

High Taxes Necessary

Senator Walter F. George, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, says there will be "no substantial change in tax rates," except excise taxes for two reasons: The "entirely too high" budget and the difficulty of drafting a thorough tax revision bill to take effect prior to 1948.

The situation now confronting the United States does not warrant any reduction of taxes at the present time. Not only does the nation face an expanded budget, including benefits for veterans and expenditures for adequate defense, but the scope of its activity has been greatly enlarged in the last two decades. In addition, there is a tremendous national debt which should be reduced if the nation is to put its economic house in order and be prepared to meet a future financial emergency.

Many business organizations and individuals will exert pressure upon Congressmen in an effort to have taxes reduced. They will overlook the fact that unless the government collects taxes in good years, it will never be able to reduce the national debt. Certainly, it is advisable for the government to maintain high taxes and reduce its debt in order to trim it down before there is a recession. In addition, the burden of adequate preparedness for possible war grows yearly and the safety of the nation should not be jeopardized by a tax-reduction drive.

Some Veterans

General Omar N. Bradley performs a public service in calling attention to "a certain number" of veterans, who are collecting unemployment compensation without seeking employment.

Under the GI bill a veteran may collect \$20 a week for a maximum of 52 weeks while unemployed. It is a matter of common knowledge, which we have heard discussed locally, that a number of veterans are drawing unemployment compensation without making any effort whatever to secure a job. There have been instances where veterans refused employment because they drew the \$20 a week.

The Veterans Administration says that about 1,700,000 veterans are receiving allowances at the rate of \$135,000,000 a month. With excellent employment opportunities, the number is considered excessive and General Bradley points out that if veterans waste their unemployment compensation advantage now, they may find themselves in trouble later when employment might not be available.

ISLE ROYALE, A PERFECT GEM OF GEOLOGICAL wonder in Lake Superior, now is a National Park, safe from development or ravage by commercial interests. Some day access to it will become easier and cheaper than now, and millions will thrill to its primitive beauty. We pay tribute in Birmingham to Albert Stoll, Jr., wildlife editor of the Detroit News, as well as that newspaper, for their unceasing successful efforts to bring Isle Royale under National Parks control.

RUSSIA CONTINUES TO ACT STUBBORN and non-cooperative in turning the present armistice into a lasting peace. There is no question about this—regardless of how many "parlor pinks" oppose this conclusion.

AIR Travel Relatively Safe

The average American reads in the news paper of an airplane involved in a crash, with a number of fatalities and the headlines reporting the accident create an impression which is seldom erased by the fact that many airlines complete a year's work without a single fatality.

In 1945, for example, one of the largest operators had no fatalities for the second consecutive year. Not only does the nation face an expanded budget, including benefits for veterans and expenditures for adequate defense, but the scope of its activity has been greatly enlarged in the last two decades. In addition, there is a tremendous national debt which should be reduced if the nation is to put its economic house in order and be prepared to meet a future financial emergency.

Figures indicate that eighteen airlines went through last year without a fatal accident. This includes four of the largest operators and a number of lines with a moderate mileage, ranging from 30,000,000 to 125,000,000 passenger miles.

It would be a mistake, because of the accidents, for us to believe that travel by air is exceedingly dangerous. We must not permit the accidents, which make the headlines, to blind us to the safety records which do not make the front pages.

Disloyal Americans

Secretary of State James F. Byrnes has reported that forty State Department employees have been discharged for "close connections or involvements with foreign governments."

While the Secretary's statement refutes the suggestion made in some quarters that hundreds, if not thousands, of employees have been eliminated by the State Department because of Communist leanings or activities for other governments, it reveals that forty workers of the Department were, to some extent, disloyal to the interests of the United States.

It should be borne in mind that several thousand employees were transferred to the State Department from various war agencies and that the vast majority of the employees in the State Department are thoroughly "loyal American citizens."

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The Greeks Have a Word for It--



People's Column

Sept. 4, 1946

To the Editor:

Today as we were on our way to Dr. Gassow's office, we passed an open hole about four feet deep. The hole in the pavement was a small manhole without a cover. In this hole we discovered a small rabbit that had apparently died of starvation.

We believe such holes as these should be brought to the attention of the people of Birmingham, as they can prove dangerous not only to animals but to humans as well.

We think they should be covered.

Sincerely,
SUE MASON
379 W. Frank
ESTHER MARK
188 Ravine
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562 Pierce

To the Editor:

Here's a little gem I came across the other day, and thought some of your other readers would like it—it might reflect some of their feelings, too.

The Tenant's Psalm
The OPA is my shepherd; I shall not be moved.
It maketh me to lie down on my obligations;
It leadeth me to repudiate all my premises;
It restoreth my faith in Santa Claus.
It leadeth me in paths of arroyo.

THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner



A boy and a highway warning sign tell the story—first day of school.

IF YOU'RE among the thousands of camera fans who keep a snapshot family history you won't want to overlook Bob's or Barbara's first day of school.

Som day, undoubtedly, you will have pictures of their graduation. What better accompanying shot than one taken the day they started to school?

