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Cost Of Living And Taxation

Did you know that three dollars, or one-third, of the price of a nine-dollar pair of shoes goes for taxes?

Politicians like to tell people that only the rich, or those making a substantial amount of money, pay taxes. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

Taxes are paid by production, sales and profits. It is the consumer who ultimately pays the taxes which are sent to the various governmental treasury departments.

If you buy a pair of ladies' hose for \$1.50, one-third, or fifty cents, of that price represents the costs of taxes.

Statisticians have estimated that one-third of the price of rent ultimately ends up in the tax departments, local, county, state and national.

Anyone who spends a dollar pays taxes.

A loaf of bread is considered one of the inexpensive necessities. If it costs 15 cents, five cents of that amount goes for taxes.

An eight-cent cake of soap would only cost five cents without hidden taxes.

Millions smoke cigarettes. If the pack costs you eighteen cents you can figure at least 11 cents of that amount go into taxes.

President Truman in his message to congress advocated increasing corporation taxes.

In that event, who would pay the increased taxes?

The corporations do not coin money. To get the increase they would boost the price of products manufactured and sold. You, you and all of us would pay the increase.

If the average citizen would consider that he is a taxpayer and that one-third of what he makes goes for taxes, there would be more interest in cutting costs of government and we would get away from the Washington hand-out stampede.

You may not own a foot of real estate, you may live in a rented apartment, you may not have a car, but you will pay tax just the same everytime you spend a penny for anything.

There has been an alarming tendency to let Washington solve our problems, and when government handles anything you can figure that a large percentage of the cost will be red tape and inefficiency. Thus we have a mounting tax burden which, if not checked, can destroy America more rapidly than a foreign foe could tear us down.

When you relinquish control of your income to government, you also give up your liberty. It is a natural law of existence that you take orders from the place which supports you.

Discovering The Universe

Because the Southern Hemisphere offers an opportunity to study more accurately the most brilliant and important region of the heavens, the Milky Way, Sagittarius and Scorpius, a number of colleges maintain observations in South Africa. They also have a better opportunity to study the South Pole of the heavens.

It is amazing to read the revelations of the astronomers. They tell us that the center of the Milky Way is a galaxy 30,000 light years away, or some two hundred million miles from our sun, which is one of the hundred billion stars that make up the galaxy.

Man has come a long way in his effort

to understand the Universe since the early belief that the earth was the center of it all, with sun, moon and stars revolving around the tiny globe. The clash between religious leaders and early scientific observers of the stars has largely dissipated with the years, but there are other areas in which the ignorance of man surpasses his information.

"I didn't think of that," says a man in Detroit when asked why he did not turn off the gas instead of calling the fire department when a roast in the kitchen stove became ignited. Maybe as a taxpayer he wanted to get his money's worth in fire department service. — South Bend Tribune.

LIFE'S BETTER WAY

WALTER E. ISENHOUR
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SWEET MAY

It is the month of May, sweet May;
The dogwoods now are bright and gay,
Clothed in their robes of pretty white,
Kissed by the silv'ry moon at night,
While flowers bloom so sweet and fair
And waft their fragrance on the air,
All telling us that Spring is here,
Most cheerful time of all the year.

It is the month of May, sweet May;
The birds are singing ev'ry day;
The bees are humming here and there;
Gay butterflies flit through the air;
While sheep and cattle now are seen
Out in the fields and pastures green,
Where high above, and toward the sky,
We see the crow and vulture fly.

It is the month of May, sweet May;
The hills by winter's blast made gray
Are putting on their robes of green,
Also the valleys in between;
While up the mountain's steep inclines
The sun is waking trees and vines,
And making all the landscape seem
Like fairylands of which we dream.

It is the month of May, sweet May;
The meadows soon will yield their hay;
The fields are green with rye and wheat,
With oats and barley rich and sweet;
The farmers turn and till the soil
To earn their bread by honest toil;
The fishers go to lake and brook
To catch the fish with bait and hook.

It is the month of May, sweet May;
Barefooted children romp and play;
For Mother's Day the roses bloom,
And wreaths are made for bride and groom;
The honeysuckle, sweet and fair,
With pleasant odors fill the air;
It seems that God looks down this way
And sends His blessings rich in May.

AN EDUCATED NATION

We are becoming, more and more, an educated nation, but along with our education we are certainly doing some very foolish, unwise things. It looks like our education would show us the evil of liquor, nicotine, dope, beer and wine. However, it doesn't seem to. Never has the United States spend such vast sums of money for these evils, which are poisoning and killing our people by multitudes. As these evils increase we have to build more and larger hospitals, prepare more doctors and nurses to care for the sick, and pay more undertakers to bury the dead. Common sense ought to enable us to know better than turn such curses loose upon our country, even without education, and certainly both together should lead us differently. It looks like we are "ever learning, but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth," just as Paul expressed it. (II Tim. 3:7).

