

## STUDY BUDGET FIGURES WITH 45-CENT RATE

Estimated Levy Is 7 Cents Higher Than County's 1936 Tax Figure.

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000, as the county's share of the welfare expenses.

The free gravel road fund, requested but not appropriated in 1936, is to be asked by Herbert Bloemker, county surveyor. The county surveyor is to seek \$60,000 from the road fund, or a levy of approximately one cent.

### Sinking Fund May Balance

The sinking fund estimate has not been made by County Auditor Charles Grossart, but if the fund reaches last year's total of \$579,000, as appropriated by the County Council, it may be balanced and will not count in the tax levy if placed against the liquor fees and miscellaneous revenue estimated for 1937.

Thus, observers pointed out, the county tax rate may be formed into the 45-cent rate from the 31-cent general fund and tuberculosis hospital request, plus the 14-cent welfare budget and possibly the 1-cent free gravel road fund.

The total budget requests, with the sinking fund, county general fund and gravel road included, would reach an estimated \$3,155,000 and of this amount an estimated \$500,000 could be deducted for revenues due in 1937, leaving the budget requested and for which taxes may be levied at an estimated \$2,655,041.

### Expect Little Valuation Change

Tax experts and the Center Township Trustee's office estimated that the probable assessed valuation of the county may remain close to the \$591,335,380 valuation in 1936, upon which a 38-cent county tax rate was based.

In the budgets released by Auditor Grossart, salary increases and larger appropriations for food, fuel and clothing were asked by some county departments.

The 1936 appropriations of the County Council for the general fund and the tuberculosis hospital totaled \$2,116,481, or \$236,440 more than the 1937 budget calls for.

The reduction in the proposed 1937 general fund budget, however, generally is accounted for, it was said, by the fact that the new County Welfare Board had absorbed the old-age pension, juvenile guardians home, burials of dependents, to amount to an estimated \$700,000, with the state and Federal government bearing a portion of this expense.

The largest increases in budget estimates over the money appropriated by the County Council in 1936 were asked by the following departments and for the following general reasons:

County Clerk—Request, \$78,000, \$10,980 increase over 1936 appropriation; salary, \$1,000; fuel, \$1,000; increase, one clerical salary item raised from \$49,620 to \$54,400.

County Treasurer—Request, \$97,915, or \$7185 more than in 1936; deputy salaries raised.

County Auditor—Request, \$68,630, or \$450 more than last year; extra help item, salaries and printing increased.

Marion County Infirmary—Request, \$84,421.35, or \$13,460.12 more than last year; food appropriation increased as well as clothing and slight increases in salary schedules.

Indianapolis Colored Orphan's Home—Request, \$56,874, or \$16,803 more than in 1936; food, fuel, and clothing items boosted.

County Health Commissioner—Request, \$14,850, or \$5158 more than last year's appropriations; nurse added and \$3000 added to the rabies fund.

The largest decreased budget was that of the county commissioners, which was reduced \$392,603.50 to a 1937 request of \$454,103. Shifting of old age pensions and other items to the Public Welfare Department resulted in the large decrease.

The budget for maintenance of the Marion County Courthouse showed a reduction of an estimated \$23,000 because of failure to include light and power in a budget total of \$26,522.84.

Township budgets ranged almost on the same figures as the amounts appropriated in 1936 with Warren Township with a request for \$6655, or \$1780 increase over 1936, as the greatest increase.

### Township Budgets

The township budgets were as follows—Center, \$80,772; Decatur, \$556; Franklin, \$1055; Lawrence, \$1026; Perry, \$2840; Pike, \$755; Washington, \$12,560, and Wayne, \$10,586.

New rugs for the grand jury room and his own offices coupled with law book expenditures raised the budget requests of Prosecutor Herbert Spencer from \$67,000 to \$69,000.

The Municipal and Superior Courts showed slight increases in salary items and per diem pay for jurors, with Superior Court 4 showing the largest increase, \$2100, with \$1000 of that amount for extra jurors.

