

# The Oregon Statesman

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### Sales Tax Afterthoughts

While The Statesman opposed the sales tax bill which was voted on Tuesday it gets little elation out of the heavy defeat of the measure. The sales tax has more merit than is indicated in the support it received of only about one vote in four. More-over the cumulative effect of anti-sales tax campaigns is to build up resistance to paying taxes and to cultivate the idea that taxes should be paid only by the propertied class or those with high personal incomes. That is bad doctrine because the benefits of government are universally distributed; the burdens of modern government are too heavy to be borne by a few "filthy rich," the working and farmer groups whose prejudices were appealed to are abundantly able, for the most part, to pay taxes for the support of state government—most of them do in fact. One mistake of the sales tax bill was its tax shift from property; much of the resistance to the sales tax was simply objection to paying taxes. People are ready to vote for better schools, for improvements at state institutions, etc. but are inclined to run out when a tax to pay the bills is presented. In the present instance The Statesman figured that no sales tax was necessary; but the build-up of opposition we fear will carry to the time when new taxes may be required.

This attitude is seen in the announcement of a move by the CIO to test the constitutionality of the law which lowers the exemption of the personal income tax. We apprehend the action is designed not so much to save the constitution (which does not seem to be impaired by the contingency) as to shut off the lowering of exemptions and increase in income tax payments.

Yet this lowering of exemptions was recommended by the late Oregon Tax Study commission which reported to the last legislature, and was not objected to by the labor member of the commission. Opponents of the sales tax argued in behalf of the income tax as one based on ability to pay. They ought not so quickly to run out on the income tax. While the lowered exemptions will reach more people and require them to pay taxes the amount is small and is the only tax now being imposed for support of the state government and its institutions.

Defeat of the sales tax will probably result in submitting to the people in November, 1948 the proposition of a levy in excess of the 6 per cent limitation to meet an anticipated deficit (not to exceed \$8,000,000). This levy then would be absorbed by surplus in the income tax account.

The next legislature will face the issue of whether to preserve the income tax exclusively for offsetting property taxes. The legislature could amend the law and convert the proceeds of income and corporate excise taxes directly into the general fund, but the powerful property tax lobby will resist any such conversion.

A constitutional technicality, more honored in the breach than in the observance, will be removed if the people adopt a constitutional amendment being submitted at the next election, which not only sets up machinery for local units of government to set up a new tax base but specifies that the 6 per cent limitation applies to levies "on property." Heretofore claims sometimes have been raised that the 6 per cent limitation was a general restriction on the total of revenues that might be raised.

Oregon's tax problems are serious and promise to become more so if government costs increase and popular resistance to tax increases grows. But they are not insoluble and despite the seeming perversity of the Oregon electorate on many occasions the people of the state do have a sense of financial responsibility and a recognition of the need of maintaining solvency in their governmental units.

### Federal Duplication

The reclamation bureau has prepared a massive report on the development of the Columbia river basin. In accordance with law this has been turned over to governors of the north-west states for their study and criticism. According to the Bend Bulletin, which is always alert to news about reclamation, "in Idaho the reclamation association has urged that further time for study be given and filing be delayed until a report now in preparation by the army engineers has been finished." The Bulletin urges that as the proper course.

What strikes us as wrong is that we have two agencies of the federal government each preparing voluminous reports covering the same area. Each makes surveys; each studies its data; each recommends its program. The reclamation bureau is primarily concerned with land reclamation; the army engineers with flood control and navigation. It's a wonder Bonneville Power-administration doesn't come up with a full-scale report on the same area, as seen through its "high-powered" glasses.

To an ordinary business man this looks like unnecessary duplication. The inter-agency committee was designed, so we thought, to prevent duplication and bring unity in the work of the federal agencies. But that committee, which met months ago in Walla Walla and heard testimony for and against dam construction, with particular reference to the McNary dam, hasn't come up with any report or indication of agreement—and congress went right ahead to appropriate money for the McNary dam.

This duplication would be averted if we had some single agency which could make the surveys and prepare the reports for congress. Execution of the approved parts could then be assigned by congress to the proper agency: army engineers or reclamation bureau or the power administration. As it is the reclamation bureau report gathers dust while the army engineers prepare their report—and then the wrangling may start. The machinery at present in operation is out-of-date for efficient administration.

### Trial Press?

The press report of the testimony of Patricia Schmidt, dancer charged with murder of John Lester Mee, yachtman, in her trial at Havana, sounds like a radio whodunit: "He started toward me. He reached for something, repeating he was going to kill me. I looked around and spied the pistol in the drawer. I picked up the gun. He started to get up from the bunk. I said, 'Jack, let me out of this room.'" At this point venerable Presiding Judge Cristobal More ordered the pistol brought in.

