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All persons having claims against the estate of Mary A. Prather, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

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As Washington Sees It... THE NATIONAL SCENE

Special to The Chronicle.

Washington, March 5.—Highlights of the Washington scene center on the jaws of the dilemma in which President Truman finds himself both on his civil rights program and his policy on Palestine, as well as the new bookkeeping device by which the GOP congressional leadership in congress proposes to slash the President's budget by paying part of the Marshall plan cost out of last year's surplus.

Results of the election in New York's 24th congressional district has set Democratic leaders back on their heels and has given the Wallace crowd something to cheer about. The only comfort, if it is any, to the Democratic national committee, is that only about half of the registered vote in that district was cast, resulting in victory for the Wallace candidate over a Democrat by a lesser vote than was obtained by the loser in the election, two years ago. But who knows, if a larger vote had been cast, but that the victory of the American labor party candidate would have not been greater.

Where Mr. Truman finds himself behind the eight-ball, according to observers, is that the great preponderance of the vote in this 24th district is Negro and Jewish. And while the district may not be a normal one, its counterpart can be found in many cities throughout the nation, such as Chicago, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, Gary, Cleveland, and other cities. The Negro voters in this New York Bronx district evidently listened to Mr. Wallace when he derided the Democratic party's record on civil rights for the Negro race.

Equally, the Jewish vote listened to Mr. Wallace when he told them that the administration foreign policy on Palestine was a delusion and a snare. Where Mr. Truman is caught between the horns of the dilemma is that unless he soft-pedals the civil rights issue, the solid south threatens to revolt, and if he does soft-pedal, he faces the loss of northern states where the Negroes hold the balance of power in the voting.

On the Palestine question, he is equally behind the eight-ball. Although partition of Palestine was fought through the United Nations with United States leadership, the UN Palestine commission now declares that they cannot complete. That means sending American soldiers—an American army—to Palestine to enforce partition, partition without a United Nations estimate, along with contingents from other countries. And to do that the President must have congressional sanction. The fact is, the President has been unable to even force a universal military training bill out of the house rules committee so the house can debate it and vote, let alone ask for an army for Palestine. In addition it would mean almost a death blow to the United Nations if the United States backed down after taking the leadership and forcing through partition of Palestine.

Determination of the GOP Majority in the senate to finance three billion dollars of the Marshall plan cost from the surplus of this year's treasury balance, which President Truman insists should be applied on the national debt, has caused endless debate and confusion in the congress. The GOP insists on its Knutson tax cut bill of \$6,500,000,000. Even if the senate slashes this amount, as is likely, it will cut deeply into the estimated \$7,500,000,000 surplus in the treasury June 30, 1948. In addition, the GOP leadership proposes to apply \$2,600,000,000 out of the surplus onto the national debt. So confused have members of the senate and house become over the proposed "bookkeeping saving," here's how Senator Alben Barkley of Kentucky, one of the clear thinkers in the senate, described it:

"The point I undertake to make is that if we take \$3,000,000,000 out of next year's expenses and add it to this year's expenses and \$2,600,000,000 out of this year's expenses or next year's expenses the \$2,600,000,000 is in 1949, but a corresponding figure is supposed to be related to 1948—we might wind up the fiscal year with a deficit instead of a surplus of any kind, in view of the demands upon us which are difficult to escape, such for instance, as European aid, to which I have referred, and also aid to China. We cannot escape them even if we wished to. But by such bookkeeping juggling we might wind up with a deficit rather than with a surplus."

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Eugene Murphy Timmerman, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

MRS. LEONELL SMITH TIMMERMAN, (Mrs. E. M. Timmerman), Executrix of Estate of Eugene Murphy Timmerman, Deceased.

Clinton, S. C., February 25, 1948. 11-3c

PRESIDING JUDGE AT LAURENS COMMENTS ON NON-SUPPORT AND LARCENY IN COUNTY

Laurens, Mar. 2.—Judge J. Frank Eastmon of Kingstree, in charging the grand jury Monday on their duties during the year, called attention to the large number of cases of non-support and larceny.

"Something needs to be done about this crime of non-support, which seems to become more prevalent in this state every year," he said. "I do not know that the court is the only place to remedy this growing evil and, as a matter of fact, I do not think it is the place."

There is a growing disposition on the part of some people to dodge their responsibilities to the state and to their families, he said, adding that such conditions are usually expected to follow in the aftermath of war, but that it could not be explained in that way. Something needs to be done to protect the sanctity of the home, he said.

Calling attention to the fact that there were 26 cases of larceny of various kinds on the docket, he said that there appears the same kind of disposition to dodge the responsibilities of life. The principal blame for crimes comes from lack of training in the home, he said, and the time has come when "we must tighten up our strings." Parents have got to give more time to their children rather than interesting themselves in business and social affairs. Turning to the immediate duties of the jurors, he said that they occupy an important position. "You are the watch-dogs of the county," he said, adding that they should, among other things, "inspect the offices of your court house, jail and other institutions" and if anything is wrong make a report to the proper authorities.

Final Presentment

The jury completed its work of passing on bills Tuesday afternoon and made the following presentment: The Grand jury wishes to extend to you, the Presiding Judge, its sincere appreciation for the kindnesses and courtesies extended to it; and also to commend you for your just and fair dealings with those who have come before your court. We also wish to thank the Clerk of the

Court, Solicitor and all other court officials for their courtesies.

We especially want to thank the Sheriff and the deputies for their cooperation with the Grand Jury, in handling of the indictments.

We have appointed the following committee from the Grand Jury to be known as follows:

- Chain gang: D. T. Knight, W. L. Hair, W. E. Bragg; Roads and bridges: R. N. Jackson, D. T. Pitts, H. O. Walker; Auditing: Fred Bishop, Everett A. Medlock, W. M. Chaney; County home: C. S. Pinson, J. H. Hudgens, D. C. Smith; Education: E. B. Proctor, C. M. Curry, L. P. Burns; Court house and jail: M. B. Abrams, G. C. Vaughan, B. F. Parson; Law enforcement: R. N. Jackson, D. T. Pitts, D. C. Smith.

Respectfully submitted Laurens County Grand Jury, R. N. Johnson, Foreman.

FINAL SETTLEMENT

Take notice that on the 8th day of March, 1948, I will render a final account of my acts and doings as Committee of the estate of June Dobbins in the office of the Judge of Probate of Laurens County, at 10 o'clock a.m., and on the same day will apply for a final discharge from my trust as Committee.

Any person indebted to said estate is notified and required to make payment on or before that date; and all persons having claims against said estate will present them on or before said date, duly proven, or be forever barred.

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