

Sen. Ervin Says:

WASHINGTON—Will Congress cut taxes? Tax Cut Coming

My opinion is that the present Congress will cut taxes to some extent. It probably will not be a substantial cut, but will more than likely be a token reduction.

A potential tax cut is predicated on a reduction in the federal budget. There are many hopeful indications that the Eisenhower budget can be reduced by Congress. The House has made a good start. I hope that the Senate will manifest its desire to join in the public demand that the budget be cut.

No Meat Ase Approach

While I favor a substantial reduction in the federal budget, there is valid argument against a meat ase approach to the budget to such an extent that our defense and other essential items will suffer.

There are many programs already actually operating outside budget control. I am told that about \$11 billion in the proposed budget fall within this category, making the total around \$37 billion, instead of nearly \$72 billion.

Foreign Aid Cuts

Since foreign aid began in 1947, the United States has made available approximately \$65 billion for overseas help. During the same period states and communities have received around \$35 billion. My guess at the moment is that foreign aid spending will get the greatest attention of any proposal.

Monetary Stability

There is evidence of public concern over the vital necessity of monetary stability in our country. Without it, as was indicated by Senator Byrd recently, there is serious danger of choking our economic growth. Rounding out his picture, almost everyone has his pet example of what inflation has done to the dollar in recent years and what is likely to happen without some restraint on the part of the President and Congress.

Strong Attack

Senator Byrd has made a strong attack on the Eisenhower budget. The following is a quotation from a recent address by my Virginia colleague:

"It is the Eisenhower budget the largest peacetime budget in our history. I say with all sincerity that from a fiscal standpoint it is the most irresponsible budget submitted in my day."

In another part of his speech, Senator Byrd pointed out that federal, state and local taxes are taking from the American people one-third of the total national income.

Meaning

A Solomon is not needed to see the dangers inherent in reckless fiscal policies. It does take stupendous amounts of dollars to operate our governments at all levels. I am not one who believes that everybody should join the bandwagon to denounce all expenditures. The difficulty in the proposition is the careful trimming required to separate the essential from the non-essential.

As a consequence of reductions in the proposed budget, I do believe some tax cuts can be made either this session or early next session. Some feel that an increase in the per capita exemption from \$600.00 to \$700.00 will be a good thing.

ODDLY ENOUGH

by WALDMAN

WHEN A HOSTESS INVITED ENRICO CARUSO TO HER PARTY AND THEN INSISTED THAT HE SING, CARUSO BECAME ENRAGED AND PURPOSELY HIT A NOTE THAT SHATTERED HIS HOSTESS' CHANDELIER!

JENNY LIND "THE SWEDISH NIGHTINGALE" BELIEVED THAT BATHING IN MILK IMPROVED HER VOICE!

IDEA OF TYPING INTO A MACHINE FOR TRANSCRIPTION WOULD HAVE STRUCK OUR ANCESTORS AS FANTASTIC. BUT TODAY TELEPHONE DICTATING MACHINES ARE STANDARD EQUIPMENT IN MODERN OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD!

GARDEN TIME
M. E. Gardner
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This is about birds and berries, robins, catbirds, mocking birds and your strawberries, blueberries, raspberries and bunch grapes don't get along. Have you found a method of protecting your fruit against these feathered friends? If you have, please let me know.

We have tried almost everything including strings, tinsel streamers, imitation snakes, and what have you. John Harris has found a method he has tried with success in his home garden. He uses tobacco cloth to cover his strawberries, dewberries, raspberries, grapes and figs. First the strawberries then the other crops. The ripening sequence makes it possible to use the same cloth cover for all of his crops. He says the cover should last "two or three years." This method is a little trouble but it is worth the time it takes.

A bill has been introduced in the legislature by Mr. Murphy of Pender county, which, if passed, will permit strawberry and blueberry growers to use fire crackers to keep the birds away. These would be manufactured to explode at intervals creating both noise and smoke. It might work, but the birds are pretty cagey and soon catch on.

If you are not planning a spray program on your bunch grapes this year, as you should, you might try bagging them. This should be done as soon as the individual fruits are about the size of a garden pea. Use a paper bag large enough to contain the bunch when the fruit is ripe. Slip the bag over the bunch and attach to the stems. This can be done with a pin. Fold the top so as to keep out as much water as possible and pin securely. Then, cut a tiny hole in one of the bottom corners of the bag to drain out water that may get in the top. This hole should be small so as to let the water drain from the bag and prevent insects from entering.