However, be sure your picture tells the story. Graduation pictures, with revealing poses such as cap and gown or diploma, are easy. When it comes to photographing a child starting another school term or year you need to use imagination.

Today's picture is a case in point. Bob's picture is a case in point. Bob's is going. Or that he is going slowly.

The same story can be told in other ways—a picture of Barbara entering the school, clinging tight to Bobby's hand... or trudging up the school steps with her box of crayons clutched in her fist... or perhaps standing at the door of the school, pointing as she sends home her puppy, which has followed her. Whatever way you choose to tell the story, make sure you get the picture. Just as Barbara and Bobby will concentrate on the "three R's," concentrate yourself on the fundamentals of snapshotting. Focus accurately and be sure your exposure is correct—1/125 at f/11 if the children are not moving about rapidly and are in the sunlight.

However, if you're shooting them at play when they are likely to move fast, remember to increase your lens aperture so you can use a faster shutter speed. A good rule here is to use a speed of 1/100 at f/8 to "stop" a subject moving toward or away from the camera rather than across its field.

John van Gulder

Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO
Sept. 10, 1896

"Holly has an elegant telephone exchange and has 23 subscribers already canvassed."

"To keep flies out, try this: buy five cents worth of oil of lavender. Then put it into a common atomizer and spray it around the room where flies are apt to congregate, especially in the dining room, where they will spray it over the table linen. The odor is very disagreeable to flies and they never venture in the neighborhood, while to most people the odor is pleasant and refreshing."

"We reserve our opinion of the man who explained the 16-to-1 business to a young lady as meaning that she should kiss him 16 times in one minute, until we can see the girl."

"The pistol shots that were heard at two o'clock one morning last week and which created among many great alarm, was Mrs. E. G. Robinson merely scaring away a peach and plum thieves. They dematerialized."

"See here, if you have found a lady's belt with a large silver buckle engraved R. C. Gassow leave at the Birmingham P. O. and maketh glad the heart of its pretty owner."

"Thomas A. Edison believes that in the next three or four years there will be radical and immense changes in the manners of heating and lighting."

"The latest invention is the asbestos towel. When soaked it is thrown in a hot fire and may be drawn out perfectly clean and whole."

20 YEARS AGO
Sept. 9, 1926

"Fashion notes: necks should be covered."

Because of one bottle a truckload was lost might be the title of the story surrounding the arrest of two Toledo men who were arrested last Sunday night for violating the prohibition law. Police saw the neck of one beer bottle as the truck, carrying 9,691 other bottles, was being driven along a street. It must have been on Cherry street, for that artery of travel would shake the canvas off a schooner, let alone a tarpaulin-covered truck. Bootleggers who seek to evade the police should confine their driving to good roads; extra large truck tires, too, are suggested as an added precaution against detection. Queer, though, isn't it, that just one tiny bottle should betray its many careful brothers? Which proves that you may fool some of the police all of the time, but not all of them all of the time—even in Toledo."

"With nearly 300 more students enrolled than during any previous year in Birmingham, the schools are well under way on their 1926 schedule."

"The total taken by the Board of Education late yesterday was 1877. Last year's high was 1600."

"After being closed for a month, the Community House at Maple avenue and Bates street were opened to the public again Tuesday."

"Miss Alice Clark Griffith, who has been spending the summer in the East, has returned to take up her duties as hostess. She will be assisted by Mrs. S. F. Trumbull of Ridgeland avenue."

5 YEARS AGO
Sept. 11, 1941

"Paging Leon Henderson"

"Prices have risen at the Community House! Luncheons have been upped a dime to 65 cents and the Thursday dinners will henceforth be 75 cents for adults and 45 cents for children. Mrs. Julia K. Lally said she hoped that would cover the increased cost of groceries."

"A campaign to increase the junking of worn-out automobiles and thus provide additional iron and steel needed urgently by defense production will be extended to the Chicago, St. Louis, and Kansas City areas. The Office of Production Management announced."

"At meetings in the three cities, government officials will appeal to automobile wreckers and scrap dealers to strip doctored cars now in their yards of salable parts and scrap the bodies and engine blocks immediately."

"This week's flash from a correspondent: A sponge soaked with water and rolled in flaxseed, hung in a window and kept damp, soon becomes a pretty thing. You try it and let us know if it works."

"Charles T. Beals, 139 East Brown, one of Birmingham's most avid shutter snappers, won a \$1 honorable mention in the portrait class and an award of merit in the picture class in the recent contest of the Michigan Press Association in connection with the Michigan State Fair."

Dr. Ernst Scheyer To Give Lecture Series

Dr. Ernst Scheyer, of Ravine road, professor of Humanities and Art History at Wayne University, will present a 16-week illustrated lecture course on the subject, "The People and the Art of the Bible."

The series is to be held on Wednesday mornings, beginning Oct. 2, at 10 a. m.

Mrs. H. T. Wood of Route No. 2, Birmingham, Mrs. Albert Clark of North Birmingham road, and Mrs. Duncan McCallum of North Woodward avenue, can offer additional information to those interested.

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