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Rally, Friends! Save Higher Education!

HIGHER education is out on the limb again with a group of Portland realtors hacking away as lustily as in 1934 when they tried to prune state income with their crude 20-mill limitation amendment.

Defeat of the 1934 measure by a majority of 60,000 votes was partly due to the opposition raised by friends of education who realized that, however burdensome might be the share of taxation borne by the owners of real estate, the educational services of the state must not be jeopardized.

A clever bit of work these Rose City realtors did in framing their current brain child. Considerable opposition had been met in 1934 among persons who, while agreeing that a share of the tax burden should be lifted from the shoulders of property owners, rejected the 20-mill limitation because it would have slashed governmental incomes too drastically without providing any moneys in replacement.

These ingenious "experts" whipped together a new and subtle measure which would accomplish their design in a "milder and more gradual" fashion. This November they present to the Oregon electorate a tax-limiting amendment to the constitution which, as it affects the state at large, establishes an arbitrary levy of six mills as a basis upon which reductions of four per cent a year will be made until 1942, when a level 80 per cent of the decreed base levy will be reached.

VERY clever, this time the pruning will be only "gradual"; the state is given five years in which to find new sources of income. Like fun! For there's a nigger in the woodpile. Unobtrusively the amendment provides that its gradually declining rates should be applied to an assessed valuation of 50 per cent actual cash value. Now if one knew that assessments in the state have generally been made on a percentage of cash value much higher than 50 per cent, he might need to consider the amendment no further to appreciate how "gradual" it would be.

000 of assessed valuations, not "gradually" but the instant it should go into effect. Tax experts have demonstrated how disastrous would be the effect of this "50 per cent" clause on counties, cities, school districts and other local tax-leaving units.

SINCE 1920, 2.04 mills of the state's tax levy has been guaranteed to higher education. This has been the principal source of income for Oregon's university, medical school, college and normal schools.

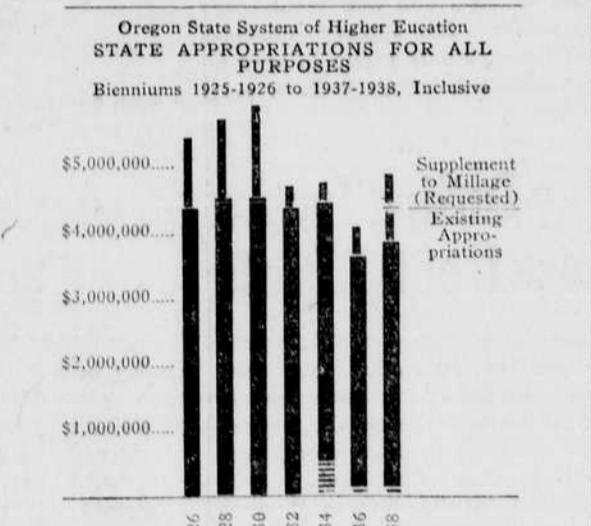
A decline in enrollment simultaneous with the violent drop in millage income eased the strain upon educational budgets somewhat, as did the lower costs of materials and supplies during the depression.

THE depression has eased its hold on industry, and the country at large seems to be picking its way out of the depths—but higher education's crisis has just arrived. Enrollment has climbed up from its 1934 low and this year seems likely to go at least five per cent beyond its all-time high mark of 1928.

The gala weekend is approaching. . . . Homecoming. The great weekend when all the alums from Lord knows when, come back and tell us how the University has gone to the dogs since their time. . . . The weekend when we spend our time showing the grads the beautiful new buildings that have arisen on the campus since their last visit.

THESE facts give one a clear picture of the crisis that confronts Oregon's institutions of higher learning. On budgets already one million dollars less biennially than that of 1928, Oregon's university, medical school, college and normal schools are faced with the problem of educating five per cent more students than they had in that year when their income was at its peak.

What is going to happen if the tax limitation amendment succeeds, if \$106,000,000 in assessed valuation is slashed at once from state tax resources, if higher education must suffer the annual loss of \$175,000 in addition to the present critical shrinkage in its millage income?



Higher education cannot stand this staggering blow. Vote "311 X No" and defeat this vicious measure! Newspapers that have devoted so much space lately to their discovery of King Edward's penchant for charming American brunettes will no doubt be surprised to learn that his majesty also eats and sleeps.

movement on the campus and a leading liberal, said, "If one more voice raised in opposition to the proposed measure will help I will certainly add mine, even if it is on the same side of the fence as Don Thomas." Darms, Fraternities Alike: Leading students of independent and fraternity groups are opposed to the measure also.

