





### Fourths Spent in by WPA

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### Carnival Queen of Mardi Gras



Queen of Carnival is the honor which New Orleans bestowed on Miss Tullis, brown-haired Maholin Tullis, above, as the southern metropolis threw aside weekday cares for its annual Mardi Gras celebration. Miss Tullis is the daughter of Garner H. Tullis, president of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, who was King of Carnival in 1935.

and county \$781,346.99. The county's share was \$127,745.12 and the WPA's share was \$663,601.86.

### State Auditor Is Critical of Fiscal System of Texas

AUSTIN, March 15—No business organization could survive, even for a short length of time, under conditions prevalent in state government, Tom C. King, state auditor and efficiency expert has reported to Gov. James V. Allred.

Two hundred independent units with overlapping duties flounder along without any central executive authority, King said, and without any accounting standards that would make possible effective auditing of annual business amounting to almost \$170,000,000.

"The state of Texas, with respect to its fiscal affairs, cannot be said to be organized in accord with any plan," he summarized. King found that the state government is operated without effective planning as well as without any means for post-checking.

"Present laws relative to state budgeting," he reported, "could best be described as political misnomers." "Such estimating or so-called budgeting of ordinary recurring expenses as is done appears to be limited to the mere tabulating of requests for appropriations. Suggested amounts for appropriations are made from meagre and superficial information and oral requests, and contrary to every rule of good government, by a board independent of the chief executive."

Once the appropriation is made, King said, "there is no check except the conscience of the administrator." "Such conditions," he added, "encourage waste and extravagance, and create conditions under which certain activities and functions are supported in luxury, while others are starved."

Blames System King did not blame officials, but

the system. He promised to attempt to have some workable corrective plan ready to present to the state legislature which meets in January. Because of the present impotence of organization, he said, the changes must be gradual to cause as little confusion as possible during the transitional period.

Even his own auditing department cannot operate effectively, King said, because of the set-up.

The Texas constitution, King pointed out, made the governor chief executive. Contrary to its intent, the state government through legislation, has come almost entirely under control of various elective officials, appointive boards and commissions, operating independently. In 1919, the legislature attempted to remedy the situation by establishing the Board of Control as a central fiscal agency under the governor. Instead, King reported, the board has been given administrative duties independent of the Governor.

Ten years later another attempt to solve the state's fiscal puzzles resulted in creation of the auditing department. It has done "good work," King said, "but never has and never will function as a central fiscal agency under the present state organization." It can't do so, he said, because the entire fiscal set-up of the state is basic-

ly inadequate for efficient administration. Besides, it is impossible, he found, to secure the information and data for proper reporting and comparison.

The 258-page document reports on all state funds for the last fiscal year. In that time, \$169,601,214 was received and administered.

Pacific salmon cannot be produced extensively in any part of the world except the North Pacific ocean, according to studies made by the United States Bureau of Fisheries.

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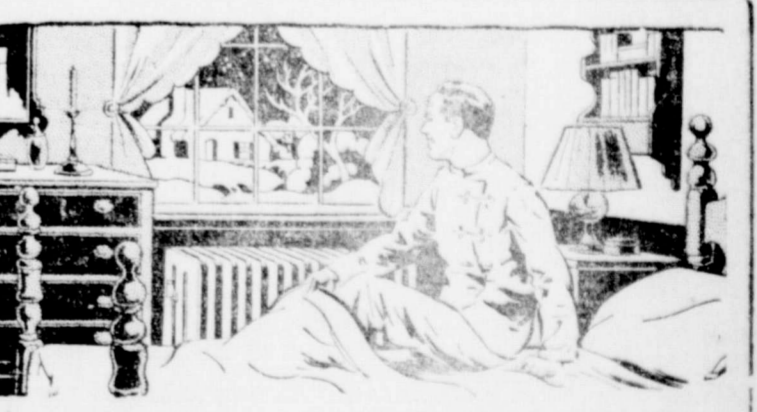
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