Tune in on the next episode tomorrow, same hour, same station!

The Statesman has received through ex-President Hoover's secretary a copy of his letter to the editor of the American magazine denying the quotation attributed to him in an article by Sidney Shalett to the effect: "We would never have been attacked by the Japanese if we had not given them provocation." Mr. Hoover thinks the writer has confused this with interviews with other persons because he would not have made such an indictment of a whole nation "including myself" also that "it is a contradiction to many other places where I am on public record." Since The Statesman made editorial comment on the Hoover article by Shalett it publishes this denial by Mr. Hoover of the specific quotation attributed to him.

Motor car production is now running ahead of 1941, the last prewar year of full production. Some day the dealers may be out selling cars again.

# IT SEEMS TO ME

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the government exercised virtually full control of its labor power. The new control operates in this way: Persons seeking jobs have to do so through the government labor offices, and employers seeking workers must hire them through these offices. Job-seekers will be offered their choice of jobs in essential industries. If they refuse to take such a job then a directive, enforceable by fine or imprisonment, may be issued requiring them to take a specified job.

While the control does not apply immediately to persons at present employed, other controls such as restriction of supply of raw materials may work to throw people out of non-essential employment and put them in the market for jobs in essential industries.

Considering the emergency which Britain faces we can hardly condemn the means used. In this country when some crisis comes we clamor for a leader and vest him with a liberal grant of authority. The risks of socialism are however that the "emergencies" become chronic, the planning the bad guessing of bureaucrats, and the directives the mechanical unwinding of red tape.

British farmers and British workmen are accepting the controls now being imposed because they realize the "right little lie" is being squeezed tighter by economic conditions. Socialists, indoctrinated with the planning bug and superiority of centralized administration, may never be willing to relax the controls and the more clamoring is done, the stronger the clamor for more controls.

### Public Records

**CIRCUIT COURT**  
Rosa Cole vs. Paul Edward Smith and others: Order of default against defendant Paul Smith, Irene Smith, J. H. Livesey, M. Grier and W. T. Grier. Gladys M. Cavender vs. Fred O. Cavender: Suit for divorce charging desertion and inhuman treatment asks for restoration of maiden name of Gladys M. McNeer. Married September 2, 1935, at Vancouver, Wash.

Lawrence Hama vs. Leona Henderson and George Henderson: Suit to collect \$100 damages for injuries allegedly resulting in auto-pedestrian accident May 14, 1947, at State and 5th sts.  
Rosa E. Beasley vs. E. J. Beasley: Decree of divorce awards custody of two minor children to plaintiff and certain real property.  
Velma Maxine Berry vs. Bedford Berry: Decree of divorce changes plaintiff's name to Velma Maxine Graham.

Gerald Lou Convey vs. Francis Richard Convey: Decree of divorce changes plaintiff's name to Mary Lou Ingraham.  
State Industrial accident commission vs. John K. Elder: Suit dismissed with prejudice to plaintiff.  
Elmer Klutke vs. John F. Kaufman and others: Suit to quiet title.  
A. C. Nelson vs. R. D. Lampkin: Suit to collect \$710 plus interest on an alleged promissory note.

Solo Mill and Elevator Co. vs. Leon B. Mowius and others: Suit to determine plaintiff's alleged interest in real property which bears an attachment from a previous suit in favor of plaintiff.  
Harvey L. Stege vs. Jean T. Stege: Suit for divorce charging sexual and inhuman treatment asks for custody of two minor children. Married June 6, 1940, at Vancouver, Wash.  
Melvin Evenden vs. Flora L. Evenden: Suit for divorce charging desertion. Married February 27, 1944, at Vancouver, Wash.  
Harold Hoar vs. Charles Deltei and Mike Steinbock: Defendant Steinbock files answer of denial.

**MUNICIPAL COURT**  
Robert C. Osburn, Lebanon, violation of red light and noise ordinance, posted total of \$7.50 bail.  
**PROBATE COURT**  
Edward L. Ross estate: Order authorizes sale of personal property.  
James Otis Boatwright guardianship estate: Order authorizes expenditure of certain estate funds.  
Thomas L. Cotner estate: Order closes estate.  
Albert Alkerio Bilbrey estate: November 10 set for hearing on final account.  
Gerald Tremblay estate: Order appoints Helen Petre, Rose Crimaldi and Paul R. Hendricks as appraisers and authorizes acceptance of settlement.  
Alice W. Buren estate: Estate appraised at \$38,478.  
R. L. Edwards estate: Estate appraised at \$400.  
Charles J. Tetik estate: Order appoints Rose Tetik administratrix and J. H. Becker, John Corwell and Charles E. Hutzler as appraisers.  
Ralph H. Campbell estate: Order closes estate.

