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Sweating Off the Fat

It is always a pleasure to see a public official step right out, grab a problem squarely by the horns, and go to the mat with it.

Apyway, every state and local official knows that in this time of war, with federal debt rising, with costs of living rising, it is highly desirable that state and local expenses and taxes be cut just as far as possible.

Few officials have had the fortitude to buckle the problem squarely. Governor Lehman of New York is an exception. In presenting his budget to the state legislature, he has recommended a 25 per cent reduction in each individual's personal income taxes payable this spring.

How Gov. Lehman will fare with his proposals, we do not yet know, but such a program, actually embodied in a budget and shoved straight at a state legislature, is a fitting subject for loud cheers.

Much of the saving can be made by state and local governments in times like this can be made without injury or handicap to individuals. Many employes will be leaving to join the armed services. The total will fall automatically if new employes are not immediately added, yet it will not be necessary to fire anybody.

All capital improvement projects not necessary to the conduct of the war which can be postponed will not only add their share to present economy, but will be waiting to be launched after the war at a time when jobs and work may be at a premium. Thus the postponement serves a double purpose.

Every state and local government has before it a definite task: to sweat off the fat and get down to minimum operations consistent with safety and effective administration. The taxpayer (and that's everybody nowadays) is going to have to carry a heavier and heavier load for the nation. It is up to the lesser governmental divisions to lighten the burden all they can.

Few of them have as yet faced the situation with as much courage as that shown by the governor of New York.

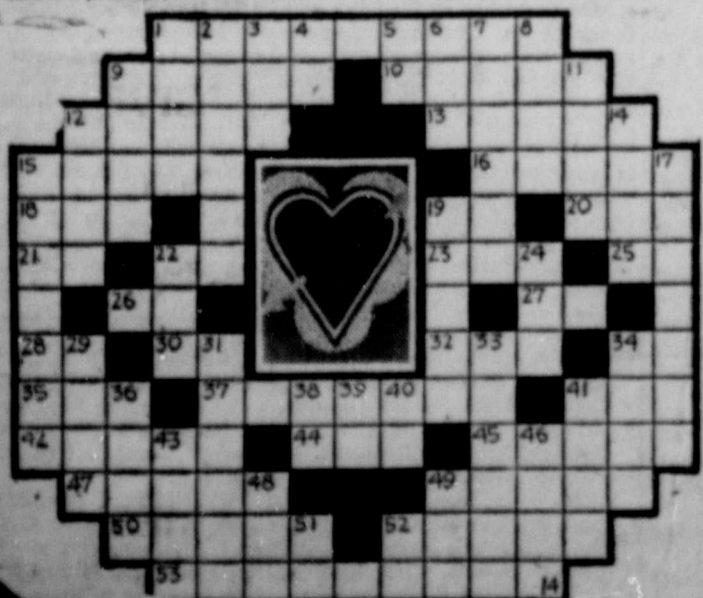
Germany reports 1744 English planes lost in six months—or don't you care for fairy tales.

We've all turned to autos except the telephone girl. She sticks to the old plug.

CUPID'S DAY

- HORIZONTAL
1 Pictured type of greeting used today.
9 Runner.
10 Inclination.
12 Made with nickels.
13 Flower.
15 Antic.
16 Weight of India (pl.).
18 Coin of Thailand.
19 Exclamation used to startle.
20 Ignited.
21 Music note.
22 Postscript (abbr.).
23 Unit of energy.
25 District attorney (abbr.).
26 To exist.
27 They are symbols of love and friendship.
28 Either.
30 Like.
32 Greek letter.
34 Two (Roman).

- Answer to Previous Puzzle
11 Ravine.
12 Top of head.
14 Incursion.
15 Pastebord boxes.
17 Depot.
19 Assault.
22 Vegetable.
24 Portuguese territory in India.
29 Quantity of paper.
31 Type of shawl (abbr.).
33 Mollify.
34 Metal.
36 Wicked.
38 Forenoon (abbr.).
39 Negativ.
40 Near.
41 To good.
43 Aroma.
46 English.
48 Body of water.
49 Southern constellation.
51 Doctor of Philosophy (abbr.).
52 Whirlwind.



