

FUNNY BUSINESS



"They don't leave much to us any more, do they?"

Income Tax Cut Proposal Gets Support

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—Rep. Francis Case (R-S. D.) reported today that his bill designed to double personal income tax exemptions has brought a strongly favorable mail response from coast to coast.

Introduced last week, the measure would hike exemptions for single persons from \$500 to \$1000 and for married couples from \$1000 to \$2000.

Case told a reporter most of the mail on the bill seemed to have come from "little people." All but a few of the letters were written in longhand.

The South Dakotan exhibited his letter file in support of his claim that the measure had generated wide interest, with the understanding no names would be used.

Excerpts from it:

From Yakima, Wash.: "I think this (proposal) is long

overdue and is the most sensible thing to do. It will benefit the most people."

Boise, Idaho: "Your suggestion has some merit. This will put into the pocket of the small wage earner a possible \$80 to \$90 a year."

Independence, Mo.: "I am very much in favor of this. It would be equal to a substantial raise to all small salaried people."

Los Angeles, Calif.: "I believe it would tend to lessen agitation for wage increases."

Jolson Honored At Testimonial Dinner

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 16 (AP)—Al Jolson, a trouper for more than 40 years, was honored with a testimonial dinner last night attended by more than 1500 entertainers and civic leaders.

Mayor Fletcher Bowron, George Burns and Gracie Allen, Red Skelton, and Bud Abbott and Lou Costello were among those who honored the singing comedian at the banquet arranged by the Beverly Hills chapter of Buai Hivh.

Judge Stanley Mosk, representing the chapter, praised Jolson for his efforts in the name of charity and racial and religious tolerance.

Farragut Hit By Blaze

FARRAGUT, Idaho, Dec. 16 (AP)—Fire swept through a large, unoccupied warehouse at the former Farragut naval center Monday morning gutting more than half of the building before it was brought under control by the local fire department and student volunteers from Farragut College and Technical Institute.

A large part of the roof of the half-block-long, two-story building caved in during the fire.

The building is surrounded by numerous other, closely-spaced barracks buildings but a heavy snowfall helped the firemen confine the blaze to the one structure and bring it under control in an hour and a half.

The structure was an outgoing unit mess hall when Farragut was a wartime naval base. It was taken over by the war assets administration last June. It contained little government property and Eugene Herron, WAA field director, said there was "no loss of personal property."

The building is not a part of the Farragut college lay-out but is one of the structures which had been "frozen" by Governor C. A. Robins of Idaho and Washington State college pending determination of its value to Idaho and the college.

Copco Asks Building Fund

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16 (AP)—The California-Oregon Power company has asked the state utility commission for permission to arrange financing for \$450,000 of new construction this year and \$2,634,326 planned for next year.

The company said the plans did not include the Toketa Falls hydro-electric project, for which it seeks \$1,800,000 after obtaining permission in separate proceedings before the California public utilities commission and the Oregon hydro-electric commission.

Expenditures between January 1 and October 31 this year totaled \$1,162,973, the company said, including \$2,486,873 on new construction in addition to the Toketa Falls project.

The company has refunded over \$3,000,000 in notes and \$4,500,000 worth of six per cent preferred stock which was issued in 1927, it told the commission. The firm said it has sold \$5,400,000 worth of common and preferred stock and issued \$4,500,000 in notes in financing so far this year.

This One Starts Young

BALTIMORE, Dec. 16 (AP)—Clyde Thompson, eight-year-old negro from Wilmington, Del., wants to be a pullman porter when he grows up—and Patrolman William Sudmeier and John Pertschbeck wish he could hurry the process.

Twice now, within less than two weeks, they've had to take him in tow after train rides he's made (without tickets) here.

The only thing they can get out of him is that he wants to be a porter because porters wear brass buttons and he likes to take train rides because he likes to go places.

Clyde knows that policemen wear brass buttons, too, but he doesn't want to be a policeman. He doesn't think much of policemen. They try to stop him from going places.

Still Going, But A Little Behind

AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 16 (AP)—Before the war Gregory Sullivan of Augusta borrowed some books from a library in Hamburg, Germany.

Returning recently, Sullivan said he also wrote a letter asking if the book-lending service had been resumed.

In lieu of a reply, the library mailed him two books from a list he had sent in 1939.

Million Homeless In Japan

TOKYO, Dec. 16 (AP)—Kyodo News agency took a look at this prostrate nation today in the third winter since the surrender and observed: "One million, 600,000 persons are searching with bloodshot eyes for homes."

A survey by the agency showed 19,000 families are living in shacks and more than 2000 families in air raid shelters in Tokyo. Destroyed by fire bombs were 769,000 homes, and an additional 207,000 were torn down for firebreaks.

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DOWNSTAIRS

Storm Warnings Up In North

SEATTLE, Dec. 16 (AP)—The weather bureau ordered storm warnings hoisted at 1 a. m. today for a 24-hour period along the Washington coast including the mouth of the Columbia river and the Strait of Juan de Fuca, for strong to gale force southerly winds but easterly in the strait. Small craft warnings

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