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Cut It Down

By FLOYD L. WYNNE

The economy shoe is going to pinch mighty tight all down the line during this coming year.

Business appears headed for solid high ground, but it appears certain that government spending, no matter what level, is going to come in for some mighty close scrutiny.

The average taxpayer has just about reached the limits of his endurance of ever-increasing taxes.

As a matter of fact, it has reached the point, where it seems almost like rank heresy to even suggest that somewhere, somehow, someone try a little economy.

It may be a carry-over from the installment buying plan, but it appears that the old system of "pay as you go" is about as outmoded as the Wright brothers flying machine.

However, it may be the "drop" of Scotch blood that I have in my veins, or my blood pressure when I look at my property tax statement, or my withholding statement, but whatever it is, I refuse to knuckle under to the idea that government spending must continue to rise, and the government must continue to do more and more for the citizen.

the year. The previous six cents per \$100 of par or face value has changed to four cents per \$100 of actual value, with an eight cents a share maximum.

Sales of odd lots or less than 100 shares of stock, by an odd lot dealer, will be tax-free.

The stock issuance tax of 11 cents per \$100 of par or face value has changed to 10 cents per \$100 of actual value and there is a change in the manner in which it is imposed.

Theater-goers noted that the first dollar of admission charge is now tax free. Previously, tickets costing 90 cents or less were tax free and above 90 cents were taxable on the entire amount.

In the retail field, there are almost innumerable changes and there are switches, too, in the systems of transportation and communication tax, to mention just a few.

And so continues the spiral.

It isn't so much the cost of living that gets us, it's the overpowering tax burden we have permitted our own government to impose upon us.

When are we going to do something about it?

Solution

By LAMAR HOOVER

The full implications of the hassle in Salem over who is now Oregon's secretary of state were beginning to dawn on Klamath County residents Wednesday morning.

The implications add up to the fact that anyone who depends on state funds for his living is going to have a rough go of it until that particular hassle is settled.

This became crystal clear when Guy Barker, manager of the local state employment service office, opened the telegram that was waiting for him Wednesday. Signed by R. F. Baxter, Salem, supervisor of unemployment benefits, the wire directed that no checks dated January 13, 1959, or later should be delivered to claimants until further notice.

State Treasurer Sig Unander's announcement that no state warrants would be drawn until the controversy was settled, published Tuesday, had already made it clear that the state's creditors would have an opportunity to practice the virtue of patience. Now, in case there were any doubts, state officials are spelling out the fact that state employees, and the unemployed, will also have to wait for their money.

The crisis seems to stem from the fact that the secretary of state must sign all warrants for withdrawal of funds deposited with the state treasurer, and Unander wants to take no risks on who's signing his checks. It is not clear how long it will be until the case is heard and decided by the Oregon Supreme Court.

A possible way out of the controversy, which no one in Salem seems to have thought of yet, would be to have both candidates for the secretary of state's job, the Holmes - appointed David O'Hara and the Hatfield-appointed Howell Appling, sign the warrants. Anyone who is anxious to serve the state should be willing to join in this small effort which would help so many.

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scribed by law would be admitted. As I recall it, the time given was two years.

Most certainly we will never have a private hospital in Yreka as long as the present procedure is guaranteed. Doctors have no investment. Their workshop is built and furnished free of charge. No insurance, no pay, no repairs and replacements or such to worry about, such as the doctors have in their own workshops. When towns like Mount Shasta, Corning, Willows, Williams and Arbuckle can afford a private hospital, most certainly, a town like Yreka could do so if they were not allowed to take a free ride at county expense.

At no time was it ever suggested the county hospital close its doors to pay patients before hospitalization was made available.

In 1955, I canvassed 19 counties and found one county, Napa, had no county hospital. I received figures from the Madera hospital that did not correspond with their budget and threw that out. I canvassed small, large and medium counties in population, so that I might have an approximate per capita cost of operations of their hospitals.

The results show 10 counties that do not run dual purpose hospitals. They paid a little over \$6 per annum, per capita, to operate their hospitals.

In seven counties that do take pay patients, the average per capita cost per annum was a little over \$12. At that time, we were rated 30,000 population, with an anticipated budget of \$559,249, with anticipated collections of \$200,000, which left us subsidizing the hospital to the tune of \$359,249, or just a fraction under \$1 per capita after collections anticipated.

I furnished each member of the board of supervisors and the press, with a detailed statement, county by county, but got no results except to see them build an annex which would not have been needed as a county hospital. Around \$200,000 was poured into that.

There would, of course, be a difference if a survey were made today. Costs have gone up, our hospital budget is \$179,822 larger than at that time. There is no reason, however, to think the spread would not be about the same. Copies of the original report will be furnished on application.

Yours for taking Siskiyou County out of the revenue hospital business, and all other endeavors in competition with private industry.

W. A. Barr
Supervisor, 2nd District

Mergers
By SAM DAWSON
AP Business News Analyst

NEW YORK (AP)—The urge to merge has continued strong enough during the recession and the recovery. Rumors of still more corporate mergers are prime factors in motivating traders in the stock market.

