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Salem Scene

by Jack Zimmerman

Cigaret Tax Supporters Mount 'Unique' Campaign

One of the questions most frequently directed to Oregon Legislators involves tax reform. And so called meaningful tax reform is usually the first plank in a would-be Legislator's campaign platform.

But changing Oregon's tax structure isn't that easy. It's true when lawmakers tell constituents it's the people -- not the Legislature -- who have the final say when it comes to taxes in this state. And the special election Jan. 18 on the proposed cigarette tax is a case in point.

Lawmakers traditionally plan and suggest systems of taxation designed to pay the cost of burgeoning government. They periodically enact new tax laws. But they cannot invoke the emergency clause and always such laws are Constitutionally threatened by referendum by the people. If anyone objects to a new tax, he is permitted to obtain sufficient signatures within a specific time period from those who believe the way he does and refer the tax law to a statewide popular vote.

In recent years the Legislature has suggested a sales tax to forestall the perennial budget crises. It was referred and the people decisively turned it down. What has evolved since then is a patchwork of tax proposals, each designed to provide a little more assistance to specific governmental needs or to ease the property tax burden for those with low and fixed incomes.

And that's where Oregon stands today -- with its best tax brains proposing stop-gap solutions and the people firing back with objections. The whole process takes time and the money situation continues to worsen.

Since the regular legislative session in the spring of 1971, two tax proposals have been referred. State and local governments -- operating on minimum budgets -- have had to cut even further. In special session the Legislature whittled further on a budget that is \$36 million less than first proposed by Gov. Tom McCall. And this whittling means elimination or curtailment of governmental programs thought necessary when the budget was first drafted.

The special session also moved up to Jan. 18 the election on the cigarette tax. Its approval by voters will bring in an estimated \$17.2 million. If it is defeated, a new law decrees a 2% across-the-board reduction in budgets of all state departments.

Gov. McCall believes such cuts at this stage of the biennium would too drastically cripple many departments of state government. He has said he will not permit across-the-board reductions, but call an other special session and insist upon selective budget cuts to make up the \$17.2 loss.

Many Oregon residents believe either alternative unrealistic. And a rising wave of sentiment is mounting a substantial -- and unique -- campaign to convince voters to approve the five-cent-a-pack cigarette tax. Support for the campaign is coming from many diverse segments of the state. But the most unique is a coalition of the young and the old. Youth, experiencing the vote for the first time on a statewide basis, is joining older citizens who are worried about retaining a new property tax relief program.

Supporters of the tax are asking voters to "suppose" what would happen if the tax is defeated and their favorite state program absorbs the \$17.2 million revenue loss. Such a loss could seriously hamper the new tax relief program, for instance, and have double impact of property taxpayers who would also be called upon to bare the brunt of new school district proposals to make up for loss of state aid.

Oldsters don't like the prospect.

At the same time loss of the higher education would cut so deeply tuitions could double. Or, higher education could make up such a deficit by reducing the number of teachers -- 1,140 would get the axe during the 1972-73 school year -- representing the entire teaching staff of the University of Oregon and a portion of Oregon College of Education to boot.

Young people -- despite protests about how colleges and universities are being run -- don't favor the prospect of such widespread faculty reductions or tuition increases.

But support for the cigarette tax is coming from those in the middle years, too. They see across-the-board or selective budget cuts. Selective cutting might render smaller agencies completely ineffective.

Supporters point out complete elimination of the Departments of Environmental Quality, State Engineer, Fisheries, Forestry, Military, State Police, Commerce, Agriculture, Labor and Betters' Education Aid would be required to absorb the \$17.2 million deficit if a solution is sought among smaller state agencies.

So it really is the people who determine Oregon's tax destiny. And the people will speak on Jan. 18. If the measure passes, lawmakers will gain time to further study and propose lasting reform. If it fails, time likely will elapse for some state services. And the pressure will increase for further patches on the tax quilt.

Whatever they are, they'll still face the delay of referral and responsive government will suffer still another setback.

FROM THE SCRATCH PAD

23RD PSALM OF THE ADDICT

"King Heroin is my shepherd, I shall always want..."

These tragic words, part of a twisted rewording of the beloved 23rd Psalm, were discovered recently in Reidsville, N. C., in a closed car with a dead 23-year-old heroin addict.

Her death was ruled a suicide. A hookup with the car's exhaust had sent carbon monoxide fumes from a running motor into the vehicle.

When Senator Sam J. Ervin Jr. (D-N.C.) learned of the incident he inserted "The Psalm of the Addict" which had been written by the woman addict -- into the Congressional Record.

