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Not Enough Taxes

In spite of complaints from every side about the mounting tax burden, it is obvious that taxes are not high enough to cause actual pain or there is a general attitude of defeatism about halting unnecessary government spending.

When individuals and groups exert special efforts to help public officials find new sources of tax revenue instead of exerting the same effort to bring about more economy, one of these two situations must surely exist.

Oregon's financial deficit of a mere \$55,000,000 is mentioned by the public more as a joke than as a serious problem. The Republicans blame the Democrats, the Democrats blame the Republicans, the people blame public officials and public officials blame the people. While efforts are being made to "place the blame" there is no veering from the thought that more taxes are needed, but that the other fellow must foot the bill.

Lobbyists and pressure groups — and all of us are a part of those groups in one form or another — are working in small communities just as they are in Salem and in Washington D. C. for protective legislation, special laws for personal gain and appropriations for local projects. We have learned to use and to accept the scare phrases that have made the individual afraid to take an active part in any move that might reduce unnecessary spending lest it will backfire and affect his own pet desires.

Even the experts are in agreement that millions could be cut from state and federal appropriations without cutting the efficiency of government. In fact, a few cuts might improve the efficiency, but they can't be expected until they are demanded by the people who have asked for the higher taxes.

Letters to Editor

Signed letters to the editor are welcomed and will be printed if they do not contain comments of a libelous nature or attacks on religious and racial groups. Publication of the letters does not signify the agreement of this newspaper with opinions expressed.

Dear Editor and to whom it may concern,

We note that the "Sales Tax" is gaining popularity in Salem. We believe that if a "sales tax law" is enacted into law by the legislative body in Salem it would be unconstitutional, for you may recall that "sales tax" has been voted down six times by the voters of Oregon.

We believe it would be fitting and proper to make a resolution declaring that any law which has been voted down by the people of Oregon on three consecutive ballots, cannot be brought up again.

The "sales tax" as a tax is a "nuisance tax," a nuisance to the public and a nuisance to the business man.

We believe that a large percentage of our taxes are unjustified and unnecessary but the taxes are created because a large percentage of our people snared themselves into the idea that new deal socialism was what they wanted and what they must have. The people wanted lots of "public work" at good pay and lots of "public bureaus" for sharp pencil pushers also at good pay but sorry to say the people are so short sighted they failed to see

that all of this socialism with two wars thrown in for good measure, COSTS REAL MONEY FOR THE TAX PAYER.

Taking figures from the World Almanac 1934 issue page 745 the public and private total debt of the American people for the year 1932 is \$552,700,000,000, divided by 160 million people and you have a per capita debt of \$3,454.37 or a family of four people would be \$13,817.48 which is some debt to consider for every family in the United States.

We believe Jefferson is right in saying that, "The power to tax is a power to destroy."

Where did all of the deficit originate from? It came as a result that many of the American people thought they could ride the New Deal gravy train of public work, bureaus, subsidies and graft and still come out ahead, if they were now asked to pay the \$13,817.48 of debt per family they created they would realize Socialism does not pay.

Fifty years ago in 1905 the gross Public Debt of the United States was \$1,132,357,095 or the per capita debt in 1905 was \$13.51 or a family of four had a national debt of \$54.04, these figures are Treasury Department figures taken from the World Almanac page 744, 1934 issue. Thus by comparing the national debt figures of 50 years ago with the present national debt figures you can comprehend what a monstrosity that has been created, most of which came about by the adoption of the New Deal Socialism of the past 20 years.

Who wants Socialized Medi-

INCOME TAX FACTS No. 7

Medical Expenses and Other Deductions

(This is one of a series of articles on income tax changes. The articles are based on information provided by the American Institute of Accountants and the Oregon Society of Certified Public Accountants.)

Taxpayers with heavy medical expenses in 1934 get a big break under the new tax law.

In the first place, certain sick benefits are not even counted as income. This was true before in the case of insured plans, but now applies to benefits from the insured employer as well. Here's what you can receive free of tax from your employer or his insurance company:

1. Payment for medical expenses.
2. Payment for permanent injury (not based on time absent from work).
3. Damages for injury or sickness.
4. Payments under Workmen's Compensation acts.
5. Payment up to \$100 a week for loss of wages while you are absent due to injury or sickness, except that the first week's pay is taxable unless you are absent due to an injury or are hospitalized for at least one day.

