

### ASKS BAN ON TAX DODGING BY VERY RICH

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uniformly, fairly and without discrimination, taxes based on statutes adopted by congress," he said.

Mr. Roosevelt declared the full power of the government would be thrown behind a treasury investigation of income tax evasion and avoidance. He asked authorization to expand the inquiry, giving the treasury full power to summon witnesses and compel testimony.

The president transmitted a preliminary report on the investigation, and expressed confidence congress would share with him a feeling of indignation at findings of evasion.

The report, he said, "reveals efforts at avoidance and evasion of tax liability, so widespread and so amazing in their boldness and their ingenuity, that further action without delay seems imperative."

Immediately after reading of the message, Chairman Harrison, D. Miss., of the senate finance committee introduced a joint resolution to authorize an investigation of tax evasions by a joint congressional committee with directions to report back by January 5, 1938, at the latest.

Tax evaders to whom the president referred in his message, but did not name, would be permitted to come before the joint committee and make "any defense" they wanted, Harrison said. He declined to name those cited by the president.

There are a variety of tax dodging methods, Mr. Roosevelt added, explaining:

"Some are instances of avoidance which appear to have the color of legality; others are on the borderline of legality; others are plainly contrary even to the letter of the law."

"All are alike in that they are definitely contrary to the spirit of the law."

"All are alike in that they represent a determined effort on the part of those who use them to dodge the payment of taxes which congress based on ability to pay."

"All are alike in that failure to pay results in shifting the tax load to the shoulders of others less able to pay, and in mulcting the treasury of the government's just due."

Mr. Roosevelt included a letter from Secretary Morgenthau declaring eight devices are being used by wealthy individuals to escape income taxation. These ranged, he said, from the transfer of assets to personal holding companies in foreign countries to making artificial tax deductions for interest payments and losses.

Besides shutting these loopholes, Morgenthau asserted, congress should raise legislative barriers against three tax practices which specifically are authorized in the law but which he said permit individuals and corporations to escape their fair share of the tax burden.

He said these practices were deductions by oil and mining companies for the depletion of wells or mines, the splitting of income between husbands and wives in some states to take advantage of lower tax brackets, and the payment of only a 10 per cent tax by non-resident aliens on income from this country.

Outlining instances of "moral fraud" uncovered in the treasury investigation so far, Morgenthau recited case after case in which he said rich individuals had cheated the government out of taxes.

### SEVEN HORSES DIE IN FIRE ON FARM

Seven horses lost their lives in a fire that destroyed a large barn on the Hop Lee estate 5 1/2 miles north of Salem last night. The fire started shortly after 9 o'clock and its glow was plainly seen from Salem. Spontaneous combustion is believed to have been the cause.

The only means of fighting the fire was by bucket brigade which succeeded in saving other farm buildings.

The fire attracted several hundred persons, many going out from Salem, curious as to what the bright glow might be.

The ranch is operated by the Fong Chong company. Managers are Jing Sun, Jing Yet and Jing Guy. They were not able immediately to estimate the amount of the loss.

Two horses got away from the fire at one time but in their excitement ran back into the barn and perished.

Economic conditions in Czechoslovakia are better than a year ago.

### Shute Wins PGA Championship



Denny Shute, winner of this year's professional golf association's championship in Pittsburgh, is shown here (second from left), receiving the trophy from George Jacobus, president of the PGA. Harold McSpaden, runner-up, who forced Shute to 37 holes, is at the extreme left. (Associated Press Photo.)

### VALLEY PROJECT WIDELY NOTED

The Willamette valley project, recently made public by the Oregon state planning board, is the most interesting report of this kind that has come out of the northwest, it is declared by Earle S. Draper, director of land planning and housing for the Tennessee Valley Authority, in a letter just received by the board. Mr. Draper has requested a number of copies which he plans to circulate among the staff of the TVA.

"This is the sort of thing towards which we are working in the Tennessee valley," Mr. Draper said in his letter. "As we have a much larger area and a greater variety of conditions and problems, we have had to proceed slowly but hope to develop such a report within the next year."

The Willamette valley project report, largely the work of the planning board during the past year, describes the resources of the Willamette valley and contains detailed plans for development of the region. It has attracted wide attention and is expected to be an important factor in the development and growth of the valley.

The report was compiled under the direction of H. A. Bauer, who was assisted by a large staff of board experts and WPA workers and others.

The last session of the legislature directed the state planning board to devote a part of its funds and resources to aiding in the development of this valley in cooperation with Governor Martin's Willamette valley project committee.

