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MORALE

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Cut the State Income Tax Rate

Governor Sprague's suggestion that the state income tax levy can be dropped 20 percent will appeal to the average citizen. The governor bases his statement on the well publicized surplus which has been accumulating in the state treasury. The reduction would serve to balance income with budget expenditures. This is a sort of action that the people want. If it could have been made effective for the tax on last year's income, coinciding with the sharp increase in federal income tax rates, the taxpayers would have been pleased. If it can be made effective for the tax on this year's income, the taxpayers will be even happier, for the federal tax largely for war, we hope, will be twice as high for most of us as it is this year. We will need the cut that Governor Sprague proposes.

It will be borne in mind, however, that the governor's plan does not have a direct basis in this sort of need. It is in recognition, rather, of the needs of sound financing and of the fundamental theory of budgeting—namely, levying to yield the amount set out for expenditure of need, there is another possibility of reduction. As for the other sort of need, there is another possibility of reduction. As for the other sort of need, there is another possibility of reduction. As for the other sort of need, there is another possibility of reduction.

The American people accept this to a degree; they will accept it more as the war goes on. As they accept it more and more, whether voluntarily or because it is forced upon them, they will ask more pointedly than they are now asking if the same cutting down to essentials should not apply in government. Here the need and the needs of a tax-ridden people will be reflected in economy budgeting, in planned reduction of spending.

Confidentially we look for such reductions in our own state. We would like to feel that we might have equal cause for confidence that federal non-war expenditures would be reduced in recognition of the same need.—Bend Bulletin.

GEMS OF THOUGHT SERVICE

LOYALTIES

To thine own self be true, And it must follow, as the night the day, Thou canst not then be false to any man. Shakespeare.

Among the manifold soft chimes that will fill the haunted chambers of memory, this is the sweetest: "Thou hast been faithful!"—Mary Baker Eddy.

Faithfulness and truth are the most sacred excellences and endowments of the human mind.—Cicero.

He that would make real progress in knowledge, must dedicate his age as well as youth, the latter growth as well as the first fruits, at the altar of truth.—George Berkeley.

To be what we are, and to become what we are capable of becoming, is the only end of life.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

No amount of pay ever made a good soldier, a good teacher, a good artist, or a good workman.—John Ruskin.

"Our most dangerous foe today is not Hitler. It is not Japan. It is our own refusal to give up our selfish privileges for the duration of the War," says Babson in his article this week. Read and think about this article you people of America—before it is too late.

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Babson Says, No Cause for Alarm

Babson Park, Mass., April 17.—I have been asked how the Government can continue to spend more than it takes in without going into bankruptcy. The first answer is that the Government can issue legal currency. This is not true of individuals or corporations or even of municipalities or states. All these four groups can be "busted"; but this is not necessarily so of a federal government.

Government vs Private Enterprise
The above is an example of the confused understanding which exists among many people of the operation of government as an enterprise compared with the operation of private business as an enterprise. The average person has much difficulty in understanding how the Government can continue a financial policy which would be ruinous to an individual or to a business. We should also keep in mind that our Government is a separate legal entity and operates on an accounting basis which is quite separate and apart from that of its people.

It is not the Government which is short on merchandise and has a well-filled till but rather our businessmen and investors. The \$70,000,000 in bank deposits in the country belong not to the Government but to the individuals. The businessman is oversold, not the Government. We all know that Washington has been spending far more money than it has gained from that of its people. It is not the Government which is short on merchandise and has a well-filled till but rather our businessmen and investors. The \$70,000,000 in bank deposits in the country belong not to the Government but to the individuals. The businessman is oversold, not the Government. We all know that Washington has been spending far more money than it has gained from that of its people.

Appropriation and Debt
Since September 1939, when World War II got under way, Congress has appropriated 170 billion dollars for armament and other purposes. Of course, not all of this has been spent. Furthermore, receipts have been secured from tax payments and other sources which have paid about 50% of the amounts actually expended so far. In this connection, March income tax receipts permitted the budget to be balanced temporarily. Now, however, greater deficits than heretofore will shortly follow.

Our national debt is crossing the old 65 billion limit. By the end of the calendar year it will probably be 80 billion. The debt will continue to rise and will ultimately reach much higher figures. Many feel that we are headed for financial bankruptcy and ruin. "Why not ultimately write it all off through bankruptcy proceedings and start all over again with a new set of books?"—they ask.

