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Tax Preference Ballots Proving Fruitful

The ballots being returned to The News-Review by interested readers are showing much more than had been expected.

People appear to be so interested they are penning remarks about their decisions on specific questions listed on the ballot. Probably half of the ballots have contained remarks on the margins or in separate letters attached to their ballots. Because of this obvious interest on expanding their thoughts, The News-Review in its ballot Thursday and the third planned today is allowing space at the bottom for comment.

Here are a few examples of the kind of unsolicited information which appeared often on the ballots:

Many people appeared to accept the idea of a new tax, such as sales or cigarette — if it were used to offset either income or property taxes. One reader voted for sales tax without exemptions and cigarette tax and added the comment "and eliminate the income tax." Another voted for a sales tax with exemptions to be used "to relieve property and income tax levies."

Many others called for no tax increase at all, which was expected. Taking a pattern as one of the reasons was objection to the increase in legislators' salaries. This has apparently become a figurative bone in the throat of some voters. Another objection made several times was the trip made to a conference in Hawaii recently by several legislators. They apparently considered it an expense — paid vacation. "Just stop spending," one writer said.

Still another interesting facet of thinking expressed by some of the voters was the idea of a state lottery, such as is being conducted in only one state, New Hampshire.

In the voting so far, the trend appears to be for establishment of a

sales tax with certain exemptions, a cigarette tax, no state property tax and no increase in the income tax.

One of the misconceptions expressed on some ballots is that a sales tax or even a sales tax coupled with a cigarette tax would replace the income tax. It would not.

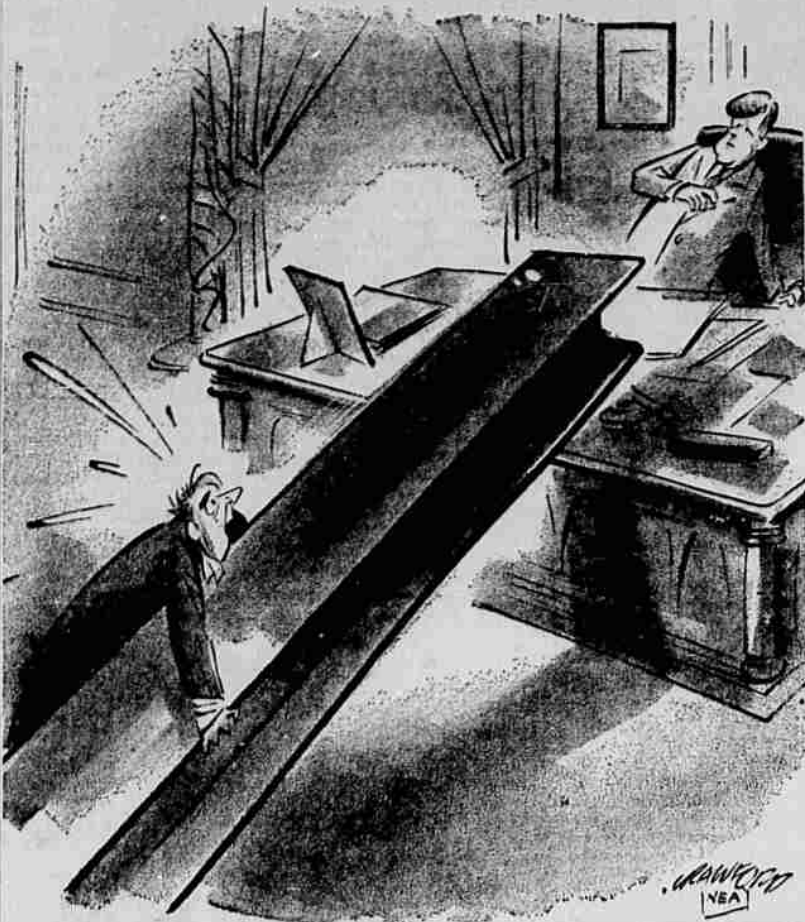
Most of the \$404 million involved in the legislature's rejected budget would have come from the income tax. At most a 3 per cent sales tax would bring in \$120 million, according to Sen. Al Flegel. Most estimates, however, are much more conservative. They range as low as \$60 million to \$80 million. None of these figures is even within shouting distance of the state's general fund costs. So, a sales and/or cigarette tax could be used to pare back the income tax, but it cannot be hoped to replace it entirely.

