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## New Taxes Scheduled By The Legislature

"Soak everybody" seems to be the legislative tax theme of the Schricker state administration.

Instead of carrying out platform and campaign promises of tax reduction, Governor Schricker's program in the current legislature now takes in two more new tax burdens—two new ones in addition to some others which came out in the first few weeks of the general assembly.

One of these new burdens is a 1-cent increase in gasoline tax. The other is an interstate commerce tax on business, making taxable its raw materials shipped in from out of state and applying again to goods sold outside Indiana. This would extend coverage of the gross income tax law and it strikes hard because, with Indiana industries competitive with those in other states, unemployment can result by Indiana plants going out of business.

The gasoline tax increase, pushed by the Democratic state administration in the legislature, was held under cover for the first few weeks of the session.

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These new higher tax rates of the Schricker administration are more repudiations of his and his party's promises to lighten the tax bill. Governor Schricker previously threw out last fall's promises to repeal the cigarette tax and to repeal the state government's 15-cent property tax rate.

The veterans' bonus bill is now in the state senate where the Republican majority has other ideas developing about how to finance payments to veterans. The bonus bill passed the house of representatives only after the Democratic command there backed down from its throttling of the Republican minority. The 40 house Republicans walked out during consideration of the bill when Speaker Robert Heller, Democrat refused to recognize Republican members offering amendments to the bill.

Speaker Heller, ruling arbitrarily on a voice vote, gavels the bill on to third reading. At the same time he refused to recognize several Republicans on their feet with amendments in their hands. The Republicans as a protest of the denial of their rights promptly walked out of the house chamber, breaking a quorum. After a noon-time, two-hour delay the Democratic command backed down from its illegal action and agreed to put the bill back on second reading and act on all Republican amendments. The Republican minority then moved back to its seats, restored a quorum and won its constitutional right to be heard.

The event followed on the heels of Governor Schricker calling Democrat house leaders to his office to crack the whip for passage of the bonus bill in the house with its gross income tax provisions. He was forced to act because so much dissatisfaction existed in the Democratic side of the house over financing sections of the bill and its failing short of paying the bonus immediately. As a matter of fact the bill's provisions as it left the house means that the bonus cannot be paid for six or eight years.

Representative W. O. Hughes, Ft. Wayne, Republican floor leader in the house, led the walk-out. A day later when the house passed the bill on to the senate he filed a protest in the house journal over the bill's weak provisions. He deplored the several year delay in paying the bonus and said the additional gross income tax levied in it only aggravated a tax which already is unfair.

Senator Wesley Malone, Republican of Clinton, commented on the floor of the state senate that the Governor's pressure on house Democratic leaders to force passage of the veterans' bonus bill without amendments from the floor was "bossism".

The Governor sent for his Democrat leaders in the house to

### MORE NAMES REPORTED IN BOY SCOUT DRIVE

Additional list of donors to date in the drive for funds for Pioneer Trails Council Boy Scouts of America are: American Legion, Dr. Latham, Adda Martin, Woolde Ketrin, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Skidgel, Frank Banning, Emory Guy, Syracuse Rubber Products Co., Wednesday Afternoon Club, Paul E. Ford, Edna V. Hess, Steve Flinton, Matty Jones, Stucky Furniture Company.

### IN AUTO ACCIDENT

N. H. Blough is confined to his home with bruises and from shock received in an automobile accident last Saturday. The accident occurred when his car collided with a tractor which turned in front of him near Cambridge, City, Ind. His car was badly damaged. Mr. Blough is a shoe salesman.

### 1949 DODGE WILL BE ON DISPLAY FRIDAY

The 1949 Dodge will be on display here in Syracuse this Friday at the Syracuse Auto Sales. The new features include new head room, new elbow room, new leg room. A new "get-away" engine, plus fluid drive, gives much faster acceleration, and extra miles from every gallon of gas.

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### BUSINESS BETTER HERE FOR PAST MONTH

Many Syracuse advertisers in The Journal report that February business was better than for the month of January. As spring advances a more cheerful outlook is in sight.

Farm prices are apparently stabilized and due for a raise, after dropping from a high mark last year. The building industry will absorb a great deal of labor this spring.

Many Syracuse firms are offering the lowest priced merchandise in many years in The Journal, and have met with favorable reaction from buyers.

A poll of Syracuse merchants by the Wawasee Conservation Club shows that only two definitely do not want a street fair and various rides for kiddies and grown-ups. Most firms were in favor of a bigger 4th of July celebration than was staged here last year by the club. The club has not contracted with any company yet, for furnishing rides but will likely do at once.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas, of near Nappanee, spent Sunday with Mrs. Margaret Disher.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Smith are the parents of a six-pound, 11-month daughter, Diana Ellen, born Wednesday morning at the Goshen hospital.

The biggest home talent show here in many years—that is the "Gay Nineties Revue" at the high school gym, March 3-4.

Floyd Disher is now employed as a salesman for the Syracuse Auto Sales, local Dodge and Plymouth dealer. The new 1949 Dodge goes on display here Friday.

