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With the eyes of the nation turning more and more to the Pacific Northwest, and particularly, Oregon, for opportunities for expansion in business, it is a pretty sad commentary to have to hang our heads in shame when we look at our Victorian tax structure.

The tax structure of any state should be designed, in so far as possible, to encourage and stimulate establishment and growth of business enterprises. At the present time, Washington and California seem to have more attractions for new business than does Oregon. In fact, Oregon is steadily losing to Washington businesses which had been long established here.

If Oregon is to compete with other states for industry, it is imperative that we get rid of the antiquated system of tax expediency under which we have operated for too long a time.

An 11-point change in the structure was adopted March 1 at the meeting of the state board of the Oregon Junior Chamber of Commerce after an exhaustive 15-month study by experts in the Portland chapter, and we feel that the program is the best ever presented for the benefit of all Oregonians. Read them and see if you agree:

- (1) Property taxes be limited to 40 mills, except for bonded debt, with the ratio of assessed value to actual value not to exceed 50 percent. This will stabilize and limit the amount of taxes property will bear.
- (2) Property tax apportioned for schools should be limited to 10 mills of the 40 in number (1).
- (3) Grant a \$500 assessed value exemption for each home owner to his dwelling.
- (4) Allow the creation of a state tax surplus or reserve to be used as a suction for depression times.
- (5) ENACT A 3 PERCENT GENERAL RETAIL SALES TAX LAW, with appropriate apportionment.
- (6) Raise the income tax exemptions at least from \$750 to \$1000 per single person, from \$1500 to \$2000 per husband and wife, and \$500 for each dependent. Income taxes can be reduced from time to time as sales taxes furnish sufficient revenue.
- (7) Limit cost of street improvements charged against adjacent property owners to one half, with the balance and all repairs and upkeep provided from sales or gasoline tax.
- (8) Allow corporations to deduct Federal income taxes in figuring state excise tax.
- (9) Allow corporations to elect to pay under the present 8 percent corporate excise tax with personal property tax offset, or to pay a 1/4 percent business tax. This would offset some advantages Washington has for corporations.
- (10) Have our legislature memorialize Congress to enact legislation removing discrimination now resulting from special benefits of community property laws, retroactive to January 1, 1947 This would overcome a considerable advantage California and Washington now offer high-income individuals.
- (11) Allow budget increases above the 6 percent limitation in proportion to population increases since 1939. Local government cannot adequately serve our large increased population within the 6 percent limitation.

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Irrigation Water To Be Low. Forecast

The Soil Conservation Service, in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture and the Oregon Experiment Station, makes a preliminary forecast of low irrigation water supplies for the greater part of Oregon. Those areas under reservoirs will benefit from 1946 holdovers.

The report for March 1 states that "Mountain snow cover, as of March 1 is below average on 92 per cent of all measured snow courses in Oregon, and on 37 percent of the snow courses new low records of snowfall were established."

The snow course at the junction of Bolan Lake and Happy Camp roads was checked by George Morey and Ralph Huber February 28. They found no snow on the course. Records show an average water content of 4.8 inches.

Final forecasts will be published April 9.

Oregon Auto Fatalities Up, Farrell Says

Oregon's highway death rate mounted to 11.9 for the first month of this year, it has been announced by Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell Jr. A total of 39 lives were lost during the month.

"This rate of 11.9 is above the average for 1946 and above the rate for January of last year," said Farrell. "That is an ominous sign."

The rate is figured as the number of traffic deaths per 100,000,000 miles of auto travel. Specialists consider it a much more reliable index to the safety picture than the simple number of fatalities.

Farrell explained that the high death rate figure means that, mile for mile, travel has been more hazardous this year than last. Rural accidents are continuing to account for most of the deaths.

Co-Op. Employees Plan Study of Many Subjects

Employees of cooperative sales and purchasing associations who attend the second annual short course arranged for them at O. S. C. March 17 to 27 will follow a definite schedule of classes similar to those used by the regular students. The course is conducted by the department of agricultural economics.

The short course students will take work in 15 different subjects from nine members of the resident staff and seven guest lecturers. Subjects range from credit and finance to the psychology of human relations.

The two-fold objective of the course given at the request of the cooperatives is "to improve the student's training in certain technical subject matter in the field of producer cooperative organization," and "to improve the student's understanding of the relationships of his cooperative organization to the social and economic life of the community in which it is located."

Poultry Culling Needs Year Around Attention

Poultry culling is practically a year-around process that begins with the selection of eggs for incubation and ends with the selection of new breeding hens for the following year, points out Noel L. Bennion, extension poultryman at Oregon State college, in a new extension bulletin, No. 673 on this subject.

While trap-nesting is the only exact method of checking production as a basis for culling, it is not practical for the general farmer or commercial poultryman, Bennion says. The next best way is study and apply the principles of culling to avoid keeping at a loss the poor producing and unprofitable hens in the flock.

Culling is profitable only when the flock is given uniform and sensible care, he adds. A daily egg record is a valuable asset in intelligent, accurate culling. Copies of the illustrated bulletin are available from any county extension office.

OLD TIMERS HERE

Jerry Carrol and family, formerly of Takilma and now of Merlin, Oregon, were in the Valley on both business and pleasure last week.

HOW TO GET RICH:
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Kerby Church To Hold Church School Talks

Miss Velma Spencer will discuss the importance of the Church Schools at special meetings in the Kerby church next Thursday and Friday evenings, March 20 and 21.