"This 'Psalm' portrays in a dramatic manner the tragedy of addicts" and for this reason merits wide publication, Senator Ervin said.

It reads:

"King Heroin is my shepherd, I shall always want. He maketh me to lie down in the gutters. He leadeth me beside the troubled waters. He destroyeth my soul.

"He leadeth me in the paths of wickedness for the effort's sake.

"Yea, I shall walk through the valley of poverty and will fear all evil for thou, Heroin, art with me.

"Thy Needle and Capsule try to comfort me. Thou strippest the table of groceries in the presence of my family. Thou robbest my head of reason.

"My cup of sorrow runneth over. Surely heroin addiction shall stalk me all the days of my life and I will dwell in



Erdman Meat Is Not Un-fit

To the Editor:

It has been called to my attention that in your publication of Wednesday, December 22, the Port Orford News published an article and report of our Board meeting of December 6, 1971.

In the article, mention was made that meat from Erdman Packing Company was found to be unsatisfactory by State standards.

This statement has been rechecked again by telephone with the Department of Agriculture and should have read "below the District specification as to fat content." The report that we were given in no way suggested that the meat was not fit for consumption. Any inference to that effect was regrettable and unintentional.

The copy of the Board Minutes which read that the meat was found to be unsatisfactory by State standards will be corrected at the next regular Board meeting.

Sincerely,

Stewart H. Smith,
Supt. of Schools
District 2CS

the House of the Damned forever."

Also found in the car with the dead woman was this written message:

"Jail didn't cure me. Nor did hospitalization help me for long. The doctor told my family it would have been better, and indeed kinder, if the person who first got me hooked on dope had taken a gun and blown my brains out. And I wish to God she had. My God, how I do wish it."

VISIT GRANDSON

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Strahan traveled to Coos Bay to spend Christmas Eve with their grandson, Robert Miles, and then had Christmas dinner at the home of her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Marcum in Coquille.

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research; the fishing boat Tinker-Belle went aground on the Port beach; Battle Rock students sponsored an eye fund drive on Halloween; Dale Hughes was named manager of the local branch of the First National bank and clocks were turned back to Pacific Standard Time.

NOVEMBER

Cape Fisheries announced closure of their operation here and a new cannery lease was granted to Blanco Fisheries, Inc., with certain provisions; the Port & Starboard Pizza Parlor opened for business; the city council approved a junker car ordinance; the harbor entrance buoy broke loose from its mooring and washed on the Battle Rock beach; Army Engineers met with the local Port Commission and indicated that dredging of the harbor might be eliminated in the near future because expenses were not justified; the chamber began studies for re-establishing a "hello wagon" work on the new city hall addition was ordered stopped by Mayor Jim Peterson because of lack of funds to finish the project; Boy Scouts held an Honor Court and Curry County zoning was said to be near completion. The month ended with news of the death of Agness Leutwyler, and the drowning of Robert DeWeese of Sixes.

DECEMBER

The sale of Port Orford Sanitation was announced; Pacific began basketball season; a new 4-H dun safety club formed; the chamber of commerce held their annual election of directors; Battle Rock students presented a play; new stop signs were placed on Jackson St. at 7th; the city agreed to annex Harp of the Winds property containing 68 acres; six local youth were arrested for involvement in burglaries at Tucker's Mart; Guy Baldwin was named president of the chamber of commerce; a group of interested local citizens met to discuss drug problems; Hoyt Litterell was elected Worshipful Master of Port Orford Lodge No. 170, A.F. & A.M.; Oregon attorneys announced a new service providing free counseling for teens; the Del Newkirk home won first in the home decorating contest; problems with architects of the city hall addition were resolved and the body of Robert DeWeese was recovered near the mouth of Sixes River on Christmas Eve. The year ended with District 2CJ school board and teachers at a deadlock over salaries that required the services of a state "fact-finder" to resolve the problem.

Consumers To Get More Clear View Of Bacon Slice

Oregon consumers will not have to guess about the degree of leanness of their packaged bacon after April 1, 1972.

An administrative order signed by State Director of Agriculture Irvin Mann, Jr., will require all prepackaged, sliced bacon be sold in containers that offer the consumer a view of a substantial portion of a slice of bacon similar to other slices contained in the package.

The two exceptions to the requirement are canned bacon or that bacon wrapped or packed at the time of purchase.

