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WHO PAYS THE TAXES?

It is one of the fundamental promises of the average demagogue that he will make the rich pay the taxes, if he is elected to office. Such a promise makes the one who pledges, a demagogue, because there is no way to make the rich pay all the taxes—not even to pay as much proportionately as the poor.

The federal income taxes are paid in the main by those with higher earnings, and the fellow with a family is exempted \$2,500, with another \$400 for each dependent. This does not mean, however, that the married man who makes less than \$2,500 a year pays no taxes, even to the federal government. For only 46 per cent of the taxes levied by Uncle Sam come from those who pay on incomes. The other 54 per cent of the money is raised in different ways, and most of these so-called "hidden" taxes are passed on to the poor consumer.

The Twentieth Century fund has estimated that the man earning only \$18 a week and owning no property pays about \$116 a year in "hidden" taxes, or about 12 cents on the dollar, while the fellow earning \$150 a month and owning a second-hand car but paying no income tax has to put out \$229 a year in "hidden" taxes.

A study recently made by the Northwestern Life Insurance company shows that 25.3 per cent of the money paid in rent by the average tenant goes not to the landlord but to the tax collector. If these taxes could be cut in two, the tenant's rent would be reduced. He is paying the taxes on the property, but he doesn't realize it. The survey indicates that the invisible taxes included in the price of food we buy averages about 7.1 per cent of the whole price. Other "hidden" taxes are as follows: clothing, 8 per cent; fuel and light bills, 9.5 per cent; summaries and miscellaneous household expenses, 10.5 per cent. Used automobile ownership and operation pay out more than twenty per cent of their cost in taxes.

Invisible but traceable taxes are more than 6 per cent of the retail price of bread, over 8 per cent of the price of beer, and 18 per cent of the price of sugar. The price of a man's suit of clothes contains over 10 per cent in taxes picked up in its travel from the back of the sheep to the back of the purchaser.

Of course it is a fact that some of the "hidden" taxes are so carefully hidden that it is impossible to estimate them so that the actual tax load on the poor consumer is really greater than the figures in-



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Editorial by *Andy*

dicating. And even these figures show that it is too much.

All the studies made by various financial agencies go to show that the poor man pays a much greater tax in comparison to his income than the rich man. This is for the most part because of the ironclad economic rule that it is the poor consumer who has to bear the cost. And no college professor-economist has yet been able to find a way around this law.

So when anyone promises that he will, if elected, take the taxes off the poor and load them on to the rich, put him down either as an ignoramus or a demagogue. If he wants to do something really for the poor consumer he will try to help bring about economy and sound financing. It is not by shifting the tax burden but by lightening it all around that something can be done in the way of tax reduction for the "dear people."

THE NEBRASKA SCENE

By the Lowell Service

With Hugh Butler, republican national committeeman, at work among the rank and file of the party, it appears that Governor LaFollette's suggestion that two new political organizations are needed will not be heeded, at least in the 1938 campaign. Butler's policy seems to be that the democrats can conduct their own factional rows without republican aid. Then again, Butler and State Chairman Lyle Jackson endorsed the position of Senator Norris in the supreme court fracas.

Should Senator Norris take the stump this fall he probably will urge a middle course in the supreme court dispute. With the republican leaders already committed to his policy, only the rabid anti-Norris republicans will desert the party to support Senator Burke. Some politicians predict that the republicans in Nebraska will pursue a course of watchful waiting.

Already, assert the state house politicians, there are indications of republican realignment. Sidestepping of veteran candidates is apparent. The GOP wise boys believe that with a ticket entirely new the campaign can be won by the republicans in 1938. Said one under-the-dome veteran:

"The time has come for new faces in the old places. This is the slogan used by Bart Green of Lincoln in 1938. Bart was a little early with his suggestion. The party leaders will listen now."

The political reactions so far, maintained the veteran, are entirely against the aspirations of Bob Simmons; unfavorable to Dwight Griswold; thumbs down on the repeated candidacy of Dr. Bass. It is political open season, he said, for upstanding candidates from out in the state.

Mystery cloaks the political maneuvers of the two erstwhile allies and cronies, Governor Cochran and Charley Bryan. A generous slice of the Cochran support has slipped to Bryan, according to political observers. Bryan is cashing in tremendously as a result of the attitude taken by Senator Burke. In the campaign of 1934 Senator Burke's supporters used the interview wherein Governor Bryan declared "the farmers' throats are being cut from both ears at once" with telling effect. Along with this codemnation of Bryan's attitude went Senator Burke's definition of the New Deal.