The honey bee has been blamed for destroying grapes on the vine when they are ripe. This is not true because the honey bee has only lapping mouth parts which cannot break the skin of a grape or any other fruit. They only begin work after the skin has been broken by a bird or other means.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAM

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that Policemen are needed for duty with the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington, D. C. The entrance salary is \$4,193 a year.

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BILLY HAMBY HONORED WITH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Saturday afternoon, April 27, Mrs. Doug Hamby, Jr., entertained with a party in honor of her son, Billy, who was celebrating his seventh birthday anniversary. During the afternoon games were played and favors given.

Cake, ice cream and punch were served to the following: Deborah Reed, Vicki Osteen, Jimmy Stephenson, Jerry Wilson, Rickey Allred, Barbara Blizard, Mary Jo and Woody Beddingfield, David Briggs, David and Mark Ivey, Joe Tyson, Preston Osteen, Sandra Buckner and the honoree. Those unable to attend but who sent gifts were Carol Watkins, Johnny Carson and Jimmy Stakias.

HERE FROM TENNESSEE

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Bell of Murfreesboro, Tenn., visited Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sanders at Blue Ridge last week. Mr. Bell is Mrs. Sanders' brother.

Two State Managers To Serve Woodmen

Omaha, Neb. (Special) — To give Woodmen of the World members more personalized service, President Howard M. Lundgren of Omaha announces appointment of a second state manager for North Carolina.

Nick T. Newberry, FIC, state manager at Charlotte with headquarters at 703 Liberty Life Bldg., will retain west North Carolina, including all territory west of Northampton, Halifax, Nash, Wayne, Sampson, Bladen and Columbus counties.

Hiram A. Melvin, assistant state manager since 1947, will be state manager for east North Carolina, embracing the above-named counties and all east. He will headquarter in the Home Federal Savings Bldg., Kinston.

Mr. Newberry, a University of California graduate, became a Woodmen field representative in 1939. He was appointed California state manager in 1942, and transferred to North Carolina as state manager in 1944. For the past 13 years he has supervised the fraternal activities of the 35,000 Woodmen in the state.

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again! If I did there would be some changes made. Ott Jones used to tell of an old woman who would tell her good looking daughter, "Daughter, if I was as pretty as you I wouldn't stay here, or anywhere else." I think that would be a good life, ready to roll anytime. Conventions and property are terrible taskmasters, but here I'm sounding pessimistic when there is a red cardinal working in the yard, and the yellow flowers are blooming in the Godfrey's grounds across the road. So what the heck? I'm across the hill now and if my brakes are all right, the rest ought to be easy.

Well, this weariy blackberry winter is rather nippy. It looks like that hardy little fruit could bloom without having cold weather to do it in, but I'm like the blackberries, I like cold weather.

Miss I. B. Watson of View street visited us yesterday afternoon. She had been having trouble with rodents in her flower bed. We told her she might try putting screen deep in the soil. I have heard to put lye in the animal's burrows would get rid of them, but this sounds cruel.

We were out at Mama's home yesterday afternoon, and Thelma McGrath was telling me that she and Ethel Morris had a battle royal with a big copperhead. Ethel, who lives a short distance away, called Thelma to come help her. It seems that the reptile was under a rug that had been sprung in the yard, and that rug got the best beating of its life. Finally the snake got out in the open, and struck viciously at Thelma, causing chill bumps to pop out on her. She won the fray after a long hard fight, and another copperhead bit the dust.

James Kinard of Fairfield, Conn., and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Leonard of Rock Hill visited mama yesterday afternoon. We just missed them, they are spending a few days at Wickersham. James, one of my closest boyhood chums, is about my age. That is, he was my chum in summertime, his parents made him spend the winters getting an education, instead of running wild in the woods with me. Now he has the cares of a successful business man, while I still have wild notions. Mr. Leonard is head of music at Winthrop college. He and his charming wife have long been our friends.

We went to see the Wicker sisters briefly while we were out that way. They were in pretty good spirits.

It was announced that the W. M. U. circle will meet with Mrs. Eugene Byrd this Friday night at 7:30.

The junior choir did a special song last Sunday with Vicky McElrath at the piano. Jackie Byrd did a little solo.

Luther Vanover tells me that Thomas Morris has traded for a Nash. Thomas usually trades cars when the seasons change. This trading is a mountaineer's keenest sport. I was on Mt. Mitchell several years ago and got to talking to an old man from the head of Toe river. He said he had lived at the foot of this high mountain all his life, and that this was the first time he had ever been to the top. He bantared me to a knife trade, said he just wanted to trade on the highest point in eastern America, so I traded with him, getting the best of him in the transaction.

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