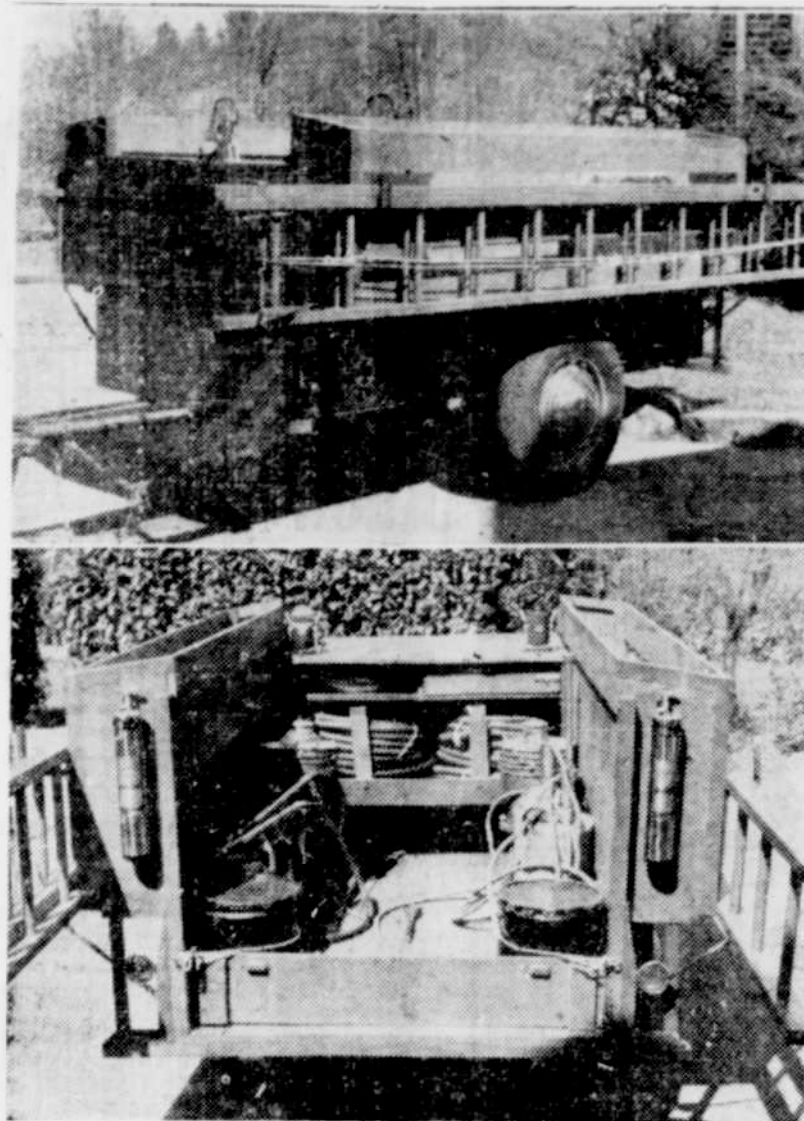
Government Bonds Safe
There is a vast difference between the bankruptcy of an individual and that of a government. Many honorable men have been forced into bankruptcy by causes over which they had no control. Faith among individuals in society is not disturbed under such circumstances. It is, however, very wrong for our people to declare their Government bankrupt and wipe out its debt that way. Regardless of the power of the Government or the weakness of the minorities who are its creditors, this should not be used as a convenient excuse for repudiation. I have no fear that it will be. I continue to be an optimist on the United States and Canada.

The procedure which Washington and Ottawa have been following is taking care of our rising debt. This includes the low interest rate which the debt bears. It is not necessary for a government or an individual to repay a debt when the interest charges are promptly and repeatedly honored. In fact, creditors seldom want repayment when repayment is possible. They prefer to remain invested in such sound securities. If the interest rate continues to remain low, the debt can easily be met for years to come. Hence, holders of government securities should not be fearful of the intrinsic worth of their investments.

Sales Tax Coming
The present rate at which taxpayers' money is being spent does not mean that the debt cannot be reduced after the war ends. Following the close of the war, the budget can be balanced if the Party in power truly desires to do so. My reason for this is not alone that armament spending will decline. The point is that we will continue to be taxed somewhat upon a war basis long after actual hostilities are over. This means that a surplus should be

Farmers

Do you need help in the next five months? We have received numerous requests from people living in Tigard, Multnomah, Aloha and Beaverton, mostly women, who could do seasonal work, part time, if close to home—where they could return at night. Advertise in our want ad column now—many persons will sign up for work. Many young girls want work in homes as soon as school is out—advertise today.



YANKEE INGENUITY and \$300 built this community cooperative fire protection unit. Jap bombs will cause no damage in Multnomah county's Riverdale district where 235 families pooled resources and built this handy fire-fighting unit. Equipped with universal trailer hitch, any car can hook on and take to scene of blaze. State Keep Oregon Green officials are urging other Oregon rural communities to look this unit over.

pled up. In time this could equal and surpass the national debt at the beginning of the war.

The Government will continue during the war to spend much more than it takes in. To shorten the deficit period, Congress is now considering a new tax bill far heavier than anything we or any other country has ever known. Washington is sound in seeking new tax sources, which—unlike the inheritance and high income taxes—are not destroying our "seed corn". I believe that an honest sales tax is the answer.

For federal or state government to depend wholly on a sales tax would be very unfair to people with small incomes. A sales tax—however—super-imposed on present income taxpayers is not unfair to those who pay no income taxes. In fact, such a sales tax could be more of a hardship on those who are also paying high income taxes in addition.

