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The Price of Security

What is the difference between 3.625 and 4.2 percent? And between \$4,800 and \$6,600? This is not just an abstract little mathematical quic. It was felt—in the pocketbook—on January 1 by everyone who is subject to the social security tax. And it will be felt on every payday from now on.

The story is this: For 1966, the social security tax has been raised from its former 3.625 percent of taxable income to 4.2 percent. Additionally, the taxable income figure has been increased from \$4,800 to \$6,600. The employer pays the same amount as the employee. And the rates are due for more increase in the future.

Some of the increase will go for increased payments to social security recipients. Some will go to finance, or help finance, the new medicare program, whose ultimate cost is now a matter of conjecture. In any event, these tax boosts will largely or wholly offset the tax cuts that have been made in late years.

So—what the government gives with one hand, it takes with the other. Finally, in the long run the price of government-provided security is freedom.

The Old Adage Applies

A comparatively short time ago, it was believed that there was a possibility, which some regarded as a probability, that federal taxes would again be reduced. We no longer hear talk of that nature—and for good reason.

In a recent column, Joseph Alsop says that the projected federal deficit may exceed the record of \$12.4 billion reached in 1959. He adds: "And no amount of stage managing will prevent a deficit of these dimensions from being hotly, perhaps fatally inflammatory."

So—if what is left of the dollar's purchasing power is to be protected—there are, Mr. Alsop goes on to say, two alternatives. Either taxes will have to be raised—or there must be heavy cut-backs in the cost and scope of domestic programs.

Whatever one may think of those programs, which are largely of the welfare state variety, it is clear that we cannot afford them at a time when unavoidable military expenditures are soaring. And it is an ironical fact that, if enormous deficits are permitted and accelerated inflation inevitably follows, the low-income people those programs are designed to help will be the hardest hit by far.

In government, or family, the old adage applies: You can't have your cake and eat it too.

New Word Needed?

We read a lot about inflation. Figures and arguments are presented by economists on both sides of the issue to prove inflation is or is not on its way.

Government debt and continuous government spending beyond its income are admittedly a basic cause of inflation. As inflation progresses, the declining value of money leads to increased cost of production which includes all the elements that go into a product, from a spool of thread or a rivet, to wages.

It does not take a college economist to know that the old 3¢ cup of coffee is now 10¢ or more, and that the two-bit piece of pie is disappearing in favor of 30, 35 or 40 cents, depending on where you eat. Most of the necessities of life have followed the same pattern. And if you really want a sample of inflation, check on the increase in college tuitions.

It is true that increased wages for millions have offset this rise for them, but it is also true that other millions who have fixed incomes from pensions or savings are hard hit.

Even the economists have to admit that the dollar is now worth less than 50¢ in purchasing power compared with its worth a few short years ago.

As the big taxpayers and those on the gravy train get more, millions living on fixed incomes, with deflated dollars, will get less and less.

Maybe a new word can be coined for inflation that will make it less palatable until it can no longer be digested.

Defense Of The Accused

There are many laws designed to protect a person accused of a crime. The framers of our constitution insisted that those who violated the law be punished. They also insisted that those accused of crimes receive a fair trial. In this way they hoped to set free those who had not committed the crimes they were accused of.

Today, every man, no matter how unpopular he or his cause may be, has a right to be represented by counsel if he is accused of a crime. If he does not have the money to hire a lawyer, the court will appoint one to defend him.

It is then the lawyer's duty to present, by all fair and honorable means, every defense permitted by law to insure that the accused is not denied his constitutional rights. It is not the lawyer's duty to judge the guilt or innocence of his client.

A lawyer should not be criticized because he represents someone who, most people believe, is guilty. The American rule is that a person is presumed innocent until he is proved guilty in a court of law. Someone must represent the accused in this court of law, and the lawyer, by doing this, is only fulfilling his duty.

Strangely, no one criticizes the rendering of medical assistance to a bank robber wounded while attempting to escape. We consider this the humane thing to do. Yet, people

do not realize that a man accused as a robber has an equally great need for legal counsel to insure that he gets a fair trial and every break that the law allows him.

Any one of us might be falsely accused of a crime. It would be unfortunate indeed if we were denied counsel because of the unpopularity of our cause or because of our seemingly obvious guilt.

