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1949—THE TAX YEAR

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The year 1949 possibly will be known as the "Year of Taxation." Although the full impact of the 1949 tax increases will not be felt until 1950, it is quite certain that taxpayers will hear plenty of bad news during the next few months.

Increased taxes are in prospect from top to bottom. The federal government has issued statements that there can be no budget reductions. Prospects are that financial aid to Europe will increase rather than decrease. Federal employment continues on the upgrade. Our state legislature, meeting this month, will be faced with demands for more money from virtually every department. Oregon's boom growth demands more and more revenue for every school district, municipality and special taxing district.

Altogether, every indication is that 1949 will add greatly to the burden taxpayers must bear.

Federal administrative leadership has flatly declared against any reduction in the national budget. At the same time, and in face of the Hoover report on reorganization, announcement recently was made that federal civilian employment is at an all-time high and is growing steadily. Large numbers of civilian workers are being absorbed in administration of European aid funds, while, at the same time, necessity for increasing the amount of federal assistance during the coming year is foreseen by many observers of international affairs. The extremely heavy cost of the Berlin airlift continues to mount. Having established this course of supplying our isolated Berlin territory, we cannot afford to turn back, regardless of the cost.

Administration economists also point out that the danger of inflation still exists; that too much money remains in the hands of the public to be used for competitive bidding, thus contributing to the high cost of living. Consequently, these economists urge continuation of taxing away surplus spending power, just as they advocate taxing away surplus and excess profits from business and industry. Too much spending money, they contend, could ruin the nation's financial structure and bring about runaway inflation.

In Oregon, at least, the federal government could well afford to let the state do some of the taxing away of surplus funds, for the demands to be made upon the next legislature will raise a critical problem, particularly in view of the uncooperative attitude of the state's voters.

We rejected a sales tax which would have relieved the situation. Then we "froze" a fifty million dollar surplus in the income tax revenue fund. At the same time we approved more liberal pensions and old-age assistance. Consequently, the legislature has no recourse but to pour a higher tax rate on property and income.

Our schools of higher education must have money for expansion. All our state departments need more money for facilities and personnel. The Fish Commission claims need for more than three-quarters of a million dollars. The Game Commission will need a grant from public funds if it is to carry out the five-year improvement program it has outlined.

Coupled with these and many more requests for public financial aid is the prospect of doubling the motor vehicle license fee, more taxes on gasoline, increased hunting and fishing license fees, etc.

Coming down to the local level, we find that municipalities, school districts and other corporate bodies will need more revenue. Strong pressure doubtless will arise to end pollution of our streams, which means that cities and large residential areas, in addition to industrial plants, must install sewage disposal facilities. Increased population necessitates more fire and police protection, street improvements, traffic control, lighting, inspection service and other municipal responsibilities, all of which cost money. Some financing will be raised through special taxes, such as parking meter collections, sewer connection fees, etc., and some from direct taxation.

The school problem is pressing in all growing districts. Not only are our present facilities overcrowded, but birth records show that the load will be most materially increased, starting with 1950, in addition to further population migration into the area.

Altogether, the year 1949 shows every indication of being a "Tax Year," with the full force of the burden scheduled to fall on the backs of taxpayers in 1950.

Jack Benny Loser In Ruling on Income Tax

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Uncle Sam apparently is going to grab onto an estimated \$3,080,000 which the entertainment world speculated might be headed for Jack Benny's highly advertised private vault.

Benny's lawyer said that comes as no surprise to the radio comedian.

Well-informed sources say the Bureau of Internal Revenue has advised Benny he will have to pay income tax on the money he received for switching his programs from NBC to CBS.

Trade reports say that \$4,000,000 or more is involved in the deal.

Had the bureau held that the capital gains tax applies to the transaction, the levy would have been only \$1,000,000. But the income tax rate would be 77 percent, or about \$3,080,000.

