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DEEP IN THE HEART OF TAXES

Elmer Beeler rouses up from peaceful slumber at 6 a.m. of a wet March morning to shut off the alarm clock. (Price \$6; tax \$1.20). To the gentle patter of Oregon mist on his window pane he climbs wearily out of bed, walks across the floor of his \$12,000 house, (property tax \$435) and switches on the electricity (\$1.80 tax on his \$10.00 monthly bill) which lights the bulb. (Price 20c; tax 4c).

To the accompaniment of music from his bedroom radio (Price \$39; tax \$3.90) Elmer clips his whiskers with an electric shaver, sees electric tax) while a radio newscaster reports government demands for an increase in income taxes and another local movement for a general sales tax on everything. Elmer douses his jowls with a handful of shaving lotion. (Price \$1.20; tax 24c).

Dressing quickly, he fastened his cuff links. (Price \$3.50; tax 70c) and the tie clasp (Price \$1.50; tax 30c) pulls on his Swiss wrist watch. (Price \$70; tax \$14) and rushes downstairs.

He enters the kitchen just in time to snatch two slices of bread from the electric toaster. (Price \$22.00; tax \$2.20) lift the coffee from the electric stove (Price \$280.00; tax \$28.00) and grab a glass of fruit juice from the refrigerator. (Price \$296; tax \$29.60).

Grabbing his leather brief-case (Price \$18; tax \$3.60) containing legal papers, including a deed to real property valued at \$15,000 (Stamp tax \$16.50) he makes a dash for the door. It's still raining, so he calls to his wife, (marriage license, \$3.) to telephone (monthly bill \$10; tax \$1.50) for a taxi. Too many other people want taxis on a rainy morning, so Elmer gets out the family bus. (Price \$2500; tax \$125) (Annual registration \$10) (Gas tax 7½¢ per gal.) (Tax of 5¢ on each new part or accessory) and drives (Driver's license \$1.25) to the office.

Arriving at his desk Elmer lights a cigarette, (price per pack 15c; tax 7c) (match tax 5½¢ per 1000). A telephone memorandum calls him to Portland on urgent business. He rides a stage (Round trip fare \$2.19; tax 33c).

Before returning home he buys a roll of camera film (Price \$1.20; tax 18c) which he promised his son. (Birth registration \$1) and lipstick (Price \$1; tax 20c) which he promised his wife. Remembering there will be some friends in for a picnic feast that evening, he buys a new deck of cards (Price 60c; tax 15c) and a bottle of hooch (Price \$4.90, tax \$2.60).

Arriving back home, Elmer heaves a deep sigh (no tax) dons his house jacket and jots down some figures for his income tax reports. (Annual income \$5000; State and federal tax \$510).

Mebbe, if he wears patched pants and works hard for the rest of his life, he will be able to provide the government with a handsome slice of inheritance tax when he leaves this tax-happy land of the Pilgrim's pride—taking nothing but his departure with him.—The Forest Log.

AMONG THE QUESTIONS WE CAN'T ANSWER

We would have to be a member of the city council and perhaps a member of all the committees to answer the number of questions put to us every year as to why the city does not keep its streets in better repair or why we can't have more paved streets or that the streets will be kept cleaner or that more police protection should be afforded. The most frequent question asked is why the condition of certain streets. The only answer we can give is that there just isn't enough money to go around. All we know is that the street repair fund is placed in the budget each year. How the street fund is spent is a matter in the hands of the street committee.

We have felt for a good many years that if and when a new water distribution system is constructed within the city, such construction will release the crew that spends practically all of its time in digging up the streets and repairing the rotten pipe. The city is in much the same position as the motorist who in an attempt to operate a worn out car, pays for the new car whether he gets it or not. We have made a substantial payment on a distribution system in the past eight or ten years and we are still patching.

At any rate two or three members of the present council feel that the condition of our streets is the black spot in the operation of the city affairs and have promised to make a serious study of the situation with a view to improvements.

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN

March not only carries the usual worries for most of us connected with the payment of the income tax, but along with the change of the seasons we get a lift out of the anticipations of planting the spring garden; an adventure which most of the time is bogged down in a number of perplexities. Successful gardening has about as many obstacles to overcome as any avocation we know of for there is the weather, the weeds, the grass, the bugs, spraying for some kind of blight or rust, not to say anything about the damage which may be wrought by our neighbor's dog or cat. And about the time we get everything under control and it appears just a matter of time until we will be enjoying the fruits of our labor along comes competition from fishing, hunting, golfing or perhaps a ride on our favorite horse and the first thing we know, the project which has been started with the noblest of anticipation is soon lost in weeds or grass.