Taking a Punch From Ourselves Too



Action and comedy with a blonde beauty throughout is the blending that makes "Sullivan's Travels" a Paramount picture that will be seen at the Arcadia theatre here today...

U. S. Power

(Continued from page 1) thing important to say. He is a realist almost to the point of fatalism. These days he spends 14 hours a day in his office.

The latest example of his ability to take a decisive stand is his national economy plan—NEP—which brings manpower, wages, prices and investments under the strictest government control.

I asked Curtin how it felt, as a labor leader, to put a plan so widely affecting labor, into action. "Australian workers have the most to give and they are giving it," he replied. "What I am insuring is that all sections of the community give their all. The man dealing in stocks and bonds will be brought to the same plane as the worker—in overalls. Even though we have been seeking to improve wages and living conditions, these movements must temporarily cease."

This is the man who is leading Australia's 7,000,000 today. Many believe that if he had been premier five years ago the country's position today would be more comfortable.

Japs Launch

(Continued from page 1) fighting in the Puya Lebar sector, about three miles north of the city, apparently after losing the reservoirs in the central section of the island. The Japanese claimed to have captured the naval base on the north coast.

A number of British evacuation ships appeared to have reached Java and the refugees reported that they had been under heavy Japanese aerial bombardment all of the way. The Japanese reported that other British vessels, perhaps 30 in all, had been bombed in Singapore harbor.

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New Officers

(Continued from page 1) will be more than pleased to discuss the service and details concerning the Texas Defense guard to all applicants.

Major McKinney was promoted to the office of major of the 15th Battalion, after the resignation, on Jan. 28, of Major R. H. Hansford, who had organized the battalion and had headed it since it was formed. Hansford stated in his letter of resignation that other duties prevented him from giving the proper amount of time to the battalion's activities.

At a called meeting, held in the City Hall in Ranger on Wednesday, Jan. 28th, with a group of representative citizens and the city commissioners present, the status of the Ranger company of the Texas Defense Guard was discussed, and by unanimous vote the following resolution was ordered:

"Be It Resolved: That Robert H. Hansford, long a civic minded citizen of this community, and a Major in the Defense Guard, be commended for his fine work in forming the local Company and the Companies in Breckenridge, Stephenville and Dublin Communities. The multitude of duties attendant to, and carrying on the work, are numerous and weighty. The sincere and conscientious interest he manifesting public interest in preparing for defense deserves the highest praise and appreciation from our citizens.

"That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Major Robert H. Hansford, also a copy to Major Ganagan of the Texas Defense Guard Headquarters, Austin, Texas."

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES

"Soul" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon which will be read in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, February 15, 1942.

The Golden Text is: "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him, and he will be glad and rejoice in his salvation." (Isaiah 25:9).

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "And I will set my tabernacle among you; and my soul shall not abhor you. And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people" (Leviticus 26:11, 12).

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Eddy: "Soul must be incorporeal to be Spirit, for Spirit is not finite. Only by losing the false sense of Soul

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cludes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Eddy: "Soul must be incorporeal to be Spirit, for Spirit is not finite. Only by losing the false sense of Soul

can we gain the eternal life of Life as immortality brought light" (page 335.)

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THUMBNAIL BIOGRAPHIES

This is the first of a series of articles, which will be published weekly, each Sunday, in the Ranger Times, giving interesting facts, figures and information about the leading business and professional men of Ranger. The next article in this series will appear in the Times next Sunday.

William Ferrol Creager, cashier of the Commercial State Bank of Ranger, was born in Erath County, but spent most of his early life, until young manhood, in Gorman, where he was educated in the Gorman Public Schools. His father, W. T. Creager, still lives in Gorman.



