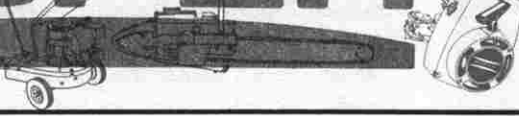


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Listen Americans!

... by Dr. George S. Benson
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The Federal government at this time is spending more than a half million dollars every minute, twenty-four hours per day. In the first 10 months of the present fiscal year, the Federal government will spend more than it did in all the years between 1789 and 1942. By some estimates, the average individual's share of the Federal budget today is \$1,500. Ten years ago, that share was only \$650.00 by the same estimate. Every American wage-earner worked from January 1, 1974 well into May, just to pay taxes to various levels of government. That means the average American pays, in direct taxes, to Federal, State and local governments, more than one third of every dollar earned. In some States, that figure is even higher, as in California, where wage-earners pay 43 cents of every dollar earned for taxes to government at all levels.

In fiscal 1975, the Federal budget will reach \$305 billion with an anticipated income of only \$294 billion. This means America will add another \$11 billion to our national debt, bringing that gross figure to approximately \$505 billion.

Interest alone on that debt will amount to more than \$30 billion dollars and that is more than the total expenditure of six government agencies — the departments of: Agriculture, Commerce, Interior, Transportation, HUD, and Justice.

I realize that so many statistics put together in this manner are confusing to all of us, but when the share of our Federal government's national debt reaches \$10,000 per family, and it is almost there now, it is time for every American to make some effort to understand what it means to his welfare and the welfare of his children.

What is just one billion dollars? A few comparisons may help. You could put it this way: If a man had started in the year 321 B.C. to give away one hundred dollars an hour, working twelve hours a day, 365 days a year, he would not yet have run through one billion dollars. Or suppose a business firm had started out in the year One A.D. and had managed things so badly as to lose a thousand dollars every day. If that firm's original capital had been one billion dollars, its inept management still would have enough money left to keep on losing money at the same rate for another 777 years. If you were to stack crisp, new one thousand dollar bills one upon the other, the stack would be as high as the Empire State Building by the time you reach one billion dollars. If that stack were made up on one dollar bills, it would reach 64 miles high and one person, counting one bill per second, would require 31 and a half years just to count it.

With the Federal National debt reaching past the one half-trillion mark, with the interest payment on that debt having now reached the point where it is the third largest item in the annual Federal budget, it is encouraging to observe a movement in Washington among a few Congressmen to try to do something about it. It is not yet really a movement. It is only a flicker of light. But during the past two years, enough concern has been shown by Congress that we can say: **A FLAME HAS BEEN BORN.**

Recognizing that continued deficit spending is the MAJOR cause of INFLATION and that something must be done about inflation if our nation is to survive, a group of freshman Congressmen are backing a Constitutional Amendment which would prohibit the Federal government spending more money than is taken in during any given year, except in time of war or in time of national emergency. This Constitutional Amendment contains an additional clause which mandates the Federal government to pay off the national debt at the rate of 10 percent for each period of 10 years, thus requiring the total retirement of the debt during the next 100 years.

This Amendment was introduced at the beginning of 1973. So far it has only 40 backers in the Congress and there are powerful forces which are fighting the movement. Many people are now getting rich off the interest payments on our national debt. We cannot expect them to favor the payment of the debt.

FLU SHOTS

A total of 252 flu shots have been given by the nurses during the week. Employees who missed getting their shots can still receive them by going to 1st Aid anytime on any shift. However it should be done as soon as possible.

Monday, October 28 is the date for the next visit of the Safety Shoemobile. The unit will be here from 7 AM to 5 PM on that date. It will be parked next to the North Guardhouse. This will give employees who need them the opportunity to purchase quality safety shoes at a substantial savings and, in addition, the company will pay \$4.00 toward the price of each pair purchased. Employees may pay by wage deduction and use one, two or three deductions.

Not only are shoes available for male employees but females as well. We encourage all to take advantage of this opportunity.

