

New Highway User Tax for Constructing Nation's Roads To Be Effective Sunday

Washington — (U.P.) — If you need a new set of tires for your automobile, you can save about \$3 in taxes by buying them before midnight Saturday.

On Sunday the federal government will slap higher taxes on tires, gasoline, diesel fuel, trucks, buses and truck-trailers.

The increased taxes are included in a bill which President Eisenhower is certain to sign into law this week. The bill will put into effect the biggest construction program in history to modernize the nation's highways. The higher taxes on motorists and truckers are to help pay for it.

The House and Senate completed congressional action on the measure Tuesday.

Here is how the new taxes will affect motorists and truckers:

Tires—The federal tax will jump from five to eight cents a pound. This means a tax increase of 74 cents a tire on the tubeless ones with which new popular-make passenger cars now come equipped. Thus, it will cost \$3.70 more in taxes to produce a new automobile with a spare tire.

The tax on old-type tires, with tubes, of the same popular size will go up only 65 cents a tire, since they weigh less. The tax will go up much more on big heavy truck tires. Consumers will be hit immediately because retailers and wholesalers must pay the tax on their July 1 inventory.

Gasoline—The tax jumps from two cents to three cents a gallon. Some service stations may not boost gasoline prices immediately. Gasoline delivered to service stations by midnight Saturday will be exempt.

It will be up to each service station operator to decide when to hike his prices. Some big sta-

tions in cities can store only a two or three day supply. Others can hold a week's supply. Some rural stations with little business need only bi-monthly deliveries.

Diesel Fuel—The tax jumps from two cents to three cents a gallon and truckers will be hit immediately, since this is a retail, rather than a manufacturer's excise tax, as in the case of gasoline.

Trucks, Buses and Truck-Trailers—The federal government

will collect from manufacturers a tax equal to 10 per cent of their sale price, instead of the present eight per cent. The only way to escape the levy is to buy before midnight Saturday. Inventories in dealers' and distributors' hands on Sunday will be subjected to the tax.

Weight Tax on Trucks—Starting Sunday, operators of trucks weighing 13 tons or more will have to pay a new tax on \$1.50 per 1,000 pounds on the gross weight of their trucks. This

amounts to \$39 for a 13-ton truck.

Tread Rubber—Manufacturers of camelback, or rubber used

in retreading tires, will be subjected to a new tax of three cents a pound.

During the next 12 months

the new taxes are expected to raise \$612,000,000 in revenue. The revenue over a 16-year period is forecast at \$14,814,000,000.

This money—along with most of the revenue from already existing highway user taxes—will go into a special new highway

trust fund. Thus, motorists and truckers can console themselves that the taxes they pay will be used for building highways.

On The Side

By E. V. Durling

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Marilyn Monroe does quite a bit of strolling around Manhattan. On these occasions she wears that type of attire styled "pedal pushers." She uses no make-up. She also wears dark glasses. So she is seldom recognized. She is a very friendly girl and often engages people in conversation without revealing her identity. So if you are a New Yorker you may have been talking to Marilyn Monroe lately without knowing it. Incidentally, a man who recently met Miss Monroe for the first time made what I consider a most unusual observation. That is, he did not comment at all upon Marilyn's famous figure. He said, "She has the most wonderful complexion I have ever seen." Come to think of it, that is the first time I have heard Marilyn Monroe's complexion referred to.

Sidelights
Those named Elizabeth are very sensitive as to abbreviations of their name. However, they don't mind being called Betty or Beth. What irritates them most is to be called "Liz-zie." ... A Brooklynite expresses himself as "shocked" to find that his daughter, though a high school graduate, could not name the 13 original states of the United States. How about your daughter?

Touring
What is the most monotonous stretch of highway you have traveled on an auto trip? In Idaho there is a 100-mile straight stretch of highway on which there is nothing to be seen but sage brush. An attempt to relieve the trip is made by use of signs. One read: "Ain't this monotonous?" A little further on there is another sign reading: "Don't just sit there. Nag your husband."

