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\$13,500,000,000 OF YOUR MONEY FOR TAXES

It is estimated that government—Federal, state and national—will levy taxes to the tune of \$13,500,000,000 this year.

Just one-ninth of that sum will be raised through income taxes. The gigantic balance will be raised through indirect taxes which represent part of the cost of a pair of shoes, a ticket to a show, rent, groceries and every other necessity and luxury of life.

The great bulk of indirect taxes are paid by persons of small and moderate means. A man with a thousand dollars a year eats as much as a man with fifty thousand. And the hidden tax burden is obviously of infinitely greater importance to him.

Here is the answer to those who think the tax problem is a wealthy man's problem, which doesn't touch the poor. There isn't a man, woman or child in this country who doesn't pay taxes—and heavy taxes, to boot. And the worst sufferer from extravagant government is that ordinary citizen who thinks he is tax-free because he pays no direct levies.

DON'T DODGE THE FACTS

At the railway wage negotiations being carried on in Chicago, spokesmen for railway management pointed to various lines which are unable to earn their operating costs, as evidence of the need for reducing expenses. Spokesmen for railway labor denied that these cases were at all typical of the industry.

Unfortunately, much as everyone would like to see the railroads prosper, the statistics paint a dismal picture. During the first five months of this year, about 60 Class I railroads, operating more than one-half of the country's mileage, failed to earn enough to cover their operating expenses and taxes. Not all of them are yet in the hands of receivers—a number have assets, built up in good times in the past, which they are drawing upon to meet their current deficits. This, however, is only a temporary palliative, and is certainly not a cure. As the assets are dispersed, more and more lines will be forced to petition the bankruptcy courts for relief.

It should be continuously pointed out that the railroads have requested wage decreases, not as a matter of choice but as a matter of necessity. Wages are now at their all-time record high. Railroad operating expense has been pared to the bone in every possible direction—as government reports amply testify.

This is the situation that confronts railway management and labor now.

There is only one way out of bankruptcy or wage cuts for most lines—and that is for government to initiate legislation assuring the railroads a rate base that will serve to pay expenses and return a profit on the basis of present operating costs, and repeal inequitable laws and practices that unjustly handicap the railroads today. The railroads possess no magic formula for making money. Either their revenues must be raised, or their costs must be pared. All the empty talk in the world can't hide that fact.

YOUR FIRE BILL

You, the reader of this Editorial, possess the key to fire prevention. You possess the power to help reduce the nation's fire loss, which now totals about a quarter of a billion annually, to an insignificant sum. And

GRAINS OF SAND

"Buck" Tarlton is the victim of mixed emotions these days. A couple of weeks ago he pulled an 11 1-2 pound large mouth bass out of Cottonade Lake near Fayetteville and immediately began making plans as to what he was going to do with the merchandise prizes that the prize winning catch from this district would win for him.

Imagine his chagrin, however, when a few days later another angler turned up with a 14 pound beauty taken from a lake in the near vicinity of the scene of "Buck's" conquest.

At any rate, our local Isaac Walton takes it all with good grace and dismisses the whole thing with the philosophical remark, "Anyhow, mine was twice as big as anything I'd ever caught before."

With our two principal sources of material for this column away on vacations, we're at somewhat of a loss to fill up the space and so, in order that the make-up man may not be confounded, we're passing along a timely commentary gleaned from the New York Post Digest, a small monthly pocket-size publication devoted to reprints from the New York Post. We could find no copyright on the article and so, giving credit where credit is due, here's what they have to say under the title, "Numbers Instead of Names:"

"Though you may have forgotten, you have a lot of numbers. To the Motor Vehicle Commissioner you may

be No. 45324567. To the Social Security Board, No. 5555555. To the Income Tax Bureau, No. 1233456789. "Yet we wonder whether the day is so far off when each of us will have our numbers merged, and instead of having a name, be known merely as Mr. 4533246. Or Mrs. 626262

"We note the apology of the Atlanta Penitentiary authorities for publishing an article in the prison magazine with the wrong by-line. It should have been "By No. 48071." But aren't we all numbers now to the phone company?

