

HOW TO DODGE TAXES

The Oregon Voter recently ran a long and informative article on the operation of Rural Electrification Administration cooperatives. It gave REA full credit for certain achievements. It then pointed out a number of facts which make REA look a good deal less perfect than its sponsors would have us believe.

First of all, there is the matter of tax evasion. "To escape certain forms of taxation a farmer cooperative must be operated without profit," the Voter said. "REAs have developed a system of stowing away profits in a manner that evades the taxes. The technique is extremely simple. In effect, it consists merely of naming the profits by a new name. In enlightening REA circles profits have become 'capital credits'...The cooperatives set up capital credits each year representing the profit earned above costs and expenses. Each member is notified as to the amount of profit set aside for his account. Eventually he will be paid cash in the amount of his credits. He will have to enter this cash as income. But in the meantime, the cooperative avoids paying taxes on profits by the simple expedient of booking the profit under a different name."

The Voter then dealt with REA's success in electrifying farms which do not have service. Here it said, "It is commonly estimated that 85 per cent of all USA farms now have electricity...At the end of the last fiscal year...between 864,000 and 878,000 farms remained to get electricity..."

"If we assume that REA were to carry electricity to all of those remaining approximate 878,000 farms at average rate of 220,000 per year...then REA's job would be completed by June 30, 1954."

"It should not take REA that 4 years to complete the job. Remember that the investor-owned utilities are adding scores of thousands of farm customers each year...As of June 30 the utilities were serving

more customers than the cooperatives."

Moreover, when the investor-owned utilities expand their farm business with private funds, not everybody's tax money, they have no way of concealing their profits by calling them "capital credits" or any other phony name. They pay a tax—and a heavy tax—on every dollar of investment and earnings. And a second tax is taken from the stockholder on any share left for him.

REA has done some good things. It has enjoyed fine cooperation from the utility industry. But it has many special privileges. It is a tax-eater and a tax-dodger, and despite all the ballyhoo, private enterprise still leads in rural electrification.

Locals

Last Friday evening the following group left on a hunting trip: Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Huit and family, Mr. and Mrs. William Smith and two children, Mr. and Mrs. David Meisenheimer and two children. They went to Dead Indian Camp, where they obtained cabins. The men hunted while the families stayed in camp. They returned Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. L.H. Camp and children—Lois, Dwight and Margaret—left for Eugene Monday.

Mrs. Dorothy Powell Townsend has moved in with her mother, Mrs. Virginia Powell, for a few months while her husband is attending a radio school in Oklahoma. He is in the employ of the U.S. government.

Mrs. Everett Beach is on the sick list this week. Mrs. Dennis O'Malley and Mrs. E.E. Scott called on her Monday.

taking advantage of the school holidays to visit their two daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Noel Tomlin and son Tommy, and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Berg. The four young people are attending Bible college there, preparatory to going to the mission field. The Camps returned Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Ethel Huit visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Greer, who live on the Jacksonville highway, recently. They all went up on the Applegate hunting, but had no luck.

Mr. Clyde Wellman of Portland visited at the home of his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wellman, of the old Military road, one day this week.

The Past Matrons club, of Nevita Chapter No. 93, O.E.S., will meet at the home of Mrs. Gladys Beebe Wednesday, October 18th, for one o'clock luncheon. All members are urged to attend. Hostesses are Mrs. Lillie Holt, Mrs. Elizabeth Scott and Mrs. Gladys Beebe.

The Golden Link Bible class of the Church of Christ will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Caty on Friday of this week, October 13, at 2 p.m. All ladies of the church are welcome to attend the class party.

Miss Ann Streed, of 36 N. Peach Street, and Mrs. Ann Gorby, of 310 Laurel Street, Medford, with her two nephews, were dinner guests of Mrs. E.E. Scott and Mrs. Bernice McCue at the home of Mrs. Scott, October 8th.

