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BRITAIN'S BALANCED BUDGET.

In an editorial of the New York Times (Dem.), reproduced in The Sentinel of June 18, it was shown that for the third successive time Great Britain ends a fiscal year with a surplus not by drastic increases in taxation, but by a refusal to increase expenditures.

Quite a contrast to the policy of the present government of these United States. This is the third successive long year of unbalanced budgets in this "land of the free and home of the brave," during all of which the expenditures of our so-called new deal government have greatly exceeded its income. Far from turning away from experiments, the powers that be have a flock of brain trusters who do nothing else but think up new ones as fast as the old ones prove failures, or are found to be unconstitutional. Anyone who thinks up another plan to do something else with the taxpayers' money is hailed as an economist, clothed with ample powers and given a few billions to carry on his proposed experiment.

Some think only the rich are being, or will be, "soaked" to pay for this orgy of spending. Anyone who thinks that way is either deceiving himself or being deceived by someone else.

Dana Skinner, editor of the North American Review, writing for The Commonwealth, calls attention to the following ways in which the common man is being "soaked":

Let us look at a few of the taxes which the "tax-exempt" individual usually pays. A man who smokes a package a day of cigarettes pays taxes on them of about \$18 a year—and yet he might grumble mightily if he had to pay that in Federal Income Tax! But cigarettes are only a beginning. The millions of automobile owners have become used to ignoring their annual license fee, because the word "license" is so much smoother than "tax." But suppose that filling stations handed the customer a slip stating that with every ten-gallon purchase of gasoline he paid a combined federal and state tax of (to be modest) 30 cents. At the end of the year the "tax-exempt" automobile owner might find that he had paid upwards of \$15 in gasoline taxes.

Next, the electric light and gas companies might furnish him a statement showing that in his year's total of bills he had paid \$5 in taxes. The telephone company could show a similar statement aggregating at least another \$5. By this time the "tax-exempt" citizen is contributing at least \$43 a year.

But the landlord has still to do his share. In the present low estate of real estate, about one-fifth, at least, of every dollar paid in rent is tax money. The landlord might include with each month's rent an item of \$10.83 credited to taxes. Our citizen would now make a quick total and discover that through five channels alone he is supporting the government to the extent of \$173 a year. That would probably be more than ten percent of his income, more than five week's salary, nearly five months of rent, or enough to feed his entire family for 14 weeks.

Obviously we can expect no reforms through legislation, because the laws are drawn by the very men who profit from the system of unconscious taxation. The last thing a clever politician wants is a system of making taxes visible and conscious.

But if the "tax-exempt" citizen could be educated to realize what he was really paying, the power of demagogues would be threatened at the source.

PAST AND FUTURE PLEDGES.

We have now witnessed over three years of the so-called New Deal, and what are to be our considerations looking to the campaign and the election? At the start, to be sure, some of the early expressions of Mr. Roosevelt and some of the measures sponsored by his leadership gave us hope for the solution of our pressing problems—but this did not last for long.

Mr. Roosevelt's personal charm lasted about two years, and even before that the failure of his policies became evident. At the outset, having no real or sound convictions of his own, Mr. Roosevelt surrounded himself with a group of impractical theorists. It is this group, to a large extent, who have supplied the ideas of the New Deal.

It is interesting to note that among the entire group of departmental and bureaucratic advisers of the president it would be most difficult to find one self-made man or anyone who, from experience, knows what it is to meet a Saturday night's payroll.

Looking to the Democratic National Convention and Mr. Roosevelt's re-nomination, how can his 1936 platform be anything but meaningless?

Here is a man who promised to reduce federal expenditures. He has cynically violated most of the other major planks of his 1932 platform.

Figures taken from the books of the treasury department itself show that up to May 18 last the federal government under the present administration has expended the colossal sum of twenty-two and one-half billion dollars. Putting this long figure another way, twenty-two thousand million dollars.

The magnitude of this spending becomes more alarming when you realize that during this period the government has been putting out more than two dollars for each dollar of revenue it has taken in. The administration right now is in a hot spot. It is unwilling, if not afraid, to cut expenditures at the moment.

It was the president himself who once said "Taxes are paid by the sweat of every man who labors." The people must be assured that government borrowing will stop as soon as possible, thus releasing funds for private enterprise.

Honest relief must be provided for those who require it, but the republican party cannot attempt to follow the present administration's wasteful policy.

The New Deal administration is about to go into a national election. What is it going to do after election, if it be successful in retaining control of the government? If its future is to be judged by its past performances, the spending will continue along with its experiments.—Rep. Walter G. Andrews, New York.

ACCIDENT TOLL.

