

Camping Trip Begins Troop B-7 Activities

Boy Scout Troop B-7, sponsored by the Pierce Parent Teacher Association, began their fall activities with a weekend trip to Camp Howell. Robert Bouse, scoutmaster, supervised the activities, assisted by Stanley Rose, Dick Palmer, and James Phillips.

This is the first outing of the

season which has been planned for the boys, and an interesting program of scouting activities was presented.

The first meeting of the troop will be held as usual in the Pierce school, Monday, Sept. 16. All regular meetings are scheduled for Monday nights thereafter.

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Nylons to Lucky Netherlanders



First consignment of nylon hose brings a crowd of eager women to large department store at Amsterdam, the Netherlands, to watch drawing by a blindfolded store employee.



By GENE ALLEMAN

If the proposed sales tax amendment had been in effect during the past fiscal year, the State of Michigan would have incurred an operating deficit of \$15,000,000.

Such is the judgment of Fred C. Striffler, Michigan Budget Director.

The deficit would have occurred during boom-time inflation. It would have resulted only if the state had continued to maintain duly authorized public services as determined by the state legislature. Actually, it is likely that drastic economies would have been instituted by a badly-worried governor and state administrative officials who shun red-ink as they do higher taxes.

Inadequate people could be denied admission into state hospitals, for example. Welfare payments could be slashed, if possible. Other money-saving measures could be resorted to in an effort to pull the deficit down.

It is Striffler's responsibility to anticipate expenditures and to keep them in balance with respect to anticipated revenues.

His recommendations are submitted to the governor and to finance committees of the house and senate in the state legislature. The above deficit estimate is an approximation only at the present, because complete information is not available. The past fiscal year closed June 30, 1946. However, it is fairly safe to count on Striffler's estimate as being within 10 to 20 percent of the final figure.

Striffler has informed state department heads that budget-making will be delayed until after November 5. If the sales tax amendment is carried on November 5, new budgets must be slashed right and left, he warned.

John D. Morrison, State Auditor General, is pessimistic about the possibility of averting new taxes, if the voters authorize the sales tax amendment whereby an equivalent of 60 percent of the revenue automatically goes to the public schools by constitutional mandate.

As he sees it, the legislature would be forced to do one of two things:

One, curtail severely the state's present public services for health, welfare, colleges, and so on.

These services were authorized by the legislature in response to demands of the people back home. The shoe is apt to fit many people, and a resultant storm of protest could be expected, he believes.

Two, new or additional taxes must be levied by the legislature to avert an operating deficit and

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