The director, noting that the regulation was a victory for the housewife, said he was pleased to sign the order, which is directed at preventing sale of bacon packaged in such a manner as to make it appear of better quality than it is.

He commented that the regulation was one more step by the Oregon Department of Agriculture in requiring honest and full disclosure to the consumer in the sale of food products or any other products over which the department has authority.

Kenneth Carl, administrator of the Dairy and Consumer Services Division, Oregon Department of Agriculture, who was hearing officer for the two hearings preceding promulgation of the regulation on bacon packaging, said Oregon's packaging requirements would be similar enough to those of the State of Washington to enable processors to use the same packages in both states. Washington's new packaging requirements for bacon are effective January 1, 1972.

The effective date for the regulation was set for April 1 to give the industry sufficient time to conform to the requirements of the regulation.

Carl said the decision to have the packaging requirement similar to that of the State of Washington was made when consumers testifying at the hearings in Eugene and in Portland indicated such an approach would be agreeable with them even if it meant a cost increase and the industry testified that Oregon should seriously consider following the Washington pattern if it was not agreeable to await federal action on bacon packaging.

Weavers Will Meet Wednesday

The January meeting of Humboldt Weavers will be held in Port Orford at the home of Brenda Mitchell, on the 12th at 7:30 p.m.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a two-harness loom of some kind, threaded with strong colored warp (preferably cotton) for making a sample of a two-harness pick up weave. A contrasting color of yarn is needed for weft.

For further information call Evelyn Hunnicutt at 332-3655.

SAMUDIO GUESTS

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Samudio over the Christmas holidays were their son, Jim, of Treasure Valley College in Ontario, Fred Fry, a former resident of Port Orford, Steve Elliott of Hawaii, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Finleyson of Canyon City.

FROM GRANTS PASS

Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Robinson of Grants Pass were here over the holidays to visit at the homes of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schwal and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Robinson.

Dellenback Reports

by Rep. John Dellenback

Reviewing The First Session

The First Session of the 92nd Congress, which adjourned December 17, 1971, left a record of mixed accomplishment in domestic legislation and a virtual impasse in foreign affairs. The list of major legislation which became law during the First Session is rather brief.

As far as domestic legislation is concerned, the First Session devoted the greatest portion of its attention to the economy. Those measures receiving final action during the First Session included a one-year extension (to April, 1973) of the President's authority to control prices, rents, wages and salaries, and a granting of new authority over interest rates and dividends. Congress also granted a two-year extension of the interest equalization tax, which was enacted seven years ago to discourage American investment in foreign securities. And finally, Congress approved legislation reducing business and individual taxes in a move designed to stimulate the economy.

The major manpower legislation receiving final action was also closely tied to our economic crisis. The Emergency Employment Act of 1971 authorized \$2.25 billion for public service jobs for the unemployed at the state and local level and special assistance for areas with excessively high unemployment.

One of the most historic accomplishments of the First Session was the approval of the 26th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution lowering the voting age to 18 in federal, state and local elections. The necessary number of states had ratified the amendment by June 30th.

Two bills intended to help protect wildlife were passed and signed into law during the First Session. One of these bills makes it a federal crime to shoot or hunt any animal from an airplane, and the second provides federal protection for the remaining wild horses and burros on our nation's public lands.

In the area of health, Congress expanded existing federal programs providing assistance to nursing and medical schools and to students in the health professions, and approved a bill authorizing \$1.59 billion to expand the research efforts of the National Cancer Institute.

Major agricultural legislation included an extension and adjustment of the sugar import quota system and an extension of the farmer-owned cooperative lending system to make loans to farmers and other rural residents.

Other major domestic actions of the 92nd Congress during the First Session included cutting off funds for further development of the supersonic transport (SST), repealing the Emergency Detention Act, extending the draft for two years, defeating the so-called "school prayer" amendment, reducing funds for the space program by \$40 million from the previous year, and resolving the land claims of the Alaskan Natives.

Most of the major foreign aid and policy questions were bogged down in controversy during the First Session. While the Senate twice voted a Congressional-estimated deadline for withdrawal of U.S. troops from Indochina, the House disagreed that this form of Congressional action would be helpful. Final versions of the "Mansfield Amendment" included in the draft bill and the military authorization bill express the sense of Congress that the President set a date for the earliest possible withdrawal of U.S. troops from Indochina. After extensive debate, Congress cut \$3 billion from the budget for fiscal 1972 defense appropriations.

In both domestic and foreign affairs, the First Session of the 92nd Congress bequeathed a heavy load of unfinished business for the Second Session. I intend to cover in a future column what lies ahead for Congress in 1972.