But repeated failures do not stop the feeling coming over us at this season of the year how nice it would be to have a lovely garden and we look forward to the experience just as the fisherman looks forward to throwing his hook into the water for the first time in the spring.

Vacations are easy to plan: The boss tells you when and the wife tells you where.

A snob, we read, is a person who wants to know only the ones who don't want to know him.

A politician must be somewhat of an acrobat; he straddles a fence and keeps one ear to the ground.

The dog may be man's best friend, but the hot dog is the noblest dog; it feeds the hand that bites it.

Wealth may not bring happiness, but it seems to bring a pleasant kind of misery.

TAG CARDS FOR SALMON STEELHEAD EFFECTIVE

A free tag for tallying salmon and steelhead catches was to be used by Oregon anglers beginning March 1, 1950. However, the Game Commission announces a delay in receiving the tag cards, so the new regulation was not enforced until Monday, March 6. The free tag cards will be available at all Oregon State Game Commission license agencies or at any county courthouse. The tag card will expire February 28, 1951.

Each time a salmon or steelhead over 20 inches in length is caught a detachable numbered tag is removed from the card and attached to the fish.



Washington Letter

There is a publication issued daily during each session of Congress and sent to each House member. It is known as the calendar of the house of representatives. It lists the bills reported by committees and tells the history and status of each. The back page of the calendar each day reports the "Status of Major Bills—Second Session." Up to now it is a blank page—with one minor exception. The house did on February 9th pass an urgent deficiency appropriation bill. Otherwise no major bills have been reported and no major bills have been acted upon by the house—with the session nearly one-third gone. The other evening I heard the President refer to the "Status of the House" in the 80th (Republican controlled) congress as the do-nothing congress. So long as his own 81st congress has such an amazingly poor record—literally no record at all as compared with the constructive record of the 80th—I should think he would talk about something else.

Thanks to the generosity of H. B. Murphy of the Pinnacle Packing Company of Medford, many members of the house of representatives now know of the surpassing excellence of Rogue River Valley pears. Du Combe pears were distributed to members attending a dinner combining the 78, 79, 80 and 81 clubs and their guests recently.

The explanation of the otherwise mysterious number designation of the groups is that members elected to congress for the first time generally band together in an organization which meets for dinner occasionally. The groups take as their names, the numbers of the congress in which they came in as new members. These are essentially social groups but serve a very useful purpose in getting members better acquainted with one another. It is customary to have speakers of outstanding importance at these dinner meetings, with questions on an "off the record" basis following the speech. I have found attendance at the 78-club meetings to be very beneficial to my work as a congressman.

Apparently what big-government addicts seem to consider a minor item of \$90,000,000 has been misplaced by the Commodity Credit Corporation. It was publicly stated recently by general accounting office officials that the CCC is not actually "short" some \$366,000,000 (more than a third of a billion) as intimated by Senator Williams of Delaware last year. No, it turns out that only \$90,000,000 was written off by CCC as "interdepartmental bookkeeping."

For the benefit of those who worried because some of us voted to do away with the phony "21-day-rule" a few weeks ago and charged us with being "reactionary," "anti-liberal," etc., I take pleasure in pointing out that the so-called 21-day rule which so many people were deceived into believing was a means of breaking a rules committee bottleneck, was proven on the record to be a meaningless failure for that purpose. On the other hand, the regular Calendar Wednesday rule which was adopted nearly 40 years ago for the same purpose, and which really works, was used to smash the rules committee block against FEPC legislation. The bill came to the floor under Calendar Wednesday proceedings and was passed.



OPEN DOOR, CLOSED MIND!

Eugene Team Wins Boy Scout Cage Tourney at Drain

The Eugene Congregational Church Explorer Post 206 won the Oregon Trail Area Council Explorer Scout basketball tournament in Drain, Saturday.

Eleven teams were entered and ten games played in the single elimination tournament. Post 206 became Champions when they defeated the Springfield Rotary Post 215 team in a thrilling 26-25 game.