As one voter points out, the tax preference ballot in The News-Review is over-simplified. But it was kept simple purposely. We want to make certain every person interested won't have to wade through a long list of lengthy questions to get his point across, and we want him to make his decisions known quickly, so the results can be of some help to the legislators from the county when they go to the special session Nov. 11.

We also know that such a poll will not meet all the requirements of a scientific sampling. But it's an indicator — and apparently it's an indicator from those we most wanted to reach, those who voted against the state budget and proposed income tax system change.

Keep the ballots coming. And keep the comments coming with them. They're your chance to get your say to the people who can act on your desires — your own legislators.

"Bobby Asked Me to Dig This One Out of the Files!"



U.S. Girlwatchers Need New Talent

By ROBERT C. RUARK

It is more in sorrow than in with half a brain and time on a jubilation that I read that a bunch of spoilsports in the government have removed "The Official Girlwatcher's Manual" from its list of approved publications for the nation's teachers. The book had crept into a Government Printing Office effort dealing with teaching machine aids, and covering topics from algebra to xenophobia.

I have not seen the manual, but the papers tell me it lists "adorables" as well as "available," and was written by a Marine Corps pilot. If the Marines don't have the word, nobody has the word.

As a public service — I was a Navy man, myself — I think I shall confound the U.S. Office of Education and heretofore write my own manual. I have given a lot of time and thought to girl observation, and it seems a shame to waste it.

Avoid Certain Species
As some snakes are poisonous, and some are not, certain species of girl are to be avoided at all cost. There is, for example, the Poutlipped Crosspatch, who masks her true nature by pretending she is Curly-pinioned Cuddleduck, but do not be deceived. Involuntarily, after the second date, she will make strange mating calls, and there is generally a preacher handy in the back room. Poutlipped Crosspatches make excellent wives, because they are never wrong. Their chief characteristic is a tendency to early widowhood, because their bite is worse than their warning call, which is always delivered in the imperative.

Stick-to-It Good Faces
What the expert watcher sees is the true girl, the girl beneath the trappings, and he does not like what he sees. He sees a babe that puts her cigarettes out in the coffee cup, and who walks around until lunchtime at "21" with her face full of icky sticky goo. He sees a woman who achieves her title of "High Crested" by rolling her hair in those little tubes and exhibiting herself to the cockbird in a constant state of preparation to avoid him.

He sees a woman who fires the servants when she has a hangover, and who puts ice in her beer. She may lay eggs, but she leaves her children in somebody else's nest, as does the cuckoo, and disclaims all responsibility once they've chipped the shell. Her cry is somewhat like the cuckoo's: It goes "Nag, nag, nag." This particular specimen is protected by law, like some species of swan, but the race is breeding up and will be, I trust, soon on the ordinary shooting license. Meantime, activity can only be curtailed by the cancellation of credit, on which she feeds.

Supermarket Species
Never seen except in the vicinity of supermarkets is a direct contrast to the High-Crested Creditwaster. This one is called the Fullbottomed Sociable Weaver, who spins her own home out of remnants. She prepares her own food, and insists on every speck being eaten, or she will give vent to her cry: "Look at me! Look at me!" This is intended to impress the cockbird that her day consists of 26 hours, and she never stops fitting.

She is of the same tribe as the Reticulated Furniture-mover, and her courtship game is roughly the same. She believes she fascinates the cockbird by rearranging the nest daily, so that the male, tired from a hard day in the millet fields, never is able to perch in the

considerable skill. Any bum same place, and finds nothing in the icebox but face cream and old muskrat stoles.

