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The Tax Relief Is There . . . Somewhere

This year when property owners get their tax statement in the mails and discover that the 4.3 mill tax relief failed to make much, if any, dent in their taxes they may wonder where the savings (relief?) went. Usually when we talk of a savings we can expect to pay a little less . . . at least a reduction would be the normal procedure.

However, you'll be paying about the same as before in taxes. Only you'll be reaping some tax relief there, too. Yes, the tax relief is there . . . somewhere! The catch is that you'll be paying less, but the less means less than you would have paid had not the 1965 State Legislature have passed the tax relief bill.

If we seem to be talking in some kind of riddle perhaps a recent Sunday editorial from the Oregonian can best let the light through. It follows:

"Property owners expecting lower taxes as a result of the 1965 Legislature's dedication of \$12.5 million, plus \$1 million in unanticipated state revenues, to property tax relief need to understand one point."

"This is that the average 4.3 mills in local property tax savings figured by Secretary of State Tom McCall can be reduced or wiped out by local property tax increases—including those which may be automatically applied by governing bodies up to 6 per cent

within the tax base, and special levies voted by the people themselves outside the tax base.

"In other words, the money appropriated by the Legislature to ease the strain on local property tax payers will be used to reduce the normal increase, in most areas, rather than to reduce last year's tax bill.

"Reassessment of an individual's property to bring it into equality with the properties of other taxpayers may also wipe out the benefit. But it is a benefit, nonetheless, for otherwise one's property tax would be that much higher.

"The \$13.5 million appropriated to local taxing districts for this fiscal year means, whatever the effect on the taxpayer, that taxing bodies may be encouraged to ask the voters for more. The public pressure against the ascending property tax rate may be somewhat less. It is the obligation of voters in each area to see to it that their governing bodies continue to practice economy and efficiency and to make only realistic requests.

"The much-publicized 'tax revolt' will not be ended. But the Legislature has pulled some of the teeth from the reckless initiative petition to hamstringing local governments and the schools by enactment of elimination of 1 1/2 per cent of property value."

—JC

Opportunity In the Bedroom

Yes, there are many opportunities that are afforded an area that is often referred to as a "bedroom community." And it is this that we have in mind when we speak of opportunity in the bedroom.

According to trusty old man Webster an opportunity is: (1) a favorable juncture of circumstances; and (2) a good chance for advancement or progress. We believe that the Sandy-Hoodland area can comfortably fit into both explanations.

We are entering into a juncture of circumstances that our area is inevitably going to grow. However, here again, we are not an area that can look forward to massive industrial expansion. Perhaps we should better clarify that last sentence to say that we cannot foresee for ourselves any huge industrial appetite here outside of the great recreational fortunes that await us. But we are going to grow in spite of ourselves.

No one can conceivably deny the fact that Sandy and the mountain are growing. That advancement and

progress are already upon us. One just needs to look at the new highway under construction, the business development already started, and that that is already on the drawing boards both inside the City of Sandy and along the route up to the top of the mountain. With all of this, plus the nearness to Portland itself, Sandy-Hoodland is destined to become more of a bedroom area than it is to become a business and industrial area. Do you agree or disagree?

We can see nothing wrong with this destiny. The wrong lies in not being willing to admit it and preparing ourselves for it. A bedroom community means solid citizens moving into the area and building homes with every intention of settling down here. They may not work or have jobs right here in town but they are going to add to the advancement and to the economy of our area.

The real opportunities in our community bedroom will go to those who are busy preparing for it today. Are you among them?

—JC

Pear, Prune Guide Published

Revised fertilizer recommendations for pears and prunes grown in the Willamette Valley have been prepared by Oregon State University and are now available from county extension offices.

Robert Stebbins, OSU extension horticulturist, and Arthur

S. King, OSU extension conservation specialist, prepared the revisions.

The recommendations were prepared to give a generalized guide for orchard fertilization, they point out. Requirements of individual orchards are too varied to be covered by a single set of recommendations.

