

This Week in Washington

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WASHINGTON, D.C., April 25—Aside from the usual department appropriation bills, two major measures remain on the Administration's program before Congress will adjourn. They are "The Revenue Bill of 1936" and the so-called "WPA Appropriation Bill."

Both these measures will no doubt cause considerable controversy, particularly in the Senate where it has not been uncommon for the debates on a tax bill to last for several weeks. Although the Administration has a comfortable majority in the Senate and there can be little doubt but that in the end the President will secure substantially what he wishes, a tax measure invariably brings forth any number of amendment proposals.

It is a subject in which Senator Robert M. LaFollette, Jr., Progressive, of Wisconsin seems to have specialized. Quite likely he will occupy the floor of the Senate himself for at least two or three days in a discussion of the new tax plan. Those who did not agree with him in his taxation theories readily admit that he is familiar with his subject. This much can be said for the Senator, he is one of the few men who can deliver an interesting speech, necessarily involving a great many statistics, on the rather dry subject of taxes.

Having concluded its hearings the Ways and Means committee chairman, Robert L. Doughton, Democrat, of North Carolina, introduced the bill in the House last Tuesday, April 21st. While under the Constitution of the United States the Senate cannot act on a tax bill until it comes from the House, with a view to expediting disposition of the matter, the Senate committee on finance will proceed with its hearings.

It is no secret that no one, not even the Treasury experts themselves, has been able to make a reasonably definite estimate of the amount of revenue which the new bill will raise. One estimate puts the figure at \$14 million for the first year. On the other hand, the bill repeals present corporate taxes which bring a revenue return of one billion one hundred million dollars. In view of this and the fact that it amounts to an experiment in Federal taxation, there are a number of Members of Congress who believe that the bill is designed more as a "reform" measure than a revenue bill.

Immediately following the disposition of this tax proposal the House will turn its attention to the appropriation for the Works Progress Administration. It is not known what amount will be recommended, although the request has been made for one billion five hundred million dollars. Significant enough and that which is somewhat disturbing to the people of the United States is that when speaking of the revenue to be derived from a tax bill Congress talks in terms of millions but when speaking of appropriations it becomes billions.

For a number of weeks both Dem-

ocratic and Republican members of the House and Senate have been criticizing the spending program under Administrator Harry L. Hopkins. Several resolutions for an investigation of political activities in connection with the use of WPA funds have been pending. It is a fair presumption that these criticisms will again be made when the appropriation bill comes to the floor of the House and Senate for discussion. It promises to be one of the liveliest arguments this session.

Some of the witnesses who appeared before the Ways and Means committee in connection with tax bill took occasion to say that there would be less necessity for the search for new revenue if the waste was removed in the spending of Federal funds. The Democratic Mayor of Pittsburgh, William N. McNair, and Leslie M. Johnson, director of Public Works of that city, frankly told the Ways and Means committee that they knew very little about the particular tax bill under consideration but, inasmuch as taxes were related to spending, they wished to tell the committee that funds were being wasted. It was their contention that a great percentage of the money goes for salaries for a great number of officials who serve no useful purpose.

All in all, between the tax bill and the WPA appropriation bill the remaining weeks of this Congress promise many hard-fought legislative contests.

Portray History of American Music

A very delightful music festival portraying the history of American music, was presented by the upper grade pupils of the Lincoln school, in the school auditorium last Friday evening.

The first scene of the skit was an Indian scene in which the pupils of the fifth grade portrayed the life of Hiawatha. Lovely Indian songs were sung during this setting.

The next interpretation was that of the Colonial time in which the Minuet was danced by the seventh and eighth grade girls.

A southern scene featuring the Negro life was given in the third presentation and several of Steven Foster's songs were sung. Cowboys and trappers grouped around a camp fire with numerous cowboy songs being sung by the boys of the eighth grade was chosen for the fourth scene and the program was completed by the entire chorus singing the "Builder" by Cadman, followed by the Star Spangled Banner. The final number was directed by Bruce Van Gilder and Margaret Johnston.

Mrs. Nixon, music director at the Elm Place school assisted by other members of the teaching staff deserve much credit for the success of this performance. It was indeed a great privilege for the members of the P.-T. A. to be privileged to have this excellent performance given for their meeting.

The final meeting of the P.-T. A. will be held Wednesday, May 6, at which the annual meeting and election of officers will take place.

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Boy Scout News

ELGIN FIRST-AID CHALLENGE

The large "home town" delegation that accompanied the First Aid team from Troop 6 of Elgin to Lake Forest last Saturday night to watch their Scouts compete in the Mid-West finals went home a happy lot because the Troop 6 lads proved themselves the unbeatable team. Mayor Lehman of that city was one of the interested spectators.

The four other teams and the order in which they finished were: Granite City, Illinois; Midland, Michigan; Wausau, Wisconsin; and Kokonong, Indiana.

The contest was the hardest and most interesting of the many that were held, the problems being harder and the treatments being more spectacular than in many others. The five teams competing were the remainder from approximately 1,200 which started the tournament about a month ago.

