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MUST LEGISLATION

Announcement of a "must" list by the governor, the speaker and the president of the senate follows the usual pattern. And the legislature will follow the usual pattern if it disregard the list. Actually the only must for the legislature is to pass some of the necessary appropriation bills. There is nothing else absolutely necessary. Inasmuch as the people by their vote asked for liquor by the drink the legislature should pass that bill. Bills that deserve attention are the tax bills which will simplify the tax organization of the state; if there is time for the state; study the state might turn its retirement plan over to the federal government.

The leaders want a constitutional convention but so far as we have been able to note the people aren't panting over it. A legislative council would be useful, a water study may be valuable, the Columbia river compact might not even be necessary, there has been too much state building done already, there is insufficient study being done for a new school reorganization bill and we would ask for proof that television is educational before spending millions on it. A larger timber tax for fire protection is no more important now than it has been.

We would not discourage the legislative leaders and the chief executive for the world—not even if possible. Yet, we have learned that the legislative whirl develops its own heat, its own problems and intensities and that most of them find little response from the taxpayer who provides the funds and sometimes presents the battle in which he is not interested except as he is drawn in as a victim.

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES
 If anyone wants to realize the difficulties of equalizing taxes he has only to ponder the problems that come to a man charged with the duty of assessing a stand of timber that might grow for 100 years and of a flock of turkeys that are already eaten by the time for annual assessment. Timber, of course, is taxed as real property until it is cut.

How to equalize taxes between producers of hogs and cattle is bad enough for the hog grower will have one half of his year's crop sold and gone before assessing time, which is January 1. A man can own a huge stock of goods and make but a nominal profit on it while another has an office and a desk and make twice as much.

A little study on the subject will convince the average man that there is no justice in personal property taxation. A little more study will convince him that there never will be any. It is an unsolvable problem.

Taxation experts for years have been trying to find a way to make personal property taxes bear equally heavy on taxpayers and have made little progress. As yet there is no tax that has been proposed to raise an equivalent amount of money and provide more equality.

The best that has been proposed in Oregon is the business tax which would put the payment on the basis of income instead of value. Actually taxes must be based on income produced or the taxes cannot be paid. Valuation itself is usually based on income produced.

The trouble with the business tax is that personal property taxes go to the counties and small subdivisions of government. The business tax would almost certainly have to be administered by the state. No equitable way to give the business tax income back to the counties has been devised. There is a vast difference in the percentages of personal property among the counties of Oregon. It runs from around 12 percent to nearly 50 percent.

It has been proposed that an interim committee be appointed to make a study of this problem in Oregon and if such a committee could find another sort of tax it would certainly be advisable to have it appointed. Previous interim tax study committees have done some work on the problem but more is needed. National tax-

payer associations are also waiting for a solution and Oregon could become a leader toward more equitable taxation by successful study on this subject.

NO WEATHER ANYMORE

After a winter in which wind and waves did serious damage to England and Holland and in which many persons were frozen in other storms it may seem excessively bold to say that weather isn't as important as it used to be.

Better houses, better barns, better heating equipment, air circulators, heated cars all make it possible for man to laugh at weather when he used to suffer. Yet, because man doesn't encounter weather as a regular thing, he is ill prepared when he does become exposed.

When a farmer spent the coldest days of spring standing on the plow beams while the wind swept what bodily heat he had into the next township, he recognized the weather as a force in his life. Now an exhaust heated cab makes it possible for him to laugh at weather.

A trip to town in winter through snowdrifts that kept the ranch's best team at a slow pace gave weather a good chance to demonstrate man's weaknesses and the mistakes of clothing makers. A heated car has made BVDs regular winter garb.

Man isn't getting tough; he's getting able to take his fire with him.

END OF OLD JOE

This is a time of publically expressing sympathy for Stalin while privately wondering what will happen when he dies, an event that seems in the immediate future. Should the minor leaders of Russia get into a wrangle about his successor that nation may be in no position to combat the countries that are aligned more or less effectively with the United States.

Any supposition that the death of Stalin will bring a more representative government to the Russian people is without historical background. Old Joe is just the kind of ruler the Russians have had for generations and the fact that he calls his rule communistic is pretty much accidental.

There could be a revolution stemming from conflict between political heirs of Stalin that would permit the resurgence of bolshevism, which was a step toward a sort of democracy. It was overcome by the sort of dictatorship the Russians were used to, however. And this might serve as a fine example to other leaders who desire to change the governmental habits of a nation.

