



It Takes Both!



U. S. Treasury Department

Detroit Free Press

"Remember Pearl Harbor"

How Can a Program On Taxes Be Constructive

With the legislature in session, the same old forces come out in opposition to a sales tax as a solution to Oregon's tax problems as the way for reducing property taxes.

California and Washington have had a sales tax in effect for a good many years and both have made substantially more growth than Oregon. They have also been able to make real reductions in property taxes, which it would seem to us would be especially important to farm owners and all others that own property.

Ownership of property is not necessarily an indication of ability to pay, whereas when a person spends he most certainly must have had some income. People for the most part buy in proportion to what they make so consequently with a sales tax they would be paying in like proportion. Furthermore those with higher incomes pay substantial income taxes and have been paying at steeper rates all the time. There can be little hope for property tax relief in Oregon until a program similar to that in effect in Washington, in particular, is placed in effect.

A joint legislative interim committee says in part:

"It is the opinion of your committee that the difference in the tax structures of the state of Oregon and the state of Washington has been a contributing factor to the location of industries on the Washington side of this interstate area, to the serious detriment of the state of Oregon."

Read again:

"Practical application reveals the fact that private industry is locating in Washington in preference to Oregon, and that Oregon is constantly losing one of its greatest assets in the abandonment of their Oregon residence by prominent wealthy citizens, some of them still in the prime of life."

Furthermore great things are always expected of the legislature in the matter of a solution and the legislators are damned if it is not forthcoming. The legislators have worked conscientiously over the problem for years, they have studied it carefully, and the result has been a sales tax in different forms. Then under our Oregon system it is referred by the legislature or by initiative petition placed on the ballot to run the gauntlet of voters.

How can a constructive tax system be worked out under the circumstances? Do people ever wish to vote taxes upon themselves? They would always rather vote them on the other fellow.

Oregon has built a great highway system, largely through a sales tax—the gasoline tax. People have paid it without difficulty and without great complaint because it is more or less painless. Oregon people in visiting other states have made considerable contribution to the tax incomes of those states by their tax pennies here and there on meals, hotel bills and other expenditures.

Of course Americans are willing to dig down and do everything and pay anything necessary to win the war, but the very evident waste, wages out of proportion, the 40-hour week that requires time and a half for overtime in a period of labor shortage just can't help but make a lot of people feel that the war could be operated on a less costly and more efficient basis.

Experience in selecting a president of the state senate last week has resulted in renewed interest in creating the office of lieutenant-governor, who would preside over the senate. He would succeed the governor in case of the resignation, death or incapacitation of the chief executive. Under the present set-up the president of the senate is the successor to the governor.

Although American seamen are now able to receive mail from home at foreign ports, the service does not provide for registered, insured, or C. O. D. mail.

Sinking Fund Would Be Good Business

It is nothing less than good business that the legislature make it possible for counties and cities to build up sinking funds under present conditions for the post-war period. To do otherwise would result in a reduction of the tax base to a point where it would be impossible to meet road maintenance and building programs that will be required following the war so as not to lose this big investment and in order to keep the budget on an even keel.

County Judge Kerkman has pointed out that because of priorities and other restrictions and labor shortages it is impossible to carry on much of a road program and under present laws money budgeted for such purposes cannot be held over to meet the resultant greater post-war needs. Instead it must be considered in the make up of future budgets, resulting in reduction of the tax base. With such a reduced base, which cannot be increased more than six per cent, the hands of county authorities would be practically tied with serious results for the county road program.

Local governments will undoubtedly be faced with the need for considerable necessary road, street and public works and which would help materially in providing a cushion for that period after the war. Good business would dictate elimination of restrictive laws that prohibit the building up of sinking funds by local government subdivisions.

Books Should Be Kind You Want Yourself

Co-operation in the Victory Book campaign will furnish our boys in the service much appreciated reading material for their recreation centers. That books fill an important niche in the life of the service man is evidenced by the distribution of books through the Oregon State Library to army centers, USO and the Red Cross in the northwest.

As pointed out by Chairman J. H. Garrett, it is important that the books be worthwhile, ones that the donor himself would appreciate keeping in his own library and that have not been discarded. Nearly 75,000 books were collected in Oregon in the first campaign a year ago, but many of these were out-of-date and shabby. Quality is the important thing and not quantity.

The national committee in summing up the general response says, a good test for any book to be given is this: "Any book you really want to keep is a good one to give."