W. F. CREAGER

W. F. Creager has not always been a banker, as one of his earliest jobs was as a teamster and mule skinner. He worked for a time for the Prairie Pipeline Company and later became connected with the Continental State Bank at Gorman, where he worked for a time before moving to Ranger.

When Creager moved to Ranger in 1927 he secured the position of bookkeeper of the Citizens State Bank, which was located at the corner of Main and South Austin Streets. He was later made a teller and was holding this position when the bank's assets were obtained by the Commercial State Bank, and the Citizens State Bank was closed.

In 1931 Creager was named assistant cashier by the board of directors, and held this position with the Commercial State Bank until 1934, when he was named cashier, and in 1936 he was made a director of the bank. He still holds the position of cashier and director.

He was married in 1930, and his family now consists of his wife and three children, Melba Lois, Annetta Ruth and BILL. BILL is the youngest of the three children, and comes about as near being Creager's real boss as anyone does.

Creager really got his start the hard way, and worked his way up in the banking world the same way, starting at the bottom and gradually working his way up by perseverance, hard work and application to his job. He is a member of the Methodist Church, of which he is a steward, is a member and past president of the Ranger Rotary Club, serving that civic organization as president during the year 1940-41. While a vice president of the club he attended the national convention at Cleveland with C. B. Pruet, who was president, and the two later visited the New York World's Fair and the National Capital.

Other civic duties and accomplishments have included being elected to the directorate of the Ranger Chamber of Commerce and the Ranger Retail Merchants Association. He has just completed a term of office as treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce, and has been appointed as chairman of a large number of finance committees. In fact whenever there is any movement on foot in Ranger which needs financial backing, Creager is invariably named as chairman of the group to raise and handle the money, because he has proved as capable in that capacity as he has as cashier of the bank.

Since he has become a banker he has attended a number of bankers conventions and has become well known throughout the state through the connections he has made at these conventions.

If Creager has a hobby it might be his family and home, as he is known as a family man. He has recently completed one of the most attractive Dutch Colonial homes in this part of the state, and has landscaped the grounds surrounding the house in keeping with the dignity and beauty of the home he has built.

A few years ago he became interested in farming, and purchased a farm. For a time he raised horses, mules and fine cattle, but his numerous duties did not leave him enough time to manage the farm as he would like for it to be done, so he disposed of these holdings. He still owns a couple of fine horses, and whenever the opportunity arises he likes to ride horseback.

SLOT MACHINE PAY OFF
CONCORD, N. H. (UP)—Carroll county authorities hit the jackpot when they confiscated 45 slot machines containing \$921 which went into the county treasury. The machines were valued at \$2,500.

- Political Announcements**
- This newspaper is authorized to publish the following announcements of candidates for public offices, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries:
- For District Clerk: JOHN WHITE
 - For Commissioner Precinct No. 1: HENRY V. DAVENPORT
 - Criminal District Attorney: EARL CONNER, JR.
 - For County Treasurer: MRS. RUTH (GARLAND) BRANTON.
 - For Sheriff: LOSE WOODS, JOHN HART, JOHN C. BARBER.
 - For County Judges: W. S. ADAMSON
 - For County School Superintendent: T. C. WILLIAMS
 - For Constable: L. J. (LUKE) HARDIN
 - For Collector-Assessor: CLYDE KARKALITS
 - For County Clerk: R. V. (RIP) GALLOWAY.

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Robert Warwick - William Demarest
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Franklin Pangborn - Eric Blom
Written and Directed by Preston Sturges

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Wednesday & Thursday - Feb. 18th, 19th

"PACIFIC BLACKOUT"

A Paramount Picture with
ROBERT PRESTON
MARTHA O'DRISCOLL

Friday & Saturday - Feb. 20th and 21st

BETTE Davis
ANN Sheridan
MONTY Woolley
IN "The Man Who Came to Dinner"

with JIMMY DURANTE
RICHARD FRANKS
NELLIE DURKE