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## SUPPORT FOR SALES TAX

By Charles V. Stanton

Editorial writers throughout the state are expressing surprise at the action of the Oregon Farm Bureau in endorsing a sales tax proposal. The Bureau went on record at a meeting in Medford recently as favoring a sales tax earmarked "for education purposes and property tax offset."

The action is somewhat surprising considering the fact that the farm population has been credited with being the chief factor in beating sales tax proposals in five previous elections, the last in 1948.

The Oregon State Grange has opposed a sales tax consistently. In late years, however, we have heard a good many grange members express the opinion that they had, as an organization, been "sold a bill of goods."

In the beginning the Grange formed a political alliance with organized labor. Labor always has fought a sales tax. Labor's opposition is understandable. It is more difficult, however, to comprehend why farmers should be on that side of the fence.

When a sales tax first was proposed in Oregon the timber industry was just beginning to hit its stride. Labor in mills and woods, although highly organized, was transient to a very marked degree in those days. The timber industry was constantly on the move.

### Industry More Stable

The rule was to "cut out and get out." Few woods or mill workers owned property. They seldom remained long in one place. They paid no property taxes, except indirectly.

Wages were low so they paid little or no income taxes. Passage of a sales tax would have moved them into the taxpayer class, a position they preferred to avoid.

Back in those days organized labor was not as strong politically as it is today. Oregon was an agricultural state. The farm vote was of much influence. Municipalities, however, were growing. The farm vote was threatened with loss of its commanding position. It was only natural, therefore, that farm and labor leaders should get together on political matters. A combined opposition to creation of sales taxes was organized.

But conditions have undergone a great change since Oregon first started talking sales tax. There even has been much change since the last vote in 1948.

The lumber industry no longer is transient. There is no place left to go. Only a small minority of the worker population remains migratory. Woods and mill workers, for the most part, are property owners today. They must pay property taxes. These taxes are increasing steadily. They also pay income taxes, being among the best paid workers.

### Farmers Would Benefit

A good many laborers have changed their minds about sales taxes. Labor leaders, we believe, can no longer deliver a solid labor vote against a sales tax.

At the same time, many farmers are reviewing the traditional stand of their organizations in opposition to the tax measure. The action of the Farm Bureau points up this changing sentiment.

The farmer is the one who suffers most as property taxes keep going up and up. Either he has been drawn into consolidation with a big school district, constantly pressing for more money, or is contributing to the cost of an uneconomical, and often inadequate, small school.

Pressed between mounting taxes and a rate of income normally below average, the farmer takes a beating. He would pay considerably below the average in sales taxes. If a sales tax were to be used chiefly for educational purposes and as an offset to property taxes he would be the one to benefit most.

Oregon must raise more revenue from some source. Unless new methods of taxation are devised, the blow will fall heaviest on property, which can least afford the additional burden.

## Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP) — Yup, I had lunch with Gary Cooper. Nope, he didn't bend my ear much.

But it isn't true that the conversation of the screen's strong silent man—"the cowboy's cowboy"—is limited to such expressions as "Yup" and "Nope."

"That idea got started years ago when I used only those two words in a gag radio interview with Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy," said Cooper, grinning and rubbing his chin.

Actually, Cooper likes to talk as well as the next man—provided the next man isn't the kind of a guy who just opens his mouth for the pleasure of making sound waves. He simply believes that actions really speak louder than words, offscreen as well as on.

The crispness of dialogue that has made him one of the most durable successful film stars comes naturally.

"In a stage play, where you are limited in scope, you have to rely on dialogue largely to tell the plot. But in movies action tells the story."

"The best dialogue is the shortest. I feel the same thing is true in literature. Take Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. It isn't long—but it's great."

"Coop," as his friends call him, is one of the most highly conscious artists in the film industry, but he doesn't act like the artist. After 30 years before the cameras, he still is quiet, friendly, hard-working. None of Hollywood's flamboyance has affected him.

He learned range life as a boy in Montana, and started his career as a \$50-a-week stunt man—"fighting Indians and charging the enemy."

"I only played the villain once," he recalled. "It was in a two-reel quickie made on poverty row. I played the heavy who set fire

## It's Good Exercise—But Is It Good for the Elephant?



## DAILY BIBLE READING

Message By  
Roseburg Ministerial Assn.

Today's Text  
John 10

Today you are probably wondering what life is possible that makes people believe it is a gift of God. If not today, it was not very many days ago that despairing thoughts conquered us.

What can life hold? What can life give? What can life be made of? To people with the same problems, some even worse than ours, came a Man to give a Way of Life. He spoke of hope and people could not turn a deaf ear. He made them believe in Him. Somehow after knowing and listening to Him, their attitudes changed and life was viewed with new brightness and enthusiasm. Thoughts of despair did not pass away entirely, but he caused them to fade so that beams of hope might shine through.