Thus, before we criticize the defense, and the assertion of the rights of a person accused of a crime, should we not think and say: "there, but for the grace of God, go I."

TOPS NEWS

The regular weekly meeting was held at the home of Betty Keeler for the Calorie Counting Tops club.

With nine members present, a total weight loss for the week was four pounds. Gaylia Jacobsen was queen of the week with a loss of three pounds.

Secret sister names were drawn by those members present. Several were absent and they will have another drawing at their next meeting, Feb. 1.

B. P. W. members, Betty Bigelow, legislative chairman, Martha Roby, second vice-president and Louise Hahn, president, attended the winter board meeting of Business and Professional Women at the Riverside West, in Portland, Saturday and Sunday, January 22 and 23.



A few reminders to get things going this week... first is the Rotary Club's big Hullabaloo slated for Saturday, February 12, 7:30 p.m. at Battle Rock gym... about 12 acts already signed up so it should be a rousing event. There is still room for YOU to participate so leave your name at the post office, Super Market or News Office. The Saturday after, February 19, is the annual grade school carnival... always a good night's entertainment for the whole family with lots of game booths, cake walks and refreshments... so mark your calendar. The Rotary Club also has many good sign locations available on the back-fence at the new little league baseball field opposite the 76 station... only \$10 for a 4x8 foot spot, you paint... or \$25 and the club will have it painted for you.

If you haven't noticed the big subscription bargain now available from the News it's this: new subscribers may get a full year's volume, 52 issues, for the total price of \$2. Less than four cents per copy. Just a little get acquainted offer to new residents and others not taking the News already. This also represents a savings of more than six cents per week over the newsstand price... so take advantage of us quick, the offer expires the end of January.

I didn't get the score... classified information I guess, but I did find out that Griffith-Laird's women's bowling team went down to defeat when they contested their husbands Saturday night... and had to wind up buying the champagne. The girls had had five old bowling pins painted with comic faces and their husbands' names to present to them as booty prizes, but it looks like the fellers had the last laugh. I understand, though, that a few under-handed maneuvers to get the job done.

A huge crowd turned out to hear the Christian Troubadours at Sixes Grange last Wednesday night and enjoy about two hours of old-time Gospel Songs. And a mighty fine presentation it

The Port Orford meteorite is back in the news this week with a SWOC sponsored program to-night featuring two prominent speakers, Hollis M. Dole, Oregon State Geologist, and Dr. Erwin F. professor of general science at Portland State University. Dole will explain his reasons opposing the belief that the meteorite is in the Port Orford area, if it even exists. Lange, a reputed meteor authority and author, will present his views substantiating the belief that the meteorite does exist and is in this area. Accounts of past searches for the elusive rock will also be presented. The event will be held at the North Bend Junior high school multipurpose room at 8 p.m., and is free to the public.

Saw former long-time resident Mary Yoder on the local scene last Friday... here on business and visiting about the landscape with many friends and nephew Jack.

In case measles haven't been to your house yet, here are some interesting facts concerning the disease published by Merck Sharp & Dohme of West Point, Penn. "For most children, measles is certainly distressing and inconvenient. But for some, it can be serious and even tragic. In fact, one child in every six who get measles develops a secondary bacterial infection such as pneumonia or ear infection. (Most infections, of course, respond to your doctor's care.)

"In about one case in 1,000

TO THE EDITOR

We spent about a day and a half in Port Orford in October, looking for homelike for retirement.

We feel that the best way to keep up with what is available would be to subscribe to your paper.

Enclosed is my check for \$3.50 for a years subscription to the Port Orford News.

Arthur M. Hill
Albuquerque, N. M.

TO THE EDITOR

We used to live in Port Orford, I taught the eighth grade at Battle Rock. We miss all the fine people and would like to keep up with all the news, so, I am enclosing \$3.50 in check for a one year, out of state, subscription. A couple of back copies would also be appreciated.

Thank you.
Mr. Anton J. Barone

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Social Security Mailing Change

The Eureka District Social Security Office is still located at 233 "K" street, but the mailing address has been changed to P. O. Box 4450, announced District Manager Robert H. Leep. This new mailing address insures the most rapid delivery of mail and processing of claims.

Social Security beneficiaries and others having business with the Eureka Social Security Office are invited to correct the address on present cards and envelopes in their possession.