LEGION AUXILIARY  
MET TUESDAY NIGHT

The American Legion Auxiliary met Tuesday evening in the Legion hall. Mrs. Blanche Kline, president, presided and following the opening ceremony asked for standing committee reports.

Mrs. Laurence Kahn, Americanism chairman, gave a sketch of the life of George Washington.

Rehabilitation: Valentine boxes of candy were sent to two hospitalized local veterans.

Mrs. Roy Sargent reported on money made from bingo party and Mrs. Marion Darr on sale of greeting cards.

Mrs. Leonard Nichols gave a very interesting talk on her recent trip to Washington, D. C. and Baltimore, Md., describing historical places she had visited.

Mrs. Russel Kistler gave a report from the district meeting held at Pierceton.

Each member is asked to bring or send to the next meeting some toilet article so that a shower of toilet articles may be sent to the Clermont school for girls.

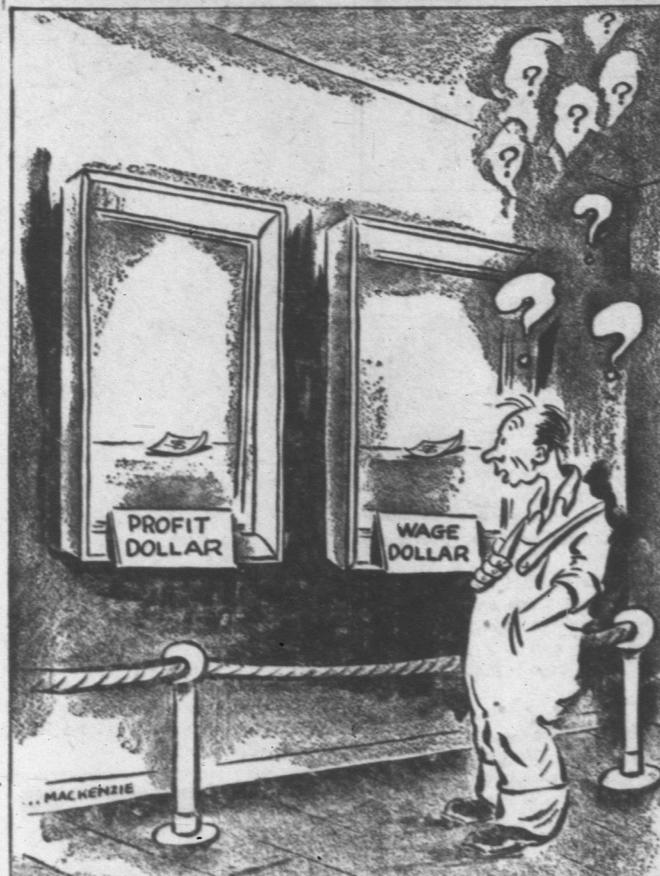
It was voted for the Unit to purchase a hospital bed for community use. Fletcher Marsh has donated a pair of crutches to the Unit, thus making four pairs owned by the Unit.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Blanche Kline, Mrs. Floyd Brower, Mrs. Orland Striby, Mrs. Robert Nichols and Mrs. Leonard Nichols.

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### THEY'VE BOTH SHRUNK!

By MACKENZIE



### LOCAL NEWS

#### COUNTY REPORTS GIVEN IN THE JOURNAL

Rec. Gordon V. Smith who has just completed his basic training at Fort Breckinridge, Ky., is spending ten days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Smith. He will leave here for Fort Monmouth, N. J.

The ice on Wawasee is getting so bad, the ice fishermen have given up that sport.

M. F. Jones, trustee and township assessor, and A. L. Miller and Fielden Sharp, who will assist him in assessing, were in Warsaw, Thursday to attend a meeting of assessors of the county.

Good singers and bad singers—with plenty of corn—will be heard at the school gym next Thursday and Friday nights, when the B. & P. W. club presents the "Gay Nineties Revue". Get your tickets early!

### Town & Farm

#### EVERETT MITCHELL

Farm Commentator, heard Monday through Saturday, 6:15-6:45 a.m. on WMAQ, Chicago, 670 on your dial.

HERE'VE been a lot of letters from farm and city folk alike asking us to serve a reminder that as a result of the recent snow and ice storms, the food situation is critical for birds.

Some birds have been especially hard hit by the snow and ice combinations. Smaller birds had been able to subsist primarily on seed from foxtail and other standing grasses, but the larger birds virtually have cut out of that supply.

It's a little early to tell what effect the cold will have on game birds since the threat to them depends on continued winds and blowing snow in the storm areas. Snow blows into the feathers, then partially melted by body heat, can turn to ice. This possibility, along with snow in the throat and nostrils, can cause serious damage to the wild-life bird population. The food problem will become worse if cold weather continues and the snow doesn't melt for any period of time.

It is in this light that we suggest that farmers living in open areas where the pheasant and quail population is heaviest, take several ears of corn and scatter the kernels in places where birds are likely to take shelter.