In the first round games, the Cottage Grove Rod & Gun Club Post 218 was eliminated by the Creswell V.F.W. Troop 28, 17 to 8. Eugene Congregational Church Post 206 defeated Mt. Vernon Troop 37 by a score of 18-11. Coos Bay V.F.W. Troop 155 defeated Drain Lions Post 278 by a thrilling 24 to 23. Oakridge V.F.W. Post 265 eliminated Non Pariel Troop 217 with a score of 31 to 12. Springfield Rotary Post 215 drew a bye, and the Waldport American Legion Explorer Ship 253 defeated the Eugene Elks Ship 112 by a low score of 6-2. In the latter game, the score was knotted at 1 to 1 at the half and 2 to 2 at the end of the third quarter. In the fourth frame, Waldport broke away for two quick baskets to put the game on ice.

In the second round, Eugene Post 206 defeated Creswell 36 to 24. Oakridge defeated Coos Bay 21 to 18 and the Springfield Post 215 downed Waldport 39 to 12 to set the high score of the game.

In the third round, Eugene Post 206 drew a bye and Springfield defeated Oakridge 22 to 18 to give the latter third place.

In the final game Eugene Post 206 defeated the Springfield Post 215 in a thrilling game which ended in the close score of 26 to 25. Springfield led through the entire game, with Eugene coming through in the final seconds with two free throws to tie and to win the game. Springfield led 10 to 6 at the quarter, 14 to 12 at the half, and 19 to 17 at the end of the third frame.

Edgar Rose of Springfield Post 215 was the high individual scorer of the tournament and also the high scorer for a single game. He made 25 points against Waldport, 8 points against Oakridge and 16 points in the championship game. The Springfield Post also set the high team score of 39 against Waldport.

Jerry Miller Is High Scorer in Military Team

From a recent issue of The Carlisle Bugle, published by the Carlisle Military school, Bamberg, South Carolina, it appears that a local boy, Jerry Miller, has been the big cog in the Carlisle Military school's Golden Cyclones basketball team, being high scorer for the team for the season with 77 points. He has been playing forward, and the item says "he has been the big cog in the Cyclone offense all season and has also been a standout on defense. He is exceptionally good on taking the rebounds and has set up many scores for his teammates."

The team was invited to play in the Sumter invitational high school basketball tournament in Sumter, February 23-25, when class AA teams from all over the state were represented.

The cadets have won five of the eight games played this season with Miller being high scorer. The article reads that in the Carlisle-North Charleston game Miller was the big gun in scoring 15 points in the 42-34 score; in the overtime game between Carlisle Golden Cyclones and North Charleston Blue Devils, he again rated 14 points out of a 26-24 score; in the 37-30 score game played with Cape high school, he made six points for his team; again he was high scorer with 19 points in the Carlisle-Eberhardt game which ended 47-41; he was high scorer again in a losing game with Columbia high school when he made 12 points of the 38 for his team, the winners chalking up 50. Again he was high man in a losing game to McClellanville, who won by a victory of 76-37 with Miller making 11 points for his team.

Jerry Miller is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul O. Miller of Black Butte route, and will graduate in May.

Too Late to Classify

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Wedding Announcements and Invitations.—The Sentinel.

News From Africa, Wheaton College

A. L. Woodard received two very interesting letters recently which are worthy of passing on to the public—one from his daughter-in-law, Mrs. W. A. Woodard, written at Mombasa, Kenya, East Africa, telling a little of their trip, and the other from V. R. Edman, president of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, Mr. Woodard's Alma Mater.

Mrs. Woodard tells of their interesting experiences on a trip to the interior of Africa. They flew from Cape Town to Johannesburg, which she thinks the nicest city in south Africa, with its gold and diamond mines nearby. They visited Victoria Falls, an awe-inspiring sight with the river falling into a narrow deep chasm and spray rising hundreds of feet into the air, and full of rainbows. They chartered a plane and flew over the river in which they saw hippos and crocodiles by the score.

Farther in the country they went on a safari which was quite an experience and fun camping in the jungle where they could hear lions roar nearby throughout the night, and while there saw several elephants, giraffe, zebra, rhinos and lions.

Their next trip was planned to Zanzibar, then Arabia and up to the Suez Canal.

The other letter came to Mr. Woodard from the president of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, in answer to a letter written to the college following the mighty visitation of God in their midst, which followed evangelistic services at the college.

The prayer service which has been so publicized lasted thirty-eight hours. The letter states "almost every unsaved student has been led to the Saviour, and the college is filled with victory. The Power of God has begun to spread abroad to neighboring communities and to the home churches of the students. This awakening is not meant for the college only, but we trust for all our land as well. The hour for revival has struck."

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