WALK FOR MANKIND

Last Sunday the local Jaycees sponsored a "Walk for Mankind", a promotion that saw several "good citizens" walk from Bird Park in Kankakee through Bradley and Bourbonnais and then east to the Exline Sportsman's Club. Participants in the march were sponsored by people who pledged one dollar per mile. Proceeds of the march were earmarked for recreational purposes for the Kankakee Valley Park District and also for park purposes in Bradley and Bourbonnais.

The weather was atrocious and the walkers were soaked to the skin when they finished and the total raised in pledges, about \$2000 was only half of what was expected.

Three of our employees were walkers: NICK GINERIS of Inspection, ROXANNE HERMS of D/35 and ANITA BARNETT of D/15A. They all finished in spite of the rain and we congratulate them on a job well done. They were responsible for between two and three hundred dollars in pledges. In addition, when NICK returned home wet and weary he was cheered by his grandchildren who had decorated the whole house with banners congratulating their grandpa.

APOLOGIES

Our apologies to DONNA KIEDAISCH of the Service Dept. who has been with Roper's for five years but was somehow overlooked for this month's service plateau. Were sorry for the mistake.

SYMPATHY

We extend sympathy to the family of HERBERT EHLERS D/70 on his recent untimely death.

IT HAPPENS ON MONDAYS

"Bowling That Is"

by Harold Siefert

Seven Monday evenings have gone by thus far and that means "position" night is here, our first. Its the chance to whip the guys ahead of you and gain some ground. After seven nites the standings remain as close as ever with "Maint." still on top by a single point.

This Monday nite was the most productive of all as far as big games and series goes. There were eleven "500" series and seven "200" games.

WILLARD ESSINGTON had high series 575 and BOB CRAWFORD high game 232 (and BOB blew the 10th too).

No team could take all four points tonite and four teams, the "Welders", "Assembly", "Dispatchers", and "Maint." all settled for two apiece. "Stores" took three from the "Truckers", "Office" took three from the "Forgers" and "Suburbans" did the same from "Tool Room".

Good games and series were rolled by GALE ALBERS 536, RALP DOERHING 503, TONY STANISZESKI 503, DONALD BLANCHETTE 210-525, JOHN GIERTZ 210, STANLEY BUTLER 545, LOU CONOVER 201-510, MIKE LARSON 223-529, JOHN BELL 546, GEORGE FISHER 222-526, WILL ESSINGTON 226-575, and BOB CRAWFORD 232-552. WALT DUPUIS converted the 5-10 split.

Here are the individual leaders:

High actual	BOB CRAWFORD	232
High with handicap	JOHN GIERTZ	268
High series actual	GALE ALBERS	591
High series w/handicap	RICHARD CLODI	665
High average	GALE ALBERS	172



OLD TIMER OF THE WEEK

This week we honor BOB VICKERY who graduated from Bradley High School in 1937 and then continued his education for one year at Gallagher Business School. He then spent almost another year with the National Youth Administration before coming to work here on June 14, 1939. At the time of his hiring it was a temporary job taking inventory, but time has passed and he is no longer worried about it not being permanent. After some time in Receiving he went into the office and has been in Material Control ever since. Since 1968 he has been on exempt payroll and is currently Supervisor of Material Control.

During World War II BOB spent almost two years in the army with sixteen months spent in the European theatre as a combat infantryman. His rank was T5 at discharge.

BOB and his wife Marcella have been married 34 years and have two sons both of whom are college graduates and are following the teaching profession. Jim teaches Chemistry and Physics at Peotone High School and has been there seven years. Hal is in his second year as Chemistry teacher at Gary West High School.

This hard working Old Timer loves to travel and has visited most of the western states. Just last month the VICKERY'S were caught in an 8½ inch snowstorm in Yellowstone National Park.

BIRTHS

Congratulations to JEFF and Connie FARRAR D/35 on their second child, a boy, born October 9.

Also to RICHARD and Kay TOWER D/35 on the birth of their first child, a boy, born October 9.

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