

Tax Increase Far Less Than Truman Requested

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11—A \$5,700,000,000 tax increase which among other things would boost the levy on most individual incomes by about 1 1/2 percent was approved yesterday by a senate-house conference committee.

The measure—the nation's second largest revenue bill—is scheduled for house action Tuesday. It will then go to the senate. Approval by both is anticipated. In addition to the income tax rise—effective November 1—the bill calls for sharp increases in the excise taxes on whiskey, beer, wine, cigars, gasoline, automobiles, and a number of other articles.

RETROACTIVE

Corporation taxes are jumped by upward of \$2,300,000,000, retroactively to last April 1. In many aspects, particularly in estimated revenue yield, the bill is closer to the \$4,300,000,000 measure passed by the senate than the \$7,200,000,000 version voted by the house. Nevertheless a number of key house provisions were included in the compromise, worked out after sessions spreading over nine days.

The bill provides only a little more than half the \$10,000,000,000 additional income Truman requested. Truman said represents the government's minimum needs.

With enactment of this bill, the tax load will have been increased some \$15,575,000,000 since the start of the Korean war. A record-breaking \$6,100,000,000 increase went on the statute books in September, 1950; a \$3,900,000 excess profits tax act in January, 1951.

INDIVIDUALS
The individual income tax increases are integrated into the regular bracket rates. As a result of rounding off the figures to produce even numbers in the rates, the increase for most taxpayers actually varies from 1 1/2 percent to about 1 3/4 percent.

A single person earning \$4000 a year (after deductions for interest, taxes, contributions, etc.) but before his personal exemption will pay \$180.40 a year in federal income taxes instead of his present \$178 obligation. A married couple with two dependents and an income of \$4000 will owe \$1285.60 instead of \$1182.

An alternative tax increase is offered persons in the higher income brackets. They have an option of paying the additional 9 percent on the amount of their income remaining after payment of taxes at existing rates. This alternative is advantageous to single persons with an income of \$28,800 or more, and married couples above \$47,600.

For the first time, single persons who are heads of households are granted half the tax benefits available to married couples under the income splitting provisions of the tax law.

The net increase in individual tax liabilities was estimated at \$2,480,000,000, and the excise tax boost at \$1,304,000,000. Some of the miscellaneous provisions of the bill will result in loss of revenue to the treasury.

EXCISE
The excise (sales tax) increases go into effect November 1, if Pres. Truman signs the bill by October

21. They include the following increases:

Whisky and other spirituous liquor, from \$9 to \$10.50 a 100-proof gallon, or about 20 cents a fifth for ordinary liquor. Beer from 48 a barrel to 42, wine taxes up an average of 1 1/2 percent.

Cigarette taxes increase from 7 cents a pack to 8. The tax on chewing and smoking tobacco goes down, however, from 18 to 10 cents a pound.

Gasoline tax up from 1 to 2 cents. New automobiles are taxed 10 percent of manufacturers' price instead of current 7 percent. Tax on trucks and buses up from 5 to 8 percent. Several additional electrical appliances made subject to 10 percent manufacturers' tax.

Boying to protests from mothers of small children, the lawmakers took off the 20 percent retail tax on baby oils, powders and lotions. The excise tax increases are to remain in effect until April 1, 1954, when the rates are supposed to go back to the present level—provided congress doesn't change its mind.

Despite stiff opposition from house members, the conference agreed to apply corporate taxes to now-exempt farm co-operatives, mutual savings banks, and building and loan associations.

CHEESE WEEK
SALEM, Sept. 11—A 7500 pound cheese will be exhibited in Portland next week to observe cheese week in Oregon. Gov. McKay says.



MARINE PFC. Daryl D. Bishop, 20, son of Mrs. Amelia Bishop, Malin, has been promoted to his present rank upon completing his recruit training.

Highlights At KUHS

By JEAN OWENS

This is it, the big night! Mr. Fisher reported today that Medford students are turning out in full force for tonight's game. Due to the fact that they had a two day vacation Thursday and today because of teachers' institute meetings, many more than usual will probably be here.

It is only fitting to thank all of the townspeople who cooperated so well in supplying burnable material. It could hardly have been any bigger or better than it was.

Marvin Nerseeth was master of ceremonies for the bonfire and Mayor Bob Thompson gave us a rousing pep talk. A skit and song was prepared and presented by four pep peppers, Lyn Perkins, Paity Teale, Barbara Rodgers and Bernice Maiklich.

Following the short program, Marvin announced that there would be an after-game dance tonight at the armory, with Pete Colley's band playing. Medford and Klamath teenagers alike are invited. The dance is sponsored by Job Daughters. Admission will be the usual 35 cents stag and 50 cents a couple.

Speakers at the game tonight can expect to see a fine half-time program, for the marching band and pep peppers have been work-

Fishbeck To Head Group

Elton Fishbeck, principal of Shasta school, vice president of the Oregon Association of School Administrators will attend the annual meeting of the organization in Salem, October 15-16. He automatically becomes state president during the session. He has been principal at Shasta for the past eight years and he is a member of the board of trustees of the Oregon Education Assoc.

Theme of the meeting will be "Public Relations."

Dr. John Bartky, dean, school of education, Stanford will be banquet speaker on the opening day. Roland Parks, Ashland high school principal, former Klamath county teacher will emcee.

Speakers on Tuesday will be Dr. Paul Jacobson, dean, school of education, University of Oregon; Sen. Dean Wallace, Independence;

ing hard. Meeting last night on the field at nine o'clock, they practiced the formations with their flashlights to get just the right effect. Make tonight a big one and we'll see you all at the game!

Frank Bennett, superintendent, Salem schools; Mrs. Floyd Barrett, vice president, Oregon Congress Parents and Teachers; S. E. Brogotti, chairman, state board of education and president, state school board association; Jack Edwards, deputy superintendent, Portland schools.

SPECIAL SEASON
BEND, Ore.—A special hunting season for deer without antlers will open in the Silver Lake area tomorrow. The state game commission issued 4000 special tags for the hunt, which was authorized to halt overgrazing of the Silver Lake region. Hunters will be required to report in and out at four checking stations.

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Bevos May Work With Brownies

PORTLAND, Sept. 11—The Oregonian said today the baseball deal sending Leo Thomas from Portland of the Pacific Coast league to St. Louis of the American league may be the preliminary to a working agreement between the clubs.

Sports Editor L. H. Gregory said the deal strengthens speculation that Portland will give up its status as a free agent.

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