We must pause now because of space problems, but soon I hope to take up a species called the Easygoing Darling. This bird was born mute — no mating call at all — carries her own cigarettes, and is the only chick of a rich liquor store owner. Her only drawback is that she's rare. My God, how rare indeed she is!

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Let us say we encounter a prime example of the High-Crested Creditwaster, who is generally to be found in the vicinity of stores with names like Van Cleef and Arpels (both of which are not at the pay of the vice president low himself to be impressed of the U.S. from the present with the mink, the gems, the \$35,000 to \$50,000; cabinet officer from Mister John or the cers from \$25,000 to \$40,000; Supreme Court justices from \$35,000 to \$50,000 and members of congress from \$22,500 to \$35,000, which cost as much 000.

He says in explanation of his bill that present salaries paid top government officials are ridiculously low and that substantial increases are needed to attract and hold the kind of people it takes to run the government properly.

In defense of his bill, he goes on to say:

"It doesn't make sense when Chicago pays its chief of police \$30,000 a year to protect its citizens and the United States pays its secretary of defense only \$25,000 a year to administer a \$55 billion budget for the protection of the entire nation."

And, he adds:

"It's absurd when the city of New York pays its comptroller \$40,000 a year but the U. S. secretary of the treasury gets only \$25,000 a year."

Hmmmmmm.

What Congressman Udall seems to be saying is that the higher the pay the higher the quality of the government the taxpayers get.

One wonders.

Out this way, we seem to recall that over the years the municipal governments of Chicago and New York have been fantastically corrupt — in spite of the high salaries that are paid to their officials.

We are so naive as to think that it isn't so much WHAT WE PAY THEM as the KIND OF MEN WE GET that results in good government.

Interesting thought: Suppose the congress should enact and the President should sign Rep. Udall's bill.

Suppose it could then be referred by petition to a vote of the people of the U. S. — as an act of the legislature can be submitted to a vote of the people in Oregon.

What would happen? One suspects that it would be beaten as decisively as was the

WASHINGTON WINDOW

Goldwater Picked Over Rocky On Policy Issue

By LYLE C. WILSON

United Press International
Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) should be able to lick Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller in any showdown debate of their disagreement on what a presidential platform should contain. Rockefeller wants an itemized platform containing specific promises on such major issues as taxes, foreign aid and civil rights.

Goldwater is against that. The senator wants a platform consisting of a statement of Republican principles without spelling out promises to do this that and the other thing.

Rockefeller has precedent going for him. It is customary for the political parties to make specific promises in their presidential platforms. Some of the Kennedy administration's recent trouble with the civil rights bill in the House Judiciary Committee flowed from the ambiguous specifications of civil rights action to which the Democratic Party pledged itself in the 1960 presidential campaign.

Defends Tradition

It has been the custom, however, for political parties to make specific promises. So, Rockefeller defends a well established position in his proposal that the Republicans do likewise next year. Only if the platform were specific and satisfactory, Rocky said, would he support Goldwater if the senator were nominated for President.

The weakness of Rockefeller's position and the strength of Goldwater's position is that platform specifics have been carried to the point of absurdity and political dishonesty. Platforms now are written to include something for everyone — vote catchers. The platform writing committee of any national convention is a pressure group lobbyist's paradise.

Suppose the spokesmen for the NAACP and other Negro organizations appear before the committee to proclaim aggressively that there are millions of Negro voters in key states and that they want U. S. Senate rules changed to prevent filibusters.

Most of the politicians seeking the presidential nomination

are pretty sure then to endorse the proposition and denounce filibusters. They do that to win delegate votes in the convention and Negro votes in the election. They endorse and denounce even if they know they can't make good on their promises. Language satisfactory to NAACP goes into the platform.

Political Dishonesty Arises

That happened at the 1960 Democratic National Convention. Such things occur also among the Republicans. And such things are giving platforms, politicians and political conventions a bad name. The name is for political dishonesty.