Representative Harvey Wells of Multnomah county has introduced a bill to ban advertising of any alcoholic beverages by any means, including personal letters. This would only have the effect of stopping the return to Oregon of some of the money sent out of the state for such beverages while national magazines would still continue to bring in this type of advertising. The state liquor commission has exercised most rigid control over such advertising in Oregon publications, the regulations being among the most stringent in the nation.

With Other Editors Slowdown

(Astoria Astorian-Budget)  
There is the tale of the girl worker in a huge plant making vital plane parts who didn't know about the union's production ceiling, and doubled it her first day on the job. She was told by the union's representative to take the excess parts home overnight bring them in the next day, and machine them over again. But on the way out inspectors caught her and induced her to tell the story.

The union representative was discharged without protest by his associates.  
Has the ceiling been lifted? No. Production still lags far below what a new girl could turn out on her first day.

A Wauwatosa, Wis., man sold his auto and bought a pony and cart for personal travel.

Letters from Service Men

Takes Time Out

Dear Editor—I have intended to write before this and thank you for the Hillsboro Argus. I take time out and read it as soon as I receive it and then when my wife comes to see me I let her take it to read.  
We both are grateful for your kindness in sending us the home town news.  
My address will probably be changed within the next two weeks. I will let you know as soon as I know what it will be.—Yours truly, PVT. LEANDER R. BARRETT, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

Wants Home Town News

Dear Sir—I am in the services of the army and would like very much to receive the Argus. I have been informed that if I write to you and give you my address that I would be able to receive the paper.  
I have lived on a rural route at Hillsboro all my life and have enjoyed the Argus very much. It has so much home town news in it. I would like very much to receive the Argus as I don't get to hear much home town news since I've been in the service.  
Will you please send the Argus to me. Thanking you very much.  
Yours truly, PVT. ELMER L. LILLEGARD.

Spirit Unbeatable

Dear Editor—I haven't received an edition of the Hillsboro Argus for some time now and I thought maybe it was due to the fact my address has been changed.  
It gets plenty monotonous out here and when the boys get a home town newspaper they just fairly eat it up. They all have the feeling there is no place like home and I guess that is the way I feel.  
Being that these ships can't sail and manage themselves we'll just have to make it feel like home and work twice as hard.  
We have a motto on board ship and I think if we live up to it that not even "Super Man" himself could stop us. When I say "u" I mean the letter "u" is spelled with a capital and likewise the "s".  
The motto is: "The difficult job will be done immediately, but the impossible job will take a little longer."

So you see no matter how far from home we are, the American spirit and faith in equal rights of man is unshakably true. Respectfully yours, ANDREW L. LEE, E. M. 3-C

On Overseas Duty

Dear Editor—Would you please send me your paper—the Hillsboro Argus. I bear you send it to the boys in the service free of charge. I sure would appreciate it if you would.

I have been a resident of Washington county for quite a few years. I came into the service on March 16, 1942, and am doing overseas duty. I thank you.—Yours truly, PVT. ROLF C. BERGE.

Mail Call Great

The Argus—I am writing to tell you how glad I am to receive the Argus. It gives me the news from Washington county that I would not be able to get any other way.

At the present time I am on an island in the Southwest Pacific. You hear a lot about the South Sea Islands, but I will be only too glad to get back to Oregon again. I have not yet seen any place I like better.

Here, mail call is something we eagerly look for and I am especially glad when I get a copy of the Argus. I can't thank you enough for sending it to me. I am sending you my new address.—Yours truly, PVT. MAX E. COYNE.

Simonson Assigned

Dear Verne—Amin I have changed my address and as usual I find that I greatly miss the weekly news from the Argus. Would certainly appreciate having it sent to the above address.

My training period in the army has ended and I have been assigned to a battalion of colored troops. They are a very interesting group to work with and take to military training so very well. They seem to be born with a wonderful sense of rhythm and as you know this is half of the battle in teaching basic drill.

Hoping that you and the family enjoyed a good holiday season, yours very truly, OREN J. SIMONSON, 2nd Lt. Q. M. C.

Miss Crozer Speaker

A talk was given by Miss Kathryn Crozer on clothes, charm and appearance to the members of the Commercial club Thursday. She mentioned the four things people are interested in when apply for a job. They are: What clothes to wear, how to enter an office, how to greet an employer and what to say. Two important things for the applicant to remember are good grooming and charm. She mentioned the importance of choosing makeup, hairdo, and clothes to fit you best. She also emphasized the necessity of a basic color.

Semester Exams Given This Week

Semester exams were given yesterday afternoon and today (Thursday). Juniors and seniors will be asked to re-register before the new semester begins.

