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Financing 'Free' Education

Youngsters in Toledo, O., are not going to school these days. They won't be back in their classrooms until after Jan. 1. The schools are closed. The city is broke.

Some of the small fry, not conversant with the complexities of municipal finance and not completely sold on the advantages of education, probably whooped it up a good bit when the janitor locked the doors a few days ago. But their parents, who just turned down an increase in the school tax levy, are probably sighing and wondering what they're going to do with the young ones during the busy pre-Christmas season.

Toledo just didn't have enough money to get through the last six weeks of the year. The city isn't permitted to borrow money under terms of a state law. And real estate valuations in the city have fallen along with the tax rate so that there wasn't much else the board of education could do. Other cities will know exactly what the situation is. Schools in most places are still open, but many cities are pretty close to the edge.

In 1930, Toledo's total assessed real estate valuation was \$593,400,000 and the total tax rate was 27 mills. Last year the valuation had dropped to \$451,400,000, the tax rate to 19.4 mills.

Comparative figures of 10 other cities, of varying sizes, selected at random showed that of the 10 cities, only three—Albany, Kansas City, and St. Paul—show an increase in valuations. The decline in Detroit, for example, amounts to nearly 200 per cent. That of Atlantic City is about 250 per cent. The greatest share of the school funds must come from taxes levied against property. When real estate loses value, there is no other way for the city to get funds unless the property owners are willing to bear higher taxes, year by year, to make up for the natural deficiency.

Public education is something Americans cherish as much as the Constitution and the "Star-Spangled Banner." We like to think of our "free education." The trouble is that it's not free. It costs a lot of money to keep the schools open.

Property owners who fight against raising taxes cannot be blamed. States whose cities are finding themselves hard pressed to meet their annual school bill will have to figure out a way of financing education other than through property taxes. Some states are contributing proportionate shares. Even this has not solved the problem. In most cases the contributions are too small.

This year it was Toledo. Next year it may be a dozen other cities. A lot of readjustments will have to be made, and someone had better begin thinking about them soon.

Princeton researchers will spend 10 hours a day for three months analyzing European news broadcasts they pick up with their short-wave radio. Later they will reach the pedantic conclusion that some nations want us to get into war and some to stay out.

GATHERER OF NUTS

HORIZONTAL

1 Small animal pictured here.

8 It belongs to the family.

13 Murmurs as a cat.

14 Cat grass.

16 Pertaining to wings.

17 Indefinite article.

18 Pique.

19 To fuse partially.

20 Advertisement.

21 To frustrate.

22 To stay.

24 Above.

26 Grating.

27 Hat material.

28 Sooner than.

29 Bay window.

31 Sanskrit dialect.

32 Celtic speech.

33 Routine study.

34 Unopened flower.

35 Fen.

37 Mesh.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

MATA HARU DUTCH ODOR ABIDE ROLE LOWER EPI BARON RESIST OCELOT RED VISITOR MATA HARU ILLICAD MPM RALLEVIATE INRE DOTES NCAR WASG CR TEAT EAR CC AD ECHOERS RA OMEN EARNS CONE DANCERS SECRETS

VERTICAL

15 Stair post.

18 Earth.

19 To suit.

20 It eats and nuts.

21 To liberate.

23 Divorcee's allowance.

25 Its are used for coats (pl.).

26 Wire-strung instrument.

27 Fashion.

28 English title.

30 A hind.

31 Dog.

32 Gazelle.

34 Curse.

36 Wood sorrel.

38 Opposite of cold.

39 Furniture covering.

41 Shore.

42 To regret.

43 Balsam.

44 To handle.

45 Any flatfish.

46 Fair.

47 Bronze.

50 Alas.

52 Point.

38 Witch.

39 Characteristic places.

40 Black.

42 Genus of frogs pitcher.

43 Weight allowance.

44 Vaporous.

45 Lady in Portugal.

46 To pry.

48 Dye.

49 Concern.

51 To mock.

53 It has a tail.

54 Tips.

1 Spain.

2 A blank line.

3 Decorative pitcher.

4 Common verb.

5 Swift.

6 Bad.

7 To rent.

8 God of the sun.

9 Missile.

10 Biblical priest.

11 Creation.


12 Transpose.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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IF YOU CAN PRODUCE A PRIZE, OKAY! BUT UNTIL YOU DO THE CONTEST IS OFF-- AND PERSONALLY I THINK YOU'RE A LITTLE THAT WAY YOURSELF!

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GRANDVIEW

Singing was well attended Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Simmons and family of De Leon were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Dugan and attended church here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Collins accompanied by Mrs. Calvin Brown and daughter were in Downing Sunday to attend the funeral of a relative.