**DISTRICT COURT**  
Marvin William Hoar, Salem route 3, driving while operator's license suspended, \$5 fine suspended.  
Alfred Gier, Salem route 2, defective muffler, fine \$25 and costs.  
Jackie LeRoy Hopkins, Aumsville, one or more license displayed, fined \$3 and costs.  
James Anderson Ramey, 1615 N. Church st., no operator's license, \$3 fine suspended.  
Ivan Frank Carl, Salem route 4, no operator's license, fined \$3 and costs.  
Norman Eugene Honner, Turner, no muffler, fined \$3 and costs.

**MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS**  
Wayland Dean Meador, 22, student, Corvallis, and Joan Edna Post, 20, assistant librarian, 2340 Bluff st., Salem.  
Lester L. Marks, 35, state highway department employe, and Zona M. Wyatt, 39, cook, both of Woodburn.  
Donald A. Nuson, 21, farmer, Gervais route 1, and Talitha Magel, 20, 734 N. Commercial st., Salem.  
Glenn R. Titus, 25, sawmill employe, Turner, and Fern Rasmussen, 20, telephone operator, 265 Cross st., Salem.  
Howard R. Barawell, 20, laborer, 330 Kingwood dr., West Salem, and Doris Sloan, 17, clerk, 873 N. 15th st., Salem.  
Robert D. Polly, 22, truck driver, and Gloria C. Eckworteel, 21, domestic, both of Woodburn.  
Robert McCullough, 21, sawmill employe, and Jacquelyn R. Hanna, 20, cashier, both of Silverton.  
Gilbert C. Hamman, 45, fireman, 445 Union st., and Maude Staples, 49, cancer employe, 1145 Hoyt st., both of Salem.

**Religious Education in Keizer Extended**  
KEIZER—The committee for religious education in school met at Hugh Adams Monday and decided to have religious instruction for the first and second grades, which have not been included heretofore.

Plans were made for a Program and pie social to be given November 7 to raise funds.  
Next meeting will be October 20 at Nick LeRue's.

### GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"A raise? You want a raise and be responsible for another advance of higher prices?"

### School News

By Donna Carr

#### SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL Debate Topic Given

The question upon which Salem high debaters will base their disputes this year is "Resolved: That the federal government should require arbitration of labor disputes in all basic American industries." Some of the contestants in which students will participate are the Linfield tournament in February, the Willamette and district elimination tournaments in March and the state tournament in April. Miss Amanda Anderson is speech coach. Veteran members of the debate teams are Vivian Eshman, Beverly Wikstrom, Walter Jones, Lou Williams, Marvin Black, Jim Elliott, Roger Middleton, Daryl Yocum, Ken McIntire, Ray Mendenhall, Bob Seamster and Beldon Owens. New debaters are Beck Bladorn, Jack Brooks, Jack Byers, James Cook, Walter Friesen, Almeta Gilbert, Una Mae Grayless, Joy Harris, Earle Johnson, Caroline Matter, Alan Miller, Milton Morey, Dan Osborne, Phil Ringle, Darrell Walker, Charles Austin, Jacqueline Belt, Robert Broch, Donald Busey, Dale Carothers, Bob Danielson, Jim Ellis, Jeanne Hoffman, Cyril Hull, Catherine Person, Barney Rogers, Bruce Shaffer, Gary Stark and Ralph Wilson.

#### GUERNSEY MEN TO MEET

Marion County Guernsey Breeders will meet at 8 p. m. in the basement of the Marion hotel, Salem, October 14, announces Del Looney, Jefferson, president. Ray West, Guernsey fieldman, will review the Guernsey show at the Pacific International and the state fair. Other points of interest will be reviewed of state club activities and making plans for the Marion county group's winter program. All Guernsey enthusiasts are invited.

#### SYRIA MINISTER NAMED

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8—(AP)—President Truman today named James Hugh Keeley, of California, to be minister to Syria. Keeley succeeds Paul Alling who recently was appointed ambassador to Pakistan. Keeley has been counselor of embassy at Athens, Greece.

#### CLARK WILL NOT PROSECUTE

BOSTON, Oct. 8—(AP)—Attorney General Tom Clark said today that he had advised President Truman that the department of justice would not prosecute under anti-trust laws a clooperative effort by business to conserve food.