Benny was reported unofficial-

ly to have been told that the contract involves personal compensation taxable at income tax rates, and not a sale of property which would qualify it for the 25 per cent capital gains levy.

Knights of Pythias Set Officers' Installation

Alpha Lodge 47, Knights of Pythias, will hold installation of officers Wednesday night. The meeting is scheduled for 8 o'clock in the K. P. hall, 114 No. Rose Street, announced John Hess, retiring chancellor commander.

Grand Secretary Walter Gleason, Portland, plans to be present for the ceremony. Bob Harvie is the incoming chancellor commander. All members are urged to attend.

Tsingtao, China, a fishing village in the 1800's, is now a city of 600,000.

OUT OUR WAY



THE WORRY WART

By J. R. Williams



By Viachett S. Martin

the poet's name; I'm sorry—I came across these lines and they suggest a heart-warming "resolution," don't you think?

The Day Will Bring Some Lovely Thing

"The day will bring some lovely thing I say it over each new dawn: 'Some gay, adventurous thing to hold Against my heart when it is gone.'"

And so I rise and go to meet The day with wings upon my feet.

"I came upon it unawares— Some sudden beauty without name: A snatch of song—a breath of pine— A poem lit with golden flame: High-tangled bird-notes, keenly thinned Like flying color on the wind."

"No day has ever filled me quite, Before the grayest day is done, I come upon some misty bloom Or a late line of crimson sun. Each night I pause—remembering Some gay, adventurous, lovely thing."

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

WITH GOOD REASON

(Albany Democrat-Herald)—Lebanon is contemplating the possibility of extending its limits to encompass newly settled areas now outside the town's boundaries between now and 1950 that the 1930 general census may credit Lebanon with the greatest possible population.

The Lebanon city officials are going at the proposition in the right way. They are laying the foundation for successful elections by systematically conferring with the residents of the areas of possible extension.

Albany might take a cue from the Lebanon city council. It is apparent from experience here at the last election that the ground was not adequately prepared. Residents of the Hazelwood area, who turned down an annexation proposal at the November 5 election, were apparently not fully apprised of the benefits they would gain from inclusion within the city limits.

At Lebanon the "fringe" area residents are to be fully informed of the gains they would make by voting themselves into the city—the ability to procure sewer service, street improvements and maintenance and protection of five fire trucks along with hydrants and street lights.

The matter of sewer service will become an increasingly important factor once sewage disposal and sanitation measures as defined by the State Board of Health become enforced, both at Albany and Lebanon. Septic tanks have proven wholly inadequate in the heavily populated areas and as the density of population grows, septic tanks become the more intolerable.

It has been pointed out that at Lebanon all five city fire trucks would be available for fires in fringe districts instead of the two rural trucks alone Albany likewise has five fire trucks which could be converged upon a blaze if necessary and the fire loss reduced here in recent years is not such as to discourage annexation by any means. Police protection can also be extended only through extension of city limits.

While these additional services impose additional burden upon property owners already residing within the city their cost will be compensated in part by acquisition of additional revenues from state sources, such as liquor li-

cense apportionments, franchise taxes, State Highway Department allocations and other revenues awarded on the basis of population.

Any town which hopes to enjoy full benefit of these revenues should waste no time in getting to work on expansion plans.

WHO GETS THE TROUT? (The Oregonian)—Sportsmen who have been blaming visitors from other states for depletion of Oregon's wildlife and advocating a "soak-the-foreigner" fee schedule will be interested in field reports from Diamond, East, Paulina and South Twin lakes, four of Oregon's most publicized and best-stocked Cascade lakes.

Field men checked 22,819 anglers with a total catch of 37,200 trout, averaging less than one pound, in the 1948 season at East Lake. And 94.5 per cent of these anglers were residents of Oregon; 28 per cent were residents of Deschutes County, in which East Lake is situated; 18 per cent came from Multnomah County; 12 per cent from Linn County.