Mr. and Mrs. Odie Monroe of Gorman were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rogers Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Lewis and family of Cross Plains, Hansford Bradley of Rule, Blanton Moseley of Olden and Mrs. C. M. Prestidge and family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lamb last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Goodwin and son, David, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bagwell, Sunday.

Mrs. Crawford Thurman spent Monday in the home of her sister, Mrs. Homer Rider of Gorman.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lamb and daughter, Sallie Dell, accompanied

British 'Plotter' of Munich Bombing Known In Texas

PORT ARTHUR, Tex.—The "Mr. Best" the German Gestapo named as one of two British secret service agents responsible for the Munich beer cellar bombing was an acquaintance of a Port Arthur physician 15 years ago.

T. W. Martin, the physician, revealed that he met Captain Best, as he knew him, at a British officers' luncheon in Rotterdam, Holland, about 15 years ago and remembers him as a reserved man with a monocle.

Pictures of the "Mr. Best" arrested by the Gestapo show him to wear a monocle and have a small mustache.

"I guess he grew that mustache after I knew him," Dr. Martin said. "I did not know him well but at the time I met him it was rumored that he was with the British secret service."

Dr. Martin then was ship's surgeon on the Holland-American liner Veendam.

Police in Omaha found slugs in the station pay telephone. Mugs use slugs even in jugs.

Texas Voters May Need Photographs Of Candidates

AUSTIN, Tex.—Texas voters may need photographs to distinguish candidates for state railroad commissioner on the democratic primary election ballot in 1940.

Present Commissioner Lon A. Smith will have an opponent Lonnie Smith of Fort Worth, former member of the state legislature.

It will be a wise voter who is able to detect the difference between the two names as they are spoken over radio broadcasts or from campaign platforms.

Similarity of names has been a considerable factor in past races, where there was much less likelihood that voters would become confused.

The democratic primary campaign of 1935 had a number of name puzzles for the voters.

Lane Terrell of Fort Worth was a candidate for state comptroller. His name combines those of two former state comptrollers. Terrell ran second in the race. C. V. Terrell of Decatur ran second in the first primary race for railroad commissioner and was defeated in the run-off by Jerry Sadler.

In the same campaign Railroad Commissioner Ernest O. Thompson ran second to Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel. An attempt had been made to place the name of Vernest O. Thompson of Dallas on the ballot as another candidate for governor. Had Vernest O. Thompson forced the committee to list him as a candidate, Ernest O. Thompson might have lost enough votes to put him in third place, instead of Atty. Gen. William McCraw. Thompson led McCraw by 99,852 ballots.

Four years ago J. E. McDonald and William H. McDonald were candidates for different offices in the same democratic primary election. Though they sought different places, many voters confused them. In spite of the confusion both were elected to the places they sought. J. E. McDonald continued as agricultural commissioner and William H. McDonald was elected land commissioner. Two years ago both were candidates again for re-election. J. E. McDonald was re-elected and W. H. McDonald was defeated.

William H. McDonald is considered pretty likely to be a candidate for land commissioner again next summer. The last campaign for the office centered around the land department decision on most favorable bids on oil leases. In some cases the greatest cash bonus was held to be the best bid; in some the greatest amount of royalty, and in others a sliding bid known as a logarithm bid was accepted.

Acceptance of bids has since been made the duty of a land board. Its first bids will be taken Dec. 5. Logarithm bids have been barred for this leasing but McDonald's friends are already questioning the wisdom of considering only royalty bids with a fixed cash payment.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

THE FIRST WARSHIP EVER SUNK BY A SUBMARINE WAS THE U.S.S. HOUSATONIC, DURING THE CIVIL WAR! IT WAS SUNK JUST OUTSIDE CHARLESTON HARBOR BY A CONFEDERATE UNDER-SEA "FISH-BOAT."

IN NORTH QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA, A POPULAR NATIVE DRINK IS MADE FROM MASHED AVIS.

HOW MANY REINDEER DOES SANTA CLAUS HAVE AND WHAT ARE THEIR NAMES?

ANSWER: Eight... their names being Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, and Blitzen.

NEXT: When brains were passed around.

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SERIAL STORY 5 WOULD KILL BY TOM HORNER

Yesterday, Dawson is almost certain that Douglas killed Benthorpe and Joey. Ara comes to the rescue for Douglas. She was in the passageway when Benthorpe was killed, saw Al Torio come in. She insists Al Torio was the killer. Dawson agrees to spread the rumor that Ara also saw the murderer strike again.

