her family.

Neither of the two theories was supported by any definite evidence. On the contrary the few known circumstances only clouded solution of the murder.

The history of a quarrel which Esther's father, William Groth, a farmer, had several years ago, was being traced. Neighbors were being questioned in the hope that some evidence might be found that a stranger visited the Groth farmhouse Saturday afternoon when the child was shot.

Although Esther lived for several hours, her only words before her death were given in answer to her parents and physicians, who asked repeatedly who had shot her.

"I don't know—O, I don't know," the dying child replied.

The physicians said she could not have shot herself. The shooting occurred early in the afternoon. The father and mother had driven to town, a mile and a half, to do the week-end shopping, leaving Esther on the farm with her brother Clarence, 15, and her sister Villa, 16, and several smaller children.

Clarence told police he was in the barn hitching up a team of horses when he heard a shot.

"I ran into the house," he said. "Just as I entered the kitchen, Esther came running out of the bedroom. She came up to me and dropped on the floor. She got up again and staggered over toward the stairs door and there she fell again."

U. S. GARB FOR MEN ATTACKED

Health Expert Also Raps Women's Diet Fad.

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 2.—The overdressed American male and his underfitted wife.

The two "menaces" to American health greeted Dr. Woods Hutchinson, food specialist, health crusader and medical author when he returned to his native shores after seven months in Asia and other foreign lands.

"Our western men" dress too much," said Dr. Hutchinson, recalling the flowing robes of the Arab, the negligee of the heathen Chinese and the even more scanty attire of the African man-of-fashion. "They should emulate their wives. Women have been more sensible and their way of dressing has not affected the country's moral any more, than the morale would be lowered if men removed their coats in hot weather. Only silly chivalry prevents it.

"Women appear to be less sensible than men in diet matters. I am appalled by this diet fad sweeping the fancies of American women. It's 100 per cent bad. Americans don't eat too much. Too many of us don't eat enough."

What does he know of me or I

SCORES KNOCKOUT WITH BRASS 'KNUCKS'

Nego Wins Argument in Fight, But Loses One to Cops.

Isaac Clark, Negro, 40, of 726 South Capitol avenue, Sunday won his argument on etiquette, but today faced charges of carrying concealed weapons.

Clark was strolling on Ray street Sunday afternoon. At Maple street, he stopped short. There sat his girl friend and James Body, Negro, 38, of 1012 Maple street, on the curb eating watermelon.

After an argument, Clark hit Body, knocking him unconscious. Police arrested Clark when they found a pair of brass knuckles in his possession.

SEEK MISSING PERSON

Danville, Ill., Man Asks Police to Locate Daughter.

Police today were asked to search for two missing persons in Indianapolis.

John Park, Danville, Ill., requested a search be made for his daughter, Helen Park, 21, who is believed following a carnival company to this city.

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