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City Hall—

COAL RULING \$30,000 BLOW TO CITY FUNDS

Deery Seeking Loophole to
'Save' Increase in
Fuel Price.

By RICHARD LEWIS

Barely beginning to recover from the blow of a \$350,000 budget deficit, the Civil City has suffered another financial buffet which threatens a serious shortage in its fuel accounts next year.

The buffet has been dealt by the National Bituminous Coal Act, which raises the cost of coal to the City from 48 to 70 cents a ton. In round numbers, this adds up to a \$30,000 increase over and above what the City had budgeted for coal next year.

The School City, which is a separate unit, expects a \$20,000 increase in its fuel bill too.

Ordinarily, the increase easily might have been cushioned by balances. But the balances officials had planned in the 1941 budget disappeared—presto changeo—when the budget error was found.

But, but, but from out. City officials have retired to a quiet corner of the Legal Department, where, under the direction of Corporation Counsel Edward H. Knight, they are hunting a certain loophole in the Guffey Act.

Passing the Buck

Passing the buck is an old game in municipal financial circles. One administration takes on a large expenditure and passes it on to the next administration, via bond issue.

It's an easy way to keep the tax rate down for the time being. But the rate invariably jumps up when the bond issue falls due, and the administration which happens to be in office when the bond matures finds a first class headache on its hands.

This is the background of the \$40,000 worth of bonds which mature Jan. 1, 1941. The heritage of one Administration after another, they happen to fall due smack in the middle of the regime of Mayor Sullivan.

But the Mayor and the Controller, James E. Deery, saw the buck coming. And they, too, decided to pass it.

They made no provision in the budget for the \$40,000, which includes a Fire Department issue of 1939 and a City Hospital issue of 1925.

When it comes due, the City naturally can't pay it. The only thing the City can do to preserve its A-1 financial rating is to refund the bond issues. And that's what it's going to do, though officials made no promise to pay it off.

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BENEFITS DROP**

**U. S. Reports Increase in
Placements; Indiana
Trend Follows.**

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Circling The City

Sweeney to Speak—W. T. Sweeney, research committee member of the American Dental Association at the National Bureau of Standards in Washington, D. C., will speak before the Indianapolis Dental Society Monday in the Hotel Lincoln. His topic will be "Acrylic Resins Used for Denture Bases Today."

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Rushville In District

Democratic leaders have voiced little hope of carrying the district in the New Deal strength in the Tenth taken in sweeping upturn in the next four weeks, and that is not believed likely since Rushville, the Willkie campaign headquarters, is in the district.

The Tenth comprises nine counties in the east-central section of the state.

Indiana Placements Up

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Applicants received in August amounted to 39,143, an increase of 18 per cent over August, 1939, but a 2.4 per cent decrease from July. On August 31, 1939, there were 135,947 applicants on the active files in the state, a 1 per cent decrease over the same date last year.

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Medical Group to Hear Six

Six doctors will speak before the Indianapolis Medical Society of Marion County in the Indianapolis Athletic Club at 8:15 p. m. today. They are Dr. Irvin H. Page, Dr. G. F. Kempf, Dr. O. M. Helmer, Dr. Kenneth Kohlstead, Dr. Arthur C. Corcoran and Dr. Paul J. Fouts.

Dr. Smith

Shortridge High School history teacher; Clarence G. Shoemaker, Shortridge English teacher, and C. C. Swift, post representative for the Un-American Activities School of the Twelfth District Legion.

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WOMEN**

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ENVIOUS PARENTS 'GO TO SCHOOL'

PARENTS SO ENVIED their children the good times they had this summer at the vacation school in the Crooked Creek Church that a similar school featuring Bible stories and handicrafts is now being conducted for "grownups."

The Crooked Creek Church is the quaint, white frame house of worship, once a country church attended by farmers, now situated in a suburb of Indianapolis near Kessler Boulevard and the Michigan Road.

The grownup vacation school is held in the evenings from 7:30 to 9 p. m. Shoes and clothing are being reconditioned for the city's needy and special study being made of St. Paul's Epistles. The Rev. Franklin L. Crutchlow, pastor, is in charge.

**NORRIS DENIES HE'S
TO BLAME FOR DESERT**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8. (U. P.)—Senator George W. Norris (Ind. Neb.) denied today charges by Senator Styles Bridges (R. N. H.) that he was responsible for turning a fertile section of Nebraska into a desert