So long as nominating conventions write specific political promises into their party platforms, just so long will this bad name prevail. Moreover, these specific platforms compound political scalawagery by inducing the habit of political dishonesty. Phoney platforms make con men of politicians. Confronted with campaign promises after an election, they have been known to brush them off as mere campaign oratory.

In such an environment there thrive in Washington the little scandals, the little messes, the mis-use of official stationery to arm-twist political donations. Why blame Senate Democratic Clerk Bobby Baker for adjusting himself to the established political environment?

The rotten apple is buried deep in the nominating convention barrel.

In Days Gone By

Taken from the files of the News-Review

40 YEARS AGO

Nov. 2, 1923

Efforts for victory will be doubled tomorrow by the Roseburg High School football team when it meets the Eugene team for the last home game of the season. The Eugene team will be accompanied by 150 rooters for a fight-to-the finish battle at Laurewood.

Unqualified endorsement has been given by the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce for the proposed bond issue Nov. 6. The issue is designed to buy fire fighting equipment.

The movie this week at the Antlers Theatre in Roseburg is "The Bright Shawl," starring Richard Barthelmess and Dorothy Gish.

25 YEARS AGO

Nov. 2, 1938

Japan bluntly announced to the world today she intends to create a political and economic bloc consisting of Japan, Manchoukuo and China.

A federal check of \$61,345.68 was received by Douglas County today representing payment of 44.9 per cent of money due in lieu of taxes on O&C grant lands for the year 1935.

The Roseburg Pythian Sisters today celebrated their 25th anniversary.

Seabiscuit today reigned as king of the American racing turf by winning at Pimlico.

10 YEARS AGO

Nov. 2, 1953

President George Meany of the AFL said today there are "definite possibilities" of unity with the CIO, but not with John L. Lewis because, "Good Lord, he's the fellow who split the AFL."

THE LIGHTER SIDE:



Money Is Serious Market Matter

By DICK WEST

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Peter Lind Hayes, the comedian, \$30, he has this gag where he says "I man."

After our club had been operating four months, and the individual investment had risen to \$40, there was strong sentiment for withdrawing from the market and switching to a savings & loan account.

What I like best about being a financial baron is sitting in on the meetings where fateful issues are resolved. We never act without solid information on the stocks we purchase.

At our last meeting, one member urged sinking a big chunk of our assets in the stock of a company that makes razor blades. Interrogation by the other members showed the soundness of his proposal.

He was basing his recommendation on the fact that he had tried one of the blades and had gotten a smooth shave.

"What is this, an investment club or a barber shop?" cried a heckler from the rear.

I never knew there was a difference.

Being all plungers by nature, we agreed to put \$10 per month apiece into a common fund and use it to play the market.

Until such time as the capital gains start rolling in, however, we felt it prudent to hold onto our newspapering jobs.

The first decision facing the shareholders was whether we should be bulls or bears. We all started out as bulls, but after a couple of months some of us turned into rabbits.

It has been my observation that the speculative instincts of a financier tend to diminish as the sum he is risking increases.

Missionary Due At Local Church

The Rev. Jack Hawthorne, veteran missionary to the Indians of Bolivia, will speak at the First Conservative Baptist Church, 1138 NE Lincoln St., on three occasions next week. Monday, Nov. 4 at 7:30 p.m. he will address the Men's Fellowship. Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. he will address the women in a joint meeting of the Ann Judson and Wanda Humble Circles at the church. On Wednesday evening at 7:30 he will speak at the regular mid-week Family Night service.

According to the host pastor, the Rev. Roy H. Campbell, Hawthorne is now serving under the Conservative Baptist Home Mission Society and ministers to The Spanish speaking people of New York City. Hawthorne is one of the eight foreign and three home missionaries supported in part by the local congregation under their personal mission support program.