SCOUT MASTERS TO GO TO SCHOOL

Scoutmasters an assistant scoutmaster of the North Shore Area Council who have not yet had the Elements of Scoutmastership Training Course will meet at the Cabin-in-the-woods on Saturday and Sunday of this week-end to cover the material outlined in the course. The course will be operated in the same manner as a Troop of Scouts and will have as its Scoutmaster, Mr. J. B. Jackson, the Commissioner of the North Shore Area Council. Patrol leaders and other Troop officers will perform their normal functions as they would as Scouts. The course will start at 3:30 Saturday afternoon and continue through until 4:00 Sunday afternoon.

MA-KA-JA-WAN QUESTION BOX

(Each week a number of questions about Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan will be answered in this column).

Question—What is Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan?

Answer—Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan is the Scout Camp owned and operated by the North Shore Area Council for the Scouts in the North Shore territory.

Q—Where is it located?
A—Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan is located 23 miles northeast of Antigo, Wisconsin, in Langlade county. The camp is on and surrounds Spring Lake.

Q—Are there any boats at camp?
A—Yes, about 8 row boats and 10 canoes. This year there will be several more canoes.

Q—Is there good swimming?
A—There is good swimming and expert leadership on the waterfront for instruction. Utmost precaution is taken for the safety of every swimmer.

Q—Who is the waterfront director?
A—Dick Wickman is coming back—he is a qualified Red Cross Life Saving Examiner and his staff are all Red Cross Life Savers.

Q—Can a Scout learn to swim at camp?
A—Out of 63 boys who went to camp last year not knowing how to swim 63 of them returned home able to swim. The answer is "yes."

Q—How often do they swim at camp?
A—Twice a day—morning and afternoon.

Q—Is there a morning dip?
A—No. In accordance with recognized health rules there is no morning dip nor are there any setting up exercises.

(More questions and answers next week).

FWOYLER AND SPEER VISIT CAMP

Mr. Henry Fowler and Mr. C. G. Speer, the President and Executive of the North Shore Area Council, respectively, went up to camp yesterday for the purpose of placing orders for supplies and equipment for the coming season. They also

made arrangements for the re-roofing of all of the buildings at camp so that they will all be newly stained when the campers arrive on June 26. Jim Mooney is going up in about a week to supervise the job.

Wilmot School Has Spring Festival Play

"Carnival of Nations," an operetta, was presented by pupils of the Wilmot grade school, Deerfield's west side school, on Thursday evening, April 23.

This Spring festival was presented under the direction of the music supervisor, Miss Birdina Groner of Northwestern university, assisted by the faculty members, Mrs. Delbert Meyer and Miss Donna Belle Jensen.

The costumes of the many nationalities were beautiful and the operetta was well staged.

Deerfield firemen attended a county meeting at Antioch on Monday evening.

Herman A. Hertel Buried Wednesday

Herman A. Hertel, age 44 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hertel of Park avenue, Deerfield, passed away Monday, April 20, at his parents' home. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Lutheran church on Milwaukee avenue, west of Glenview and burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Hertel was a World War veteran and had been in army service for seven years. During his illness he was confined in Ft. Snelling hospital in Minnesota and Edward Hines hospital in Maywood. He left the latter hospital in February and has been home since then.

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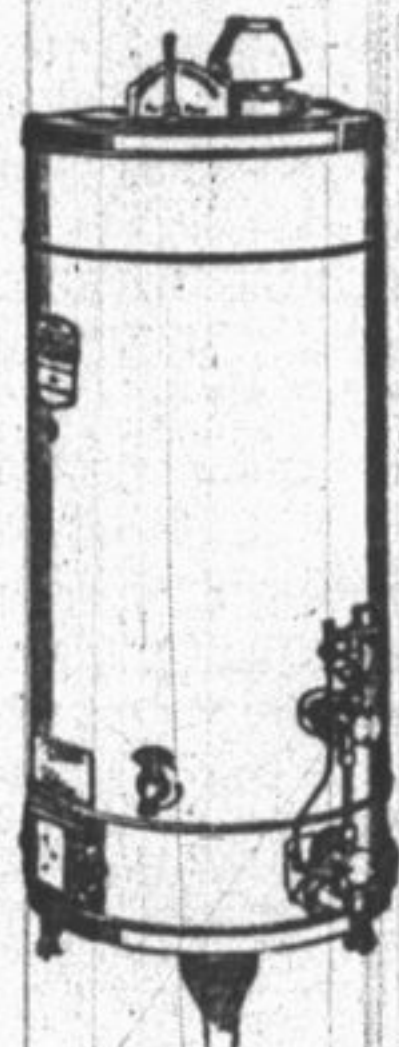
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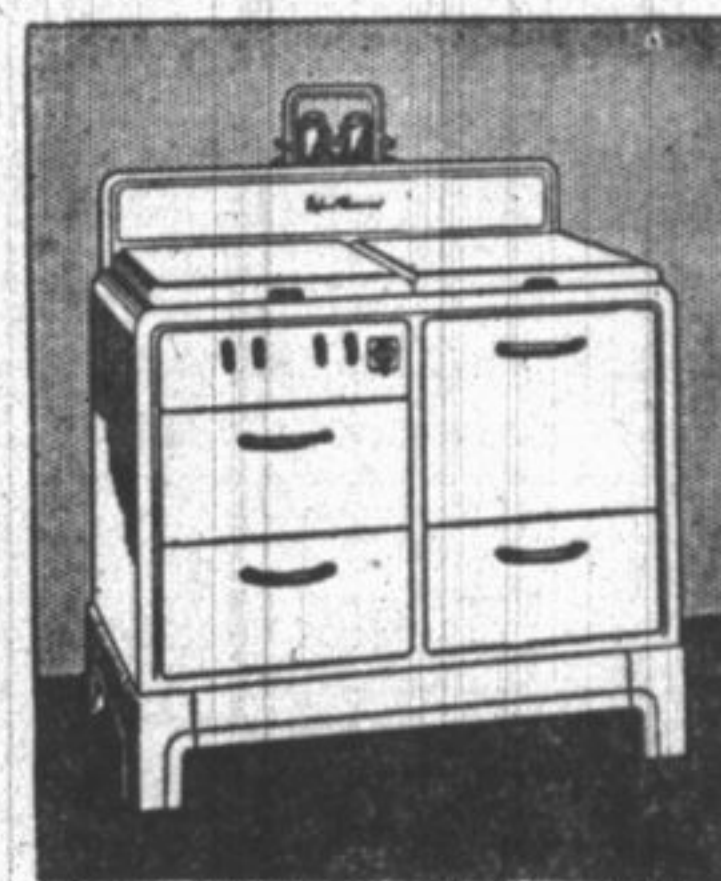


