



**IT'S YOUR MONEY, BROTHER**

What will the well-dressed taxpayer for 1951 be wearing?

The phrasesmiths have assured us there will never be another depression. They have attended to that with a pre-natal Christening. It's to be a recession.

If and when this lush financial honeymoon gets to the crockery-throwing stage and income tax revenues barely drip in, then you can commence to really talk of heavy property taxes. And property, remember, is the only tangible asset available when prosperity is in reverse.

Last November, with a \$3,500,000 state debt still due, the voters refused to canstion payment, but one the same ballot voted to buy over \$100,000,000 worth of old-age assistance each year. This put the state deep in the red and draped a cloud over its credit.

If a company with such a financial record should apply to the federal SCE commission for a persit to issue stock, their request would be promptly denied.

Try as they will, legislative leaders cannot keep enough members converted to accept the responsibility of making forthright decisions on vital tax measures.

Consequently, the present session may pass on to the next session—just as the last session passed on to this session—the double-shift job of finding funds with which to pay up the debts of the last biennium and provide for the coming two years. Then there is another tempting subterfuge the solons may adopt, just passing the buck to the people to let them decide at the polls just what band of taxation they least abhor.

**WORKING DAY AND NIGHT**  
The Oregon legislature ended its ninth week with its first night

session last Friday. From now on there may be night sessions whenever the day's calender has not been cleaned up. Only one-fourth of the 840 bills before the two houses have been passed. Two to three more weeks of the session are predicted.

New bills keep coming up. This week's "features" include bills to place savings and loan associations under the state seuperintended of banks instead of the corporation commissioner; appropriating \$214,267 for operating deficiency of Klamath Falls vocational school; and to up salary of supreme court justices from \$8500 to \$10,000.

**WOOLLEY RESIGNS**

The resignation of M. D. Woolley, superintendent of the Oregon State Training school at Woodburn for the past eight years, has been accepted by the state board of control. Appreciation for his service was expressed by the board.

The board will not name a successor to Woolley until after several applicants have been considered.

Woolley will become secretary of the Harney county chamber of commerce at Burns, April 1.

**BEANO GAMES OUT**

Representatives of churches and schools who wish to conduct benefit beano games and other forms of lotteries are no longer within their legal rights than other lottery operators, according to a decision made by the late Attorney General I. H. VanWinkle, who said, "Crime cannot hide under the cloak of charity."

The ruling, which was made in 1930, is being accepted by district attorneys thriughout the state, as it involves the three factors of consideration, chance and prize.

**NEW FORESTRY DISTRICTS**

The state forestry department will be required to provide forest fire protection for one million more acres of forest lands than last year.

An act passed by the present legislature appropriating \$132,120 to the department to create new forestry districts carried an emergency clause and became operative when recently signed by

Governor McKay. The work of forming the new districts is now under way, says State Forester Nels Rogers. They will extend from points east of Mr. Hood to Umatilla county. The forests in the districts being esestablished have been under the wing of the federal department for several years.

Besides the expense of esestablishing the district, it will cost about \$60,000 a year for the next

two years to provide forest fire protection. Oregon's rate of 6c an acre for this protection is believed to be the most economical of any in the nation.

**Local News Items**

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Weideman attended the 25th anniversary of the founding of Grants Pass Rotary club, held Wednesday evening at Grants Pass. Every club

in District 102 was represented, making a total of over 200 Rotarians and their wives.

The Pilot was late last week when an accident prevented the publication at the usual time. For this delay, the Pilot force is indeed sorry.

Mrs. Mildred Byrne and daughter Margaret, left Monday for San Francisco, where Mrs. Byrne will consult a physician concerning her health.

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