The percentage of "foreign" fishermen was similar for Paulina, with 30 per cent, and Deschutes was second with 22 per cent.

The great increase in fishing pressure comes from Oregon's 40 per cent increase in population, increased earnings and greater leisure. With a five-fish daily limit, 67,000 anglers caught approximately 45 tons of trout in the four lakes mentioned last season. In 1939 the commission checked 1,632 anglers at Paulina Lake; in 1947 the number had increased to 10,700; in 1948 it was 14,168. Only Diamond Lake showed a decrease.

Dorothy Mackaill Sheds Third Husband at Reno

RENO, Nev., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Stage Actress Dorothy Mackaill Patterson yesterday won an uncontested divorce from Harold J. Patterson, Bergenfield, N. J., business executive. She charged extreme mental cruelty.

Testimony was ordered sealed. An out-of-court agreement was reached on Miss Mackaill's support and property rights.

The Pattersons married June 13, 1947, in New York. It was her third marriage and Patterson's second.

Taft Battles Effort To Oust Him as Party Head

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Senator Taft of Ohio rallied regular Republican support today against an effort by 13 self-styled GOP "Liberals" to oust him from Senate party leadership.

The rebels called in blunt terms for Taft's political head, and chose Senator Lodge of Massachusetts to oppose him.

Senator Ives of New York, as spokesman, said the group wants Lodge to replace Taft as chairman of the Senate GOP Policy Committee because they feel that under the Ohioan their party "is in a state of almost suspended animation."

The showdown will come Monday at a caucus of all Republican Senators.

Ives said Lodge "reflects the moving forces of the Republican party—the more modern philosophy of the party."

In the Day's News

(Continued from Page One)

men wherever you can find them and we will undertake to train them into competent workmen."

This arrangement worked out so satisfactorily that in the course of a relatively short time nearly all the daily newspapers of America came VOLUNTARILY into the closed shop. With comparatively few exceptions, they weren't FORCED into it. They came in willingly, because they found it worked out more satisfactorily.

What can be wrong with an arrangement that works out like that?

It seems to this writer that what we need to do (and about ALL we need to do) in the way of labor legislation is to see to it intelligently that power is kept roughly equal on both sides.

That is IMPORTANT. Let's put it this way:

Suppose you are making a lease for a house to live in. If it is a reasonably free market, if you and your prospective landlord are roughly equal in power, if you can take the house or leave it as you choose, if the owner of the house is free to take your offer or reject it according to his best judgment, the result is apt to be a lease that will be fair to both sides and will work out satisfactorily for a long period of time.

BUT— If you have all the power and the house-owner with whom you are dealing has none, the chances are that the lease WON'T be satisfactory in the long run. You'll FORCE conditions that will irritate him and in retaliation he won't fix the plumbing when it needs fixing—or something of the sort.

OR— If the landlord has all the power and you have none, if you HAVE to take the house on his terms, the chances are you will be so irked that you'll move out and leave him in the lurch at the first good opportunity.

That's the way one-sided contracts, FORCED by somebody who has too much power, usually work out. They're apt to be unsatisfactory all around.

NOTHING can be truer than this:

Too much power in too few hands too long spoils everything. Sooner or later, that situation brings FORCE into the picture.

When force (in the form of too much power on one side) comes into the picture, fair dealing based on mutual confidence and good will runs for cover.

Drain Lions Club Entertains Their Ladies and Guests

Approximately 35 Lions, their ladies and guests gathered at the Drain Community Club rooms Tuesday night for the annual holiday ladies night of the Drain Lions Club.

A potluck dinner was served in cafeteria style. The committee in charge of the dinner and entertainment was headed by Phil Griswold. Bob Smith and Roy Jones took over the dishwashing. The evening prize was awarded to Mrs. Roy Jones.

