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You are the Government

With taxes a tremendously growing burden on every citizen in the United States, the people must take an increasing interest in all affairs of government, from the smallest school district to congress itself.

Taking an interest in the affairs of government does not mean to merely sit back and kick after assessments have been levied. Instead, study the legitimate needs of government and sift them out of the thousand and one purely political items that have crept into public budgets.

The people must begin talking to or writing to their city councils, their local school boards, their County courts, their tax commissions, their state legislators, and last, but not least, their congressmen and senators who are today levying taxes which are taking the lion's share of the tax payments of every individual, every business and every industry.

Your congressmen are anxious to know what you think about various measures proposed which deflate your pocketbook. They cannot know if you never express your opinions. A postcard message from a man on the soil, a workman in an industry or a small businessman struggling to meet the tax problems, is the best index of public thinking. There should be sacrifice and economy in government, just as there is sacrifice and economy and scrimping in every home in the land.

Let your public officials know how you feel on legislative and taxation policies that affect every job, every industry and every dime of savings. The future of representative government is in the hands of the people in more ways than one. Remember, you are the government. Don't expect it to be any better than the thought you contribute to it.

A Real Job

War has brought new and vitally important jobs to the retailers of this country. The pinch of shortages is only just beginning to be felt by the bulk of consumers. Stocks of certain kinds of goods which are no longer manufactured are dwindling fast. Even in the food field, many items will disappear. In all fields, the consumer will have a smaller range of choice than he has been accustomed to.

So one of the retailer's new tasks is to help the consuming public make, with as little discomfort as possible, the great adjustments in living standards resulting from war's enormous demands on our productive resources. And most retailers of the country, little ones as well as big, are cooperating to the limit of their abilities in doing that. They are featuring abundant reasonably priced foods and manufactured goods. They are helping the consumer choose suitable and satisfactory substitutes for scarce and costly items. They are showing us how we may avoid waste, and make what we buy go farther.

On top of that, they are doing other work of great importance to the war effort. They are, for example, aggressively selling and promoting the sale of war stamps and war bonds, at their own expense, and without a penny of recompense. They are co-operating with the government in fighting speculation, profiteering and hoarding. They have accepted great responsibilities, and they are discharging them fully.

The retailers are protecting our standard of living to the greatest possible extent. While they can't keep us supplied with "luxuries as usual" in these times, they are doing a real job, a vital job, in our interest.

Penalizing Marriage

It is being hotly debated in congress whether husbands and wives be forced to make a joint income return, instead of separate returns. According to treasury estimates, that would increase tax revenue by a few hundred millions annually.

What treasury experts seem to forget is that a tax law must be adjudged in the light of justice and equity, not only in the light of just how much money it might raise.

Millions of women have jobs which have no connection whatsoever with their husbands' jobs and earnings. Other millions are the possessors of income-producing property which has no connection with their marriage and is clearly and completely their own. To say to these women that they cannot make an individual tax return, is to say, in effect, that the right of women to own separate property is abrogated.

Gift taxes now in effect prevent wholesale transfer of income-producing securities or properties between husband and wife.

Competent lawyers are convinced that the mandatory joint-tax-return law would be unconstitutional. Whether it is or not, it is clearly unjust. It amounts to a penalty on the institution of marriage. The revenue it would produce can be and should be raised in another, more equitable way.

Have Your Bucket Ready

The United States has been shelled by enemy warships. It is completely possible that, before long, the United States may be attacked from the skies. And if those attacks come, fire bombs of one kind or another will be one of the principal weapons used. Unless this country is ready to deal with fire on an unprecedented scale, disastrous damage to our homes, of factories and our farms will be inevitable.

In connection with this, James M. Landis, director of the office of civilian defense, recently said: "Obviously the first thing that is apparent is that the fire-fighting forces of every city have to be enormously expanded. . . Recruiting, training of auxiliary fire men, and the re-training of existing forces, are thus a mandatory obligation of every community in the vast target areas of this country. And his program cannot wait. It must not only be begun, but be completed now. . . We dare not wait sourly and delayingly for new equipment to roll off the production line and blame delays which we can avoid upon delays that are beyond our power to control."

