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## Unions Should Keep Books!

A worker who was in Los Angeles recently investigating opportunities for work has reported what appears to be another case of union racketeering, and reveals a growing need for requiring bookkeeping by union organizations.

In this particular case the union would make promises of a job with extremely high wages—upon payment of the union membership fee of \$125; however, it was discovered that at the end of a couple of weeks the union would still have the \$125 but the worker might or might not still have the job—possibly having been replaced by a new \$125 member.

Since most businesses are required to keep books and since unions themselves have become "big business," it seems that the time has come when they, too, be required to keep books for the protection of their own members.

The Kittanning, Pa. Leader-Times reveals a movement towards this end:

"Senator George Woodward, Philadelphia, has introduced a bill at Harrisburg which would require labor organizations to 'keep books' showing the sources of revenue and nature of expenditures and to permit examination by the state labor and industry secretary and any union member in good standing.

"There is too much racketeering in labor circles at this time and some such method as proposed by Senator Woodward will be enacted into law sooner or later to protect the thousands upon thousands of men and women being enrolled under the standards of organized labor.

"Too many labor leaders are living in grand style at the expense of the workers. It has been estimated that \$20,000,000 to \$28,000,000 has been collected from workers on defense projects who, literally, were forced to join unions in many instances.

"It is impossible to state the full import of the legislation proposed by Senator Woodward but assuredly a law of some type is necessary to protect the workers against insincere leaders, those who are exploiting them solely for personal gain, usually in the form of exorbitant salaries and expenses."

## We "Aint Seen Nothin' Yet"

Americans who for many years have been talking about the burden of taxation, are shortly to discover that they "ain't seen nothing yet." They are about to learn, in short, that to live in a world whose main energies are being given to preparing for war and waging war, is an incredibly expensive business.

The new administration tax plan to add \$3,500,000,000 to the government's annual income, was announced on April 17. Both republican and democratic congressional leaders approved it, in general, almost automatically. It long has been evident that the moderate tax increases adopted by the last session amounted to little more than a drop in the bucket. Our defense and aid-to-the-democracies program is likely to cost upwards of \$40,000,000,000, even if we don't become involved in war ourselves. Much of the cost will be deferred for future payment in the form of national debt. But it is universally recognized that we must pay for as much of it as possible as we go, and that substantial tax increases, reaching almost every income group, are no longer avoidable. Surveys show that the American people at large are grimly willing to shoulder the additional burden. It is a strange time indeed in which advocating higher taxes has actually become "good politics," even as it is good economics.

Key to the new tax program is found in a statement of Treasury Secretary Morgenthau, in which he said it would be "an ideal thing for everyone to pay one-third more next year than he did in the last year." It is probable that one of the first steps taken by congress will be to up income taxes, on corporations and individuals both, by at least one-third. Some advocate doubling the base rate, which now is four percent, and in-

# RURAL TRENDS



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## THE TOOLS OF AGRICULTURAL DEFENSE

Throughout the land we hear the hue and cry that defense is being bogged down when labor and management come to disagree with resulting stoppages in the making of weapons of warfare. Yet all America stands by without realizing that a major portion of the producing power of the factories, dedicated to the production of farm equipment, has been in the state of paralysis.



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The issues that brought about this condition are not nearly so important as is another and more serious fact. It is that our government and most of our people still do not realize that if we are to supply the food necessary for the defense of the democracies, we have a job of tooling up for agricultural defense. This is essential just as it is for our industries to enlist the cooperation of their tool rooms and tool suppliers before they are in a position to swing into production.

Since the foods we need are of a nature best produced on the so-called family farm, it naturally becomes important that tools adaptable to general farming be made available as quickly as possible and in the greatest possible quantities. This cannot be accomplished unless everyone is acutely aware of the fact that practical plans must be made for our agricultural defense effort.

## MRS. FLORENCE TAVERNER

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon (Friday) at the J. P. Dodge and Sons Funeral chapel for Mrs. Florence Bennett Taverner, a resident of Ashland since 1902. Dr. Claude Sayre will have charge and music will be provided by Mrs. Frank Wenzel and Mrs. O. G. Crawford. Mrs. Taverner was born April 14, 1868 at South Port, England. Survivors include her husband, W. Taverner, one daughter, Doris Lillian Eichholz of Los Angeles, and one son, Capt. W. G. Taverner of Camp Roberts, San Miguel, Calif.

just as plans have been made for our industrial defense effort. Today, agricultural defense stands without plans and without an effective organization to carry out the program that will be necessary to feed the democracies in the great crisis we are facing.

Few people are conscious of the fact that the real scarcity of production tools and materials has not yet set in. There are two good reasons for this. The first is that industry has been tooling up with the result that the real demand for materials has not yet hit the market. The second reason is the fact that management is not equally able throughout the country. There are many managers who do not yet realize the difficult conditions they are about to face. When they do wake up there will be a mad scramble for material.