"The future possibilities can be approximated. We vision a nation not only of numerical citizens; we vision, too, a special class. Those with influence will have low numbers. If you are introduced to Mr. 43, you can be sure he is either a member of the Cabinet or a Senator. Numbers from 100 to 1,000 will cover the House of Representatives and a few of the more influential bureaucrats, but even those in the 10,000 class will be folks of stature, not to be sniffed at.

"The problem of offspring need not complicate the system. In fact, it should help keep family trees as straight as Lombardy poplars. The first born will simple be No. 204,569a, the second, 204,569b, and to avoid confusion the numbers of girls will be in italics.

"What, you may ask, in the case of quintuplets? We leave that problem to future bureaucrats."

SOUTHERN PINES LIBRARY ASKS HELP FOR NEW PLANS

A new year is now under way at the Southern Pines Library and the plans for this season, with the new librarian, Miss Katherine Martin of Raleigh, in charge, are most ambitious. The Library association, however, finds itself considerably hampered by a lack of funds and is asking the people of Southern Pines for their cooperation in carrying out plans for greater service to the town.

One way to help is through memberships; new memberships, advances to different types of memberships. The several forms are as follows: annual, \$1.00; sustaining, \$5.00; contributing, \$10.00; patron, \$25.00.

The new schedule of library hours begins on September first; daily from 9:00 to 12:30, and from 2:00 to 5:00, except on Saturday, when the hours will be 9:00 to 1:00. The library will also be open on Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 10:00.

Everyone is most cordially invited to visit the Library and meet Miss Martin.

CHURCH NOTES

"Truth We Dislike" will be the subject of the Rev. J. Fred Stimson's sermon at the 11:00 o'clock morning worship this Sunday morning at the Southern Pines Baptist Church.

Sermon and Communion this Sunday morning at the Church of Wide Fellowship will be at 11:00 a. m. Church School will be at 9:45 a. m. Vesper Service in the Church Garden at 7:15 p. m.

you can help save the ten thousand persons who now die horribly each year from fire.

By the same token, it is you who must pay the bill for our collective national carelessness with fire and its hazards. And it is you who suffer when fire strikes.

Many of us mistakenly think that fire prevention involves the purchase of expensive and complicated equipment, plus an involved system of inspections by high-priced experts. That is true only in a minority of cases. A very large proportion of all fires occur in homes and on farms—and in these cases adequate fire prevention usually requires little expenditure of either time or money. Improperly stored inflammable liquids, uncared-for heating plants, amateur electric work, accumulated debris of various kinds in attics, basements, closets and out-buildings—these are major sources of fire. And these grave hazards can be done away with quickly and for little or nothing.

Next time you read of a fire, large or small, think of its cost as being partially paid by you. You pay it in decreased purchasing power, in community retrogression, in lost jobs, in higher insurance rates. Think of the thousands of such fires that constitute America's gigantic and inexcusable total waste. Then answer this question: "Is the little effort that would make my property safe, worth while?"

Signal Honor Bestowed on Southern Pines Man

George C. Abraham Presented Masonic Medal For 50 Years of Distinguished Service

At a special meeting of the Southern Pines Lodge No. 484, A. F. and A. M., some 100 lodge members and friends of George C. Abraham were present to see the guest of honor presented with a Grand Master's Medal of the Masonic Order in recognition of his 50 years of continuous extraordinary service and devotion to the craft.

Mr. Abraham is a member of Delaware Lodge at Calicoon, N. Y., and the medal was conferred on him by the local lodge in behalf of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

HIGHLY RESPECTED COLORED WOMAN PASSES IN ABERDEEN

Hattie Merritt, colored, died at the home of her daughter, Orris Williams, in Broadway, on Sunday afternoon, August 28th, after an illness of three weeks. She suffered several strokes of paralysis, recovering to some extent after the first one, in Moore County Hospital, where she was carried for treatment, but soon after her return home she suffered another stroke and sank into a coma from which she never recovered.

