

Incoming Members of Congress May Cut Taxes

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WASHINGTON (AP)—Incoming members of Congress show some inclination to reduce individual income taxes by raising personal exemptions — and stop right there with tax cuts.

A majority of senators and House members taking a definite stand in an Associated Press poll favors higher personal exemptions. But the margin is less than 3-2 among the 129 members replying. And even should the 84th Congress decide to ease up on taxes on individuals, it may wait until 1956.

Among lawmakers responding to the questionnaire, there is heavy support for President Eisenhower's bid to postpone again a reduction in the corporate income tax now set automatically for April 1. There is somewhat less enthusiastic backing for his request to put off a cut in excise (sales) taxes scheduled for the same date, but enough to indicate Congress may go along on a bipartisan basis.

The picture on both corporate and excise taxes could change, since many lawmakers still aren't committing themselves on them.

Congressional opinion at this point appears to be split against any major changes in the massive tax revision law passed last summer and against amending or repealing a controversial cut in the tax on dividends. Members are 53-41 against tampering with the revision law and nearly two to one against changing the dividend tax.

On a separate 1955 issue which will be handled by the same congressional committees that process tax bills, both Democrats and Republicans lined up overwhelmingly behind Eisenhower's proposal that Congress give him more power to reduce tariffs on a reciprocal basis with other nations.

The poll produced replies from 127 of the 531 members of Congress, from 41 of the 48 states.

Some legislators omitted or gave only partial answers to questions on taxes. About one out of six said the government's budgetary and financial situation would guide his decision on tax legislation. Some said they would vote for tax reductions only if the budget is balanced or nearly so, and a balance isn't in sight.

The administration now expects to run nearly five billion dollars in the red during the present fiscal year. It figures that government spending will exceed income by around three billions in the next fiscal year starting July 1. Should Congress let excise and corporate income taxes drop as provided under present law, next year's deficit would go up by some three billions more. The excise taxes apply to such big sellers as gasoline, liquor, cigarettes and cars.

The poll showed that 12 senators and 53 House members definitely favor keeping the corporate income tax rate at the present 52 per cent level instead of letting it fall to 47 per cent. Only one senator and 19 House members want it to come down. Senators are divided 10-3.

East Salem Has Two Programs

EAST SALEM — Two Christmas programs are planned for East Salem schools this week. Wednesday, December 22 at 7:30 p. m. All pupils of both Swegle and Auburn schools will take part in the program. Parents and friends are invited.

Thursday Washington School Mothers' club members voted to provide "Santa" with treats for the school children Thursday, just before the closing of school for vacation.

Harvey Wright, superintendent of Chemawa Indian School, was guest speaker for the meeting Thursday with special music by an octette from Willamette University school of music and the pupils of Mrs. Genevieve Curry and Miss Eva Wolf.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin O'Brien, Lansing Ave. are moving this week to Bellingham, Wash., 2125 Victor St. He has accepted a position with an oil company and will be working there. Mrs. O'Brien was a member of the executive council of Washington School Mothers' club and Friday the board gave her a surprise party with gifts. Her guests were Mrs. Edwin Butler, Mrs. Fred Marlow, Mrs. Don Maus, Mrs. Emory Padgett, Mrs. William Schmidt, Mrs. Lyle Kingston and Mrs. Dale Mall-coat.

A new 4-H club of Washington school community girls was organized the past week with Mrs. Fred Smalley leader. It is a clothing club and one of the new "Teen Fashion" clubs. Officers are president, Marilyn Page; vice president, Darlene Clark; secretary, Jackie Smalley; news reporter, Connie Ashton; song leader, Sharon Suran and yell leader, Marilyn Benedict. They are Junior High girls and will meet with Mrs. Smalley right after school hours.

Guests for a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. A. R. Tartar on Garden Rd Friday afternoon were Mrs. Charles Siegmund, Mrs. Floyd De Lapp, Mrs. Paul Lynch, Mrs. Mary Swingle, Mrs. Ben Braught, Mrs. A. C. Schaffer, Mrs. Jess Hatch, Mrs. Ralph Werner, Mrs. Harry Jennings, Mrs. Earl Wood, Mrs. Richard Wicklander, and Mrs. William Hartley.

PROGRESS
MCALLEN, Tex. (AP)—Now they've got a radish thrasher. It slashes off the dirt, weeds and tops the radishes, then dumps them into field boxes ready for washing and packing.

Labor Again Giving Party

A children's Christmas party sponsored by organized labor of Salem will be held for the sixth consecutive year at North Salem high school auditorium Wednesday night, starting at 7:30.

Besides a visit from Santa Claus a variety show, singing and a motion picture show will be offered for entertainment. Among entertainers will be a North Salem high trio, Helen Lewis, Kay Hamilton and Jan McAlpine; Ray Johnson, violinist, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Loren Johnson; Bill Bartlett, tap dancer, of Leslie Junior high; Angles Schneider and Anabelle Day, of West Salem, blackface comedy; Jack Crater and Clarence Sabrowski, novelty music; Dick Engdahl, pantomime.

Lyle Johnson will be master of ceremonies, and Don Smith, University of Oregon student, will again be organizer. Rev. Kevin Murphy will give the invocation. Mayor Al Loucks and Assistant City School Superintendent Charles D. Schmidt will speak briefly. E. S. Benjamin will preside.