However, men know better, but they let money overrule their better judgment and education and common sense, therefore curse their fellowmen for what they get out of it financially. Then there are the millions who use such evils because it is popular to do so, or because they give loose reign to an abnormal appetite, regardless of the consequences. Along with the poisoning and doping of the bodies of our fellowmen we realize that there follows immorality, crime, lawlessness and a deplorable lack of spirituality. When we sum all things up, we are made to realize, more and more, that it simply takes God in the lives and souls of men to direct them right. Education can't do it, and neither can common sense, apart from God and His grace. Educated nations without God always go down, sooner or later. Look at Germany, which used to be the highest educated nation on earth. Let America take warning.

Clingman Club Has Good Demonstration

The Clingman Home Demonstration Club held its regular monthly meeting at the lunchroom on Thursday afternoon, April 27, having 13 members present. The meeting was opened by Mrs. Harry Green, who presided as president. The business session was held and a good report was given by the paint committee concerning the painting of our lunchroom, which was painted recently. It was also decided to make some more improvements to our lunchroom.

Our home agent, Mrs. Green, gave a very interesting demonstration on "Planning and Re-modeling Your Home." She emphasized the importance of the family getting together and planning the home to fit their needs. She also gave several helpful ideas which are useful in home planning.

Everyone was urged to be present for our next meeting as Miss Addie Malone will be present to freeze foods for us.

During the social hour delicious refreshments were served by hostesses, Mrs. Dewey Ridding and

Union Grove, Rt. 2

Mr. and Mrs. Rasse Calloway moved from this community Monday to Bristol, Tenn., where he has taken a position. Their son, Wayne, is staying with his grandmother until school is out.

Mrs. Clyde Henderson and daughter, Lena Ruth, are sick at this writing. Daniel Henderson who has been sick is improving.

Mrs. Rick Quan and son, Kerry, of Saint Louis, Mo., are visiting Mrs. Quan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lunsford.

Mrs. W. W. Calloway went to see her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rader McIntire, in Old Fort last week after receiving the news that their home was completely destroyed by fire. Mr. McIntire was asleep when the fire broke out and narrowly escaped, having received minor facial burns. Mrs. McIntire and children were away from home at the time of the fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Henderson and daughter visited relatives of Mrs. Henderson in Mooresville, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Davis and Mrs. Turner Redding. — Reported by Alene Redding, club reporter.

Partner, start to pray!
Here comes
'Two-Gun' Parson Gray!

When this man speaks you listen... or else!

Watch For It At Liberty

son, Gary, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sprinkle and family and Mr. Paul Henderson and children visited Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Henderson, Sunday.

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President Roosevelt's Board said—

President Truman's Board said—

Still the leaders of the Railroad

Firemen's
Union say—

"STRIKE!"

This ridiculous strike is an affront to every citizen of the nation. It's not for more money. It's not because of hours. It's only for soft feather-bedding spots for additional unnecessary firemen to go along in diesel locomotives just for the ride. A leading liberal newspaper calls the demands of the union leaders "horse-feathers"!

• The reckless leaders of the firemen's union want to force down the throats of the railroads and the public a ridiculous "make-work" proposal which has been twice ruled out by Presidential Fact Finding Boards duly appointed under the provisions of the Railway Labor Act.

This demand of union leaders for additional and unnecessary firemen to ride in diesel locomotives was rejected —after months of hearings—by a Board appointed by President Roosevelt in 1943.

It was again rejected in 1949 by a Board appointed by President Truman. Recent meetings with the National Mediation Board have brought no change in the attitude of the union dictators.

Union Leaders Defy Intent of Law

The union leaders helped write the Railway Labor Act. Yet in an attempt to jam through this scheme of pure

"feather-bedding" by leading the members of their union out on strike and threatening paralysis to large areas of the nation, they are defying the spirit and intent of the very law which they helped to create.

This strike is not for higher wages. It is a strike to force the railroads to employ many more thousands of firemen who are not needed! It would be an indefensible waste. The railroads have refused to place this additional and unnecessary burden on the public.

But more important than any other consideration, is the action of these few irresponsible union leaders in seeking to force a crippling strike upon the

This strike is one of the silliest strikes in history!

What are these reckless union leaders trying to do? They seek to cause thousands of their members to strike, and throw hundreds of thousands of other employees on and off the railroads out of employment, with loss of pay to them and their families, plus a severe blow to industry and the citizens of the nation.

What's the strike all about? If the union has its way—what happens? The present members of the union won't get one cent more pay. They will merely have been assessed for a costly and indefensible drive in an attempt to provide more dues-paying members for the union by creating "feather-bedding" jobs for additional and unnecessary firemen.

This is certainly one of the silliest strikes in history!

nation for their own selfish purposes.

There is no other possible answer to such a demand but "No!"

The railroads in making such a reply believe they have the whole-hearted support of the people in whose interest they are willing to fight this out, despite the loss and inconvenience that all will suffer.

It is time to put an end to such un-American demands.



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