### FORESTRY BUREAU MORE EFFICIENT

Readjustment of district boundaries, employment of new workers and appointment of chief inspector are expected to result in increased efficiency in inspection work in the state forestry department, State Forester Ferguson reported.

J. J. Russell was recently appointed chief inspector of the department and will contact all field inspectors periodically throughout the summer, accompanying them on their inspection tours. Standardizing of the work throughout the state is the aim of the department.

Two separate inspection districts have been established in the Clackamas-Marion unit, owing to the large number of operators located in the area. Mrs. E. Slack has been assigned to the northern end of the district with headquarters at Estacada. Elmer Taylor, inspector for the Linn county fire patrol association during 1936, has been assigned to the southern end of the unit with headquarters at the Mill City CCC camp.

Other additions to the forestry personnel include: E. C. Ayers, Linn county; Harold Young, western Lane; R. W. Cox, eastern Lane; G. W. Hoffman, Coos county; L. Burl Smith, western Lane fire patrol association; C. F. Youmans, Black Butte forest protective association, and Virgil Powell, Linn county fire patrol association. District wardens in all other units will remain unchanged, Ferguson said.

### EXTRADITION FOR MEYERS SOUGHT

Extradition papers for William Meyers, 38 year old Salem resident, arrested for Pennsylvania authorities on a 16 year old murder indictment, were sent west from Wyoming, Pennsylvania, last night, city police officials announced.

Meyers is charged with the slaying of Mark Brown in a double shooting in which Archie Carling was also slain, the information from the east stated. He was arrested here after he had appealed for relief aid for his wife and three children. The crimes were committed in 1921, the police said.

Meyers said he was working in Oakland, Calif., at the time the crime was committed, and denied knowledge of it. Mrs. Meyers said her father was a Spokane attorney and she worked on Seattle and Spokane papers. They were married in Washington in 1929, she said.

### MRS. G. J. MOORES DIES IN PORTLAND

Word was received in Salem this morning of the death of Mrs. Gertrude Jones Moores, wife of Merrill B. Moores of Portland and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Jones of Salem. Mrs. Moores passed away at St. Vincent's hospital in Portland yesterday after a short illness.

Mrs. Moores was born at Brooks and was a graduate of St. Helens hall. She was well-known in Salem and in Portland, where she had resided since her marriage.

Survivors include her widower and parents and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Anderson M. Cannon of Portland, Mrs. John Withycombe of Arlington, Mrs. Claire Gray of Hollywood, Ellis Jones of Eugene and Ronald E. Jones of Brooks.

Funeral services, which are to be private, are to be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Portland crematorium.

### CITIES OF OREGON WILL GET REFUND

University of Oregon, Eugene, June 1—Cities of Oregon will receive a refund on all state taxes imposed on gasoline sold for municipal purposes amounting to approximately \$40,000 per year under the terms of an act which becomes effective on June 7, it was pointed out here by Herman Kehrl, executive secretary of the League of Oregon Cities and director of the bureau of municipal research. The law was sponsored by the League of Oregon Cities.

Changes in regulations for obtaining the refund are also cited by Mr. Kehrl. While it is still necessary for refund claimants to obtain a permit, the charge of 50 cents has been eliminated. Time for filing claims for refunds is changed from the old limitation of six months from date of invoice, to one year and the claimant is no longer required to swear to an affidavit, but merely affix his signature to the report and submit to the secretary of state's office.

Silverton—Mr. and Mrs. Lee Morrison have as their house guests for several weeks, Mrs. Morrison's mother, Mrs. Ted Kincannon, of Blausdell, N. D., and her sister and brother-in-law of Mrs. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Tucker of Berthold, N. D. The visitors came Friday by automobile.

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### PACIFISTS HIT IN DEWEY TALK

Memorial day has as its primary purpose the reminder to the world of the deeds of those who were left on the fields of battle, A. H. Dewey, past commander of Hal Hibbard post of the Spanish War Veterans, declared in the Memorial day address at the army following the parade Monday afternoon.

Warning was sounded against dreams of peace as expressed by pacifists, whom he characterized as a "large group of misguided people purged by part of the churches and part of the universities." Dewey briefly outlined the services of government in schools, highways, health and food protection as a part of the functions which need support even at the price of war.

William Bliven, president of the Federated Patriotic society of Salem, presided at the program which included a few remarks by Mayor V. E. Kuhn; reading of the original orders of General John A. Logan by Mrs. Bertha Ray; vocal selections by Miss Ruth Bedford and the introduction of representatives of the patriotic organizations.