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Letters to the Editor

August 16

The Sandy Post
Sandy, Oregon
Dear Sirs:

Thank you for publishing our school reunion picnic. The results were good—as follows. The reunion of the Firwood-Greenwood and the Old Sandy schools was very well attended. Some 75 people were present, in the afternoon there was a short impromptu program. Members of the group participated by representing their own family and telling amusing incidents, etc.

Some came from quite a distance. Ernest Milliron and his sister Ldora Zenz from Los Angeles, Pete Peschall and son Kenneth from Vernonia. All 3 children of the Jake DeShazer family absent many years have returned namely Mrs. Carrie Peik, Paul, and Mrs. Dorothy Lincoln. Mrs. Josephine Dixon Ganger represented the Dixon family.

The Alt family was well represented by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Alt, Beaverton, a sister, Mrs. Irene Christians and her daughter Mrs. Alta Schalk both from Astoria, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Alt, Sandy, and Dewey Alt, Boring.

Mrs. Mena Olsen stayed over for this event before returning to Anchorage, Alaska. Respectfully yours,
Marie E. Koennecke
P. S. I am submitting this by request of Mr. Anton Malar. I understood you would like a report. I presume it will be in this Thursday's paper.



Women bowlers wasted little time washing patrons' cars at Mt. Hood Lanes last Saturday. As a new car entered the wash line the ladies swarmed upon it with soap and water as evidenced here.

Letters to the Editor

August 10

Dear Mr. Crouse:

The final paragraph of your editorial "More on Printing Juvenile Names" in The Sandy Post, of August 5, 1965, was intriguing. To be sure there is no question as to my reference, "... Publication, after all, is only a pin prick at the real problem . . . Indifference or outright hostility at home. That's the only place where the problem can be attacked with any chance of success."

To either support or reject your proposal it would be necessary, according to many people, to simply state the facts! We might, however, ask ourselves, "Just what are the facts?" According to a film strip entitled "How to Tell the Difference Between Facts and Opinions," — "A fact is a series of opinions agreed upon by a group of experts so that societal needs can be met." Much can be written about this, for example: At one time it was a fact that the earth was flat; then the earth was round; now, according to space experts the earth is some what pear shaped.

When it comes to human behavior, however, "concrete facts" are rather difficult to come by. Conceivably, there could be as many "facts" as there are people. Instead of quoting a series of "facts," I would like to do what Dr. Carl Rogers asked to do when he made a presentation to about 3000 people at Sacramento State College, several months ago, "If I may, I would like to share with you a few of my experiences." Maybe some of these experiences will be beneficial whether you are a juvenile or an adult.

Years of experience, in sharing with groups of adults and juveniles, have made me ask, "Just what are you seeking?" Do you want to talk at people, or — espouse the latest ideas, or — exhort people —? Why must so many find it necessary to set people straight? Would it not be possible to accomplish so much more when you sincerely share something of yourself with others? This sharing is a means of communication which can be truly invigorating. To properly communicate you must be able to hear as well as speak. You will notice that I said hear — not listen. I like to be heard by someone without them diagnosing, evaluating, or criticizing me. If you will really hear me, I'm sure my world will be brighter, and

many of my difficult problems can be solved. When no one hears it's like trying to climb out of a deep dungeon. Soon there is the disgusted, "Oh what's the use!"

I dislike myself very much when I don't hear because I've already made up my mind about what is being said. I'm sure you wouldn't be guilty of this, but if you ever have been you find yourself twisting words, distorting meanings, and you try to manipulate a person into what you want him to be. When I have this kind of a prejudgmental attitude it invariably happens that I'm unwilling, at the time, to accept myself for what I really am. I find it difficult to get close to myself when I write or talk. But, as soon as I am willing to do or say things that need no apology, or defense, then I can be genuine and move others. When this is accomplished then, I no longer need to dislike myself.