The steel market is now feeling the impact of British buying which was delayed until after the passage of the Lease-Lend Bill. The pressure on the market for raw materials will be increasingly great. During the last war America started equipping the farms too late for effective work. This will be repeated unless priorities are established to enable the manufacturers of farm equipment to secure adequate steel and other raw materials, as well as perishable machine tools required to fabricate the equipment so sorely needed. Such action is necessary if the American farmer is to be put in a position to do his part in national defense.

Much can be done by the farmer himself toward helping this situation. The first step is to demand that the agricultural interests be given their proper attention in the defense effort. The second step is for every farmer and every rural community to plan crops that will create the most effective food supply and of a nature that will have little bulk in comparison to food value. Among these, livestock and dairy products, vegetables and fruits are the most important. Fortunately, modern farm equipment is such that a combination of these can be carried on effectively in one operation.

## CHAPLAIN SIAS SPEAKS AT LIONS CLUB DINNER

Rev. C. Adrian Sias, chaplain for a group of the Medford district CCC camps, told of his work among the camps and described other interesting phases of CCC life in a talk at the weekly Lions meeting Tuesday evening. The speaker emphasized the extent to which the government is going to provide spiritual welfare of the CCC boys and soldiers, and related personal experiences among the boys showing their enthusiasm for religious activities.

creasing surtaxes and lowering exemptions for full measure.

Higher income taxes will not be all of it, by a long shot. While there seems little likelihood of a general sales tax being adopted now—the President is against it—it is considered sure that some new sales taxes will be put into effect, and existing sales taxes increased. The taxes, for instance, on liquor, tobacco and gasoline are likely to go up. And there is talk of levying taxes on such hitherto overlooked items as soda pop, the humblest of beverages.

Still another suggestion is to have taxes paid by the month instead of quarterly or even by the year, on the theory that it is less painful to pay a relatively small amount at frequent intervals than a large amount at long intervals. Some also have proposed that the employer deduct employees' taxes from pay checks. This may be urged in the interest of simplification and of reducing collection expense.

Whatever the details, it seems certain that the new program will go through in jig time and with a minimum of debate. It will place upon the American people, in all brackets reached, a tax burden unprecedented in our history. It will bring grim visions of the possibilities of our eventually reaching England's tax level, where a man earning \$5,000 a year pays more than a quarter of his gross earnings in income taxes alone. Soon some 25 percent of this country's national income will be going out for war materials and military expenses in one form or another. Mars is a costly visitor. —Industrial News Review.

## Attend the Church of Your Choice, Sunday

MAY 4—11 A. M.: "The Offense of the Cross."—Isa. 53.

### Trinity Episcopal Church

Dr. Claude E. Sayre, Vicar

Holy Communion 8 a. m.  
Church school 9:30 a. m.  
Sermon and Holy Communion 11 a. m.  
Holy Communion Wednesday 9:30 a. m.  
Choir will meet 7:30 p. m. Friday.  
You are cordially invited to worship with us.

### Foursquare Church

Fourth and B Streets  
Rev. Edward G. Skultety, Pastor

Sunday school 10 a. m. H. O. Butterfield, superintendent.  
Morning worship 11 a. m.  
Young People's meeting 6:30 p. m. Mrs. E. G. Skultety in charge.  
Evangelistic service 7:45 p. m.  
Week night services Tuesday and Friday evenings at 7:45.  
Prayer meeting precedes these two services. Young people in charge of Tuesday service.

### Neighborhood Church Congregational

Boulevard and Morton Streets  
Clarence F. McCall, Minister

"Attend the church of your choice" should mean something in Ashland and should fill all churches each Sunday during the next five weeks. We welcome all to our part of these services.  
Church school 9:45 a. m.  
Sermon service 11 a. m. Judge C. O. Presnall will be our supply speaker.

### First Methodist Church

Dr. George W. Bruce, Minister

Sunday church school meets at 9:45 a. m., with Allen O. McGee, superintendent.  
Morning sermon at 11 o'clock. Subject: "The Offense of the Cross." The choir, directed by Miss Maxine Conover, will sing an anthem.  
Epworth and Wesley Leagues, 6:15 p. m.  
Evening sermon 7:30 o'clock. Subject: "What did you plant in your garden?" The young peoples choir, Mrs. Cora Bruce director, will lead congregational singing.  
Prayer meeting 7:30 p. m. Wednesday. Scripture lesson is 21st chapter of Revelation.

### Church of the Nazarene

Bertrand F. Peterson, Pastor  
Fourth and C Streets

Church school 9:45 a. m.  
Morning worship 11 o'clock "The Offense of the Cross."  
Junior meeting 6:30 p. m.  
Young Peoples meeting 6:30 p. m.  
Peoples meeting 6:30 p. m.  
Evangelistic service 7:30 p. m.  
Prayer meetin 7:30 p. m. Wednesday.

### First Presbyterian Church

James H. Edgar, Minister

Sunday school 9:45 a. m.  
Worship service 11 a. m. Dr. John K. Howard, guest minister.  
No evening services until further notice.

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