In the 1934 campaign the Bryan forces were extremely friendly to Cochran. It was Bryan who first appointed Cochran to office. Now Cochran has been announced as a third-term candidate. Using home-stead exemption as a battle cry, Bryan is preparing to make a state wide campaign. Ed Luikart, Cecil Matthews, F. C. Radke and many others who labored in the first Cochran campaign are now supporting Bryan. Already the republican politicians sense a head-on collision between Bryan and Cochran. In some quarters it is hinted that the prospects of a Bryan-Cochran feud accounts for some of the republican get-together talk.

A suggestion that assistance to farmers be administered by one central government agency, instead of several, as now, was made by Governor Cochran, while in conference in Washington with W. W. Alexander, farm security administrator.

Leo Swanson, capitol custodian, continues to run up against unexpected obstacles in the discharge of his duties. The last legislature passed a law authorizing him to make an inventory each year in each state office. He got about twenty inventories made, but when he reached the office of the state railway commission, he was refused permission to work because

the chairman of the commission was out of town.

R. B. Willard, state chemist, has seized two carloads of apples shipped into the state. The fruit contained more than .018 grains of arsenate of lead per pound. This is the content fixed by state law and the state chemist has been testing home grown apples as well as the shipments from other states. Some of the apples tested as high as .08 grain to the pound. Such high content is dangerous.

The state railway commission has granted the Western Union Telegraph company permission to include punctuation marks in messages free of cost to senders. The ruling goes into effect Oct. 15.

Following a brief memorial service Monday for the late Judge W. H. Thompson, the Supreme court heard motions for the advancement of hearing dates in the third appeal of the objectors in the Tri-county case; also the motion of the city of Lincoln to dismiss the Eppley Hotel company appeal. An effort was made to clear the way for the formal opening of the September term of the court by allowing motion for rehearing in two out of twenty-two applications. Motion for a two-hour argument on the bank night case, instead of the usual one-hour argument was denied.

Schools for 2,500 cream graders are now open in Nebraska according to A. L. Haeker, chief of the state dairy bureau. State examina-

tions are given the graders, after attendance at the school, and state licenses are given to those who pass, making it obligatory to grade cream before buying.

The state board of control reports that six state institutions are overcrowded beyond the capacity for which they were planned. These, with the number by which they exceed planned capacity are as follows: Lincoln state hospital, 269; Norfolk state hospital 206; State penitentiary, 252; Hastings state hospital, 560; York reformatory for women, 10; and Institute for feeble-minded, Beatrice, 99. A year ago, however, the total population of all institutions was 7,742 while this year it is 7,670.

The "Manual of Procedure," outlining a uniform system of accounting for all county officials of Nebraska, as provided for in the new law passed by the last legislature, is now being distributed by State Auditor Price. Provision is made for a large group of auditors to audit all county offices under the direction of the state auditor.

BRIEFLY STATED

E. J. Eby was down from Stuart Wednesday looking after business matters.

J. W. Walter, C. F. Gillette and V. Harley, of Chambers, are in the city today transacting business at the court house.

Ivan R. Heiss and Miss Rose M. Robinson, both of Page, were

granted a marriage license in county court Wednesday.

Dick Frisbie of Omaha, drove an International truck to this city Friday for Gene O'Hern. While here he visited friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reardon and family moved Tuesday to the home vacated by Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Herre in the western part of the city.

J. F. McDermott of Omaha, vice president of the First National bank of that city, was visiting banking friends in this city last Monday.

W. J. Froelich came out from Chicago last Friday and spent the week-end visiting his family here, returning to Chicago the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Minton of Lincoln, were in the city over the week-end, having come up to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, Roy Judge.

The Presbyterian Ladies Guild will meet at the home of Mrs. Kruse next Thursday, Oct. 7. Assisting hostesses, Mrs. Fenderson, Mrs. Herrick and Mrs. Ernst.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Carson of Lincoln, came up the latter part of last week for a few days visit in the northeastern part of the county and to look after business matters in this section.

Miss Betty Biglin left Sunday morning for Lincoln where she will spend the week visiting her cousin, Miss Mary Biglin, and will take in the Nebraska-Minnesota football game Saturday.

Miss Mary Carney returned to this city Sunday night after a ten day visit at the home of her broth-

er, Thomas E. Carney, at DuBois, Wyo., and with friends at Riverton and Lander, Wyo.

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70 x 80 Part Wool
\$1.98 PAIR
Fine yarn construction for added strength. Deep soft nap insures warmth. Full double bed size and weighs 3 pounds 4 ounces. Clear, long lasting colors: plaids in blue, rose, green, orchid and tan with white. Beautiful wide sateen binding.

72 x 84 PART WOOL
\$2.98 PAIR
Woven of best China cotton with deep nap to keep out cold. This blanket weighs 4 pounds. Plaids in soft clear, color-fast colors: blue, gold, green, rose, orchid and tan with white. Beautiful 3-inch sateen binding.

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