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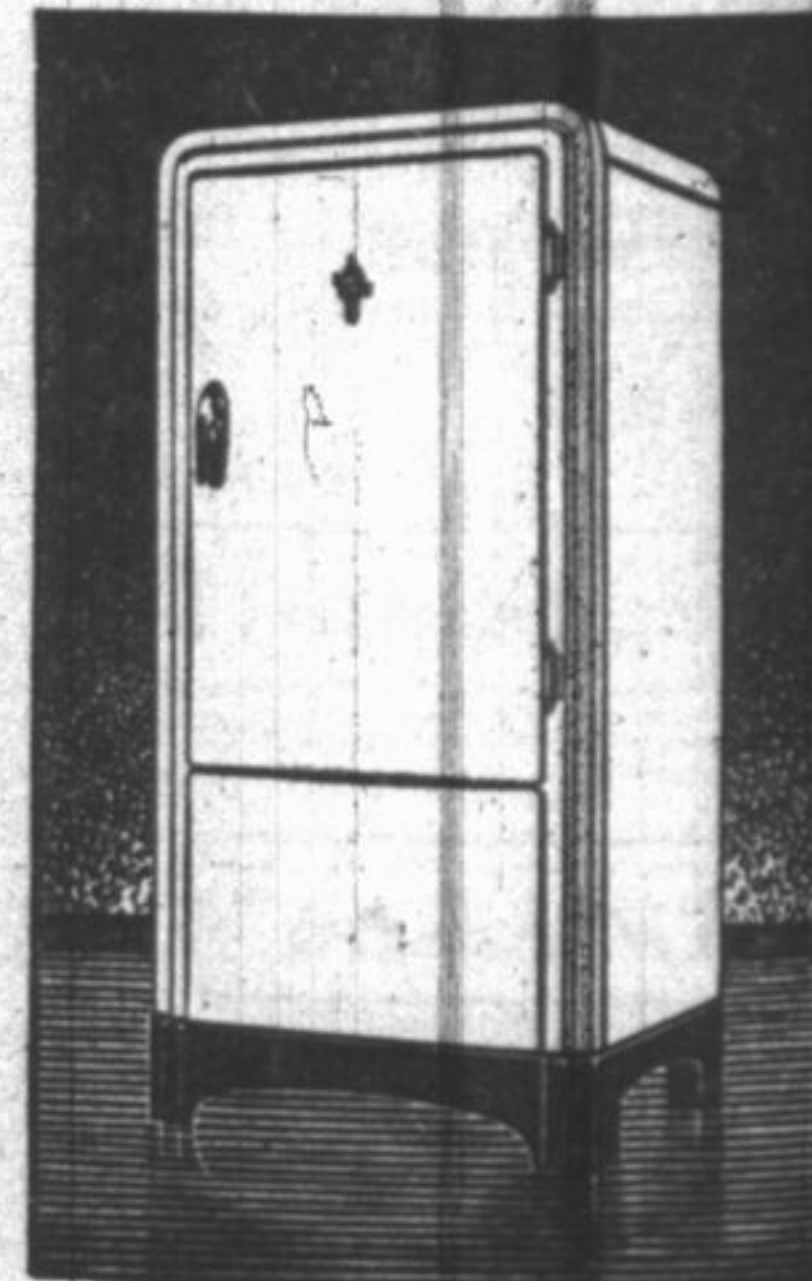
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