IRS Starts Toll-Free Tax Information Service

The Internal Revenue Service in Oregon the advantages of has a new telephone system that calls the IRS in Portland for tax information for the price of a local telephone call. In the past, Ralph B. Short, District director of the IRS for Oregon, stated that taxpayers living outside the larger towns were at a disadvantage in receiving free tax assistance. A call to their nearest IRS office could cost them a dollar or more in long distance toll charges. With the new "Centiphone" system, a call to the Portland office from anywhere in the state will be toll free. In addition to the obvious advantages to the taxpayer in terms of cost, the system will allow the IRS to concentrate its taxpayer service personnel in key areas to provide broader service than was possible in the past.

New Rules For Medical Service

The Workmen's Compensation Board has announced new rules and regulations, effective Jan. 1, to govern medical and surgical service to workmen injured under the provisions of Oregon's Workmen's Compensation Law.

Vendors of medical services can now charge insurance companies the same medical fees for service rendered to an occupationally injured workman as they customarily have charged other patients for like services. Inquiries regarding the new Rules and Regulations may be directed to the Medical Director, Workmen's Compensation Board, Labor and Industries Building, Salem, Oregon 97310.

Billings for medical services on and after Jan. 1 must be made in accordance with the new Rules and Regulations which void previously published medical rules.

Funeral Home Facts

By Paul Litty

We are asked many questions about funerals and will attempt to answer some of the most commonly asked questions in the weeks ahead. If you have other questions you would like answered, please write or call and we will do our best to answer them.



QUESTION--What is a protective casket?

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by Rik Rikula

Steelhead anglers will probably be hoping for rain during the latter part of the week. Most south coastal streams have been dropping and clearing rapidly and will be too low unless rain arrives.

Anglers have enjoyed some of the best catches of winter steelhead so far this season in the past few days. Hot spots have been the Chetco, Elk and lower Rogue Rivers. Several large fish in the 15 to 20 pound category were taken in the lower Illinois River.

Outlook for the coming weekend is fair to good on larger streams. If waters remain low, clear and cold, anglers will have best success using light tackle in deeper water.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Birthday wishes go out this week to Mary Yoder, Charles Bates, Colleen Kreutzer, Patrick Robbins, Tina Woodward, Mrs. Anna Nelson and Robbie Mayea.

Anniversary wishes go to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Vincent.

phone than we could on a "walk-in" basis. Most of our offices are in downtown areas where parking is difficult and our service counters are usually so busy that a half-hour wait is not uncommon. Although we have continued to improve our taxpayer service program over the years, we realized that a completely integrated system would have to be developed before we could provide taxpayers the service we thought was needed. Our communications experts worked with the telephone company's engineers in designing the Centiphone system so that it met our needs. Now, we have the system we think was worth waiting for. Mr. Short said.

In Portland, Salem, Eugene

OBITUARIES

Brownie Rosson

Graveside services were held Saturday, Jan. 1, at Port Orford Cemetery for Brownie Rosson, 61, of Port Orford. Mr. Rosson was born Jan. 3, 1910, in Arkansas and died Dec. 28, 1971, at the Veterans Hospital in Portland.

Rev. Otis Frost of the Assembly of God Church officiated.

Survivors include his widow, Lillie, Port Orford; sons, Brownie Leon Rosson and Robert Bridgeman; daughter, Leah L. Rosson, all of Port Orford; sisters, Irene Shiren, Clovis, Calif., and Florence Falger, Clarendon, Ark.; brother, Bill Rosson, Poncedel Leon, Fla. Arrangements were by the Gold Beach Funeral Home.

Orville Brown

Graveside funeral services for Orville Brown, 68, Port Orford, will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Port Orford Cemetery under the direction of Mills-Bryan Funeral Directors, Coos Bay. The Rev. Andrew Baxter of Port Orford Community Church will officiate.

Mr. Brown was born Dec. 29, 1903, in Oklahoma and died Jan. 3 in North Bend. He had lived in the Port Orford area since 1952. He was preceded in death three years ago by his sister, Mildred Russell, also of Port Orford.

and Medford, taxpayers should call the IRS' regular number, since it represents a local call. Taxpayers living outside of Portland, Salem, Eugene and Medford should call the IRS at 1-800-452-1980, their new toll-free Centiphone number.

In closing, Mr. Short wanted to remind the public that in addition to tax questions, the IRS would also answer questions and take complaints on the President's Economic Stabilization Program on the Centiphone lines.

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