Mrs. Zippie Struble of Sweet Home, Oregon, who has been staying at the C.K. Buckman home for the past two months, left for her home Tuesday morning. She came down to help her friend, Mrs. Buckman, with the care of her husband, who has been very ill for several months. Due to failing health, Mrs. Struble was forced to return to her home.

Mrs. Elizabeth Smidt who has been visiting for the past ten days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Minnick, left last Wednesday, October 4, for her home in Greenley, Colorado.

Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Abbot and two children, Maria Jean and Tommy, and Mrs. Mary Moore left for Springfield, Oregon to visit Mr. Abbott's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. G.L. Ransdell. Mrs. Ransdell is Mrs. Moore's granddaughter. On Wednesday night they

plan to attend Job's Daughters there, when Mrs. Moore's great granddaughter, Darlene Ransdell, is to be initiated into the order. Mr. and Mrs. Abbott returned Thursday, October 12, and Mrs. Moore plans on an extended visit to various places and perhaps traveling to the coast before her return.

The Ladies Aid of the Community Bible Church met Thursday of last week, October 5th, at the home of Mrs. Harvey Cassman with seven ladies present. They are completing the annual Christmas boxes to be sent to the Good News Missions to the Navajo Indians at Houck, Arizona and to the Kentucky Mountain Missions at Heidelberg, Kentucky.

Among the deer hunting widows this past week were Mrs. Martha Booth and Mrs. Lorie Minnick. They complained of no venison even to repay them.

Miss Vicki Noel spent Friday evening and Saturday in Medford as a guest of her aunt, Mrs. Harley Dressler.

Mrs. Ardis Mack and son, Tommy, of San Francisco are visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Andrew Glenn and other relatives. Her husband, Mr. William Mack, will come for her Saturday and they will return home Sunday.

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FREEDOM COMES UNDER ATTACK. The reality of war has made every American think hard about the things he's willing to work and fight for—and freedom leads the list.

But that freedom has been attacked here recently—just as it has been attacked in other parts of the world. One of the most serious threats to individual freedom has been the threat of Government-dominated Compulsory Health Insurance, falsely presented as a new guarantee of health "security" for everybody.

THE PEOPLE WEIGH THE FACTS. In the American manner, the people studied the case for Socialized Medicine—and the case against it.

They found that Government domination of the people's medical affairs under Compulsory Health Insurance means lower standards of medical care, higher payroll taxes, loss of incentive, damage to research, penalties for the provident, rewards for the improvident.

They found that no country on earth can surpass America's leadership in medical care and progress. They found that able doctors, teachers, nurses and scientists—working in laboratories where Science, not Politics, is master—are blazing dramatic new trails to health for Americans—and for the world.

THE "GRASS ROOTS" SIGNALS CONGRESS. In every community in the Nation, people stood up to be counted on this important issue. Thousands of local women's clubs, civic groups, farm, business, religious, taxpayer, medical, educational and patriotic organizations spoke out—giving the great United States Congress its unmistakable Grass Roots signal from home!

And ever watchful, ever sensitive to an alert people, The Congress saw that signal, and heard the people speak out, loud and plain. That's democracy in action. That's the American way!

Today among the 10,000 great organizations on militant public record against "Compulsory Health Insurance" are:

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Women's Clubs
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Veterans of Foreign Wars
National Conference of
Catholic Charities
American Protestant
Hospital Association

American Legion
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Commerce
National Association of
Retail Grocers
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Association
American Bar Association

• Doctors of this Nation are grateful that the people refused to be wooed by the fantastic promises of this un-American excursion into State Socialism. • Doctors of America are dedicated to serve their fellow citizens at home and their comrades in uniform, wherever service to this Nation may take them. • And the thing they stand ready to fight for—to sacrifice for—to die for—is not the alien way of life of Socialism, but the prideful security of a free and self-reliant people!

THE VOLUNTARY WAY IS THE AMERICAN WAY!

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