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SO LITTLE FOR SO MUCH!

The employe was a bit taken aback to find an extra \$4 withheld for state taxes from his weekly paycheck. Blaming some stupid computer, he checked with the company -- but no, state taxes had in fact been raised on incomes above a certain level. The deed was swiftly done in the last hours of the legislative session, and hardly anybody realized it at the time.

The discovery came before the new Federal surcharge hit last week's paycheck. All in all, this particular employe, like millions of other Americans, is taking home less than he was a year ago. Appreciably less, when you throw in the factor of rampant inflation destroying his purchasing power at the rate of about 4% a year.

Well, there's nothing new about high taxes, and it isn't even considered very sophis-

ticated to complain about them any more. Still, it's worth remarking that taxes of all kinds are rising relentlessly, with not the faintest sign of a halt to the trend. At the least, it is not calculated to fire a man with enthusiasm for working harder; it could have serious consequences for the general economy as well.

For last year this newspaper counted seven new state income or general sales taxes, plus 49 rate increases in existing income, general sales or excise taxes. Property taxes, it seems, are also going up almost everywhere. The wage base for Social Security taxes was increased this year (even while inflation robs more and more of the value of Social Security payments).

Besides the actual cut in take-home income, one of the things

that rankles about all this is that the enormous amount of taxes levied by the Federal authorities is not enough to cover spending. The surtax is supposed to reduce the deficit, but a deficit there will be, and how much of a reduction, if any, is highly conjectural.

A further sore point is that the increasingly onerous taxation buys a remarkably poor governmental performance at all levels. Practically every problem that the politicians promised would be mitigated or solved by heavier spending is worse now than when taxes were considerably lower.

One of the larger tax drains is of course the Vietnam war, and few Americans ever dreamed, much less wanted, that it would become such a huge loss of blood and treasure. Grant that it is possible the Administration's course has been correct; the fact nonetheless remains that the American people, if the 1964 election means anything, voted for the candidate who vowed never to send hundreds of thousands of American boys to fight in a land war in Asia. It seems a poor bargain.

The same is true of many endeavors at home. The Federal Government has poured scores of billions into the nation's cities, and yet they are more congested, slum-infested and riot-prone than ever. Some of its exercises in so-called urban renewal are shockingly inhumane. The same Government subsidizes wealthy farmers while doing little or nothing for the poor farmers, many of whom accordingly move to the clogged cities.

Obviously municipal and state governments have been doing an unsatisfactory job too, despite their constantly rising tax take. They might have done better, however, had not the Federal Government been so greedy for tax monies and what once were state and local prerogatives.

In addition to the impact on incentive, the taxation trend of the times, coupled with the intensifying inflation, could cause a partial drying up of consumer outlays. People who don't want to go deeply into debt may not have the money for marginal expenditures after paying for necessities and the exorbitant cost of Government. That is one way to get an economic slowdown, but in any event taxation of such magnitude is an economic distortion and strain.

We have no illusions that words like these will move the politicians to moderate their spending-taxing binge. But neither do we see why any citizen, getting so little for so much, should sit in docile silence and not even protest the arrogance of officialdom. (Wall Street Journal)

A good leader inspires other men with confidence in him; a great leader inspires them with confidence in themselves.

Be quick to praise; slow to criticize -- and see how much more cooperation you get from everyone.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Idaho State School and Hospital
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Dear Editor:

As I consider the needs of Idaho State School and Hospital I am reminded of the ancient mariner's prayer, "O God Thy sea is so great and my boat is so small" for the needs here are great.

Dr. McIntyre, our clinical director, has said, "This is a mission field that has long been neglected and ignored spiritually, medically and educationally. Although many of our children cannot speak intelligibly in other realms, they seem to have great insight in the spiritual area and can reply to questions about their experience with God with remarkable clarity. Many of our residents will leave the institution only through death and their preparation for what is to follow is just as important as that for any of the rest of us."

Will you encourage your members to do something to bring happiness and comfort into the lives of our handicapped children? These retarded children need to know that someone cares about them. We are thankful for those who already help but we need more help from more people.

Volunteers can collect and donate items which cannot be provided by state funds, yet are needed to bring joy and pleasure into institutional living. A simple toy, a television set, or pretty clothes can mean so much. Volunteers who desire to become more personally involved can participate in our Friendship Child Program, Foster Home Care or by actually coming on the campus to be with a child -- play with him, walk with him, teach him games or just visit with him. Other volunteers can help by sewing, typing, filing or answering telephones for a limited and busy staff. Groups can present programs or entertain the children in other ways. Special parties are always exciting and fun for everyone. Groups can collect donations, either used items or new gifts which are greatly needed. Currently we are seeking donations for building a chapel for these young worshippers.