The court budgets are as follows—Municipal Court 1, \$14,140; Municipal Court 2, \$14,140; Municipal Court 3, \$8585; Municipal Court 4,

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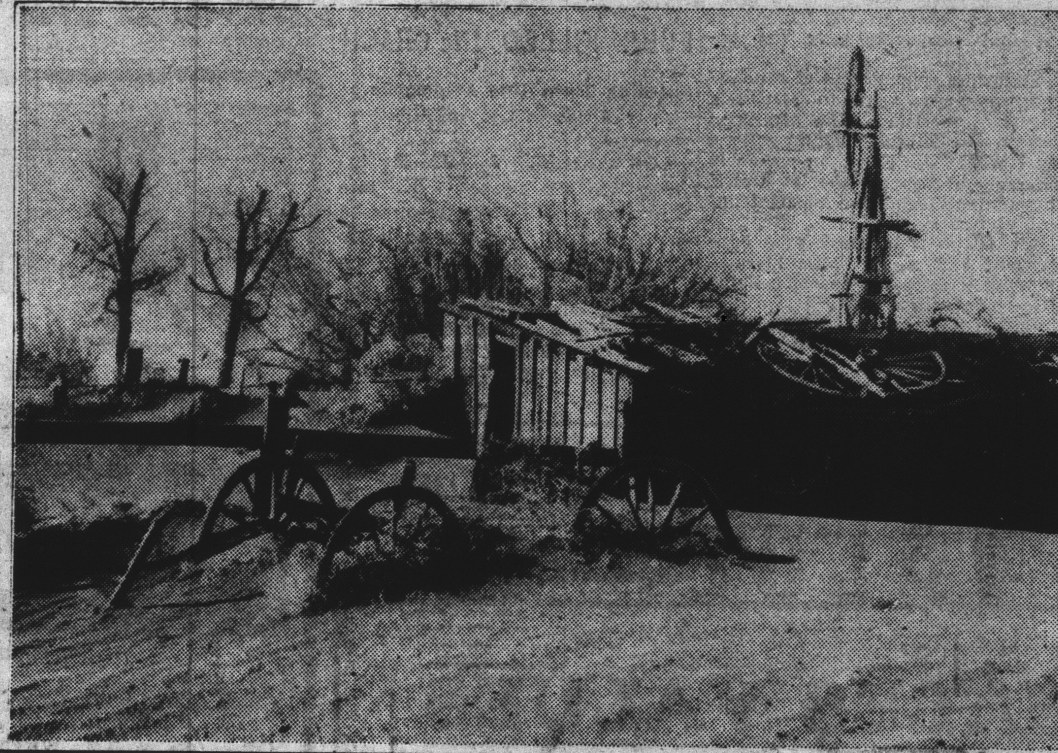
LEFT—

BONES whitening at thousands of sun-parched waterholes like this at Pennington, S. D., symbolize the doom that hovers over the vast plains country so long denied soothing, saving rain.



RIGHT—

L AID waste by man's greedy farming methods and Nature's niggardiness with rain, dust and drought turn whole counties of once prosperous farm land into a bleak desert. As on this Oklahoma farm, even deep-probing trees shrivel in hot winds that smother machinery and buildings in dust drifts.



\$8585; Superior Court 1, \$12,125; Superior Court 2, \$12,355; Superior Court 3, \$12,200; Superior Court 4, \$13,450; Superior Court 5, \$12,250.

### Juvenile Court Increased

Juvenile Court showed an increased request of \$2513 for salaries, with Probate Court \$2880 higher and Circuit Court \$1200 larger than in 1936.

Increases to the court reporter, bailiffs, probation clerk and the addition of one probation officer with the per diem pay for jurors increased \$1000 resulted in a \$2835 budget hike for the Criminal Court of Judge Frank P. Baker. The court did not budget for an investigator in this year's request.

The voters' registration bureau budget provides \$1283 less than that allowed for the current election year. The budget in 1937 calls for \$15,925, against \$14,975 in 1936.

The office of County Recorder increased its appropriation to \$28,249 or an addition of \$1504, mostly for salary raises.

### Provides for Food Increase

Traveling expenses for prisoners were sliced \$1000 by Sheriff Otto Ray to bring his budget down to \$43,885. The sheriff's jail budget, however, was \$3754 more than in the current year. Set at \$52,909.84, the budget based the increase on food costs.

