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TAX PROGRAM

As near as it is predictable the tax program for the state for the next biennium should be something like this:

The voters will have a chance to vote for new tax bases, the surplus will be spent, there will be no property tax (or a small one), there will be no new taxes except a cigarette tax and little changes in other taxes, some steps will be taken to equalize our tax system, perhaps as many as could be expected in one session.

The house taxation committee was nearly all new men who took some time to learn enough about taxation to make up its collective mind. It did it well. Roughly its program follows that of the interim taxation study committee.

It has therefore advocated new bases under the six percent limitation; removal of the state property tax which the senate, in its conservatism, fears; removal of tax exemptions from corporations now not paying excise taxes; use of the surplus comes as a part of doing away with the state property tax and such removal is proposed by statute as well as by constitution. Some other provisions are being debated and these include a sales tax, repeal of the personal property tax but in general they are too far ahead of ordinary thinking to be adopted this year.

Fault of the program is the use of the entire surplus without some assurance that there will be no automatic imposition of the state property tax. This may be effected, however.

Although the state budget will have behind it enough funds to

pay the cost the funds will not have been collected in the coming biennium. Some \$32 million will come from surplus which means that on a basis of actual income the state will spend \$32 million more than it will get. In the 1953-55 biennium the demands will probably be greater and the cushion will be gone. No banker would condone such spending habits; no citizen should.

Yet there is reason for getting rid of the surplus. It has attracted the leeches who moved in with promises and caused the voters to spend enough above the intake to use up the whole surplus in two years. Worst of all, after the surplus is gone the expense is to continue indefinitely.

New taxes will be needed by 1953 to pay for state costs already levied. Oregon has an income tax as high as any state; it has an excise tax as high as any state and much higher than most; it has property taxes so high they endanger property ownership. Its citizens will not pass a sales tax. There are a few minor taxes that could raise some money like the cigarette tax, a tax on property transfers, on admissions, on liquor and similar nuisance taxes which often erect a social burden and an economic burden and a political burden far above their ability to raise money. Equalization of taxes can bring in a few million but offer no solution to the major need, which will be in the neighborhood of \$50 to \$60 million more in 1953.

The ordinary citizen would immediately think of cutting out some costs in such a case and might even do it while writing a legislator asking for aid for some appropriation. It seems inevitable but may be delayed until there isn't any more money to spend.

I SLEEP WITH MY GLASSES ON

There used to be a Scotch joke about the father who warned his son to not wear his glasses unless he was looking at something, and we suppose there is still such a joke for jokes never die although they grow very old.

For one whose eyes no longer focus on type in comfortable reading distance reading in bed is a problem. For the writer, problem or no, it is necessary. We may nod over the printed word and drop into slumber whereas a self-generated thought will prevent sleep for hours. Sleep in great quantities is not necessary but the erosion on a crumpled



pillow is terrific. Reading grows to be the only soporific.

So it is by no means uncommon, therefore, to awaken in the dawn with the light still on and the ears numb from resting on the glasses bows. No doubt, to a Scotchman it would look wasteful to observe one asleep with glasses on, but the power company likes the practice—and profits thereby.

DEFERMENT FOR BRAINS

We do not agree with the government's plan for deferment of youth for attention to and proficiency in educational pursuits. We think it would be much better if all youth, bright and dull alike, were taken into the armed services with their age group. If proper classification were made those of greatest ability would naturally gravitate to positions of trust and authority. Trouble now is that proper classification is not made because of the ignorance of army brass.

There will be public resentment over the proposed program. Young men unable because of finances to attend school will naturally feel mistreated, and those whose abilities do not run to scholastic pursuits will feel the same—and with justification.

Perhaps a nation has the right (or duty) of protecting its most studious and able youth but in time of war and in time of national distress they should be in the service as well as others. It may be foolish to waste exceptional brains in the front lines where other characteristics may be of more value in any event, but it is unfair to exceptional youth to preclude them from service on account of ability. They will be a marked group for years and perhaps lose some of their standing on that account.

MYRTLE HELYER TO GET \$3,500 POLICY PAYMENT

Miss Myrtle Helyer, The Dalles, but formerly of Sherman county, was informed last week she had been named as the beneficiary of a \$3,500 insurance policy left by Norman Lenker, 42-year-old former Dalles man who was killed in a plane crash the previous Sunday.