Through the courtesy of Standard Oil Company and their local distributor, Hank Hathaway, colored films were shown, the first being the Pan American two-week vacation special "Wings to Cuba and the Caribbean," and the second, "Hawaii and Aloha Land." A third picture, "Fish On" an account of fishing in Alaska, was also shown.

All but six of the original city street posts that were stenciled have been replaced by the Lions Club members. This project has been slowed down by recent cold weather, as the posts have to be stenciled at night in the open. The club reports it expects to complete the project very soon.

Sutherlin Boy Goes to Hospital

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Slack took their small son, Michael, who had been seriously ill for several days to Roseburg Monday. On the advice of the physician in charge, he was taken to Doernbecher Hospital early Tuesday morning for medical treatment and possibly a major operation.

Mrs. Ila Allen stopped and transacted business in Roseburg Monday.

Miss Dolores Martin and Mrs. Frank Martin, went to Corvallis Saturday morning to spend the Christmas holidays with their sister and daughter and her family. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Johnson, Mrs. Martin stated that the roads were "very bad" and that they encountered a great deal of snow. Mrs. Martin returned home Sunday and Miss Dolores went on to Portland to visit a few days with her sister, Irma.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Pichette and children spent the Christmas holidays at Grand Round, Ore., with his mother.

Visit At Chehalis

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barker and Mrs. Mary Urquhart left the latter part of the week for Chehalis, Wash., where they plan to visit with relatives. On their return, Mrs. Urquhart, mother of Mrs. Barker, will remain at her home in Chehalis.

Kenneth Dice was called East Sunday by the serious illness of his father.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hansen spent Sunday in Garden Valley with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius DeBenedictis.

Sutherlin is rather quiet this week without the hum of the saws and the whistles, as nearly all of the mills are closed down for over the holidays and expect to reopen after the first of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Mabry and children, Jackie and Jimmy, who have been visiting with Mrs. Mabry's mother, Mrs. Adelaide Hall for the past week, left for their home in Tillamook Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brauminger and daughter, Barbara, were called to Roseburg early Saturday morning by the serious illness of Mr. Brauminger's mother who resides in that city. Today she is reported to be better.

Ray Nichols of Cottage Grove, representing the Small Feed Co. of Eugene, was in Sutherlin on Tuesday transacting business.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Gourley and son, left last week for Los Angeles where they spent Christmas with relatives. They then went to Grand Canyon and other points. They expect to be gone about three weeks.

Albert Slack left Friday for Greenleaf and Blachley, Ore., where he spent the Christmas holidays with his daughters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilcutt and children. Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Browning and children. He plans to return to his home in Sutherlin Sunday.

Mrs. L. Sheffield is reported as being very ill at her home east of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Christ and their two sons left Friday for Grants Pass, where they spent

the Christmas holiday with Mrs. Christ's parents.

In Eugene

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Slack and son, Marvin, and Mrs. Brittain Slack, stopped and transacted business in Eugene Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bard Kesner are spending the Christmas holiday in Seattle with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Pettit spent the Christmas holidays in Washington with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Baumgardner left Wednesday for Portland, where they spent the Christmas holidays with their son.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Parker and daughters, left Thursday for Spokane to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. Art Sheets, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Matteson, stopped and transacted business in Roseburg Friday.

George Beecroft, a former resident of Sutherlin now of Hoquiam, Wash., spent the Christmas holidays in Sutherlin with his daughters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Harvey and Mr. and Mrs. Iver Nelson and small daughter.

Driver 'Lucky' in Own Crash, Then Twice Hit

ONTARIO, Ore., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Roland Babcock, Salt Lake City, thought he was lucky when he was unhurt after his car skidded on ice into the Snake River bridge east of here.

But as he was looking over his car's damage, a light truck came out of the fog, skidded in the same place and pinned Bab-

cock between his car and the bridge.

Then a third car came up, skidded in the same place, and—well, Babcock went to a hospital with a broken leg and cut; his car is a complete wreck.

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