Victory Book Day Slated April 17th

President Roosevelt has named Friday, April 17th as Victory Book Day. He asks Americans everywhere to contribute as many good books as they can spare to the men in the armed forces, the soldiers, sailors, and marines at home and overseas, who, while fighting and training to fight, still have time to read and appreciate a good book. The local depots in all cases are the local libraries. The invaluable support of everyone is appreciated many times over by our fighting men in all parts of the world who, in lonely hours greet a good book as a precious friend.

State Typing Contest Cancelled This Year

The Oregon state typing and shorthand contest, held annually at Corvallis for the past 20 years, has been cancelled for this year because of transportation difficulties. Many schools that have participated regularly sent word that they would be unable to make travel arrangements this year.

University of Oregon Students Hit Books

Students at the University of Oregon have become more seriously minded and are doing a better job of hitting the books since the outbreak of the war, if winter term's honor roll is any indication. Even in the face of decreased enrollment, 28 students found a coveted spot on the list. This is the largest number that have made the honor roll in recent years. Full term's total was 177. William Moshofsky of Beaverton, is included in the group.

Poor Nutrition For Physical Faults

Definite effect of inadequate nutrition on physical condition of men examined for military service is shown in a progress report of the fact-finding sub-committee of the Oregon committee on nutrition for defense. The report also gives figures on the relationship of nutrition to the difficulties of handicapped children in this state and similar data.

Of 15,088 men examined in Oregon for selective service up to the first of this year, 55.61 percent were passed for regular service, 22.2 percent were passed for limited service, and 22.3 percent were classed as physically or mentally unfit. A comparison of the reasons for rejection with national figures on the same subject show that Oregon's rejections were based on much the same difficulties as those in other states.

Of the 7384 handicapped children included in the latest Oregon survey, 874 were found with lowered vitality. Of this number 65 were diagnosed as suffering from severe malnutrition. The 63 children were from 16 counties in all sections of the state.

The report was prepared by Dr. Ira Manville of the University of Oregon medical school and chairman of the fact-finding sub-committee. The findings of this committee so far tend to show that poor nutrition is an important factor; even here in Oregon is contributing to definite physical defects or causing lowered vitality.

Oregon Takes Three National Safety Awards

Three national safety awards were won by Oregon and Oregon cities in 1941, according to word received by Earl Snell, secretary of state, recently.

Oregon was adjudged winner of the western division of the National States' Safety contest, the second consecutive year the state won this honor.

In addition to these national safety awards, Oregon also has three national grange safety awards for the year 1941. The Roxy Ann grange of Medford won first prize in the national grange rural safety contest and two other Oregon granges, The Deer Creek Valley grange of Selma and the North Fork grange of Florence won prizes.

A winner of this section in the contest, Oregon will receive a specially engraved plaque at the National Safety Council's annual award dinner in Chicago sometime in the near future.

JOHN W. JUSTICE

John W. Justice (Barnes) late of Aloha, Oregon, died April 10. Funeral services were held Tuesday with interment Lincoln Memorial Park.

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Outlook For Peppermint Good

Another industry turned to the American farmer as a source of raw materials today when the Vick Chemical Company placed an educational order with an essential oil refiner for menthol to be extracted from peppermint oil.

This marks the first commercial use of American peppermint oil as a source of menthol. The latter is widely used as a medicinal chemical, principally for the treatment of colds. It is expected that substantial re-orders will be placed in the near future.

Heretofore, menthol has been imported from Japan and China. Experts are of the opinion that the American farmer will retain this new customer. They point out that chemical research has developed new methods of extraction and menthol users show a growing desire for a purely domestic source.

A sharp increase in plantings of American peppermint this Spring will be necessary to handle the rising demand on the part of menthol users. One plan that has received strong backing in some quarters calls for the extraction of only the excess menthol from peppermint oil, leaving the residual oil for use as a flavoring by chewing gum and toothpaste manufacturers. The menthol content of the peppermint plant can be boosted 5% to 10%, refiners say, by harvesting the crop 10 days later than usual.

Accurate estimates of the increase in plantings necessary to meet the greater demand for peppermint are unavailable. It is thought in the trade, however, that a one-third boost in the 1942 crop is essential to take care of the minimum immediate demand. Further substantial expansion of acreage would be required to meet the mounting demand in future years.

Commercial users expect further increases in prices for peppermint oil, despite large production, because of mushrooming demand.

Trade circles believe it will take two years for the mint harvest to be upped sufficiently to meet all demands. However, more than a year's supply of menthol is on hand. This will act as a buffer until large-scale production and refining of mint oil is attained.

Equipment for Civilian Protection

At a joint meeting of the Office of Civilian Defense and the War Production Board at Washington, it was pointed out that galvanized pails for water and sand should not be required for civilian defense and that wooden buckets for the water and wooden boxes for the sand would serve as well.

As to stirrup pumps, it was stated that War Production Board technicians are working on a new inexpensive pump which will use materials with very low priority ratings. This pump is now awaiting tests.

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