

Everybody Talks About Taxes . . .

ON ONE topic figures in as much public and private conversation as taxes, and yet the millions of impassioned and embittered words produce little in the way of fundamental reform in our methods of financing our government. At every level, from the town to the Federal establishment, tax schedules are dictated by expediency with results all too familiar to the overburdened taxpayer.

But the custom is by no means binding. Many states still levy property taxes, and many cities maintain special excise levies. The Federal government, of course, has increased rather than decreased its taxes except the direct levy on real estate.



WOOD TRUMAN

ALBANY, N. Y. The politics of this richest and most populous State, the stakes are high. So high that the very life of the dynamic of inflation which complicates every problem.

Some of the reasons, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and his economic-political team are holding back. They point out that building costs close to 100 per cent above the pre-war level are still being paid. Another factor enters in. The contractors now working for the State's work are engaging in something very like a strike.

Under the squeeze of inflation, the real estate is between city and state. Greater New York, with its 7 million people, is still struggling with a congestion that is a most staggering problem.

The Elimination Of Grade Crossings

NOTING the recent series of aerial photographs in The News showing the manner in which railroad grade crossings in the flow of traffic in Charlotte.

grade crossings and would like to see them eliminated. The project, however, is not a simple one. For instance, the worst grade crossing in town — on Trade Street at the South-east Passenger station — cannot be eliminated without a major construction project.

Regardless of the law, no automobile ever won an argument with a railroad train. The police, the photographs in The News was not to raise the question of right and wrong, but to point to the need of eliminating the present conflict between rail and street traffic.

The problem can be solved, of course, and it must be. But it will require full cooperation between the city and the railroads and probably a mutual assumption of costs.

The Propagandists Must Register

A GOOD many North Carolinians have argued that the requirement that lobbyists register with the Secretary of State and indicate the source of their income is observed most often in the breach.

Inquiries asking for an interpretation of the law. But the Secretary of State says he can't, despite considerable study, decide and indicate the source of their income.

Another Voice

LATE Spring is a test of patience for those who work with growing things, but the rush with which Spring comes, once the break is made in the weather.

most hear the buds popping. You drove along a road one morning and saw maple leaves beginning to open. By mid-afternoon, those same leaves were two inches across.

People's Platform

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Joseph & Stewart Also Poached Egg Budget

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Drew Pearson's Congressman And Wet Clash On Housing

WASHINGTON WITH housing the No. 1 need of the nation, the real estate-building-and-loan lobbies continue to be more active than ever in the country.

Witch-Hunt For Liberals

BOTTLER and Mrs. Wolfe of Utah expressed concern over the witch-hunt which would discourage liberals from serving in the Government.

THE season came all at once, without its usual slow preparation. It was as though time lost its meaning—for a few days, then Spring opened her arms and fairly smothered us with blossom.—New York Times.

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