Medical and Dental Deductions

Using the long form and itemizing your deductions you can now deduct more than you could last year. First you add up your expenses for medicine and subtract 1% of your adjusted gross income. Add the remainder to your other medical and dental expenses, including doctor, dentist and hospital bills you have paid, transportation (but not living expenses) for medical treatment away from home, and medical insurance premiums.

From this total you must subtract any benefits received from your medical insurance and, unless you are 65 or over, 3% (instead of the old 5%) of your adjusted gross income. This will give you the amount of your medical and dental deduction. It cannot be any more, however, than the maximum based on your exemptions.

This maximum has been raised to \$2,500 per exemption (except those for old age and blindness) up to \$5,000 for a single person and up to \$10,000 for a head of household or on a joint return.

Charity Made Easier

There is still the 20% limit on charitable contributions in general, but you can take a deduction for

an additional 10% of your income contributed to religious organizations, schools and hospitals. Within the 20% limit you can now include gifts to non-profit cemeteries, as well as any "religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational" organization.

Taxes and Interest Paid

In general you can deduct taxes you have paid for yourself or a member of your household, except to the federal government. You can not deduct "hidden" sales taxes (not separately stated to the customer), or fees for hunting licenses, dog licenses, water supply or auto inspection.

Interest paid by you on mortgages and on loans is deductible. Don't forget FHA loans, car loans, collateral loans, personal loans and loans against your life insurance. There is a new provision this year that may help you if you purchased anything on the installment plan. Formerly you could deduct interest only if it were separately stated. Now you can deduct the amount of any "carrying charges" up to 6% of the average monthly unpaid balance as interest.

Fire and Storm Damage

Another type of deduction is the casualty loss. If your home, car, or other property was damaged by fire, storm, flood, lightning, explosion or freezing—or if any of your property was stolen—your loss not covered by insurance is deductible. See the official instructions for the method of calculating your loss.

Additional Information

Be sure to read the official instructions. You can also get help from the Internal Revenue Service, which urges you to consult only qualified advisers.

Next article: New Savings for Investors, Farmers and Businessmen

Methodist Church News

Mansions in the sky are never made out of the mud you throw here on earth.

This afternoon (Thursday, Mar. 17) WSCS Circle No. 1 meets at the home of Mrs. Robert Smith, Sr. and Circle 3 will entertain Circle 2 at the home of Mrs. Charles Garrison, Thursday evening, Mar. 17, the two committees on promotion and house-keeping for the new building will meet in the church at 8 o'clock.

Friday evening, Mar. 18, the committee studying furnishings will meet at the church at 8 o'clock.

The housekeeping and promotion committee will meet again on Tuesday evening, Mar. 22. The administration committee meets at 8:00 p. m. Thursday, Mar. 24. Members of the church are invited to sit in on all committee meetings and offer suggestions. Rev. Taylor's topic for the 11:00

cine, Socialized Farming, Socialized Social Security?

Who wants socialism from the crib to the grave? It may be just right in Russia but it is no good for America.

Sincerely,
A. D. Moses.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Gooch and Le Anne moved this week to Nyssa from Salt Lake City.

service, Sunday, Mar. 20 will be "Life—if you Dare!" His next test is Matt 7:7: "Ask, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

In the evening the Rev. Harold Nye of the Methodist church in Caldwell, with Mrs. Nye at the Baldwin Organ, will bring us a sermon in song, based on the old hymns and many of the finest spirituals.

The community choir under the direction of Mrs. Wyckoff, will meet for practice at the church, Monday Mar. 20 at 8 o'clock.

Children's church school, Wednesday afternoon, Mar. 23 at 4 o'clock. Wednesday evening the midweek meeting will meet at 8:00 will meet at the home of Mrs. Ava Broughton and Myrtle Ilett. The lesson will be Romans 12th chapter.

Reception of members and the ritual of baptism will be offered Palm Sunday, April 3.

The 4th quarterly conference under the direction of Rev. Cecil Hannan, district superintendent, will be held, Tuesday, April 12, at 8 o'clock.

CHURCH NOTES

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Fifth Street and Park Ave.
John L. Briehl, Pastor

SUNDAY:
10 a.m.—Sunday school.
11 a.m.—Divine worship.
FRIDAY:
8 p.m.—Lenten services.

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

M. J. Duncan, Pastor

10 a.m.—Sunday school.
11 a.m.—Morning worship.
8 p.m.—Evening worship.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer service.

L. D. S. FIRST WARD

Charles Mann, Bishop

9:15 a.m.—Priesthood meeting.
10:30 a.m.—Sunday school.
8:00 p.m.—Sacrament meeting.
Tuesday, 2 p.m.—Relief society.
Wednesday, 4 p.m.—Primary;
7:30 p.m.—M. I. A.