A Beard in the Hand Is Worth Two Underfoot



Duck Soop

By HARRY CLIFFORD

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We have spent this term inviting alums down for this weekend, and we'll spend the rest of the term recuperating from those who accept the invitations. . . . WELL COME (on), GARDS, we are prepared.

It is reported that this will be the first alumni gathering of the year for all fraternities except the SAE's. We hear that all their alums came back for rush week.

George Cropp and his orchestra are coming all the way from Tacoma just to play for the Soph Informal. George Humphreys, chairman of S. I. orchestra committee, is overflowing with praise for the band.

The other day we saw Jack Lechridge, spring term's prize pigging in forty-five minutes. We were acting very strangely; first he would talk to one girl, then go over to another booth and start talking to some other girl.

We have heard that some of John Engstrom's friends called up several girls on the telephone the other night and fixed Engstrom up with six dates for Friday night. There was a bit of an oversight on the part of the voluntary date-bureau; they neglected to tell John about the dates. . . . I wonder if football makes these boys so absent minded.

Boyer Fears

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The bureau of municipal research on the campus has recently issued a booklet telling how passage of the measure would result in the complicated tax situation of 1937 becoming markedly entangled by 1942.

R. S. Bryson, legal representative of the league of Oregon cities, has declared suggestions that the same group of Portland realtors who backed the defeated measure of 1934 are logical backers of this year because of the similarity of the two measures.

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Communists Seethe

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brows, six girls, members of Master dance will present an authentic Russian folk dance. Madame Helen Jones, head of lyrics for the drag, announces they are trying to get Don Cossack and his chorius, the only real Russians who will be present, to do some numbers in the lighter vein.

A men's trio, local talent, will vocalize "hi's" and "ho's" as they do well-known and still loved native numbers. But dangling from the sides in artistic fashion will hang stenciled pictures, Russian costumes, native scenery and many of the famous buildings.

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Tune'er Out...

By BOB POLLOCK

Today, we're a fifteen cent store—we got plenty of nuttin' . . . first plug is for Uncle Henry Ford's show this night at 9 over KOIN. . . . Waring will always have our vote as a capable M.C. . . . even if he does help sell a republican's cars.

If you are one of those citizens who can stand music if it doesn't boom around a mountain with a bit of yodel in it, try turning to KGW at 9:30 this eve. . . . NBC presents the screwy-titled Good Morning Tonight, with a former prima donna, Myrtle Claire Donnelly, and a singing coal miner, Gwynfi Jones, doing some high-priced warbling. Even the ork busts in with something that hasn't a single hot trombone in it—Hungarian Dance No. 5.

To the lads who sat practically in the conductor's lap, Oregon's press-agented Swing Band was not so good, they claim. . . . well, try driving at suicide miles an hour through the loose-graveled Coast range and see how good any music not a requiem sounds. . . . yeah, we think the outfit is very much o.k. . . .

Cracks Fred Allen: "I used to be a vaudeville comic—until my pocketbook got burnt in too many short circuits. . . . and then I went on the radio. . . . for a while my rating was so low they typed it in radium so it would show up in the cellar."

Jack Dempsey's ex-spouse, Estelle Taylor, comes to KGW at 6 tonight with Ben Bernie. . . . she's his guest and is expected to do a trifle of singing with mebbe a dramatic sketch. . . . never heard much of Estelle Dempsey monicker somewhere around. . . . as for ham-burger-munching, Winchell-baiter Bernie, the less heard from 'im the better. . . . so maybe we should have more guest stars on his program. . . . Nominee for the world's unhappiest man: Rush Hughes, on the air by courtesy of people selling beer and bread, has gotta drop anyway five pounds so he can get close enough to the mike to be heard. . . .

Tomorrow we got quality. The schedule for Wednesday's Emerald of the Air!

Pallett Releases

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fett, advertising; Phyllis Gardner, banquet; Josephine McGilchrist, registration; Gladys Battleson, secretary.

Other members of the faculty committee of which Pallett is the head are George H. Godfrey, publicity; George Belknap, advertising; Virgil D. Earl, registration; Mrs. Genevieve Turnpseed, banquet; Clifford Constance, awards.

BETTY HARCOMBE MARRIED

Betty Harcombe, secretary in the sociology department, was married to John Saul, of St. Helens, September 1. Miss Harcombe graduated from the school of arts and letter in '33.

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