Emergency food measures taken in the more urgent songbird situation will help both in the cities and on the farms. Cracked corn, bread crumbs, rolled oats and other cereals make good feed for smaller birds. Nut meats and suet are especially good for birds, such as our friend the woodpecker, who require a high protein diet.

Fod should be placed where it is not available to the English sparrow, for not only will this bird eat the food, but it will drive the other birds away.

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### Post-Mortem at 'Namru One'



The Naval Medical Research Unit No. 1, at the University of California at Berkeley, directed in 1943 to investigate possible enemy use of infectious disease as a weapon, has not only gained considerable knowledge of mass defense against disease, but also has assimilated invaluable information for the control of communicable airborne diseases among peace-time populations. Photo shows an autopsy under way on an animal infected in the course of studies at "NAMRU ONE". Protective masks are worn by the laboratory researchers.

### Yellowjackets Favored To Win Tourney

Local fans are picking the Syracuse Yellowjackets to win the Warsaw sectional this weekend, believing that the members of the S.H.S. team have "hit their stride" at tourney time.

Syracuse has a season's record of 11 wins and six losses, and has been showing up well in recent games. The wins over Cromwell and Ligonier were extremely gratifying.

The tourney schedule this weekend is also doped to favor Syracuse. Syracuse is in the top half of the pairings, while most of the leading tourney threats are paired together in the lower half. Thus Syracuse has an easier path (no paper at least) to reach the finals.

The Yellowjackets have plenty of size, can score heavily, and have gained a great deal of experience.

The tourney schedule follows:

Wednesday—7:00, Elma Green and Claypool; 8:15, Beaver Dam and Larwill.

Thursday—7:00, Burkett and Sidney; 8:15, Syracuse and Atwood.

Friday—8:30, Silver Lake and Leesburg; 9:45, Milford and North Webster; 11:00, Pierceton and Montone; 1:30, Columbia City and Warsaw.

Officials—Dwight Byerly Chas. Bobilya, H. F. McNaught, Leonard Lupold.

A Fresh Start for Labor

Our unions have been accused of "Communism" many times in recent years. Sometimes the charge has not stood up under close examination. At other times, labor organizations have faced the music and set about the job of cleaning out dangerous, un-American elements. A recent decision of the CIO ranks and file to clean house is an example of the latter. Philip Murray and others helping in this unsavory task surely merit our full support.

### Clever But Risky

Most of us little know what masters the Communists are at clever organization. They do make good union workers. If they can find a union whose leadership is untrained, or members uninterested, they know how to take over. The Communists want to use labor unions as outlets for their propaganda. They want new recruits. Naturally, they want to have access to union funds. From union treasuries can come paychecks for faithful, advance-agents of Communism!

Moreover, a union base for operations is just what the agents of Communism want most. This gives them a chance to see what they can do to insure failure for the enterprise system. With the reins of union leadership in their hands, it is no trouble at all to make excessive demands upon employers, to stir up unjustified strikes and slowdowns. Industrial espionage can be undertaken.

Mr. Nelson Byland returned home Wednesday from the Elk-hart hospital where she had undergone observation and treatment for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Weller and son, of Shaker Heights, O., spent a few days this week at their cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Appenzeller and two sons, have returned from Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred F. Bailey were Sunday guests of Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Bailey.

Cable Lane, of Chicago, is spending a few days here at the lake.

Buy from your home merchant

—he helps keep schools, churches, your newspaper, all home activities going!

Mrs. Harold Swenson and Mrs. John Swenson attended funeral services of Mrs. Frank Henwood last Thursday at Warsaw.

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#### SYRACUSE CHURCH OF GOD

Joseph J. Koble, Pastor.

Lewis Firestone, Supt.

Church school—10:00 a.m.

Morning worship—11:00 a.m.

Sermon: "Letting Peace Rule Our Hearts."

Evening service—Youth Fellowship at 6:30. Song & praise, 7:30. Evangelistic message.

Cottage prayer meeting Thursday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Ross, who are spending the winter in Phenix.

Mr. and Mrs. Voyle Osborn, of Blewett, Texas, are the parents of a daughter, Mary Kathleen, born Feb. 18.

### SPEAKS FEB. 17 AT LAKE SEMINARY

The Rt. Rev. Frank J. Hardy, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church, Jackson, Mich., paid a visit to Our Lady of the Lake Seminary, Thursday afternoon.

Feb. 17, and gave the seminarians a most interesting and enlightening talk about his pilgrimage to Fatima in Portugal and Lourdes in France, two years ago.

Of secondary interest was the picture he painted about the prevailing conditions in Spain and Portugal. Contrary to what we ordinarily hear, the people there are peaceful and contented, and apprehensive of only one thing—Communism. They say themselves that their leaders, Franco and Salazar, have their unreserved confidence.

Msgr. Hardy is a cleric of the Diocese of Lansing, and was the Chaplain for about 75 lay men and women from the Michigan area who made a pilgrimage en masse to Lourdes and Fatima in 1947. He is Diocesan Consultor and holds other minor offices in the administration of the diocese.

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