L. D. S. SECOND WARD

Lloyd Lewis, Bishop

Sunday
Priesthood meeting, 9:15 a.m.
Sunday school, 10:30 a.m.
Sacrament meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday
Relief society (sewing day, 2nd Tues.) 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Primary, 4 p.m. MIA, 8 p.m.

BRETHREN CHRISTIAN CENTER MISSION

East 2nd and Ehrgood

10 a.m.—Sunday school.
11 a.m.—Morning worship.
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic service.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST

H. H. Powell, Minister

Res. 414 Ennis Phone 3384
Bible school—10 a.m.
Worship and Communion—11 a.m.
Mid-week service—8 p.m.
C.Y.F. Sunday evening—7 o'clock
Evening services—8 p.m.

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Park Avenue and Third Street

Rembert Ahlms, O. F. M.
Mass—Sunday at 8 and 10 a.m.
and daily at 8 a.m.
Saturday, 10 a.m.—Catechism classes.

OWYHEE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rev. Kenneth Himple, Pastor

Phone 2737
10 a.m.—Sunday school.
11 a.m.—Morning worship service.
7 p.m.—Young people's meeting.
8 p.m.—Evening worship.

Primary To Sponsor 3-Act Play Friday

The Nyssa stake primary is sponsoring the play "Paper Plates For Papa," a comedy in three acts at the Ontario Recreation hall, Friday evening at 8 p.m. Players are members of the M-Men and Gleaner class of the Owyhee ward.

The public is invited and tickets may be purchased from any stake Primary board member.

COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH

Vernon L. Taylor, Minister

9:45 a.m., Sunday school for all ages.
11:00 a.m., Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m., Family Fellowship, including Methodist Youth Fellowship.
4:00 p.m., Wednesday, church school for children, 4 years through sixth grade.
8:00 p.m., Wednesday, midweek meeting for youth and adults.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Rev. Carl H. Gross, Ph. D.

SUNDAY:
9:30 a.m., Sunday school.
7 p.m., Evensong
Holy Communion, First Sundays, 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY:
9:11 a.m., Kindergarten.
7:30, YPF.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Rev. A. F. Stubblefield, Pastor

South 2nd and Reece Ave.

SUNDAY—
9:45 a.m.—Sunday school.
11:00 a.m.—Morning worship.
7:00 p.m.—Young People's service.
8:00 p.m.—Evangelistic service.

ADRIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

(United Presbyterian)

Henry E. Moore, Pastor

10 a.m.—Bible school.
11 a.m.—Morning worship.
11 a.m.—Junior church.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Parma, Idaho—McConnell Ave.

Rev. Hale Miller, Minister

10 a.m.—Bible study.
11 a.m.—Morning worship.
8 p.m.—Sunday evening service.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Robert Jackson, Pastor

414 Good Avenue

10 a.m.—Sunday school.
11 p.m.—Morning worship.
7 p.m.—N.Y.P.S. and Junior meetings.
7:45 p.m.—Evangelistic service.

Missionaries In Ethiopia Write

Adrian—Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Kurtz received their first letter this week from the Rev. and Mrs. Harold Kurtz who arrived in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in February to serve as missionaries.

They reported their house is made of boards and mud which has been smoothed and the house is papered on the inside. The first few nights they were invited outside of Addis Ababa and were able to see some of the wild life of Ethiopia and were able to hear the laughing hyenas.

Before arriving in Addis Ababa, they spent three days at Cairo, Egypt where they saw the pyramids, the sphinx and were able to ride on a camel.

It takes a week for a letter to reach them by air mail.

Adrian Presbyterian Church Notes

Mary and Martha Missionary society met at the home of Mrs. Reuben Graham Thursday afternoon. Edna Cowling conducted the devotions with the theme being, "By Faith We Walk the Christian Road." Mrs. George DeHaven led the prayer cycle and Mrs. Lynn Hurst presented the program for the afternoon. She gave a description of the Punjab province in Pakistan, India, the country, its people and customs and the work of the early missionaries of the church to that country 100 years ago. After a business meeting, refreshments were served by the hostess and co-hostess, Mrs. Bill Toomb to the 12 ladies present.

Avon Peterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Peterson, and a student nurse at the LDS hospital in Salt Lake City wrote to her parents this week that the Nurses basketball team, for which she plays guard position, won three games this past month from Holy Cross, St. Mark's and University of Utah.

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