

ROOSEVELT STUDIES NEW PROGRAM OF TAXATION

PLANS TO SEND CONGRESS BILLS ON FOUR TOPICS

Health, Railroads and Philippine Trade Are Included.

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for reciprocal taxation of federal and state salaries and the income from future federal and state bonds now in the tax-exempt class.

He proposed this last April, but congress did nothing about it. It has been estimated upwards of 100 million dollars in new revenues would accrue from such levies. Some believe a constitutional amendment would be required, but the president feels the statute method should be given a trial.

PROCESSING TAX IS NOT APPROVED

Roosevelt also made it plain that he looks with disfavor on a processing tax to help finance the farm benefit program.

Secretary Wallace has advocated the processing tax at various times to provide about 212 million dollars for "parity" payments to farmers. The president, when asked his opinion, said such a levy, once thrown out with supreme court invalidation of the AAA, acted as an economic depressant since it was a general commerce tax.

In his budget message the president said new taxes would have to be found to raise about 422 million dollars—for the extra farm benefits and for part of the defense program. His only specific recommendation so far on taxes has been to extend various "nuisance" taxes about to expire.

Senator Brown (Dem.) of Michigan asked members of a senate finance subcommittee to explore the whole reciprocal tax situation at a meeting Wednesday morning. Democratic members of the house ways and means committee assembled at the other end of the capitol to discuss taxation problems.

MESSAGE TO BE SENT WITH HEALTH REPORT

Besides his tax message, Roosevelt said he would send a short recommendation to congress Monday in transmitting the report of his interdepartmental committee on health.

This report proposes a co-operative national health program starting off with a 50-million-dollar appropriation. After ten years it would cost the federal government and the states about 80 million dollars annually. Federal assistance in providing medical care and hospitalization for underprivileged groups would be authorized.

The president was not certain he would send a message on the railroad problem, since, he said, most of the information needed was already at hand. He said he would confer on the subject again Thursday with Chairman Wheeler (Dem.) of Montana and Lea (Dem.) of California of the senate and house interstate commerce committees.

A Philippine inter-state committee report asking a fourteen-year extension beyond 1946 of preferential tariff treatment for Philippine products entering this country will go to the capitol soon, but the president may not add any recommendations of his own.

ADAMS DOUBTS WPA FIGURES OF ROOSEVELT

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\$75 million dollars. LaGuardia, head of the United States conference of mayors, said that "private industry is failing to absorb the unemployed." "It is impossible for the elites to absorb any more of the unemployed with their own relief funds," he said.

David Lasser, president of the Workers alliance, asked for a 1,050-million-dollar appropriation, but said that if this were not granted congress should appropriate 360 million dollars to last thru February and March. Later, he said, a further allocation could be considered.

Lasser clashed briefly with Senator Russell (Dem.) of Georgia, a subcommittee member, when he charged that members of the house appropriations committee had acted as "agents of the United States Chamber of Commerce" in reducing the appropriation to 725 million dollars.

RUSSELL DEFENDS MOTIVES OF CONGRESS

Russell interrupted his testimony, contending that it impugned the motives of members of congress.

Lasser declared congress would be responsible if discharged WPA workers "come to Washington by the tens of thousands and say to you gentlemen, 'You discharged us; now tell us how we are to live.'"

The committee also received a statement from James B. Carey, C. I. O. secretary, saying that "hundreds of thousands will be thrown out of WPA rolls if the cut goes thru." The C. I. O. has advocated a one-billion-dollar appropriation.

SHINN IS SPEAKER ON 'ASSOCIATES DAY'

Charles A. Shinn, vice president and general manager of the Denver Dry Goods company and past president of the Denver chamber of commerce, will be the principal speaker Thursday noon at the annual "Associates Day" luncheon of the Co-operative club at the Brown Palace hotel. His subject will be "Fun in Business."

The Shriners' "hill-billy" band will supply music for the occasion.

Gives Address To Students



MINER B. PHILIPPS, City controller of Pasadena, Calif., and president of the Municipal Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada, who addressed the students of the Denver university school of commerce Wednesday morning.

TAXPAYERS CAN HELP LOWER GOVERNMENT COSTS, SAYS SPEAKER

The taxpayer himself can do a lot to keep down the cost of municipal government by being reasonable in his demands for service, Miner B. Philipps, city comptroller of Pasadena, Calif., and president of the Municipal Finance Officers association of the United States and Canada, said here Wednesday.