She had known the Pacific Power & Light company lineman only as a customer she regularly served at the Hitch Rack restaurant on the Columbia River highway west of The Dalles, it is reported.

Miss Helyer is a twin sister of Mrs. Bob Bertha Belshe, Moro.

Plans Made For Scout Circus

Don Anderson, Scoutmaster of Troop 351, and Virgil Archer, Cubmaster of Pack 351, of Moro met April 2 at The Dalles with fifty leaders from The Dalles, Klickitat, Lyle, Dufur, Tygh Valley, Maupin and Wasco.

Cub leaders discussed program and assignments to packs for the third annual Cub Scout Circus which is to be held at The Dalles City Park Saturday afternoon, May 12. Roman Bertrand, general chairman for the circus, presided. Other officers of the committee are Allen Laine, program chairman; Ernest Fagan, business manager; Harold Wilhelm, physical arrangements; Pat Guyer, publicity; Kenneth Grossmiller, ring announcer.

Cub leaders will meet again on April 23 and May 7 to check progress on circus preparations. Each pack in the district will participate in a pre-circus parade the day of the circus and will prepare several concessions and a major ring act for the circus.

April 16 cubs will start selling circus tickets. Admission will be used at side shows and concessions. Profits from the circus will be distributed to the packs of the district for their use in activities.

Boy Scout leaders attended a training session on "The Fundamentals of the Boy Scout Movement" Mel Patton, training chairman for the district assisted by Howard Cook of Hood River, conducted the training. Scout leaders also laid plans for the Boy Scout Camp-O-See which is to be held at Camp Friend out of Dufur May 18-16-20. The Camp-O-See will feature camping and scoutcraft activities by scouts and members of their patrols. A court of honor will climax the Camp-O-See, leaders announced.

BPA Accepts Bid For Midway Line

Construction of a new Bonneville Power Administration 230 kv transmission line from Grand Coulee Dam to the Midway substation is expected to start within the near future with award on April 5 of this 190-mile line project to F. E. Wilder, Olympia, schedule 1 on a low bid of \$510,715 and Smith Bros. General Contractors, Vancouver, schedule 2, on a low bid of \$533,439, according to H. R. Richmond Jr., manager of the Mid-Columbia district office of the BPA.

These bids were among 10 submitted for this construction.

The line is needed as a link in the Administration's system, required for transmitting Grand Coulee power to meet the rapidly increasing power requirements of southwestern Oregon. The scheduled energization date is December 1, 1951. The two existing Midway-Grand Coulee 230 kv lines are overloaded.

Stuart Thomson will serve as Bonneville project engineer in charge of contract inspection work. The project headquarters will be located at Ephrata, Wn.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES

Ray Williams, 46, died April 10 at Hungry Horse, Mont., after a long illness. He formerly lived in Moro and was a half brother of Mrs. Virgil Conlee and Donald Williams. The latter left Wednesday to attend the funeral in Montana. Williams is survived by his wife and one son.

REBEKAH HOLIDAY SOCIAL HOUR AFTER MEETING

Following the regular meeting of Lupine Rebekah lodge on Tuesday night a social hour was held at which three tables of five hundred were played. Mollie McLachlan and Clara Houston served on the entertainment committee and Maggie Barnum, Mary Eva and Edna Freeman were in charge of refreshments. The traveling prize was won by Lucille May and prizes for high score by Mrs. May and Thelma Miller. Low scores were made by Maggie Barnum and Leona Douma.

Read the news of your home county each week in the Journal.

MORO LADIES ATTEND HOOD RIVER MEETING

Members of American Legion Auxiliary unit No. 71 from Moro who attended the luncheon in Hood River Saturday honoring Mrs. Hope Reed, national auxiliary president, were Mrs. Mollie McLachlan, local president, Mrs. Willy Knighten, Mrs. Jeannie Martin and Mrs. Gladys Morrison. They were joined at Hood River by Anna Jean Knighten, a member of Moro unit.

Tables for the luncheon, which was served to 300 at the Columbia Gorge hotel, were decorated with tiny umbrellas and favors made with Mrs. Reed's picture, set off with little paper hats.