Examiner Here Jan. 23

A traveling examiner of operators and chauffeurs will be in Hillsboro Thursday, January 23, at the court house from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the examiner during these hours.

Extension Work Offered

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—Students entering the armed forces now have opportunity to continue work for college credit while in camp under an arrangement entered into by American colleges and universities and the army institute with headquarters at Madison, Wisconsin. Enlisted men may enroll for any of a wide range of courses after four months' service.

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Writes from Africa

Paris of a letter written by P. F. C. Hubert C. Thun from someone in North Africa to his cousin, the Otto Voges family, with whom he lived before entering the army.

"Had my first pass to town yesterday, a day very well spent. It's a modern city of good size. Upon arriving we were at once beset by a horde of shoe shine boys and so-called guides—it's a racket that all Americans fall for the first time. The language is a terrific hindrance. The traffic here is kept to the right. The streets are lined with sidewalk cafes, where you sip your wine.

"We happened by a big church and witnessed three weddings. I was told that all weddings take place on Wednesdays and Fridays only. The brides were dressed better than any I ever saw in the states.

"Gas is very hard to get. Most taxis are horse drawn. Drivers wear high silk hats with all the fancy coachman trimmings and drove swell horses.

"I had my shoes shined about 20 times. Every time you stop they go to work. The native kids have picked up a good line of slang. I was sitting on a park bench and a native boy went to work on my shoes. He insisted he wanted no money. After he finished he wanted chewing gum and candy. As I had neither (I'd told him so before he started) he used all his slang on me, spit on my shoes and left.

"Greet all my friends for me."—P. F. C. HUBERT C. THUN.

Happy Marine

Dear Sir—I received my first Argus Thursday. I don't believe there ever was a happier marine than myself when I opened that good Argus. I'm writing to tell you that there's a change in my address. It's Pvt. WILLIAM HERINCKX, Hda. Co. Base Sig. Bn., Sec. 1, Plat. 1, U. S. M. C. B., San Diego, Cal.

In Armor School

Dear Sir—Just a few lines to let you know I would like very much to have you send me the Argus. I am going to armor school. Got about seven weeks left. Been having real good weather, but sure wish I was back in good old Hillsboro again. I don't think any other place can compare with the Willamette valley. Sure wish I could get sent to Portland Air Base or somewhere close around, then I could get out to good old Hillsboro. Guess will be all for now.—CARL G. VEHS, Buckley Field, Denver, Colorado.

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In Other Days

Fifteen Years Ago

Argus, January 19, 1928.—City Manager C. G. Reiter commended by city council for condition of city affairs. Walter Tows named fire chief to succeed J. J. Hanel.

Rev. Father Herman Ostermann, assistant superintendent of St. Mary's, dies of stroke January 12.

The \$175,000 bond issue for the building program of Hillsboro union high school district approved by vote of 452 to 71.

Hilli boys' and girls' basketball teams score 37 to 17 and 37 to 25 wins over Newberg.

E. L. McCormick named president of Washington County Real Estate board.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Jones of Cornelius celebrate 50th wedding anniversary.

R. Hornecker installed as master of Hillsboro Grange.

S. Hahn installed chancellor commander of Pythias, Knights of Pythias, and Ada Qualls M. E. C. of Pythian Sisters.

Thirty Years Ago

Argus, January 16, 1913.—Grover Combs buys furniture stock of A. C. Donelson on Third street.

Fourteen county road districts levy special taxes. More districts established by county court.

German Mutual Fire Insurance association reports loss by fire during year was \$1,000. Alfred Guerber of Helvetia and William Haase of South Tualatin elected directors. John Meyer of Bethany, treasurer and John Wismer of Bethany, auditor.

Ed Schulerich elected president of Commercial bank.

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Local Highlights of 1943 Legislature

Oscar Hagg of Beedville and Joe Kendrick have been attending the legislature in behalf of dairy legislation now pending in both houses.

J. C. Leedy, former citizen of Tigard-Sherwood area, was in Salem the first of the week. Mr. Leedy in other days was some ball player. In those times rivalry was keen between the Tigers and Beavers—same as today. Mr. Leedy now is engaged in growing onions in the Lake Labish district north of Salem.

In regard to organizing the senate, there was a little delay but things moved fast and the senate is on schedule. Above all harmony prevailed and Washington county received a square deal in senate committees.

The armed forces will enroll 70,000 young men a month out of about 1,200,000 who reach the age of 18 next year, according to estimates.

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