Only one of the three Civil war

### GOOD YEAR FOR RECLAMATION PROJECTS SEEN

Washington, June 1 (AP)—The reclamation service said today 2,000,000 acres of reclamation areas in the west are virtually sure of a "good year generally in 1937."

John G. Page, commissioner of reclamation, told Secretary Ickes "prospects are bright for the reclamation projects." He reported increases in measured storage water in federal reservoirs.

His report said the measurements at the beginning of May "disclosed that whatever droughts or water shortages other lands may have, a good year generally can be expected in 1937 or reclamation cases."

The report came while Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana, urging quick aid for drought areas in his state, declared "conditions are the worst in Montana's history."

The commissioner said the reclamation reservoirs on May 1 held 19,626,917 acre feet of water, or 7,285,554 more than on the same date a year ago.

"With the increase in storage expected during May and June," Page said, "all projects with the exception of two will be provided with ample water for the coming irrigation season. The two which will suffer some shortage are the Belle Fourche in South Dakota and the North Platte in Wyoming and Nebraska, and the latter is in a much better position this year than a year ago."

The commissioner made public a list of projects in western states with the following storage water statistics in acre feet:

Oregon—Baker, 17,400, no change; Umatilla, 97,180, increase of 18,460; Vale, 90,318, decrease of 32,117. Oregon—California—Klamath, 616,700, increase of 50,230. Oregon—Idaho—Owyhee, 715,000, increase of 2,940.

VISITS ARE ENJOYED Silverton—Mr. and Mrs. William Schuster and their two sons, John Walter and Carl, and Marvin Semmenton now living in the city attended the parade and services—E. H. Cowles, father of Mrs. Chester Cox.

Due to the double holiday the crowd was smaller than in previous years. The parade, under the direction of Col. Carl Abrams as grand marshal, moved promptly at 2 o'clock, pausing for brief ceremonies at the American War Mothers' memorial at the courthouse and then by the reviewing stand on Liberty street near State.

### BARRICK TO BE CANDIDATE FOR SCHOOL BOARD

Dr. L. E. Barrick announced today that he is a candidate for the position of school director, which will be vacated by Chairman F. E. Neer at the expiration of his term this month. The election will take place Monday, June 21, with a single polling place being utilized in the administration building on north High street.

Several groups of civic and public spirited citizens have been seeking permission of Dr. Barrick to permit them to circulate petitions in his behalf, but it was not until today he made up his mind to enter the race.

"I am not a candidate of any clique or faction," Dr. Barrick said in his announcement today, "but will administer the affairs of the district to the best of my ability in the interests of all persons concerned, should I be elected."

Dr. Barrick has lived in and near Salem virtually all of his life. He was born in Methana and graduated from Salem high school in 1912. He was graduated from the North Pacific dental college, Portland, in 1912 and after practicing in Independence for five years, came to Salem. He retired from dental practice a number of years ago when he became associated with the Clough-Barrick mortuary. He has two children in the local schools. Petitions seeking to place Dr.

### DR. TOWNSEND ASSERTS COURT BILL DEFEATED

Chicago, June 1 (AP)—Dr. Francis E. Townsend, here after an 8,000 mile speaking tour in which he opposed the proposed supreme court legislation of President Roosevelt, today said that the president's plan "definitely has failed."

He described the proposed legislation as an "attempt to destroy our national form of government."

"The people of the United States," he said, "have not been cajoled into turning their government into a dictatorship. We still love our liberty."

"After an 8,000-mile speaking tour in which I spoke to more than 200,000 persons in a majority of the states west of the Mississippi river, I find the people almost unanimously opposed to un-American measures."

"The 10,000,000 members of the Townsend plan are pledged to defeat in the next election every congressman and senator who votes to pack the court, and they are now the balance of power in more than 275 congressional districts."

"Our people know that dictatorships do not pay pensions to elderly people."

"We intend to continue our campaign through the east until every one understands just what the politicians are attempting to do to our democratic form of government."

"Our next meeting probably will be in Philadelphia."

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### Indian Boys Make Totem Pole



Towering beside a small white frame building that will hold objects of Indian handicraft and located at the Chemawa four is a group of Indian boys with the totem pole prior to its installation by the students and decorated in bright colors. Here is a group of Indian boys with the totem pole prior to its installation for the annual celebration at the Salem Indian school.

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