

Widening River of Taxes Deluges U. S. Motorists With Higher Cost

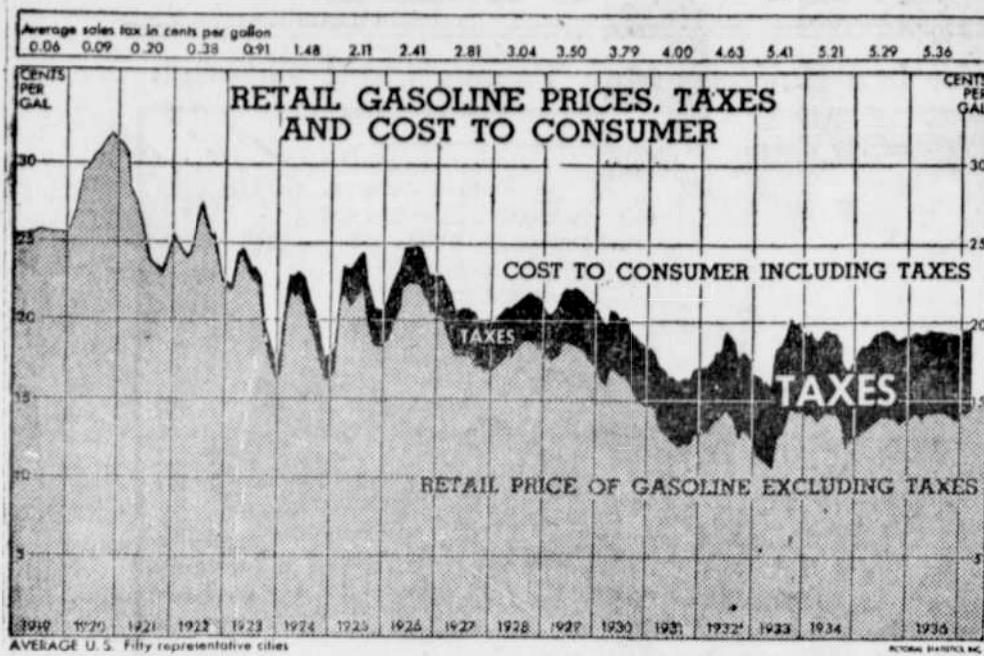


Chart shows how cost of gasoline taxes has increased since 1919, largely offsetting economies resulting from 50% reduction in gasoline prices. Preliminary estimates of the American Petroleum Industries Committee indicate these heavy retail sales taxes will extract nearly \$1,000,000,000 from motorists' pockets this year.

Duplicating and hidden taxes, paid first to federal and then to state governments whenever and wherever gasoline is purchased, make a widening river of taxation deluging motorists with a higher cost. These taxes force motorists to pay one-third more for motor fuel.

Levied to finance highways, sales taxes on motor fuel cost only \$1,000,000 in 1919, or a few cents per motorist. In 1936 the cost was close to \$900,000,000, or over \$30 per motorist. Estimates for 1937 indicate a total cost of nearly \$1,000,000,000, greatest in history.

Despite the enormous increase in cost, proportionately less of the revenue is being used for highways. Millions of dollars are diverted to general purposes, thus causing neglect of roads and menacing public safety.

These levies, which constitute a retail sales tax sometimes exceeding 40%, highest ever levied on an essential commodity, make the mo-

torist America's Taxpayer No. 1. Another big gasoline taxpayer is the farmer, who owns and operates about one-fourth of all motor vehicles. Diversion of road money to general purposes hits him hard because he pays expensive taxes for roads which never are built! Biggest tax collector is the service station operator, one-third of whose time, equipment, and labor consists of collecting taxes from his own customers!

Hope for improvement is seen by automobile clubs, taxpayers' organizations, and Petroleum Industries Committees in the growing sentiment for repeal of the federal gasoline and oil taxes, and for amendments to state constitutions confining the use of gasoline tax income to roads. It is believed also that the continuing increase in motor vehicle registrations and in gasoline consumption soon will make possible the reduction of gasoline tax rates, thereby curtailing costs to each taxpayer.

24 Homemakers Signed For Lost Lake Camp

Twenty-four women from Hood River and Wasco Counties have registered for the Homemakers' Vacation Camp, August 4 to 8, according to County Agent A. L. Marble, and arrangements are being completed for this number to be housed at the E. R. A. Camp on Lost Lake.

Nowadays a fellow can't even commit murder or pull off a job of burglary without the government stepping in and indicting him for failure to pay his income taxes.

POURING OGEEES

(Continued from Page One) these cofferdams have been kept since they were used for a short time last summer, submerged in the entrance bay on the south side in order that they would remain soaked up and water-tight.

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Bridge of the Gods

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ROSS FAVORS LOW POWER

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With this statement of policy from "the man from Washington," his stock among the business men and inhabitants of the dam area rises. It has been hoped since the dam was first begun that this would be the policy adopted. Even though Ross has only been mentioned as the possible administrator, it is stated by reliable authority that he had a great deal to do with forming the power policies of Mr. Ickes under whom the administrator will work.

No action has been taken at Washington this past week on the Bonneville Bill, but dispatches from the national capital inform us that Senator McNary is so certain that the bill will be passed by the last of next week and Congress will be adjourned, that he has made railroad reservations to head for Oregon next Thursday.

Hearings have been going on before the senate commerce committee this past week and advisers say that Wednesday witnesses before this committee "tipped their hand" by saying the reason they are insisting

on the Boulder Dam rider to the Bonneville Bill is that they do not want Bonneville to tempt new industries away from locating in Southern California.

These witnesses specifically declared that while existing industries in Los Angeles would not be disturbed, a very low rate at Bonneville would prevent new industries locating in California and they would go to Portland and vicinity.

Opponents of the Boulder Rider are senators from Colorado Basin states. Under the contract Los Angeles has for Boulder Dam power there will be built up a pool or jackpot of about \$80,000,000 in 20 years which will be pro rated over the basin states.

This jackpot will be created by the charge for power at Boulder Dam.

Reduced rates for Boulder power would prevent the formation of this pool and upstate senators believe the proposed rider would cause their states to lose millions of dollars and the only one benefitting would be the city of Los Angeles.

As far as the actual legislation enacted by Congress to date concerning the Bonneville situation, we on the

west coast can be happy for a certainty over only one thing and that something is being done. Nearly two weeks ago the Mansfield Bill passed the house. Yet no copy of the bill has been published for the voter to study. All that has been published is small bits of it or someone's opinion.

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