"People demand a great deal of city governments, and they are entitled to good service," he said. "But it should be remembered that every time an additional service is demanded, there is an increase in the cost of government."

Philipps addressed the students of the Denver university school of commerce Wednesday morning. He discussed the development of governmental administration as applied to municipalities. He was graduated from the school in 1917.

Philipps stopped in Denver en route home from Chicago, where he attended a meeting of the executive committee of the organization, of which he is president. He spoke Wednesday noon at a meeting of the Denver Athletic club of Denver members of the association and conferred at length in the afternoon with City Auditor William H. McNichols.

COLORADO SPRINGS AND MANITOU LINE TO BE ABANDONED

Petition of trustees of the Denver & Rio Grande Western railroad for abandonment of the Colorado Springs-Manitou branch of the road was granted in federal court Wednesday morning.

The trustees said in their petition that the six miles of railroad were operated at a loss of \$15,000 a year. Passenger service was discontinued some years ago and the freight business has fallen off to almost nothing, they said. They believe equipment can be salvaged for \$12,500.

By the federal court action, the route's continuing service on the branch unless the interstate commerce commission takes up the matter. The court declared the railroad line between the two points not necessary to public welfare.

The branch was constructed by Gen. William Palmer many years ago when there was no other means of transportation but carriages. It was constructed primarily to carry visitors in the Pike's peak region near the scenic attractions surrounding Manitou. Streetcars, private cars and buses in later years took over the business once handed by the railroad.

AUTO-TRAIN COLLISION NEAR SEDALIA TAKES SECOND VICTIM'S LIFE

Frank Downing, 19, of Littleton, died Wednesday in the Colorado general hospital of a fractured skull and internal injuries suffered Saturday night in an automobile-train collision near Sedalia in which another youth was killed and two others were injured.

The accident occurred when the automobile in which the four were riding skidded on an icy road and crashed into a moving Colorado & Southern freight train at a Sedalia grade crossing.

Walter H. Brooker of Waterton, Colo., was killed instantly. The two other youths are Neil Brooker, 17, and Robert White, 19. Neither was hurt seriously.

The four youths were on their way to a dance when the accident happened. They had just turned off of the main Denver-Colorado Springs paved highway to reach a dance hall across the railroad tracks when their automobile skidded into the freight train.

TWO SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS IN SILVER FRAUD

Swisher and Gibson Also Draw Fines; Appeal To Be Taken.

(CRIME NEVER PAYS)

Theodore J. Swisher, elderly president of the Colorado Smelting & Refining company, and Clarence W. Gibson, secretary of the concern, were sentenced to five years each in a federal penitentiary Wednesday morning by United States District Judge J. Foster Symes. They were convicted on charges of defrauding the government mint of \$20,000.

Judge Symes sentenced Swisher to five years on each of sixteen counts of guilty and ordered the sentences to run concurrently. He also fined Swisher a total of \$1,920, a fine of \$120 on each count.

Gibson was sentenced to a like number of years on each of forty-three counts, also with the provision the terms will run concurrently. He was fined a total of \$2,150.

CHARGED WITH MAKING FALSE AFFIDAVITS

The specific charge on which they were found guilty was the making of false affidavits to the Denver mint in connection with the sale of silver reduced from photographic films, which the defendants represented to be newly mined silver.

Their trial lasted two weeks, culminating Monday with the verdict of the jury.

The defendants were represented in court Wednesday morning by Harold B. Newrock, Lafayette, Colo., attorney, who was associated with Chief Defense Attorney James T. Burke in the trial of the case.

Defense attorneys said an appeal to the circuit court will be taken. The government's case against the two men was worked up over a long period by E. A. Wildy, crack agent in the secret service bureau in Denver, who traced the maneuvers of the defendants for more than two years.

JURY BELIEVES BOTH EQUALLY GUILTY

When the jury was sentenced Judge Symes asked their ages. Swisher said he was 61 and Gibson said he was 44.

The court said he did not agree with the jury in its differentiation of the guilty counts between the two men.

"You were in this thing together and are equally guilty," the court said.

"Therefore, the penalties shall be given accordingly."

As the two men were being sentenced, bankruptcy proceedings were being instituted against two companies which they controlled, the Colorado Smelting & Refining company, which already is in the hands of a receiver, and the Black Swan Mining & Milling company, Boulder county mining property, for which a receiver has been asked.

SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF HOME IS FILED

A suit was filed Tuesday in the district court by Mrs. Augusta Barth, 74, for an order requiring her daughter, Mrs. Ketha S. Titus, to reconvey to her a residence at 1589 Jackson street, which allegedly was transferred to Mrs. Titus in 1932. Ernest B. Titus, son-in-law of Mrs. Barth, also was named a defendant. Mrs. Barth claims her daughter has failed to fully comply with an agreement to support and care for her.

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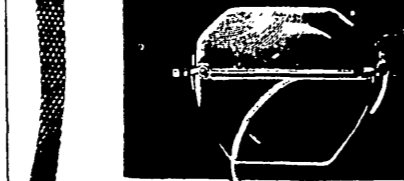


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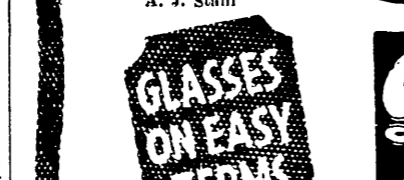
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HERSHAL HOOPER, 41, DENVER MUSICIAN, IS DEAD OF AUTO GAS

Hershal R. Hooper, 41, of 2610 West Twenty-sixth avenue, a widely-known Denver musician, was found dead late Tuesday in a garage at the rear of his father's home at 2948 Vallejo street, the victim of carbon monoxide gas poisoning.

Deputy Coroner Gus Economy, who said he established that Hooper had been involved in financial difficulties, pronounced the case "a probable suicide."

Hooper's body was found by his father, Charles H. Hooper, who went to the garage to obtain a pan of chicken feed. He opened the doors and windows, which had been closed light, and then telephoned police.

Efforts of a fire department rescue squad to revive Hooper with artificial respiration proved futile.

Hooper, who would have celebrated his twentieth wedding anniversary Friday, had been employed recently on a PWA music project.

Besides his father, Hooper is survived by his wife, Mary.

NEW TESTS PLANNED FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

The 236 applicants for places on the fire department, whose civil service ratings were voided following the examinations of May, 1938, will be given a new test on Feb. 14, the city civil service commission announced Wednesday.

The commission said there was "wholesale cheating" in the 1938 examination. This caused the voiding of all papers. Only the men who took the last examination will be permitted to participate in the new written tests, the commission announced. The new examinations, the commission said, will be surrounded with the greatest possible precautions to prevent a repetition of what occurred last year.

DENVER POSTOFFICE RECEIPTS INCREASE

The first sixteen days of 1939 seem to indicate another bumper year for the Denver postoffice. Postmaster James O. Stevic declared Wednesday in announcing an increase of 19 per cent in postal receipts for that period over the corresponding days last year.

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CLAN WIZARD SEES CATHOLIC RITES AT ATLANTA CATHEDRAL

Atlanta, Jan. 18.—(A. P.)—Catholic church dignitaries dedicated the newly constructed Cathedral of Christ the King here Wednesday in ceremonies witnessed by Imperial Wizard Hiram W. Evans of the Ku Klux Klan as an invited guest.

Describing himself as "just a spectator," the Klan leader and members of his family gathered for the services under the direction of Dennis Cardinal Dougherty of Philadelphia.

Bishop Gerald P. O'Hara of the Savannah-Atlanta diocese extended the invitation. Dr. Evans, whose organization in post-World war days was an anti-Catholic, anti-Semitic, white supremacy group, said he accepted with "great pleasure."

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MATILDA BAERRESEN IS BURIED IN DENVER

Mrs. Matilda F. Baerresen, a former Denver resident, who died in Los Angeles Friday, was buried in Fairmount cemetery here Wednesday at 10 a. m. The Rev. William Barrett, pastor of the Montview Boulevard Presbyterian church, officiated at the burial service. Mrs. Baerresen had retained her membership in the church during ten years of her residence in Los Angeles.

Thirty-five years ago Mrs. Baerresen came to Denver from her native state of Pennsylvania. She was the widow of A. T. Baerresen, a Denver contractor and builder.

Surviving her are three sons—Walter, Clyde and Gilbert—all of Los Angeles.

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AUSTRALIAN PLANE WRECK KILLS FOUR

Darwin, Australia, Jan. 18.—Three crew members and a passenger were killed Wednesday when a New Guinea Airways transport plane crashed into the Katherine river shortly after taking off for Adelaide.

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