Leep emphasized that 65 year olds who have not filed a claim for social security or railroad retirement benefits must file a claim to get "Medical Insurance," which helps pay doctor bills, by March 31, 1966. The district office is open five days a week and also on Saturday mornings at present.

Individuals who are receiving benefits will automatically be protected by Hospital Insurance. However, beneficiaries are urged to return their completed enrollment card by Mar. 31 for the "Medical Insurance" protection.

A final word—be sure not to cancel any hospital or health insurance you now have because neither hospital nor medical insurance goes into effect until July 1.

Library Lowdown

Two books which were written years ago and have been read by millions are now gracing the shelves of City Library in new

measles causes inflammation of the brain—encephalitis—an infection for which there is no specific treatment. In some of these children, encephalitis causes only temporary changes; in others there is permanent damage such as mental retardation. And, some do not survive. In 1962, for example, 408 children in the United States died from measles. (Since the conquest of polio, measles causes more deaths than any other common disease of childhood.)

"Even when measles is apparently mild, it may accentuate certain problems such as bed-wetting, thumb-sucking, poor school work, or tantrums.

"If your child hasn't had measles, why take any chances? Measles is now preventable, along with other serious and common childhood diseases, through vaccination. Don't wait for your child to catch measles... 9 out of 10 unprotected children will."

editions. They are "Parnassus on Wheels" and "The Haunted Bookshop" by Christopher Morley.

"Parnassus on Wheels" is the story of sprightly Roger Mifflin, his roving bookshop and his crusade to bring good books to rural America. When Roger Mifflin meets practical but good-natured Miss Helen McGill, the story is off to a galloping start. The reader is treated to adventure, romance and humor of a rare quality in this refreshing story.

Roger and Helen both make appearances in "The Haunted Bookshop." Roger continues to sell books but has left Parnassus in a small shop in suburban Brooklyn. The Mifflins are joined in the bookshop by beautiful Titania Chapman who is desirous of learning the book business. Aubrey Gilbert, young advertising executive, also is desirous of learning more about books after catching a glimpse of Titania's beauty. Before long all four are involved in a rousing mystery, along with Thomas Carlyle's "Oliver Cromwell."

Some new books recently received are: Fiction—"Those Who Love," Irving Stone. Non-fiction—"No Banners, No Bands," Robert Haylen Alcorn; "Stage-struck," the Romance of Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne"; Maurice Zolotow.

The Library recently has had bound seven years of "The National Geographic," from 1958 through 1964. Several issues of the year 1962 are missing, however, and the library board would like to locate these copies. Anyone willing to donate them is asked to contact Mrs. Roy Enlund.

Assembly Slated

E. C. Carlson, presiding minister of the Port Orford congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, announced that the Watchtower sponsored semi-annual circuit assembly will be held in Grants Pass at the Josephine County Fairgrounds Pavilion, February 4-6. It is estimated that over 1200 delegates from 15 Southern Oregon congregations will gather for the three-day Bible educational program.

Mr. Carlson said the purpose of the convention will be to give advance training and instruction to all ministers of Jehovah's Witnesses on how to become better teachers of the Bible.

Arden B. Butler of Brooklyn, New York, serving as district representative of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society for the Pacific Northwest, will preside over the gathering and will be the featured speaker. He



will give the keynote address Friday evening at 6:45 introducing the assembly theme, "Make Disciples of People of All the Nations."

SOUTH COAST ANGLING REPORT

Catches have been improving every day for steelhead anglers on both the Rogue and Chetco Rivers.

Fishermen at Huntley Park and Orchard Bar on the Rogue are picking up increasing numbers of steelhead on spinners, while plunkers on the Chetco are beginning to catch fish on eggs as the river is slowly clearing.

Another bright spot is Hunter Creek which at times has been excellent.

All the South Coast streams are in good condition and limits are a possibility in any of them.

As one of the lake and pond projects being conducted on the South Coast by the Oregon State Game Commission a total of 1,024 fingerling rainbow trout were planted in (Laird) Lake in the upper Elk River area last week. This was one of several small, barren lakes under consideration for planting.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday
P. T. A., 8 p.m.
Friday—
Pacific vs Coquille there—8 p.m.
Saturday
A. F. G. A. M., 8 p.m.
Pacific vs Myrtle Point here—8 p.m.
Wednesday
Back Acres Garden, 8 p.m.
Lions Club, 7:30 p.m.

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