Unless by accident the Russian people are aroused to demand more of a hand in their government it seems most likely that the next ruler of that land will be a rough, tough guy in the pattern of Peter the Great, the Alexanders and Nicholases and Joe Stalin.

GOOD NEIGHBORS

We are somehow pleased over the action of Riddle neighbors who went to the governor over the shooting of a man in that vicinity by the county sheriff. The neighbor's say shooting wasn't necessary and that the man was a good man and quiet unless aroused.

This joining hands against the law is an old custom among independent people who refuse to look upon law as infallible. Such people have brought us a long way toward freedom. They wouldn't be the kind to bow to any dictator because they wouldn't pay attention to any law that didn't seem fair to them.

These neighbors may be wrong but they have presented their case to the proper authorities and in proper manner. To them the people are the law. It all sounds like America.

TAX CUTS

The necessity of cutting federal taxes has been discussed long and loud. There is no question of its desirability. One of the main reasons for insistence on cutting taxes in recent years has been that reducing the government's intake of money seemed the only way of reducing its output of money.

If this administration really intends to cut expenditures and will do it the necessity for tax cuts is not so great. Many citizens are willing to pay heavy taxes if a part of it goes to reduce the national debt. These persons are those who realize the danger to stable economy that huge debt brings.

Lower incomes will of themselves bring some reduction in taxes paid. This will be true of farmers, who in general suffered a reduction of 11 percent in income in 1952. A further reduction of five percent is expected for 1953. Unless there is a comparable decline in cost of operation farmers will pay less tax.

There seems no especial desire on the part of this administration to depress the nation's economy,

only a desire to put a definite halt to the inflation that has been choking the life out of those not in position to gamble.

A five percent cut in taxes would normally come if nothing was done to taxes at all because the 11 percent tax that went on for 1952 would expire in June. So would the excess profits tax. That much seems assured if there are no new demands for war goods that cause new spending.

The job of getting the nation's economy on a stable basis so that it needs no stimulation from government—or at least less—is a big one. If it cannot be done, and we revert to inflation again, we are in for a bad time.

JIM JEFFRIES

Jim Jeffries, who fought in the old days when 25 rounds was common, who was the last of the Irishmen to hold the championship, following John L. Sullivan, Bob Fitzsimmons, James T. Corbett, died this week.

Fighters in his day didn't come into the fifth round limber-legged and panting; they belted one another all afternoon in the sunshine until one couldn't come back. Maybe it was all uncivilized and tough and vulgar, but it wasn't effete nor weak.

Modern fighters make more from advertising cigarettes than Old Jim did from fighting and it is considered a sort of a business in which a physically well-endowed young man might engage for profit. To Jeffries it was a fight.

WANT ADS

FOR SALE: 1949 International Combine 16 1/2 ft. cut. Phil O'Meara, Wasco. 18c

WANTED: Reliable man with car, part or full time, to call on farmers in Sherman county. Wonderful opportunity. \$15 to \$20 a day. No experience or capital required. Permanent. Write today. McNESS COMPANY, Dept. B, 2423 Magnolia St., Oakland 7, Calif. 18-19p

FOR SALE: Tamarack fence posts 6 ft. 25c and 6 1/2 ft. 27c; good gravel road. See or write. Homer Davis, Lonerock, Ore. 18-21c

YOUR SURPLUS FUNDS can grow better, and be safely employed at a 5% return or more, in the finest insurance, banking, telephone, electric utility or industrial stocks of the nation. Resalable any time desired.

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FOR SALE: 2—4 bottom 16" John Deere tractor plows with hitch. Art Watkins, Wasco 17-8c

FOR SALE: 640 acres of bunch grass pasture land in the Rutledge neighborhood in Sherman county. Several year round springs, fenced but needs repair. Janette Sorahan 1022 E. 12th St. The Dalles, Ore. 17-9c

HARTS CHIX: every Tuesday. Write for colored circular and price list. Harts Hatchery, Beaverton, Oregon 17-22c

WANTED: Man with car to service 800 family Watkins Route. Above average earnings for right man. If you have car and good local references, write for information to The J. R. Watkins Co., 137 Dexter Ave., Seattle 9, Washington. 15-20c