#### LESLIE JUNIOR HIGH Carolyn Parker Elected

Carolyn Parker is the new president of the Pep club at Leslie and Miss Christenson will be the advisor. Other officers elected were: secretary, Sharon Brown, and treasurer, Othelene Lee.

#### New Patrols Named

New hall and door patrols have taken over for the next three weeks at Leslie. They are: John Brockway, Marie Marquardt, Geraldine Radcliff, Norma Hamilton, Joan Halterman, Joyce Woods, Barry King, Leon DuBois, Margaret Miller, George Settlemeier and David Blackmer. Advisor to the group is Mrs. Madeline Hanna.

#### Room 213 Performs

The first of the roll room noon programs at Leslie was put on by room 213 Wednesday noon. Taking leading parts in the skit entitled "Song of Scheherazade," were: Beverly Allen, Doris Helen Spaulding, Tommy Walden, Marilyn Blackley, Louis Mitter, Elsie Mae Otjen and Dick Nelson. Miss Alplid Wald is the instructor.

#### Boys to Meet

Seventh grade boys at Leslie will meet this morning to select a set of officers for their section of the Boys' league in the school. Advisor Bob Keuscher will talk to the boys as part of their meeting. The first of the school year.

#### Play Selected

"Galadiah Jones," a three-act mystery-comedy by Boyce Lov-ing, has been selected as the play to be given by the Leslie student body this fall. Miss Eleanor Roberts, dramatic coach, has announced. Tryouts are now under way.

#### Movie Shown

"Stagedoor Canteen," a movie popular during the last war, was shown to the students at Leslie after school Wednesday. Proceeds go to the student body.

#### Local Geology Group Meets

Herman Clark, Willamette University professor, started winter meetings of the Salem Geological society Wednesday night by introducing a course in the study of minerals. Prof. Clark announced the course will be divided between the study of mineralogy and petrology, with particular emphasis to be placed on Oregon minerals. The course will extend through the winter months and was endorsed by a record attendance of 27 members at the meeting.

Work nights on the study, restricted to members only, will be held on the second Wednesday of each month. Prof. Clark said.

### Toastmistress Plan Yule Box For Scotland

A Christmas box for a Toastmistress International club in Scotland will be packed by Oregon council of Toastmistress International at a meeting in Tillamook, Saturday, October 18, Mrs. E. C. Riley, president of the Salem club, announced at the dinner meeting Wednesday night at Nohlgrens restaurant.

Mrs. Riley and Lois Hamer are Salem representatives on the Oregon council in which eight Oregon clubs have membership.

Salem club members will present the table topics portion of the Albany Toastmistress program at Albany Thursday, October 16, Mrs. W. L. Spaulding is chairman in charge of Salem part in the program to be presented at the dinner meeting in the Hub restaurant in Albany.

Mrs. L. O. Arens and Ada Ross, past presidents of the Salem Toastmistress, gave reports on a recent Oregon council meeting. Kathryn McKinney was toastmistress for the program and Genevieve Morgan in charge of information for the Oregon department of agriculture, was another speaker. Lenore Headley was general critic, Marguerite Gleason, individual critic, and Mrs. James Hartley, timekeeper. Jean Spaulding was table topics chairman.

Special guests were Mrs. Fred Gooch, Jr., of Lebanon, and Mrs. Earl Gooch of Salem.

### Church Men's Club Meets

The Men's Club of the First Congregational church held its first meeting of the fall season Wednesday night at the church and laid plans for the coming year.

E. C. Charlton, Paul Harvey, Jr., and Myron Butler were appointed

to a committee to explore the possibility of organizing a church ball team. The Rev. Seth Huntington, pastor, who once played semi-pro baseball and coached school teams, will be coach of the new nine if plans are completed. Eric Butler and George Durham were appointed to a committee to make plans for Layman's Sunday on October 18. David Cameron

was elected chairman of the club's program committee.

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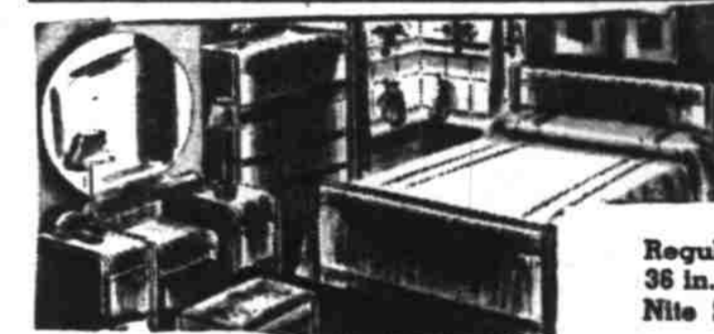
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