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MARCH 31, 1951

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RESOURCES

Cash in vault and in Federal Reserve Bank	\$ 77,343,652.38	
Due from Banks	34,185,823.66	
Total Cash		\$111,529,476.04
United States Government Obligations, Direct and Fully Guaranteed		132,672,373.92
State, County and Municipal Bonds and Warrants		38,126,830.81
Other Bonds and Securities		4,801,014.92
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank		750,000.00
Loans and Discounts		248,968,883.65
Accrued Interest Receivable		1,503,245.66
Bank Premises, Furniture and Fixtures and Safe Deposit Vaults		5,839,660.55
Other Real Estate owned		1.00
Customers' Liability on Accounts of Letters of Credit, Acceptances and Endorsed Bills		3,668,050.73
Other Resources		322,969.62
TOTAL RESOURCES		\$548,182,506.90

LIABILITIES

Capital	\$ 7,500,000.00	
Surplus	17,500,000.00	
Undivided Profits	10,203,063.38	
Total Capital Funds		\$ 35,203,063.38
Reserve for possible loan losses. This reserve is to apply against any loan losses that may develop in the future; it has not been allocated to any particular loans or types of loans		1,213,964.63
DEPOSITS (Demand)	357,766,181.30	
(Savings and Time)	145,503,007.23	
DEPOSITS		\$503,269,188.53
Liability for Letters of Credit and as Acceptor Endorser or Maker of Acceptances and Foreign Bills		3,668,050.73
Interest Received in Advance		1,932,006.75
Reserve for Interest, Taxes, Etc.		2,601,008.50
Other Liabilities		295,224.38
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$548,182,506.90

FIRST NATIONAL BANK GROUP
Composite totals for the First National Bank Group: The First National Bank of Portland and its 46 statewide banking offices and 15 affiliated banks with 18 banking offices.

DEPOSITS	\$503,269,188.53
The First National Bank of Portland and 46 Offices	117,441,658.73
18 other Oregon Banking Offices in the First National Group	\$620,710,847.26
LOANS AND DISCOUNTS	\$248,968,883.65
The First National Bank of Portland and 46 Offices	35,345,992.55
18 other Oregon Banking Offices in the First National Group	\$284,314,876.20
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$548,182,506.90
The First National Bank of Portland and 46 Offices	125,697,732.23
18 other Oregon Banking Offices in the First National Group	\$422,484,774.67
TOTAL RESOURCES of the 64 BANKING OFFICES in the FIRST NATIONAL GROUP	\$673,880,239.13

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PORTLAND

THESE ARE THE 64 BANKING OFFICES IN THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK GROUP

- The First National Bank of Portland and its 46 statewide banking offices and 18 affiliated banks with 18 offices
- Portland Offices:
Main Office
East Portland Branch
Hawthorne Boulevard Branch
Hollywood-Rose City Branch
Industrial Branch
Livestock-Renton Branch
Monteville Branch
Sixth and Morrison Branch
Southeast Portland Branch
Union and Russell Branch
Uptown Branch
- Branches Out of Portland:
ALBANY BRANCH
ASHLAND BRANCH
ASTORIA BRANCH
BEND BRANCH
CENTRAL POINT BRANCH
CONDON BRANCH
COOS BAY BRANCH
COQUILLE BRANCH
ENTERPRISE BRANCH
FOSSIL BRANCH
GRANTS PASS BRANCH
GRESHAM BRANCH
HEPPNER BRANCH
HILLSBORO BRANCH
HOOD RIVER BRANCH
KLAMATH FALLS
Klamath Falls Branch
South Fork Street Branch
LA GRANDE BRANCH
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
MEDFORD BRANCH
MERILL BRANCH
MOLALLA BRANCH
NEWBERG BRANCH
NORTH BEND BRANCH
- NYSA BRANCH
OAKRIDGE BRANCH
OREGON CITY BRANCH
PUNILTON BRANCH
SALAM BRANCH
SHERMAN COUNTY BRANCH
STAYTON BRANCH
THE DALLES BRANCH
TILLAMOOK BRANCH
UNION BRANCH
WOODBURN BRANCH
- The First National Bank of Cottage Grove
The First National Bank of Eugene
West Eugene Branch
Springfield Branch (Springfield)
The First National Bank of Forest Grove
The First National Bank of Lebanon
Monroe State Bank
State Bank of Malheur County (Ontario)
Merwood-Salmon Bank (Portland)
The First National Bank of Prineville
Silo State Bank
Clatsop County Bank (Seaside)
Coalgate and McClaine (Silverton)
Bank of Sweet Home
Yamhill State Bank
- Affiliated Banks in the First National Bank Group
Carlton State and Savings Bank
Benton County State Bank (Coville)
Philomath Branch (Philomath)
- All the above banks are members of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Buzz And The Off-Key Baritones

Reverend Lester of the church out on Hillsboro Road coaches his Young Peoples' Choir late Thursday afternoons—after high school basketball practice lets out.