NEED AN ALL-PURPOSE CAR? Then see the Willys Station Wagon on display at WILLIS MOTOR CO. All-steel body, over-drive, plenty of carrying capacity means safety, economy and practical transportation. Also New Four Wheel Drive JEEPS, PICKUPS and STATION WAGONS. Contact WILLIS MOTOR for Willys-Overland Sales, Service, Parts and Accessories. West Columbia River Highway, The Dalles, Oregon. 23-tfc

CUSTOM SLAUGHTERING — Meat cutting, wrapping, sharp freeze. C & C Food Store, Grass Valley, Oregon. 47-1n

FOR SALE: Four bedroom house and 3 lots; 20 X 40 shop, garage in Moro. Ivañ Kirkelle, Phone 391. 16ftn

WANTED: Ranch job by ex-Sherman countian. Experienced farmer, local references. E. J. Moore, 733 7th St. Redmond, Oregon. 16ftn

LOST: 7:50 x 20 tire and wheel for Chev. truck, Monday, March 2, between Condon and Wasco. Bob Smith, Condon, Ore 18-19p

FLOOR Sander for rent: Dutch Boy Paints for sale. Ranch & Home Store, Moro. 18c

GRASS VALLEY NEWS

Mr. Elsie Patjens and a friend came up from The Dalles Sunday and spent the day with Mrs. John Engstrom.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rust returned Friday from Portland where they spent a few days for medical attention for Mr. Rust.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brinkert drove to Vancouver Sunday to spend a few days visiting her sister, Mrs. Bertha Curry.

Mr. and Mrs. Claus Bardenhagen were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Myrtle Smith. They spent the evening visiting his brother, Bill Bardenhagen in Grass Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. John Block took her mother, Mrs. John Hays, back to The Dalles to the Gus Smith home Friday after spending a week here with them.

Mrs. Charles Swan of Sweet Home arrived Sunday to spend a week at the home of her mother, Mrs. Amelia Peterson.

Mrs. Bernard Martin entered the Dalles General hospital Friday where she received medical attention.

Mrs. Art Schilling brought her daughter, Diane, home from the hospital Wednesday after spending three weeks there with rheumatic fever. She will have to remain in bed for two weeks before going back for a check-up.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rolfe drove to Vancouver Friday to visit her father and other relatives in the valley going on to Independence to get a bulldozer and arriving home Monday night.

Moro Lodge No. 113 L.O.O.F. Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in L.O.O.F. hall. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited. John E. DeMoss, N.G.

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78. O.E.S. Meets every second and fourth Thursday in each month; visiting members invited. Moro, Oregon. Mary O. Coons, W.M.

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Mollie McLachlan, N.G.

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A.F. & A.M. Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us. Robert Belshe, W.M.

H. B. Pinkerton, Secretary

Smith Callaway CHAPEL
 LEONARD R. SMITH
 Phone The Dalles 3135

Mr. and Mrs. Norma Adams of Eugene were visitors Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clair Adams, a brother.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING
 Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County his Final Report and Account as Administrator of the estate of Olive F. Robinson, deceased, and that Saturday, the 11th day of April, 1953, at ten o'clock A. M., of said day, at the County Courtroom, in the Courthouse, at Moro, Oregon, has been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Report and Account and the settlement of said estate.

John Q. Robinson
 Geo. G. Updegraff,
 Attorney for Administrator 18-21c

NOTICE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND ELECTION
 SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17)
 STATE OF OREGON)
 COUNTY OF SHERMAN) ss.
 School District No. 17)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the school district bond election hereby called, to be held at the Gymnasium of the present school building in said district in Moro, Oregon, in and for School District No. 17 of Sherman County, Oregon, on Tuesday, the 24th day of March, 1953, A. D., between the hours of 2:00 o'clock P. M. and 8:00 o'clock P. M., Standard Oregon Time, there will be submitted to the legal voters of said district the question of contracting a bonded indebtedness in the sum of Three Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$360,000.00) for the purpose of constructing and equipping a school building or buildings for use as a high school and acquiring all property, real and personal, appurtenant thereto or connected therewith, in and for said school district, said bonded indebtedness to be in lieu of the bonded indebtedness of Three Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$310,000.00) approved by the qualified voters of School District No. 17 of Sherman County, Oregon, at a district bond election held in said district on June 16, 1952.

The vote on said question shall be by ballot, upon which shall be the words "Bonds—Yes" and "Bonds—No"; and the voter shall place a cross (x) between the word "Bonds" and the word "Yes", or between the word "Bonds" and the word "No", whichever indicates his choice.