The party committee is Alfred E. Chivers, chairman; Herbert E. Barker, Mrs. Mary Chapman, Mrs. Dorothy Willis and Mrs. Emma McDougal.

The party is a public affair.

Chemult Woman Killed in Collision

BEND (UP)—A Chemult, Ore., woman, Mildred Beckes, was killed outright last night when the car in which she was riding collided with the rear of a flatbed truck on Highway 97 at Lava Butte, 10 miles south of here.

In serious condition in a Bend hospital is George Thomas Epperson, Chemult, who suffered severe head injuries. Another passenger, Lloyd C. Hauptman, Chemult, was hospitalized with cuts about the face and head.

Driver of the truck, Roger Anderson, Prineville, Ore., was not hurt.

On legs and was reported in critical condition.



G. Carroll Meeks, appointed member of Country Banks Operations Commission of National Bankers Association.

Appointment to Carroll Meeks

G. Carroll Meeks, president of the Willamette Valley bank, has received notice of appointment as a member of the Country Bank Operations commission of the American Bankers association, which has 17 members.

Meeks is the only Oregon man on the commission, which has only three members west of the Rocky mountains. He is vice president of the Independent Bankers association of the 12th Federal Reserve District and a member of the committee on legislation and taxation of the Oregon Bankers association.

Meeks' appointment was by Homer Livingston, president of the National Bankers association and president of the First National Bank of Chicago.

ADVERTISING PAYS

DENVER (AP)—Frank Ross, 32, showed up in the downtown area carrying his young daughter and a sign pleading for a job. Two days later he picked a \$112-a-week oil field position from among 25 offers.

Snow can contain as much as 35 parts of air to one part of ice.

McAuliffe to Lead in Europe

WASHINGTON (UP)—Lt. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe, famed hero of the Battle of the Bulge in World War II, today was named commanding general of the U. S. Army in Europe.

McAuliffe will succeed Gen. William M. Hoge, a combat veteran of both world wars and Korea. Hoge will retire from the Army at the end of January after more than 36 years of service.

McAuliffe is now commander of the Seventh Army in Germany. McAuliffe won fame during World War II when he replied "Nuts" to a German demand that he surrender his troops at Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge.

Middle Grove Has Pageant

MIDDLE GROVE—The Christmas program for the Middle Grove Sunday School was given at the school Sunday night. Leslie Swink, school superintendent, was in charge and gave the program welcome. Pianist was Anne Kaufmann and the invocation and benediction were given by Rev. F. E. Fisher. Members of the professional singers were from the junior high and high classes.

The reader was Mrs. William Scharf; the beginners department numbers were directed by Mrs. Clyde Kuenze; the primary by Mrs. Vera Bassett and the "Carolers" from the junior department by Mrs. Harry Wilson and Marvia Schwenker. Taking part in the play were Lawrence Britton as Abel; Johnny Crum, Noah; Tommy Latham, Abraham; Mason Burnham, Moses; Davey Miller, Isaac; Danny Miller, David; Michael Van Dussen, the prophet; Leigh Pickler as Mary; Michael Britton, Joseph, and the shepherds were Richard Lloyd. Lawrence Britton and Dennis Scharf. Soloists for special music were Miss Gay Blackman, Miss Cynthia Kaufmann, Mrs. Vera Bassett and Mrs. Leslie Swink.

Serving on the committee for treats were Mrs. John Van Laanen and Harry Wilson.

Oscar M. Olsen Dies; In Coma Since Sept. 7

Oscar Martin Olsen, 70, unconscious since September 7 when his car and an ambulance collided, died at a local hospital Sunday to become Marion county's 21st traffic fatality of 1954.

The death brings the number of persons who died in traffic accidents in 1954 to exactly the same number that was recorded in the entire year of 1952 but the number is still far below the record 36 deaths which were caused by automobile accidents in 1948. In 1953 there were 17 deaths from traffic accidents.

The accident which was eventually to claim Mr. Olsen's life occurred at the intersection of Pine and Broadway streets when the car in which he and his wife were riding collided with a Willamette ambulance. The ambulance at the time of the accident was heading toward the scene of an accident which took two lives.

Mr. Olsen, who lived at 2405 Chemawa road, had been a custodian at the Keizer school since 1944. He was born at Willow Lake, S. D., March 20, 1884, and had lived in Salem since October, 1942. He married Bessie Bate Wold at Willow Lake, S. D., May 14, 1907. Mr. Olsen was a member of St. Marks Lutheran church.

Christmas Piano Causes Tragedy

GLASGOW, Scotland (AP)—Archie Logan got eight friends to help him carry a grand piano he had bought his family for Christmas up to his third-floor apartment.

Just below the third landing the stairs collapsed. Two men jumped clear. Logan, the other six men and the 300-pound piano plunged 40 feet. Four of the seven men were trapped under the piano. Falling masonry hit the other three. All but one were in the hospital in serious condition.

Alven Olsen, Martinez, Calif.; nine grandchildren and two great children. Funeral services will be held from the Clough-Barick chapel at 10:30 a. m. Wednesday with the Rev. John Cauble officiating. Burial will be at Restlawn Memory Gardens. The family has requested that in lieu of flowers contributions be made to the building fund of St. Marks Lutheran church.

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