In many localities, volunteer auxiliary fire-fighting organizations were started with enthusiasm long ago. Then that enthusiasm was slowly lost, and at the present time the effort has bogged down. And that is precisely what our enemies want. They aren't going to tell us when they will attack, or where. They will depend upon surprise — and an ill-prepared nation would be an easy victim.

Every house should be a fire house. That simply means that all the people should be ready to combat fire whenever and wherever it strikes. We must prepare thoroughly. Every day brings the time of possible attack closer.

IT NEVER FAILS



FIRWOOD

By Mrs. J. F. Neuhaus

The G. W. Palmer family has moved from the Strong farm to the Rebersdorf place.

Bob Neuhaus left Monday morning for Martinez, California. He drove a car as far as Medford, Ore., for another party, and took the bus from there to Martinez.

Bob Neuhaus was greatly surprised last Friday evening when the neighborhood young people came to bid him farewell. Those present were Doris, Giles Jr., Ellis, Alois and Ruth Palmer, Kenneth and Harry Johnson, Billy Johnston, and Bob and Don Neuhaus. A delicious lunch was served around midnight.

DOVER

By Louanna Anderson

Mr. and Mrs. Joe DeShazer and daughter Joy, Ralph DeShazer, Mrs. Faith Craft and Robert attended the farewell held near Canby, Oregon, for Raymond DeShazer and Melvin Kitzmiller who are entering the armed forces.

Mrs. Eleanor Hicks and children of Cove Junction, returned home after visiting her father, Alex Bews and his brother Ed.

Jim Taylor was home over the week end from White Salmon, Wash., where he is employed as a faller and buckeer.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Updegrave spent the week end with their folks, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Updegrave.

Mrs. Lois Rydeen Volbrecht, former Dover grade school teacher has resigned her position as teacher in Dover and accepted a teaching position with the upper grades of the Kelso school.

Carl Neuman is driving the tie truck for Krebs Bros. Mill.

Mrs. Victor Bodley is on the sick list. We hope she will soon be well.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beverly spent a few days at the Udell home. They were kept busy picking berries and getting in the hay crop.

Mrs. Katherine Krebs and daughter Gloria of San Francisco have returned to their home after a vacation spent with their folks, Mrs. John Krieger and family.

The people are busy putting up the hay crop between showers.

—On Pay Day, Buy Bonds—

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

When the American Expeditionary Force landed in Ireland recently newspapers reported the citizenry remarked at the similarity of the steel helmets worn by our boys with those worn by German troops. These steel hats are protection from shrapnel fragments and other light missiles. We need thousands of them for they are a regular issue to every American soldier.



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U. S. Treasury Department

Oregon 4-H club members will compete this year in all fourteen of the national contests arranged under the auspices of the national committee on boys' and girls club work.

Adolph says - -

DINOSAURS WERE NOT ALL HUGH BEASTS



The popular notion of the ancient dinosaurs that once trod the earth in many parts of America is that they were enormous monsters like the few whose skeletons are on exhibition at various museums. However, the truth is that many of the species were rather small animals, some being less than three feet long when completely grown up. The giants among them have been dramatized in our exhibitions, and the ordinary and small fellers have been largely ignored.

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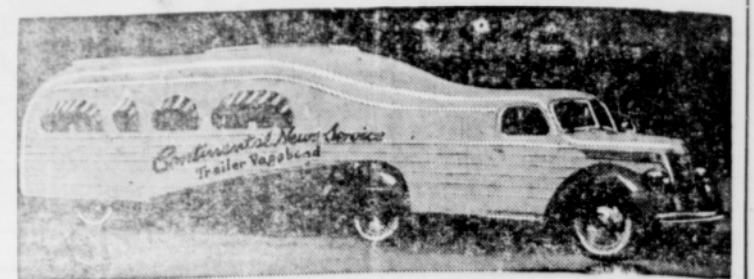


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"TRAILER VAGABOND"



By WARREN BAILEY

Benton Harbor, Michigan. The House of David — "Jesus Christ wore long hair and a full beard and it is our desire to pattern ourselves as closely as possible after Jesus Christ."