The polls for the reception of the ballots cast for or against the contracting of said indebtedness will, on said day and date, and at the place aforesaid, be opened at the hour of 2:00 o'clock P. M., Standard Oregon Time, and shall remain open until the hour of 8:00 o'clock P. M. Standard Oregon Time, of the same day, at which hour the polls shall be closed.

By order of the District School Board of School District No. 17 of Sherman County, Oregon, made this 25th day of February, 1953, A. D.

Lloyd V. Henrichs, Chairman
 Charles Burnet, Director
 Arthur Bucholtz, Director
 ATTEST:
 Clara E. Houston, District Clerk 18-19c

NOTICE OF SPECIAL SCHOOL MEETING
 STATE OF OREGON)
 COUNTY OF SHERMAN) ss.
 SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of the legal voters of School District No. 17 of Sherman County, Oregon, is called to be held on Tuesday, the 17th day of March, 1953, A. D., at 8:00 o'clock P. M., Standard Oregon Time, in the gymnasium at the school house in Moro, Oregon, in and for School District No. 17 of Sherman County, Oregon, at which meeting the legal voters of said school district shall vote upon the question of selecting and purchasing a site for a new high school building to be constructed in and for said school district. The District Board of said school district will submit as a site for said new high school building the following described real property situated in said school district in Sherman County, Oregon, to-wit:

Beginning at a point on the north boundary line of Section 19, Township 1 South, Range 17 East of the Willamette Meridian, which point is 2715.0 feet west of the corners common to Sections 17, 18, 19 and 20, in Township 1 South, Range 17 E. W. M.; thence running west 555.0 feet; thence running south 41 degrees 28' west 948.0 feet; thence running south 20 degrees 14' west 512.0 feet; thence north 77 degrees 42' east 132.5 feet; thence running north 67 degrees 32' east 412.0 feet; thence running north 52 degrees 28' east 137.0 feet; thence running north 39 degrees 26' east 1087.0 feet; thence running north 21 degrees 57' east 83.6 feet, to point of beginning, containing 15.34 acres more or less, said tract being located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 19, Township 1 South, Range 17 E.W.M.

The above described tract of land is located on U. S. Highway No. 97, approximately one-half mile in a southwesterly direction from the City of Moro, Oregon.

The legal voters at said special meeting shall have the right to propose and vote another site or sites for said new high school building.

This meeting is called by the undersigned, Jesse Helyer, Administrator of the Estate of Barbara Helyer, deceased, has filed his First and Final Account and Petition for Distribution in said Estate and that Tuesday, the 17th day of March, 1953, at the hour of 10:00 A. M., in the County Court Room in the Court House at Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, has been fixed as the time and place for hearing of objections, if any, to said First and Final Account and Petition for Distribution, and the settlement thereof.

Jesse Helyer
 Donald E. Heisler
 Attorney for Estate 15-18c

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING
 Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County her Final

Report and Account as Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of Arnold A. Dunlap, deceased, and that Saturday, March 28, 1953, at ten o'clock A. M. of said day, at the County Courtroom, in the Courthouse, at Moro, Oregon; has been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Report and Account and the settlement of said estate.

Dorothy Dunlap
 Geo. G. Updegraff,
 Attorney for Executrix 17-20c

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
 No. 567

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF SHERMAN IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DALE EDWIN BAKER, also known as Dale E. Baker, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that by order duly made and entered in the above entitled court in the above entitled estate on the 9th day of February, 1953, the administrators of the estate of the above named deceased have been licensed to sell, and will from and after the 23rd day of March, 1953, sell at private sale to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property, to-wit:

Parcel No. 1:
 Lot 12, Block 12, Richardson Village, Multnomah County, and

Parcel No. 2
 N 1/2 Section 5, Township 3 S, Range 17 E. W. M., Sherman County, and the N 1/2 Section 6, Township 3 S, Range 17 E. W. M., Sherman County, Oregon.

Offers of bids for the purchase of said real property will be received by the undersigned at The United States National Bank of Portland (Oregon), S. W. 6th and Stark Sts., Portland, Oregon, from and after the 23rd day of March, 1953. Said sale shall be subject to the confirmation of the above entitled court.

The United States National Bank of Portland, Oregon
 V. B. Eakin
 Administrators

Ben G. Fleishman
 Attorney for Administrators
 608 American Bank Bldg.
 Portland 5, Oregon 16-19c

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT
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Jesse Helyer
 Donald E. Heisler
 Attorney for Estate 15-18c

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