RED RYDER By Fred Harnan



Aggies Get Most All-Conference Posts This Year RICHARD M. MOREHEAD, United Press Staff Correspondent. The unbeaten, untied, bowl-bound Texas Aggies dominate the 19 United Press All-Southwest conference football team today with four players among the first eleven—three of them the unanimous choice of sports writers, coaches, and United Press men to have watched the seven teams action.

Treasury Official Is Jackson Day Speaker



John W. Hanes, of New York, Under Secretary of the Treasury, will be the principal speaker at the Texas Jackson Day banquet. Announcement that Mr. Hanes will address Texas Democrats at the Hotel Adolphus in Dallas January 8th was made by Marion S. Church, Chairman of the Texas Jackson Day Committee.

Non-Fatiguing Plan Works In Holdup

CLEVELAND—Ebenzer Ellen, 84, seated on his front porch, was called to the curb by a woman passenger in an automobile. Ellen thought the occupants wanted directions. The woman displayed a gun while the other woman reached out and relieved Ellen of \$8.

"OUT OUR WAY" By Williams



Maids Disclose The Major Reasons For Discontinuing Jobs

SEATTLE, Wash.— Why maids leave home was revealed in a survey of Seattle maids. A poll of housemaids disclosed these reasons: Not enough pay; Too much work; No consideration from employer; Children; No time to themselves; No accommodations; Amorous husbands; Some of the complaints set forth by the maids were: "Some people think they are running a short order house — short snacks here and short snacks there, midnight lunches . . . even if a husband never looks at us, but because we may be good looking the wife gets jealous and fires us . . . we get paid and the housewife then borrows our money to pay the iceman."

Advertisement for Humble Oil & Refining Company featuring a vertical scale with 'BEST', 'BETTER', and 'GOOD' labels, and images of gas cans. Text includes 'LEADED GASOLINES which ring the bell with PERFORMANCE!' and 'HUMBLE OIL & REFINING COMPANY A LEADED gasoline for EVERY BUYER'.

Advertisement for Prince Albert cigarettes featuring a pack of cigarettes and a thermometer. Text includes 'SMOKE "ROLL-YOUR-OWNS"? Read these facts' and '86 Degrees COOLER'.

Society Notes

All church conference tonight at 7:30 at First Baptist Church. A covered dish dinner will be served.

CALENDAR THURSDAY
Thursday Afternoon Study Club will meet at 3 o'clock at Woman's Clubhouse.

Las Lealas Club will meet at 7:30 Thursday evening in Woman's Clubhouse.

Rummage Sale
The South Ward Parent-Teachers Association will sponsor a rummage sale Saturday, Dec. 9, in the old Post Office building. The sale will start at 9 a. m.

Dr. Cogburn Speaker Before Junior Las Lealas Club
Dr. C. C. Cogburn was guest

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speaker Tuesday evening on the Health program held by the Junior Las Lealas Club in the Woman's Clubhouse. Dr. Cogburn spoke on Control of Communicable Diseases. Miss Norma Vickers was hostess and leader for the evening's program.

A report of the State Convention of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs which was held recently, was made by Miss Vickers, a delegate to attend.

During the business session plans for the Christmas party for the club was discussed. Miss Ima Ruth Hale, president, presided.

Present: Mrs. James Horton, Miss Margaret Wynne, Mrs. H. B. Brogdon, Miss Sybil Holder, Miss Naomi McBeth, Rama Barbe, Frances Harris, Maynell Edmondson, Norma Vickers, Ima Ruth Hale, Lorraine Davidson.

O. E. S. Fetes Miss Morris On Birthday
Complimenting Miss Sallie Morris on her 79th birthday, which was Sunday, December 3, the Order of the Eastern Star entertained Tuesday evening, following the regular meeting of the Order, with a surprise gift shower for Miss Morris.

The entertaining room was beautifully decorated using the autumn leaves and lighted white tapers in matching holders throughout. The words "Happy Birthday" were made of colorful autumn leaves on a white background, completing the decoration theme. An assortment of lovely gifts were presented to Miss Morris.

Refreshments of wafers and hot chocolate were served with Mrs. Garner Kinard, Mrs. Horn, Mrs. Watson and Mrs. McWilliams composing the serving committee.

Prefacing the social hour, the regular stated meeting of the Order was held with Mrs. Jess Richardson, worthy matron, and Mr. Jess Richardson, worthy patron, presiding in the East.

During the business period, the chapter voted to sponsor a basket for a needy family Christmas.

There were 35 members present.

Roosevelt is thinking of having two budgets for next year. Maybe he has an idea they'll balance each other.