The State Industrial Accident Commission lauds the press campaign to reduce the number of automobile accidents throughout the nation, but calls attention to the fact that industry claims a far heavier toll in killed and maimed workmen, than does the motor world. The commission is sponsoring the institution of safety codes for the various industries of Oregon and conducting a campaign preventable accidents. It is stated that more than 700 claims are filed with the commission each week and it is estimated that this represents only about 70 per cent of the industrial accidents within the state. In furtherance of its crusade against needless killing, a copy of the following open letter, published May 27 in the Oregonian, has been sent to Oregon newspapers: The Sentinel is glad to cooperate in this humanitarian campaign by republishing it.

To the Editor: Your safety school announcement in The Oregonian Sunday seems worthy of more than passing notice. In 12 months of the world war the American army lost 33,170 men killed in action or mortally wounded. A horrible and futile expenditure of human life.

Since 1933 the annual deaths "by accident" have been 100,000, or three times as many as those exacted by the war god. A more useless and unnecessary waste of life can scarcely be conceived.

Automobiles cause less than one-third of all our accidents. While

these motor safety schools are mighty steps in the right direction, the press might also direct attention to those other death-dealing agencies that constitute two-thirds of the accident hazard.

Here in Oregon there is an industrial accident every three minutes of the work day, or more than 40,000 a year. An industrial fatality or permanent disability is registered every other day. (These figures are based on reliable estimates and include only accidents to workmen incurred in the course of their employment.)

A recent survey in five northwestern states indicates that 93 per cent of all industrial injuries are due to ignorance or carelessness, or to lack of proper safeguards. Less than five accidents in every hundred are classified as "unavoidable."

This terrific toll of lives and limbs, and of suffering among those dependent upon the workmen, can be reduced. A well-organized campaign of education among employers and employees should result in an accident reduction of at least 10 per cent, judged by the lowest experience in other localities.

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THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

The Sentinel invites the attention of its readers to the following important planks of the Republican platform. This is done in order to save time for those who are not disposed to read the entire document.

RELIEF: Return of relief administration to non-political local agencies familiar with local conditions. Federal grants for relief to states and territories.

SOCIAL SECURITY: All citizens over 65 to receive money enough to maintain them in comfort, the money to be derived from a "direct tax widely distributed."

AGRICULTURE: A program of "abundance" instead of one of "scarcity." Restriction of imports. A national land-use program, whereby abandoned and non-productive farm lands will be leased or purchased by the government and used for purposes of wild-life conservation, watershed protection and flood control, etc. Provision of ample farm credit at low interest rates. Encouragement of cooperative marketing.

FINANCE: Stop "uncontrolled spending." Balance the budget by drastic cuts in expenditures. Revise the Federal tax system. Oppose further dollar devaluation. Cooperate with foreign powers toward currency stabilization as soon as the national interest justifies it.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS: A policy of relative isolation is advocated, and opposition to American participation in the World Court or League of Nations. No entangling alliances in foreign affairs, and peaceful relations with all powers.

MONOPOLY: The platform denounces private monopoly, favors vigorous enforcement of all criminal and civil laws to stamp it out. Pledges maintenance of free enterprise.

The platform also declares in favor of the merit system (civil service) for government workers; advocates federal regulation of securities concerns, inter-state activities of public utilities; pledges maintenance of Constitutional safeguards for the individual and the safeguarding of freedom of speech, radio and press.

THE CHURCHES

The Baptist Church, Henry W. Davis, Pastor.—Sunday school, 10; forenoon service, 11, sermon subject, "Memorials." The Lord's supper will be observed and the hand of fellowship given to new members; evening service, 8, sermon subject, "The Significance of National Flags," and address by Dr. J. E. Richmond of Eugene. This is a union service. The church will have a fellowship dinner following the morning service in the Veatch Grove. All attending are asked to bring baskets.

Blue Mountain Union Sunday School, 10; a card was read from H. R. Neet, former pastor of Light house Temple, Eugene, stating he would preach occasionally at Blue Mountain church. It is possible he will speak July 12. A basket dinner will be held the same day.

Christian Science Church, 242 So. 2nd St.—Sunday school, 9:45; forenoon service, 11, sermon subject, "Christian Science."

M. E. Church, C. J. Hall, Pastor.—Sunday school, 9:45; forenoon service, 11, Rev. Jas. A. Smith, pastor of Presbyterian church and congregation will worship with us; evening service, 8, union service at the Baptist church; young people's meetings, 6:30. The pastor will be away at annual conference in Corvallis over next Sunday.

First Church of the Nazarene, J. F. Tindall, Pastor.—Sunday school, 9:45; forenoon service, 11; evening service, 8; young people's meetings, 7:15; prayer meeting, 8; missionary meeting July 2, 2:30 at parsonage.

First Christian Church, E. Elmer Coulter, Pastor.—Sunday school, 9:45; forenoon service, 11, sermon subject, "The Living Dead, Who Are They?" evening service, 8, sermon subject, "Can the Living Communicate with the Dead?" spirit slate writing demonstrated; young people's meetings, unified Endeavor, 7; prayer meeting, Wednesday.