He is the Good Shepherd offering hope. "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." The hope He offers is faith with a future. It does not look for the impossible to happen, but meets whatever life may take or whatever life may give. Our faith in His guidance and care projected into the future is our hope. Such a hope endures all things and stills all fears.

He is the Good Shepherd for all of life. It is through Him one enters into and enjoys the peace which passes all understanding. It is through Him one gains that joy that is our strength. It is through Him that one attains to life that is life indeed. All of which is summed up in the triumphant shout of Paul, "Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

—DONALD R. OSCARSON  
Faith Lutheran Church

## Reader Opinions

### Thalia Players Request More Members To Join

ROSEBURG — Hear ye! Hear ye! Citizens of Roseburg. Know ye that within your gates dwells an organization, Thalia Community Players.

We are a small but very enthusiastic group. The fact remains that we need more such members. Some of us believe in a dream—that of bringing Little Theater to Roseburg. Small hamlets and large cities have their civic theaters. Can Roseburg say the same?

We feel that a civic theater adds culture to a city and that Roseburg needs us. Will you help make the dream come true?

There is no age limit; no experience or ability asked of you, although it helps, of course. Everyone is welcome. If you are interested, please contact by telephone Mrs. Dick Ogden at her home, or "Chuck" Reinhart at Radio Station KRXL.

### THALIA COMMUNITY PLAYERS

By Mrs. Dick Ogden  
Publicity Chairman

he said, ruefully rubbing his chin. "And I made a dilly. Once I had a chance at a part that really interested me, but I was snarled up with other commitments and it wasn't altogether certain at the time the picture would be made. Nope, it really wasn't."

Later Clark Gable took the role. It was in a little picture called "Gone With The Wind," the biggest money maker in history.

"Sure you can make mistakes,"

## Peter Edson

WASHINGTON — (NEA) — With the announced purpose of getting rid of everything not considered absolutely essential for efficient government operation, the first full inventory of Uncle Sam's real estate holdings is now nearing completion. The inventory must be turned over to the Senate Appropriations Committee before March 1, 1955.

Detailed property surveys are now being made by the 10 major government departments and eight other independent agencies in whose names nearly all U.S. property is held. These surveys are being turned over to General Services Administration, which is Uncle Sam's housekeeper, for assembly in a master inventory.

Then for the first time, Uncle Sam will know for sure just what he really owns and what it's worth, or at least what it cost.

THE NEXT TASK WILL BE to determine which of these properties are no longer needed by the government as "excess" and which can be disposed of as "surplus." The purpose here is twofold. First is to reduce government costs by cutting the expense of maintaining property it doesn't need. Second is to transfer back to state and local government tax rolls such surplus property as is now carried tax free because of federal government ownership.

To shape up policies for this program, a Surplus Real Property Disposal Project was set up in the Bureau of the Budget last December. In July David H. Brill, Chicago real estate lawyer, was made administrator of the project.

Mr. Brill says he hopes to make a final report by next October. There has been some misunderstanding and misrepresentation of this project. It has been looked at somewhat askance, as the opening wedge for a great give-away or bargain sale of public lands, national forests, reclamation projects, Tennessee Valley Authority dams, and even Atomic Energy Commission installations. That isn't in the picture at all.

SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED from this program are the public domain, the national forests, national parks and all properties leased by the government or held under mixed government-private enterprise ownership, such as defense plants. Also, the survey is limited to the continental United States, which excludes the vast government land holding in Alaska and the Panama Canal.

The best estimates now available are that some 13,500 properties will be reported by the GSA inventory. Four thousand of them will be under Army, Navy and Air Force ownership and management. The other 9,500 are largely owned and managed by 17 other agencies.

Post Office department buildings, Department of Commerce airfields and lighthouses, Federal Housing Administration hospitals, and so on.

THEIR COMBINED ACQUISITION COSTS are very roughly put at \$30 billion to \$40 billion. How much of this volume might ultimately be disposed of, and at what savings or what tax benefits to local government, no one can now estimate.

If the number 13,500 seems small, it is explained that the 90-

### U.N. Assembly Fund To Pay Discharged Men

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP) — The U.N. General Assembly's budgetary committee has voted Thursday night to set up a fund to pay \$179,420 in indemnities to 11 Americans discharged from the United Nations last year. The employees of the secretariat were fired after they refused to tell U.S. investigators whether they were Communists.

The committee at the same time threw out a U.S.-backed plan to provide a system of reviewing decisions by the U.N. administrative tribunal, which had made the indemnity awards.

mile-long Hanford, Wash., atomic energy plant is listed as one installation. An Army base with a hospital, housing development and research center is counted as one installation.