CARD OF THANKS
To our many friends in the Desdemona and surrounding communities:

We take this opportunity to try to express our thanks and sincere gratitude for your every act of kindness in the sickness and death of our husband and father, Romie J. Krapf, Magnolia Pipe Line gauger for Olden and Desdemona districts. May God's richest blessings be with each and every one of you. Sincerely,
Mrs. R. J. Krapf and Children.

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that Toombs & Richardson Drug Company, 109 South Seaman St., in the City of Eastland, Eastland County, Texas, will apply to the Texas Liquor Control Board at Austin, Texas for a Medicinal Permit under the conditions of the Liquor Control Act.
T. E. RICHARDSON, Owner.

Final Performance Of Play Tonight At Connellee Theatre

Presentation of initial performances of the Eastland Little Theatre one-act play, "The Devil on Stilts," today was bringing congratulations for officials staging the production and members having parts.

The play was given Tuesday evening at the Connellee theatre in connection with a screen program, "Pygmalion."

Last performance of the play and showings of the feature will be tonight at the Connellee theatre. Mrs. C. J. Owen, Mrs. Richard Boyle and Miss Eileen May have roles in the Little Theatre production.

Houston Orders All Cops To Learn All Ordinances

By United Press
HOUSTON, Tex.—City police must know what laws they are trying to enforce, or else go home and learn them.

Mayor Oscar Holcomb's order caused uneasiness in the ranks because in traffic ordinances alone there are 200 sections.

All police officers must take examinations on the new codification of city laws.

If they fail to pass the examinations, the mayor said, they will be "given time off and on their own time to learn the ordinances." Then, there will be more examinations.

The Eastland Little Theatre

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BRUCE CATTON IN WASHINGTON

BY BRUCE CATTON
NBA Service Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON.—If President Roosevelt does what Washington rumor says he will do and appoints Attorney General Murphy to the Supreme Court, you can expect Solicitor General Robert H. Jackson to be groomed once more as a presidential candidate.

For several years Jackson has been the favored candidate of the New Deal group—including, it is said, Roosevelt himself—as FDR's successor in 1940. Chief trouble with the idea has been that the country at large has heard but little of him.

The office of solicitor general is a highly important one, but it does not bring its holder many headlines.

If Mr. Murphy should be put on the Supreme Court, Jackson would be the logical man to replace him as attorney general. In that spot he could command plenty of headlines.

The anti-monopoly drive now in progress would insure that, if nothing else did. The "build-up," which failed lamentably when it was tried a couple of years ago, could go forward in fine style.

JACKSONITES BACK MURPHY FOR JUSTICE

RIGHT now, a good part of the Murphy-for-justice talk in circulation proceeds, not from backers of Murphy, but from backers of Jackson.

Murphy is very happy where he is. A reliable report says he was offered a place on the high court two years ago and turned it down. The understanding now is that he will take the place if the President urges him, but that if he were left to his own desires he would stay

in the Department of Justice. Early in 1938 a Jackson-for-President boom was launched here in a mild way. New Dealers boomed him for the New York gubernatorial nomination, figuring that that would be an excellent stepping stone to the presidency.

The plan fell through when Postmaster General Farley and other practical-minded politicians decided they needed Governor Lehman as a candidate again to oppose Republican Dewey.

In that same winter of 1933 Jackson was nominated to the post of solicitor general. During the debate over his confirmation in the Senate, as ardent a Roosevelt man as Senator Norris declared "I'd be delighted to see him (Jackson) in the White House."

IS ARDENT NEW DEALER

NONE of the Democrats now mentioned as men who could run for the presidency when Roosevelt's blessing comes as close to fitting simon-pure Jackson.

Jackson was one of the original advocates of the famous undistributed profits tax. He went down the line vigorously for the bill to enlarge the Supreme Court when that controversial measure was before Congress.

If the New Dealers would like to see him make the race, they have not to date made much headway in converting practical politicians or the general public to their way of thinking.

If Jackson were attorney general for the six months preceding the nominating convention, their task might be a good deal easier. And this fact accounts for a good deal of the talk about Murphy being the ideal man to replace the late Justice Pierce Butler.

Rifle Lost For 13 Years Kills a Deer

By United Press
SILVER CITY, N. M.—It had lain rusting in the Black Range near here for 13 years, but the rifle Sid Coker found while on a hunting trip brought down a seven point buck.

Now Coker is looking for Al Wood, Los Angeles, Calif., whose name was on a hunting license issued 13 years ago and found in the bun butt.

After scraping off rust, oiling the mechanism and removing four been discharged—Coker killed a deer with the rifle.

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