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the right direction to cut taxes. Going back to speech writing, I think with your great ability to sugarcoat certain bits of news that meet your fancy, you should be on the speech writing staff for our great yes-man. Maybe you could write something for him to say that he could remember five minutes after he gets up before the people of the United States and reads his speech.

I think Mr. Eisenhower's trouble is that he doesn't know enough to know which toes he isn't supposed to step on so he can have the old-died-in-the-wool fogies tell him what to say. I'm not old enough to remember George Washington, but I can remember some a lot more recent than he that could throw a speech together and deliver it with enough sincerity that you at least thought they believed it themselves.

I just want you to know that there is at least one reader of your little newspaper that doesn't need you to analyze every bit of news he reads. Remember that a truly great editor is one that can print an unbiased newspaper. Can you?

Richard C. McCollam

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Ike's New Housing Boss To Wade Into Big Row

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower's new housing boss, Norman P. Mason, will step squarely into the middle of a first-class row shaping up between Congress and the administration.

Mason told a reporter today that "anyone with a little fighting spirit and red blood in his veins" should welcome the give and take that goes with presenting a controversial program to a critical Congress. That's the way democracy works, he said.

The controversy in this case: the extent of government housing programs under Eisenhower's efforts to hold down spending. Democratic critics have proposed more spending for housing.

Mason, now head of the Federal Housing Administration, was nominated by Eisenhower to head the parent Housing and Home Finance Agency. The 63-year-old change offices as soon as the Senate confirms his nomination.

The top FHFA post is being vacated by Albert M. Cole, who made it plain to newsmen he won't be at all sad to miss this year's give and take on Capitol Hill.

Cole will become an aluminum company executive.

Stepping into a hot spot is a repetition of history in Mason's

Hospital X-Rays Equine Patient

ST. ALBANS, Vt. (AP)—The patient walked rather awkwardly through a corridor of Kerbs Memorial Hospital Wednesday, starting patients and employees.

In this case the patient was a 5-year-old trotting horse named H-Bomb, a \$10,000 winner at harness meets last year.

The hospital agreed to X-ray the horse because no veterinarians in the area had X-ray equipment.

Trainers had been treating the horse for a calcium deposit built up on the front leg but they could not determine the effectiveness of the treatment without X-rays.

CONVINCED

NEWCASTLE, England (UPI)—Soccer referee Arthur Ellis wanted to be absolutely sure the field was unfit before postponing an association championship game.

Looking it over didn't help, so Ellis put on a pair of football boots, got a ball and discovered the answer the hard way. He fell three times.

The game was postponed until Monday.

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Jury Disbelieves Claims Deputy

SEATTLE (AP)—C. W. Liston stuck his neck out Wednesday — and held it there while a city bus closed its doors on his neck three times. It was all in the line of duty.

An assistant in the City Claims Department, Liston was trying to prove to an awestruck jury that lined the sidewalk that having a bus door shut on one's neck didn't really hurt at all.

The jury didn't believe him and awarded Mrs. Mirdza Toland, who had testified it hurt her plenty, \$9,500.

Medics Diagnose Ailment As Flu

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP)—Mrs. Emma Little's winter-long ailment has been diagnosed as the flu — with an "E."

Doctors had examined her but failed to turn up the cause of her headaches, nausea, loss of weight and weakness.

Then they found that people who visited her got sick, too.

A check of the furnace showed the flue leaking carbon monoxide into the house.

Now the flue is all right and Mrs. Little is getting better.

STRONG THIEVES

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—It took some heaving and tugging, but James M. Larson managed to move a heavy sofa and chair to the sidewalk in front of a small downtown hotel early Wednesday.

Then he went back inside to clear the lobby.

When he returned to get the furniture, it was gone.

Today's Movie Lovers Vulgar, Ex-Star Says

By JAMES BACON
AP Motion Picture Writer

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—The man who made one of the screen's all-time great love stories calls modern movie lovemaking vulgar.

"It's embarrassing to watch," says Director Frank Borzage, who made "Seventh Heaven" with Charles Farrell and Janet Gaynor in 1927, a picture that won the first Oscars ever awarded an actress and a director.

"Lovemaking on the screen used to be tender and sweet," says Borzage. "It was left to the audience's imagination what was taking place."

"Now nothing is left to the imagination. Kissing is more gum chewing now than lovemaking."

Borzage says lovemaking hasn't changed much through the centuries — except on the screen.

"Most boys and girls are still shy and sweet about it like they always were. It should never be coarse nor sordid."

Borzage didn't bring it up but a remake of one of his old pictures serves as a perfect example.

Frank made the first "Farewell to Arms" with Gary Cooper and Helen Hayes. It was an artistic and commercial success.

The recent one with Rock Hudson and Jennifer Jones was not. In the original "Farewell," censors cut out a scene from the script in which Cooper seduces Miss Hayes while the Italian troops march off in the distance. Borzage convinced the censors that he could portray the scene in good taste.

"I did it all with their eyes," he recalls. "The censors passed the film scene. The audience knew what was happening but was not offended."

In the recent remake, the illicit angles of the Hemingway story were stressed. One scene showed Miss Jones going through the pangs of childbirth. The scene was so realistic that several persons, including actress Audrey Hepburn, fainted at the premier. Yet the picture was far from being the commercial success its predecessor was.

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