Seventh-day Adventist Church, Paul Iverson, Pastor.—Services Saturday, Sabbath school, 9:30; preaching service, 11, Pastor Ross Dustin of Eugene will speak the first Saturday of each month; prayer meeting, 7:30, Thursday.

The Methodist and Presbyterian churches have joint service next Sunday morning in the M. E. church with Rev. James A. Smith in charge. The occasion—the absence of Rev. Hall, who is attending conference. Later in the summer, when Mr. Smith is away on his vacation Mr. Hall will preach in the Presbyterian church.

Next Sunday evening Rev. Coulter of the First Christian church, will use for his subject "Can the Living Communicate with the Dead?" Spiritualism will be demonstrated by spirit slate writing, also reading messages from the fire. Children holding tickets will be given reserved seats in the front of the room, small children should remain with their parents.

The women's Bible class of the Methodist church met Wednesday of last week at the home of Mrs. C. J. Hall for a covered dish luncheon and an afternoon of quilting. Mrs. G. H. Fullerton led devotionals and Mrs. N. E. Compton and Mrs. Frank Babcock gave readings. The class will meet in July at the home of Mrs. Knight.

The junior and intermediate Christian Endeavor societies of the Christian church started summer work in Bible study Tuesday.

Twenty-five were present. Four departments were organized for Bible demonstrations. They plan to present an exhibit and program Monday night at 7:45 at the church. Meetings are held each Thursday and Friday at 2:30 at the church.

The junior Christian Endeavor will open the unified C. E. service Sunday night at the Christian church with devotionals. The meeting will start at 7 o'clock.

The Baptist church is sponsoring a concert this evening (Thursday) given by a male quartet from the Collegiate Rochester Divinity school. The young men are all educating themselves for the ministry and are spending the summer touring the country and presenting concerts at various churches. They are university graduates from four different states. A free will offering will be taken. The hour is 8 o'clock.

RADIO RAY
Has This to Say:

ABOUT HIS POLICY:

In order to give service, an electric store should carry, not only the profit making items which enable the rent to be paid; but also odd styles and sizes of fuses—lamps—brushes and repair parts, for which there may be a demand only once a year.

A town the size of Cottage Grove is large enough to support a complete stock of BOTH popular and seldom demanded articles in the electric line. BUT ONLY, if the electric store is patronized to the exclusion of the "sideliners" who sell only the most profitable items in the electric line.

Repairing of irons, toasters, vacs—patching of sockets; small wiring jobs—these are NOT profitable lines. They are carried at the expense of the rest of our business.

Since the introduction of high pressure outside salesmanship in Cottage Grove, we have decided to meet "modern" conditions and as do our competitors; sell only those things which show us a profit.

We regret our inability therefore; to continue our service on such items as are strictly SERVICE and not profit.

On the contrary, we offer lower prices, and quality above that obtainable elsewhere; on a complete line of electrical and radio appliances; and at low terms not even approached by others.

RADIO RAY
Down By the Bridge

PROSPERITY OR SCARCITY?



UNDER THE NEW DEAL theory of benefiting the American farmer, 31 million acres of farm land have been taken out of production. To that extent, the amount of crops grown has been reduced.

This has had an unfortunate effect upon our farm population. It has thrown hundreds of thousands of farm laborers out of work. It has put them on relief rolls. In addition, it has caused scores of millions of dollars worth of farm products to be imported from foreign countries, thus putting American dollars in foreign pockets.

The union services held at the Baptist church next Sunday night, will be addressed by Rev. J. E. Richmond of Eugene on the theme, "The Significance of National Flags." It was deemed wise to have this service before the Fourth rather than on the Sunday following. Special music will be provided.

The Presbyterian missionary society met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. W. Shofstall. Mrs. Clarissa Moore led the devotionals and Mrs. L. W. Colner had charge of the lesson study.

Attending Summer Sessions.

A number of the instructors in the public schools of the city are attending summer sessions at various schools of higher education. Supt. H. B. Ferrin left last week to enroll at Washington State University in Seattle. Prin. F. L. Grannis enrolled Monday at the University of Oregon in Eugene. Miss Myrtle Kem and Miss Lola Newman expect to attend a post session at the Washington university. Miss Florence Jenks planned to take advanced commerce in California. Miss Marian Notvedt will attend a short session of home economics supervisors held at Oregon State college in Corvallis.

The educators of these days are not content to go on with what they learned in previous years when in college. The ambitious ones attend summer sessions and thus are always abreast of the times with modern methods. The excellent showing made by this year's graduating class of our high school is the best evidence of the ability and good work of the administrators and their corps of teachers. Summer schools are indeed a great blessing to the up-to-date teacher.

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