Miss Spencer is widely known and recognized for her use of visual aids, both in teaching Sunday School workers and in the church school itself.

She will demonstrate various compelling methods of presenting the Sunday School lesson to all age groups. Everyone is urged to attend these two special services, beginning at 8 p. m. each evening.

Teachers and Sunday School workers will receive invaluable aid in their work and problems.

VETS: HERE IS IMPORTANT TAX EXEMPTION STUFF

With Saturday, March 15, the deadline for filing federal income tax returns, Director George E. Sandy of the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs today reminded World War II veterans of special provisions of the revenue act of 1945 which may save them considerable inconvenience and money. This act:

1. Excludes for taxation purposes all active-service pay received by enlisted men, including non-commissioned warrant officers.
2. Also excludes benefits and subsistence allowances under the GI bill and Public Law 16, mustering-out pay, travel allowances and terminal leave pay bonds, pensions, disability compensation, servicemen's readjustment allowances and GI insurance refunds.
3. Grants commissioned officers in the armed forces an exemption up to \$1500 on their service pay which combined with the basic \$500 exemption on other gross income, totals \$2000.

Sandy pointed out that these provisions apply only for income received during the war years, beginning with the calendar year 1941 and continuing until the official termination of the war.

Income received from outside the service amounting to \$500 or more, he said, must be reported. Incomes amounting to less than \$500 on which there was withholding also should be reported, Sunday advised, in order to receive the refund. Veterans were advised to consult the internal revenue collector's office to learn of other provisions.

Recreation Book List Listed for Reference

A list of reference books for recreation leaders has been compiled by Jean A. Williams, extension specialist in community social organization at O. S. C., and is now available in mimeograph from county extension offices.

The list includes published materials ranging from 10-cent pamphlets to comprehensive books costing from \$1 to \$3 or more. In each case the publisher or source of supply is listed.

The materials compiled are listed under the headings of general recreation handbooks, leadership and training, books on games, books on music, books on crafts and hobbies, books on specialized crafts and miscellaneous. Included also are addresses of craft catalogs obtainable free and addresses of current periodicals containing ideas for handicrafts.

Poultry Groups Invited To Air Views on Future

Representatives of all parts of Oregon's poultry industry will give their views on production adjustments and government price supports at a state meeting in Portland, Thursday, March 20.

Individual producers, hatcherymen, and representatives of poultry associations, farm organizations and public agencies have been invited to attend, according to E. H. Miller, chairman of the state PMA committee, who called the meeting at the request of the U. S. department of agriculture.

Miller said that those attending will be asked for recommendations on government price support programs and how they can be used to help bring about postwar adjustments in egg production. He pointed out that egg production for the past two years has been one-sixth greater than domestic consumption, with the extra production absorbed largely by exports. The USDA, he said, wants to find out what poultrymen want to do to prepare for the time when the export market will be cut down or eliminated.

CHURCHES

CAVE JUNCTION COMMUNITY CHURCH

George H. Gray, Pastor
Sunday School at 10 a. m.
Morning Worship at 11 a. m.

Sunday School attendance, 97.
Quartet, Rev. Gray, Arthur Drews, Marvin Cross, W. B. Welch, "I Walk With the King."
The all-day meeting of the missionary group is announced for next Wednesday, the 19th in the church parlors beginning promptly at 10 a. m. with sewing and hand work for the morning and a pot lunch at noon, followed by the regular business meeting reports, etc., then a most interesting program under the chairman of this department.

The 46 garments which have been cut and made up for Rev. Johnson and family of the Bolivian mission are now all completed and ready for shipment, and a hearty vote of thanks is extended to the many ladies who gave so willingly of their time and services to make this amount of sewing possible.

The various circles are now busy on preparations for the bazaar planned for the fall, and are meeting at the various homes once a month, each with its own projects. Last week the Redwood Highway circle met with Mrs. Louise Hendrickson at Illinois Motel, with ten ladies present, and same day in O'Brien the West Branch circle with sixteen ladies present met with Mrs. Richard Thompson, and a lot of work was outlined and accomplished, and this Wednesday the town circle met at the church, making aprons and other things, and also selected their leaders for the circle. All new ladies in the community are invited to attend any of the gatherings and enjoy the fellowship of a fine group of Christian women.

BRIDGEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m.
Church services at 11:15 a. m.
Young peoples service, Wednesday prayer meeting at 8 p. m.
Sunday evening service, 8 p. m.

ILLINOIS VALLEY CHURCH OF SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS

L. J. Dollinger, Pastor
Sabbath School9:30
Church service11:00
Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening.

SELMA BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Spencer Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School at 10 a. m.
Church services at 11 a. m.
Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening.
B. Y. F. Sunday evening 6:30.
Evening services at 7:30.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Kerby, Oregon
Rev. D. B. Wantland, pastor
Sunday School at 10 a. m.
Young People's Meeting, 7 p. m.
Morning worship at 11 a. m.
Sunday evangelistic services at 8 p. m.
Wednesday prayer meeting and Bible study at 8 p. m.

DON'T FORGET

Old Maid's Dance. Sponsored by Home Extension Unit, Saturday, March 22, Bridgeview Grange Hall.

VISITS PARENTS

S 1/c Clement Arnold Jr., stationed at the Electronics School at Treasure Island, and S 1/c Walter Abbott of Watertown, South Dakota, were week end visitors at the new home of Arnold's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Y. Arnold.

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