Once we are real and genuine, it is possible that we can be courageous. It would be interesting to know how many of you could be courageous enough to permit your son or daughter to have behavior and attitudes entirely different from your own. This means, also, that they are not to be compared with aunts, uncles, grandparents, or any other relative. I dislike sameness, therefore, there may be others who feel as I do. No two sets of fingerprints are the same, no one signs his name the same even if he were to write it one million times so why must we mold our children in our own image. If we really hear them, they are bound to acquire some characteristics that they respect in us.

Do we love children to control them rather than to simply appreciate them as individuals? I appreciate all things from children to sunsets. Can you imagine anyone controlling or manipulating a sunset? "Hey up there! — a little less orange and a little more blue." "Tone down the green and give me a little more red." This is rather silly, but it expresses a point. We simply appreciate a sunset and watch its beauty unfold. In a similar way, we can appreciate children and watch the unfolding of their life.

My experiences, as they have been related, in no way attempts to suggest the abdication of society's control over its members. Actually, by real interpersonal communication — honestly hearing with a non-judgmental bias — society will

be aided in controlling its members.

If what society needs or is seeking is to print the names of juvenile offenders, then they should be printed. If embarrassment of the family unit will control juvenile offenses, then print the names. If, after printing the names, juvenile crime does not stop, then don't print the names. As you say Mr. Crouse, printing the names is only a pin prick to the real problem. However, so is limiting the attack to the home. Unless all of society can place itself in the empathetic position of really hearing when it's spoken to, then we might ask ourselves — "Is there really an answer to the question?" Homer once said, "Light is the task when many share the toll."

Chris Meyers
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August 13

Dear Jerry:

Just wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed the "Pioneer Days" by Lillian Ten Eyck and that I am looking forward to more of the same.

To most of us "Johnny come lately's" interested in the History of the Mt. Hood area, the personal descriptions of happenings during the Pioneer and post Pioneer days are of great interest.

I have had the pleasure of reading the scrap book, compiled by Walter Creighton of Rhododendron over the years and believe me that is reading that I will long remember.

May we have more of this type writing.

With kindest regards,
Sincerely,
Hal A. Dudley
Rhododendron, Ore.

Did you phone a news item in to The Post on that party or club meeting? If not, then do it now. Phone MU 7-2781.

Farm Furrow by SCOTT LAMB

Both the House and Senate are working on versions of a farm bill which they hope will be acceptable to the Congress. The major points in the Senate bill is the attempt by Chairman Ellender to boost wheat certificates from 500 million bushels to 700 million. He would like to see the increase financed by the USDA rather than the processors. Mr. Ellender would also like to see the 105% resale price for Commodity Credit Corporation stocks raised to make it more difficult for the Secretary of Agriculture to dump surplus stocks on the market. The Secretary of Agriculture is opposed to both proposals since he would like to hold the cost of the program down as much as possible and have a free rein in dumping stocks to keep growers in line.

The Commodity Credit Corporation stocks are Mr. Freeman's big whip in forcing farmers to come under the government program. Since the farm bill sets up a voluntary program, wheat growers may elect not to come under the program. If they do come into the program there is a vast array of compliances they must perform. Among them are cut backs in acreage in return for a guaranteed price. If they do not elect to come into the program they can grow as much wheat as they like but must sell it on the open market with no price support.

This is why Secretary Freeman wants full control of the nation's surplus wheat stocks. When the price begins to edge

up on the market, he can dump enough wheat on the market to drive the price below a profitable level for those who chose free enterprise.

Farm Bureau has long advocated a higher resale price from government stocks to encourage freedom from government controls. Secretary Freeman does not want the farmer free from government controls. He feels government control of basic crops can hold prices to a minimum level and at the same time control production.

The House version of the farm bill would be much the same as last year's program. One change would do away with export certificates and raise domestic certificates fifty cents. This would increase the price of wheat under the certificate plan to about \$2.50 per bushel for that amount qualifying for certificates. The price of the non-certificated wheat is kept lower by CCC dumping and the grower is left in a quandary as to just how well the program is benefiting him.

The wheat program is only one phase of the complicated omnibus farm bill being debated in Congress at this time.

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