The county superintendent's office asked for a budget of \$1940 more than in 1936, with a total of \$6495. Municipal probation department requested a \$2000 increased budget to add to probation officer's salaries.

Other budget requests, with little variation over last year's appropriations, were: County surveyor, \$16,974; county assessor, \$10,392; county coroner, \$10,177; county treasury, \$1500; city treasury, \$10,260; county agent, \$7950; Detention Home, \$11,901; Julietta Hospital for Insane, \$52,320; board of review, \$3884; drainage ditch, \$5000.

### RISE REPORTED IN LOCAL AIR TRAVEL

1936 Figures Nearly Double Those for 1935 Period.

Indianapolis citizens are becoming more air-minded, Municipal Airport Superintendent Nish Dienhart said today, and backed his assertion with figures.

During April, May and June, 1937 plane passengers left the airport, compared with 955 during the same period in 1935. Through passengers totaled 5997, and 3766 in 1935. Passengers arriving were 1892, only eight more than in the 1935 quarter. The number of planes arriving here was 1007, as compared with 761 in the three 1935 months.

### BELIEVES LOVE LOST; SLAYS FAMILY, SELF

East Chicago Blacksmith Takes 3 Lives and Own in Rampage.

By United Press

EAST CHICAGO, Ind., July 10.—Celestino P. Gonzales killed eight persons and then committed suicide because he feared he had lost his wife's love and was discouraged over a recent illness, police believed today.

The brawny Mexican blacksmith hacked his wife and six children to

death yesterday in their home and then hunted down his helper, Joe Aro, and killed him.

He committed suicide a moment later.

Police found the bodies of Mrs. Gonzales and her children scattered through three blood-spattered rooms when they arrived to tell her of her husband's death. They had planned to ask Mrs. Gonzales if Aro had been attentive to her. He had been a boarder in their home.

Mrs. Gonzales apparently was killed in her sleep, but it was evident that her children put up a sharp struggle to escape. They ranged in age from 2 to 17.

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## DROUGHT KEEPS STIFLING HOLD ON FARM AREA

No Relief in Sight for Parched Central States, Says Forecaster.

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records were set in New York and other cities.

In Iowa, the Dakotas, Minnesota and central Illinois it was the start of the second week of temperatures above 100 degrees. The Weather Bureau saw no relief in sight.

Farmers near Seymour, Ind., carried water to their parched stock. In the Dakotas, many farmers said their water supply was disappearing. Cattle were shipped out of the parched regions.

Elkhart (Ind.) residents heard five pavements explode under the burning sun.

### No Rain in Sight

Forecaster J. R. Lloyd of the Chicago Weather Bureau said there would be no rain in the entire Central States District during the next 36 hours except in the extreme western part of North Dakota.

He held out some hope for the Dakotas, northwestern Minnesota and western Nebraska with a forecast of scattered showers in those areas on Sunday.

A light sprinkle at La Crosse, Wis., was the only rain report in the district this morning. Except for a few clouds at Green Bay, Wis., and in northern Michigan, the blazing sun beat down again over mid-America.

"Our forecast means more crops will be burned out," Lloyd said. "They've had temperature readings of 100 or higher in most of the upper Missouri district since July 2."

### Light Rains in Montana

West of the Chicago forecasting district light rains fell today in central Montana, bringing temporary relief from excessively high temperatures. The heaviest fall was at Lewistown, where 23 of an inch was recorded.

But Montana, like the rest of the Western states, saw no relief except from government bounty. After a two-day conference leading to immediate stabilization of livestock prices and WPA jobs for farmers, Gov. Elmer Holt announced that Dr. W. J. Butler, state veterinarian, would go to Washington to aid in formulating the national emergency relief program.

### DOG TAXES HELPFUL

Increases Funds of Center Township \$10,072, Trustee Reports.

Fido has increased the fund in the Center Township trustee's office.

For \$102 in dog taxes were turned over this week by the Center Township Assessor's office to the trustee for taxes paid in 1936. Last year's dog taxes totaled but \$8800.

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