Contact with people from the communities is stimulating and helpful to every resident. The volunteer who gives unselfishly of himself to serve these children receives unmeasurable rewards.

A tour of the campus can be arranged at a convenient time for large or small groups and takes approximately 2 1/2 to 3 hours. You will find it interesting as well as educational and you will also better understand the needs of our mentally retarded children.

Ask your members to help. We need them. - Sincerely, (Mrs.) Ann Patterson, director of volunteers.

Idaho-Oregon Buddhist Church
 Ontario, Oregon

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 Nyssa, Oregon July 24, 1968

Gentlemen:

Thank you again. We have completed our most successful Japan Nite, which was our 22nd annual celebration. Without your help we know that it could not have been as successful as it was. - Yours very truly, JAPAN NITE OBON FESTIVAL, George Iseri - Publicity Chairman.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Allen Prowell attended Chirho Camp session last week at the Eastern Oregon Christian church campgrounds near at Cove. Ellen Strickland took Allen and Miss Itoko Maeda to the camping site.

There were 59 junior high school youths attending the camp meeting from Christian churches in Eastern Oregon. The Rev. Jack Naff, pastor of the Hermiston Christian church was director for the week.

The High School camp session is in progress this week under direction of the Rev. Phil Ryan of John Day.

The summer program of the Nyssa Christian church Sunday school primary department is to visit, during their Sunday school hour, those who are not able to attend services.

The children visited Mrs. Hutoqua Linegar on July 21. In addition to taking her flowers, they sang songs and held a brief worship service. Mrs. Linegar served them cookies.

Those taking part included Toqua and Neal Linegar, grandchildren of the hostess; Emily Wiley, Susan Prowell, Joy Ballou, Sally and Jean Looney, Margie and Robbie Sells. Accompanying adults were Sundae Savage, Mrs. Carl Linegar and Mrs. Elvin Ballou.

On July 28 the children made two visits, one to Mrs. Edith Howell who is visiting a niece, Mrs. Ballou. In the afternoon they went to the Malheur Memorial hospital nursing home. Again they sang and a worship service was held. Following the two visits a picnic was held on the church lawn with the pupils and members of their families present.

Those taking part in the July 28 services included Christine Hendrick, Billy Moore, Toqua and Neal Linegar, Joy Ballou, Margie and Robbie Sells, Susan Prowell, Sandra and Ertha Carter.

NAZARENE CHURCH NOTES

A male quartet from Northwest Nazarene college in Nampa presented a concert on the evening of July 19 at Nyssa Church of the Nazarene.

After the musical program, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Seward of Apple Valley entertained for the young men and their friends.

Light refreshments were served to Harold Perkins, Lee Schaffer, Randy Coryell, John Schramm, Ed Rainey, Terry Schultz, Mrs. Sharon Dillion and Debbie, all of Nampa; and David Manley of Nyssa.

A doctor fell into a well, and broke his collarbone; a doctor should attend the sick and leave the well alone.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH NOTES

Dick Nelson will be guest speaker at the 8 o'clock service this evening, August 1 at Faith Lutheran church.

The 11 o'clock morning worship service Sunday, August 4 will be conducted by Bob Ure, it is announced by Pastor Orville Jacobson.

In Memoriam

ROSE A. GRIFFITHS

Funeral services for Mrs. Rose A. Griffiths, will be conducted at 10 a.m. today, August 1, 1968. Officiating will be the Rev. James W. Dodson, pastor of the First Missionary Baptist church in Nyssa. Interment will be at the Nyssa cemetery.

Mrs. Griffiths, a 23-year resident of Nyssa, succumbed Sunday at the Malheur Memorial nursing home.

She was born June 24, 1876 in Minnesota. Her husband, John K. Griffiths died Dec. 26, 1955. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Mabel Polley, Vallejo, Calif.; several nieces and nephews.

COMING EVENTS

TODAY - Kick-off of Nyssa's Thunderegg Days events.

TODAY - 7 p.m. Nyssa Jaycees sponsored Thunderegg Days barbecue at South park. Public invited.

AUG. 2 - 7 to 10 p.m. Methodist church Ice Cream social at Ernie Metcalf home, 823 Adrian Blvd.

AUG. 2 to 5 - 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Rock, Hobby an' Art show at Nyssa high school cafeteria.

AUG. 6 - 8 a.m. ANK Garden club members meet at M & W Market parking lot. Field trip to see McCall gardens. Lunch at Shore lodge.

AUG. 6 - 7:30 p.m. No host dinner meeting at La Paloma cafe, Ontario. Treasure Valley Business and Professional Women's Council. Special Men's night.

AUG. 7 - 1 p.m. No host luncheon at La Paloma cafe, Ontario. Treasure Valley Christian Women's club. Special Men's program.

AUG. 10 - 8:30 p.m. Hawaiian Luau at Eagle lodge hall.

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