In that short statement you have the answer to the first question a newcomer asks when he visits The House of David. Whether you agree with them or not is beside the point. The fact that they believe they are right and practice their belief is the thing to remember. Our country was founded on the principle. It has made us a haven of refuge for persecuted religious minorities all over the world.

For the past twenty years I have been traveling back and forth across the midwest. Dozens of times before I could have visited this place with little effort. Each time I passed it by. Hobnobbing with a bunch of religious fanatics was not my idea of a way to spend my time. Today I came to spend an hour — I stayed all day. Let me say here and now — I wouldn't have missed it for anything.

It is not the beliefs of these people that caught my interest. But what they have accomplished in a material way is, to my mind, of interest to everyone. They have built up one of the greatest co-operative communities in the entire United States. Not only that — they have made it work and they have made it pay. Of course, the publicity derived from the long hair and whiskers has helped a lot, but again, that is beside the point.

Benjamin, the founder of the church, was born in Kentucky in 1861. Judging from the year and the pictures of his birthplace it was probably in an isolated section. The lack of early spiritual teaching probably accounts for his unusual interpretation of the Bible. He was a strict vegetarian because of the commandment 'Thou shalt not kill'. This belief is still practiced by every member of The House of David today.

In 1894 he took to the road to carry his message to the people. For seven years he walked, rode a bicycle and drove a housecar around the country. He converted a small group to his belief and this group formed the nucleus of the church here at Benton Harbor. Later, an-

other church was founded in Australia. Today the total membership is approximately 250. That's all there is, and they aren't taking in any more.

I have always been under the impression that The House of David was one big house with perhaps a few dwellings scattered around it. As far as I went I was right, but — I didn't go far enough. There's a lot of big houses and in addition several farms and a big amusement park. They also own an island of some three thousand acres. Among their members are doctors, lawyers, dentists, architects and most any other profession you can name. They own and operate their own printing plant, make their own souvenirs, build their own buildings, operate the amusement park, cultivate the farms and handle dozens of other businesses too numerous to mention. They even operate their own miniature railroad to haul visitors thru the park and just to keep the record clean, they made all the coaches and the eight locomotives that pull them. Everyone works that is able to work and everyone shares equally in the profits.

It's definitely big business and its success is founded on long hair and whiskers. Just explain that to your wife the next time she insists you get a shave.

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The Home Front

By Mrs. Julia Kiene
Westinghouse Home Economist

Washing Colored Clothes

CAN you be philosophic when a gay print comes out of the wash looking like a faded flower? I can't. It's even more discouraging now, when the national watchword is "I'll take good care of everything I have." Here is a way to treat colored clothes so they'll keep their good looks:

Unless a garment bears a label guaranteeing color fastness, test a sample in a tumbler of lukewarm water. If the water is tinged with color, watch your step on washday. No soaking, no matter how dirty the garment. Instead, wash it as fast as you can in lukewarm soapy water, give it three quick rinses — one lukewarm and soapy, and two clear, cool rinses — run through the wringer hurriedly, roll in a bath towel and dry in a breezy, shady spot. Don't let it touch fast-colored clothes.

Mrs. Kiene

Tab-fast fabrics which are exceptionally dirty can stand a five or ten minute soaking in either clear or soapy lukewarm water, but don't prolong it. Use new suds. Beware of too-hot water, and be as quick about washing and wringing as is consistent with thoroughness. Follow with one slight suds rinse and two cool rinses in large amounts of water.

There's nothing like a little starch as a tonic for colored clothes — it puts the crispness back. Always dry the clothes in the shade, preferably where there's a fair breeze, because colors that are tub-fast aren't always sun-fast. Even when they are, a scorching sun on a wet garment gives the color a run for its money.

MENU
*Creamed Ground Beef
Tossed Salad
Fresh Fruit - Cookies

*Creamed Ground Beef Recipe
1 pound hamburger 5 tablespoons
2 tablespoons fat flour
1 small onion 2 teaspoons salt
2 cups milk 1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce (if desired)
Heat fat in skillet. Brown meat, stir constantly breaking meat into small pieces. Add onion and brown. Mix seasoning with flour and stir through meat. Add milk gradually and cook over low heat until thickened. Serve over toast or potatoes.

NEXT WEEK: Safety Firsts to Follow.