

Town Fathers Awake!

Babson Says Local Expenses Should Be Cut Now

Babson Park, Mass., June 5—While we are reading and hearing a great deal today about our Federal Income Taxes, we must not lose sight of our state and local tax situations. This is now of vital importance to every property holder and even to those who rent houses or other types of city, suburban, and country property.

Communities Facing Declining Revenues

States, counties, cities, and towns will be surprised at the way their income is going to melt away. With nation-wide gas rationing this summer, gasoline taxes will surely decline. This also applies to automobile registrations, garage licenses, building permits, and other sources of local income. Communities which have a large number of automobile owners in relation to their population will be particularly hard hit. With the curb on driving, there will naturally be fewer violations of speeding, parking, and other motor laws. Hence, incomes from police and court fines will be reduced.

While many cities and towns have enjoyed a boom in residen-

tial building during recent years, this type of construction is now at a standstill. With little new taxable properties going on the assessors' books in months to come, additional revenue from new building is automatically pegged. Assessors will be tempted to search their records carefully and revalue many existing properties. They may argue that existing homes now have a premium value, that the demand for both recently constructed as well as for older homes may increase. Hence, they may feel justified in valuing them higher for tax purposes. This is a contingency which property owners and renters must guard against. If landlords find their valuations, and subsequently their local

taxes, rising, they are going to push rents up wherever possible.

Taxpayers Should See Expenses Are Reduced

Taxpayers should make certain that local expenses of all kinds are immediately reduced and thus avoid being saddled with unnecessarily increased taxes. The situation is not something that readers need write their Congressmen about. Furthermore, you cannot blame it onto the President! This is one instance where no voter can fairly pass the buck. Only your personal intervention will protect your interests. Any municipal expenses not essential to the protection of life and property should be eliminated. Fire protection and other utility services must, of course, be maintained, but the expense of so-called planning boards and many other peacetime local peacetime frills can be cut out.

The bars should also go down on public works construction. Much work of this nature has, in the past, been partially paid for through state aid in one form or another. Now, however, states, as well as counties, will be unable to aid cities and towns in the rebuilding and maintenance of roads or in the construction of new highways. Local taxpayers should insist that only the barest maintenance be provided for. Otherwise, as a matter of local pride, and in some instances to maintain employment, local governing authorities may attempt to continue all civic departments and employees, passing the load on in the form of higher taxes.

Time to Get Tough With Extravagance

Today is no time for local extravagance in any way, shape, or form. During recent years municipalities on the whole have done a good job in cutting down their debt obligations. This has done much to offset the rise in national debt. Local officials are to be commended for their efforts in this direction. Now, however, treasurers, auditors, and other city fathers should sharpen their pencils and see what further economies can be made. Such savings may make it unnecessary to borrow in anticipation

of tax receipts. Thus, some interest charges may be avoided.

People should realize that their local tax bill does not cover simply the cost of running their own city or town. State and county assessments are usually included. Thus, the whole political structure becomes unbalanced unless taxpayers get tough and fight rising tax tendencies. While municipally employed workers may find the going a bit hard, yet today they stand little chance of having wages and salaries increased. Employees who wish to leave for higher wages pair in armament plants should be allowed to go and their places not filled. Much can be accomplished by doubling up jobs and consolidating departments. Much money can always be saved through watching municipal purchases. The only new employee I would advocate any town or city hiring would be a fearless purchasing agent!

Freeze Local Taxes For War's Duration

Rationing and freezing are now familiar terms in our public speech. They may not be popular terms but the regulations they describe are accomplishing much. No attempt has yet been made, however, to either freeze or ration taxes! Stopping the upward climb of Federal taxes is largely out of question for the duration of the war. Wartime needs are so vital that there can be little argument over Federal assessments.

With municipal taxes, however, the situation is entirely different. Here we are concerned with something over which we all can have some direct control. Just as most of us are now obliged to watch household expenses, so we can also watch our town and city expenses. It is vitally important that you let your city fathers hear from you on the matter of a ceiling for local assessments and taxes. If they don't hear from you, you cannot blame them if your local tax-bill or rent is higher next year. Yet, these higher taxes or rents will not be necessary if expenses are cut NOW.

Lachine, near Montreal, Quebec, was named by French explorers who believed rapids there blocked a northwest water passage to China.

High Court Upholds Scalise Conviction

Albany, N. Y., June 5—(AP)—New York's highest state court upheld today a first degree grand larceny conviction against George Scalise, former New York City union boss, in connection with theft of funds of the A. F. L.'s building service employees international union.

The court revised his conviction on four forgery counts.

The 45-year-old Scalise was sentenced in October, 1940, to five to 10 years for first degree grand larceny, two to four years on a third degree forgery count, and one to two years each on three other forgery counts. He is in Sing Sing prison.

Big Applegate

Big Applegate, June 5—(Spl.) Bert Harr underwent a tonsilectomy at the Osteopathic clinic at Medford Friday.

Harold Reed of Jacksonville left a few days ago for Vancouver, Wash., to serve as a welder in the shipyards. Mrs. Reed will join her husband in a short time. Mr. Reed owns the Upper Applegate store here, which is operated at the present by his father, A. H. Reed.

After being closed for a period of several months, the Bush Sunday school re-opened Sunday with Mrs. Inez McDonough as superintendent. Order Phillips left Tuesday for Corvallis to attend the annual 4-H

summer school in ten-day session on the college campus. His trip is sponsored by Upper Applegate grange. Priscilla Offenbacher also is attending the 4-H school.

Lawrence Sellers, recently from an army training camp in Texas, was visiting friends and relatives here Sunday, accompanied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Sellers of

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