The Almanac

By United Press International

Today is Saturday, Nov. 2, the 306th day of 1963 with 59 to follow.

The moon is approaching its last quarter.

The evening stars are Jupiter and Saturn.

Those born today include American explorer Daniel Boone in 1734.

On this day in history: In 1920, Pittsburgh radio station KDKA began the first regular schedule of radio broadcasting by reporting the returns of the presidential election.

In 1948, President Harry Truman and Sen. Alben Barkley were elected president and vice president of the United States.

A thought for the day—American editor Henry Mencken said: "It is the dull man who is always sure; and the sure man who is always dull."

FINDS WRONG MEETING

LUTON, England (UPI)—Air Minister Julian Amery was pleased to find a large audience waiting in a hall Friday night for a Conservative party meeting until he saw Liberal Party Leader Jo Grimond sitting on a platform.

Amery, a Tory cabinet member, was led to another hall where a smaller Conservative party audience awaited him.

than the corner grocery. They have far more customers, so would have to have a larger profit. We all know that this is not true; and I wonder if the politicians actually believe the voters are dumb enough to believe that line.

Certainly we have a greater population to serve, and it takes a larger amount of money. However, we also have more taxpayers to supply that money; so that actually the rates should go down, not up, as unit costs go down with numbers.

Mr. Flegel and Mr. Leiken were quoted as saying they would like to know what the people want. They are both smart men, who should have no trouble figuring out that the people want some economy! Why not apply some of the same principles to state government that they apply to their respective businesses? I think a good many people voted for them thinking that since they were successful business men, they might do just that.

I notice that there is now quite a propaganda line going to promote a sales tax. This has been voted down in this state four or five times, and it should be quite evident by now that the citizens of this state are not interested in it as now being promoted.

Possibly, and just possibly,

Opinions From Readers

People Are Just Tired Of Extra Taxes—Period

To The Editor:

Since the people of Oregon overwhelmingly voted down the tax increase, I have been reading considerable editorial comment. Most of this is wondering if the people just didn't like the income tax boost, and would approve other taxes, such as a sales tax. This view has also been hopelessly expressed by quite a few members of the legislature, including our own.

It seems to me that all one has to do is to look at the tax picture to see that people are tired of extra taxes, period! Budgets have been voted down pretty regularly all over the state, as well as in other states.

We all know that the tax load we are carrying is high beyond reason; and that our tax money from the federal level on down has been very wastefully used. People are reaching the end of their patience and beginning to see that the only way we will get economy in government is by refusing to vote the funds being asked.

It is continually being said that the reason for tax increases is the increase in population. According to this line of reasoning, super markets would have to charge more for goods

the voters might go for it, if passage was based on repeal of the income tax; but I doubt very much if they want a sales tax and an income tax both. In fact I hear considerable comment to the effect that instead of just having a referendum on the sales tax, we should have a recall on the legislators who vote for it as well.

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Health Group Pleased With Success Of Meet

To The Editor:

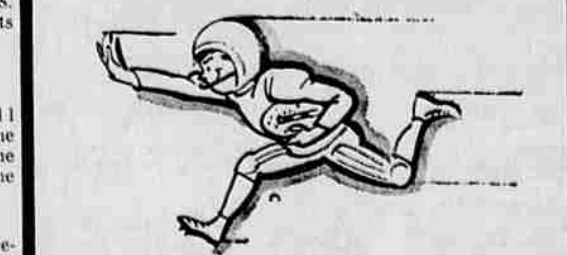
The Mental Health Association was very pleased with the excellent attendance at its recent meeting.

The success of the meeting can be credited in a large part to the publicity given by the news media of Roseburg. The association would particularly like to express its appreciation to the various news services for this help.

Anyone wishing to join the association may do so by sending \$3 to P.O. Box 1111, Roseburg. It is hoped that many in the community will want to join in this activity which is not only desirable but necessary.

K. C. Lyster
President
Mental Health Association
Of Douglas County

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