Asking
Queries from clients. Q. Has there ever been a left-handed catcher in the major leagues? A. Yes, sir. Joe Wall, a Brooklyn catcher was left-handed. So was Fred Tenney of Boston. Both these players later became first basemen. Reason—a southpaw doesn't make a good catcher is that every ball he throws has a tendency to curve slightly. ... Q. Who starred in the stage comedy titled "Baby Mine?" A. If it wasn't Madge Kennedy I am stuck for another stogie.

Please Note
Next to Shakespeare, what man would you say had the most monuments and other memorials? It is Robert Burns. The Scottish Bard has had 14 monuments erected in his honor in his native land. Also three in England. Also monuments in Sydney, Melbourne, Toronto, Vancouver, Chicago, San Francisco, Boston and New York. By the way, what happened to the musical that was to be based on the Life of Burns? That could be good. My selection to play Burns would be Gordon MacRae.

Birth Rate
Note it said that Paris has the lowest birth rate of any major city in the world. That's wrong. Vienna has the world's lowest birth rate, eight for each 1,000 population. Incidentally among nations, Japan now has the highest birth rate. The situation has reached a point there where it is being suggested that any Japanese couple having more than three children be heavily taxed. Instruction in birth control is being given in 700 government centers.

Passing By
Prince Sadruddin, Aly Khan's brother, Rita Hayworth's former brother-in-law, Sadruddin, now a student at Harvard, is said to be the Aga Khan's favorite son and the likely heir to his vast fortune. ... Joe Di Maggio, One of San Francisco's favorite sons and erstwhile idol of Yankee fans. How many popular songs can you think of that have been written in honor of a ballplayer? Only one I can recall offhand is that titled "Joltin' Joe Di Maggio."

Over There
The world's most shapely young females at this time are those of Italy. The measurements of the average young Italian woman are 36-23-35. Average height is 5 feet 4. The Italian glamour girls favor a statuesque appearance so they wear four-inch heels.

Junior Posse Wins Montague Parade

Montague—The Jackson county junior posse was awarded first place as the best riding group in the annual parade in the Montague Rodeo earlier this week.

Tom Hall of Medford won a silver buckle donated by Gibson Saddlery, Medford, and boots donated by a Yreka, Calif., firm as the best all-around cowboy in the rodeo. Hall, who also was judged best in the saddle division, won the most number of points competing against about 120 entries.

Billy Liskey of Klamath Falls won first prize in the bareback riding class.

Entrants came from northern California and southern Oregon communities.

Cultivation Cheapest Way To Kill Quack Grass

Minneapolis —(U.P.)—Cultivation is the cheapest way to kill quack grass. It forces the plants to use the food reserves in the roots and to dry out the roots and leaves so the plants will die, the University of Minnesota Agriculture Extension Service said. In the spring, the best thing a farmer can do short of using chemical controllers, is to cultivate whenever leaf growth appears and continue until immediately before a crop is sown.

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Oregonians Paid \$62,110,056 Taxes In First 11 Months

Salem — (U.P.) — Oregonians paid \$62,110,056 into their state treasury the first 11 months of the current biennium in the form of sharply increased personal income taxes, according to figures released by the State Tax Commission.

The figure as of May 31, 1956, compared with \$41,707,754 during the same period a year ago. Tax Commission Chairman Ray Smith said personal income tax collections in April 1956 totaled \$9,853,005 and in May \$10,147,589. That compared with April, 1955, collections of \$9,265,984 and May, 1955, payments of \$7,238,401.

Smith said full impact of the 45 per cent surtax on personal income taxes was not felt until April and May of this year. The large increase of the May collection of the same month a year ago was due to the fact that many of the returns made in April could not be processed until May and therefore were included in the May report.

Corporate income tax collections last April totaled \$1,929,928 as compared with \$2,474,142 in April, 1955. The corporate excise tax collected in May this year was \$1,657,984, slightly above the May figure of a year ago when the corporate tax totaled \$1,541,986.

Total corporate excise taxes collected for the first 11 months of the present biennium were \$15,712,764, as compared with collections reported over the same period a year ago of \$13,394,081.

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