Hattie was one of the most loyal women of her race in this section. She is known throughout the community by reason of her happy disposition and genial smile. She was employed steadily in the family of the late J. McN. Johnson, J. Talbot Johnson, and Mrs. C. C. Bethune for a period of 42 years, during all of which time she rendered loyal and faithful service, without ever a complaint or murmur, and with a devotion that commanded the greatest respect and admiration.

Her funeral Tuesday afternoon was attended by several hundred people and the tributes paid were a splendid evidence of the high type of Christian life which she had lived.

AMERICAN LEGION FISH FRY

Members of the Sandhills Post, American Legion will hold a fish fry this evening (Friday) at the Moore County Garage in Carthage, adjoining the Carthage High School gymnasium, starting at 7:00 o'clock.

Legion members, their wives and their friends are cordially invited to attend.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

Marriage licenses have been issued from the office of the Register of Deeds of Moore county to the following: James Clawson Womack of Sanford and Wilma Hortense Yow of Sanford Route 1; Colin Garner of Bennett Route 1 and Dorothy Garner of Hemp R. F. D.

FARM PRICES

Cash income from farm prices will be a billion dollars below 1937 that were reported at \$8,600,000. Prices of grain are low and yields high which reacts in favor of an increased export trade, and finds the Agricultural Department optimistic about its farm conditions.

NOW IS THE TIME TO SELECT YOUR WINTER RESIDENCE FOR NEXT YEAR

Why Not Southern Pines

This garden spot of the Sandhills offers to discriminating people an ideal winter home, with every possibility for healthful recreation and sport.

To those seeking Residential Properties, Cottages, Furnished Apartments or Rooms for the Winter Season in Southern Pines we offer the facilities of our Organization. We have a Complete Listing of Available Accommodations for Lease . . . A number of Attractive Town and Country Sites for Purchase.

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Southern Pines

BAKER'S FOOD STORE

Everything Good to Eat

DIAL 5681

Southern Pines, N. C.

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Specials for Friday and Saturday, Sept. 2nd and 3rd, and for All Next Week, Sept 5th to 12th

Pork Chops
Electric Cut
Any Thickness
Lb.—19c

ROUND STEAK
Lb.—23c

Chase & Sanborn
Coffee
Lb.—25c

MARKET SPECIALS

Franks (Hot Dogs) lb.19c
Smoke Sausage, lb.17 1-2c
All Pork North Carolina Sausage, lb.19c
Spare Ribs, lb.15c
Neck Bones, 3 lbs.25c
Rib Stew Beef, 3 lbs.25c
Pot Roast, lb.19c
Veal Steak and Veal Chops29c
Roll Butter, lb.29c
Legs Lamb, lb.28c
Morrill Palace Bacon, lb.29c
Native Home-Killed Fryers, lb.24c
Hamburger Steak, lb.15c
Oleo Butter, Sweet Sixteen, 2 lbs.29c

GROCERY SAVINGS

English Peas, No. 2 can5c
Green Giant Peas, per can15c
12 Cans for\$1.75
Peaches, No. 2 1-2 Large Cans, 2 for 25c
Strawberries, No. 2 Can15c
No. 2 1-2 Can Apricots19c
No. 2 1-2 Can Fruit for Salad24c
No. 2 1-2 Can Sliced Pineapple20c
Premier Tuna Fish15c
Selo Washing Powders, Good as Super Suds, 10c value5c
OK Soap, 1-2 lb. bar, 5 for9c
White House Apple Butter, 38-oz. Jar 14c
Dried Apples, lb.5c
Sun Sip Orange Juice, 3 cans24c
Sunshine Grape Fruit Juice, 3 cans 24c
Pillsbury Flour, 5 lb. Bag27c

BROOMS
ODDS and ENDS
Special—13c

FAT BACK
MEAT
Lb.—9c

STAR
SALMONS
3 Cans—29c

Every Bag Guaranteed

FLOUR, 24 lb. Bag 50c

FISH
Croakers and Spots
Lb.5c

Good Table
MEAL, 10 lb. Bag19c
Ship Stuff, 100 lb. Bag\$1.45

THE ABOVE PRICES ARE CASH