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By Gene Allaman

Ho, hum! That old sales tax amendment to back on the ballot. School teachers, city employees and township officials want to keep the amendment in the constitution. They are campaigning vigorously to roll up a big "No" vote. Teachers and city employees have a direct pocketbook interest in the outcome, for the amendment would keep a steady flow of sales tax dollars coming back to school and city treasuries.

Contrasted to this, the taxpayer is yet to be convinced that school, city and state government needs cannot be adequately financed out of present taxes. Price inflation is yet running strong, and the cry of state officials that the "well" was at the door (a deficit in the Lansing kitty) has been repeated, contradicted by new all-time highs in collection of taxes. The latest estimate puts the 1948 sales tax aggregate in the neighborhood of \$200,000,000—just \$5,000,000 more than state experts thought the state could possibly collect.

Early in 1947 Governor Sigler asked the state legislature to place the issue of amendment repeal on the 1948 general ballot. Later the governor changed his mind, convinced that only a whopping deficit in the state treasury could turn the tide of public opinion. He then advocated the calling of a constitutional convention plus other reforms designed to "streamline" state government. While the legislature did not remove the repeal proposal from the 1948 ballot, it did add the substitute call for revision of the entire state constitution.

The situation thereby has developed where state officials do not expect a majority of voters to vote "Yes" on the repeal amendment. No. 2 on the special ballot. Three groups are campaigning for a "No": School teachers, city employees and township officials. No organized drive is in sight to get out a "Yes" vote.

Even former Lieutenant Governor Vernon J. Brown concedes that an "overwhelming negative vote can be expected."

"Brown feels that the 'cities of the state have suffered long at the hands of a legislature made up largely of members from rural sections," he continues. "Year after year and session after session city mayors, councilmen and managers, public works engineers and superintendents, controllers and treasurers, and citizens of cities where adequate city services were impossible to provide from the property tax alone, sought help in Lansing. Consistently they were turned aside and sent home empty-handed. They were even denied the authority to levy excise taxes to help out in meeting the costs of essential services within the cities. None can complain too bitterly that once they got their 'mad up' these city folks dipped too deeply into state funds. Neither can the school teachers be condemned for helping themselves."

It is admittedly difficult to explain bookkeeping matters to the average citizen. This is especially true about the state treasury's "surplus." Funds earmarked for future expenditure become a part of the cash balance in the treasury. When the legislature wound up its 1948 affairs, there was a difference of \$35.3 millions between anticipated 1948-49 revenues (July 1, 1948 to July 1, 1949) and the legislature's 1948-49 appropriations.

However, the state had a \$23 million "surplus"—(now you have it and now you don't)—left over from previous years.

Auditor General Mary K. Aten has reported an additional balance of \$10.6 million at the end of the 1947-48 revenue-expenditure period.

And so, as long as inflation keeps booming and taxes keep mounting, everything may appear

The SCORE PAD

By Jim Gray

(Score and nonsense at the bridge table. Other justices.)

There are certain bridge players who smack their lips when a freak hand comes up to be bid and played. That's their meat. Taint so with me. I don't like the "wildies." They give me a bad case of jitters and I handle most of them as though I had a member of the Jakes family as a partner and Culbertson and Goren as opponents. Here's one from last week's tournament:

NORTH
S—N
H—2
D—A Q J 10 8 7 4 2
C—10 3 2
WEST
S—9 8 4
H—K 5 7 6 5 4
D—K 6
C—A
EAST
S—K Q J 7 6 5
H—Q J 10 9 8
D—5
C—8 7
SOUTH
(Me)
S—A 10 3 2
H—A
D—3
C—K Q J 9 6 5 4

I was the dealer. I fanned my cards out and looked at them. That "all gone" feeling began to manifest itself just south of my lower left rib and I tried to light a cigarette with the wrong end of the match. Finally, I managed to squeak, "One Club!"

West bid "two hearts." North bid "three diamonds." East bid "three spades." This was too rough for me, so I p-passed. West bid "four spades." North, my partner (a lovely person), bid "six diamonds"—just like that! East passed. I climbed down from the picture mounted with a wild glint in my eye and said, "Six no-trump!" My partner put on his hat and went home.

West opened the spade nine. Let us draw a veil over the manner in which I played the hand. The opponents were very happy.

to be rosy at Lansing. When deflation sets in, trouble is inevitable. But that is "tomorrow," and why worry about fixing the roof as long as it is raining?

Can "six no-trump" be made, with the spade opening? Now, in vacant and pensive mood, I ponder; I reflect; and I believe the answer is, "Yes." Here is the reasoning:

The first trick is to be taken with a spade ace. Then the diamond finesse is to be taken and all nine diamond tricks run. East will probably now hold two high spades and the heart queen. South will hold the heart ace and king and queen of clubs. West will hold the heart jack, the ace king and jack of hearts, or (2) in place of the heart jack, a spade (to lead to his partner).

If West's holding is as outlined in (1) above, a club lead to his ace will now clear the suit and South will take the last two tricks with the heart ace and the club queen. If West has held a spade, the contract will be defeated. But how many players, sitting West, would hold a spade? It seems to me that West's impulse to abandon the spade defense to his partner at this point would be overwhelming. He would feel that he was doing his full duty in attempting to protect the heart suit.

Someday, I'm going to really "play" one of these hands. Maybe.

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PBA Election

There will be an election of officers for the coming year at the next meeting of the Parents' Benefit Association.

This meeting will be held in the O. T. Room of the Oakland County Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Thursday, Oct. 21, at 7:45 p.m.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

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From where I sit, so long as we never become intolerant of one another's different tastes—so long as we live together with our differences, and even supplement them the way brome grass does alfalfa, then we're a mighty good crop!

So neighbor—enjoy your cider while I enjoy my beer! Vote for your candidate—I'll stand by mine! But never let our differences divide us!

Joe Marsh

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*The Common Cold and How to Fight It (Page 17) N. D. Fabricant, M. D., Ziff-Davis, Chicago 1945.

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