Eighteen bills were introduced in the last Congress to transfer government property to local tax rolls. None passed because nobody could agree on what was necessary property for government operation, and what was surplus or excess.

The Brill project studies hope to change that situation and get some ground rules established for reducing Uncle Sam's property inventory in a big way, by removing red tape roadblocks.

### Gen. Van Fleet Has Broken With Sen. McCarthy

AUBURNDALE, Fla. (AP) — Gen. James A. Van Fleet has broken with Sen. Joseph McCarthy over the Wisconsin senator's statement against President Eisenhower.

Van Fleet, who was a member of the committee which went after 10 million signatures of persons backing McCarthy in his fight against censure before the U. S. Senate, sent McCarthy a telegram yesterday renouncing his support.

The telegram said: "I am shocked by your bitter attack against the President of the United States, a full copy of which I have read today on arrival home."

"In the past, I have supported you in your fight against international communism but never have agreed with your methods. This last attack on our great President causes me to withdraw all support."

Van Fleet, former commander of the 8th Army in Korea, said he considered McCarthy's talks during the censure hearing "insulting and blistering."

He said in an interview that McCarthy had done some good. "I'm against communism. He's against communism. So that basis alone gave him my support. But I cannot stand for his attack on the President."

### Payrolls Of Firms Show Decrease During First Half

SALEM (AP) — Payrolls of firms covered by the Oregon unemployment compensation law decreased 2.56 per cent in the first half of this year, compared with the similar period of 1953.

The Unemployment Compensation Commission said the payrolls of the 18,000 employers totaled \$606,298,467 in the first six months. The total was \$622,206,335 in the first half of 1953, and \$593,539,441 in the first half of 1952.

Payrolls in the logging and lumber industry were \$162,423,654, about \$11,000,000 over the previous year. Construction wages totaled \$40,337,337, a drop of \$2,000,000.

Food processing payrolls were \$25,379,200, a gain of two per cent. Payrolls in the metals, paper products and textile industries were higher.

Thirteen counties had larger payrolls. Most of these were in Eastern Oregon.

Counties with the biggest increases were Sherman, up 23.7 per cent; Curry 21.2; Gilliam 18.7; and Morrow 15.2.

Multnomah County, with a six-month payroll of \$278,758,991, had 46 per cent of the state total. It was down less than one per cent.

Clatsop, Hood River, Polk, Tillamook, Umatilla, Wheeler and Yamhill counties had declines of more than 10 per cent.

Lane County had the second largest payroll, \$51,598,479. This was a drop of \$2,400,000 from a year earlier.

## IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKIN

ing us is that scientific progress can bring GREAT GOOD to humanity.

How does the Salk polio vaccine work — if it works?

That's a highly technical subject.

Let's see if we can simplify it.

Our bodies are wonderful machines. They are renewed and repaired by substances in the bloodstream. But the bloodstream carries destructive substances as well as protective substances. These substances WAR against each other. When the destructive substances win, we LIVE.

These destructive substances are called germs, viruses, etc. Some of the protective substances are called antibodies. These antibodies have specific jobs. They fight specific viruses and such.

When certain viruses, such as the polio virus, vastly outnumber the antibodies that fight them, the victim in whose bloodstream the battle is being waged dies — or, as is often the case in polio, survives with terribly crippling handicaps.

Once that fact was established — by long and patient research — the problem was to INCREASE the number of antibodies whose job is to fight the destroying virus.

Dr. Salk and his associates think they may have learned how to do that.

That is the long and the short of it.

The job of research is to FIND OUT FACTS. It is a strange and wonderful job.

Each step, when it is accomplished, points out OTHER steps that may be taken.

For example: When it was learned that the polio virus (maybe) can be fought and destroyed by certain specific antibodies and that these antibodies, when lacking in sufficient numbers in the bloodstream, can be stimulated and increased by certain devices, it became apparent that the next logical step was the stimulation of antibodies that fight the viruses that cause common colds, influenza and such — human ailments that so far have defied successful control.

That is what Dr. Salk means.

Associated Press Names Two Assistant Managers

NEW YORK (AP) — Appointment of Wes Gallagher and Harry T. Montgomery as assistant general managers of The Associated Press has been announced by General Manager Frank J. Starzel.

Gallagher, a general executive since 1951, will continue in charge of the personnel department, AP Newsfeatures and Wide World Photos, the latter a AP subsidiary.

Montgomery, traffic executive since 1951, has responsibility for newspaper membership relations, communications and business affairs.

Starzel said the promotions reflected the "broadened scope of their assignments."

Gallagher and Montgomery joined the AP in 1937.

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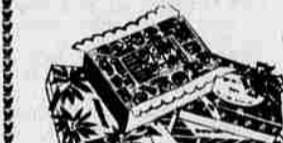


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