Buzz Ellis pastures cows next to that church. Around 5 o'clock they used to make a lot of racket about wanting to go home. That made it kind of rough on the choir.

When Buzz learned what was going on he said to Reverend Lester: "I never yet heard of a cow that could moo on key. So, I'll just move 'em in a little earlier..." This started me to thinking. Buzz

doesn't go to that church. And he's so tone-deaf he couldn't carry a tune in a bucket!

From where I sit, you might say that Buzz didn't have much in common with those singers. But he doesn't divide folks into groups he's "with" or "agin." Your politics, your personal preferences—or the fact that you like a moderate glass of beer—mean nothing either way to Buzz. He's a real neighbor to everybody!

Joe Marsh

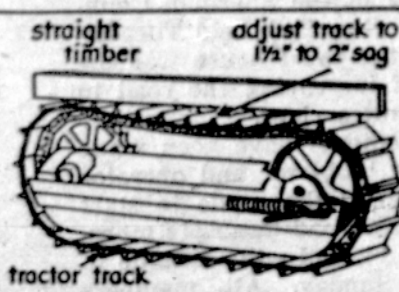
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By JOHN DOE

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Sprays of Ivy

The Pilgrims were always making stock for soup, so that their men and children could be strong and build a country... Strange people, those Pilgrims. If they were good, they got filled with stock; if they were bad, the stocks got filled with them.

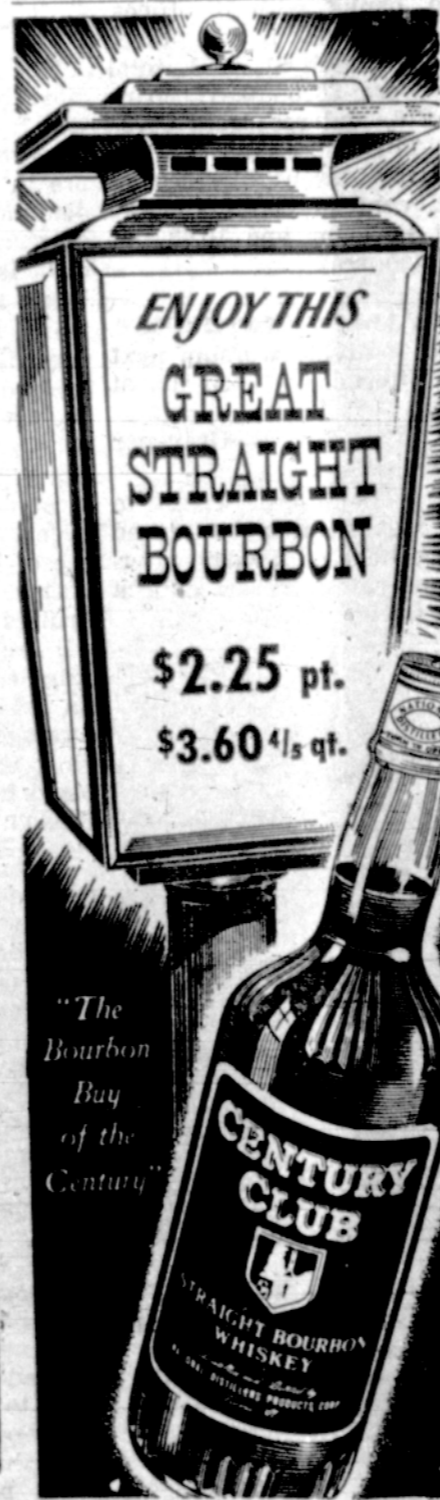
A husband's solitude is a thing no wife can tolerate for very long.

The gas company people like a check every month. Otherwise they don't say "please." The politeness of a public utility decreases in direct ratio to the delinquency of its customers.

When you're young it gets late so early.

You are not unique. If you feel like a heel. Behind every soul there's a heel!

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