

Officials, Editors and Leaders Give Opinions on Sales Tax

It is the intent of the staff to present information to the readers of this magazine on the sales tax question on which we will be asked to vote on October 7 of this year. It is our desire that all members be fully acquainted with the issues involved. Information is here presented in an unbiased manner and without personal opinion. The matter of state finances is of concern to us all and any subject of taxation, revenue or other financial matter is our business both as state employees and as citizens.

Following are excerpts from newspaper articles, communications and other sources, with acknowledgment of the source, which we have received or read.

T. M. Jenner, State Tax Commissioner, Olympia, Washington — "Property taxation can be maintained at a relatively low level because of the revenue produced by the retail sales tax. The property taxpayers—primarily the farmers and home owners—will benefit by a sales tax because it more equit-

ably spreads the tax burden within the group which pays a major part of the cost of government than does a property tax. From our experiences in Washington, we can only conclude that the opposition of the Oregon Grange to a sales tax has been based on misunderstanding. Here in our state, it seems quite evident that farmers as a class



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