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POLITICAL SLOGANS

larger. It might not be politically wise but there should be a sur-tax on all taxpayers for debt reduction. And it should be used for that and nothing else.

**HELLS CANYON**

Almost any politician will agree that the place is well named. Politicians, you see, (some of them, anyway) have a theory that their first duty is to be rejected, that the great work they are engaged in must not be handicapped by defeat. The problem of Hells Canyon is very real to them because it is fraught with so much prejudice and hard feelings on each side.

There is enough evidence for a decision either way. It is easy to tell who is supporting a politician by his stand on Hells Canyon. And it is easy to tell how much intestinal fortitude a politician has by what he says about it. As a testing ground Hells Canyon has served the observant public well.

It is our opinion that the government should build Hells Canyon dam. The decision is based strictly on its value as a place to store water for the four dams on the main stem of the Columbia, Bonneville, The Dalles, John Day and McNary. If another suitable place can be found that will not crowd out the Idaho Power company that is alright. It is also recognized that there are other places in the Columbia river system where storage can be made as cheaply as at Hells Canyon.

The federal government already has four big dams on the Columbia and with the John Day dam and others contemplated will have more. The entire river has become a federal project whether we like it or not. It is probable that a private company could manage it better, but it is not likely that a private company will be found to take an interest in power and transportation and irrigation or that would be any more receptive to public needs than the federal government. So far as is known no one has even tried to organize a corporation to take over the development by purchase.

The decision to build Hells Canyon dam was in effect made when Bonneville was started. It may be delayed, but the river is accepted as a project for the federal government. The decision may not have been the right one but argument about that seems pretty useless now.

Douglas McKay has moved the Department of Interior out of the test over the permit for Idaho Power to build the Oxbow dam. It should never have been in the picture as a partisan and his decision was proper.

There may come a time when a division will be made to have the government build the big dams, let private companies build those on the smaller tributaries.

Maybe the present hearing will bring enough light to the matter that some of the heat may die down and a reasonable decision made. In the meantime it is lots of fun.

**George Wilson Heads Rain Makers**

George Wilson, Kent, was elected president of Tri-County Weather Research, Inc., at a meeting of the board of directors in Moro, Tuesday, July 7. Wilson has served as vice-president of the corporation since it was organized three years ago.

David Childs, Arlington, was elected vice-president and F. L. Watkins, Wasco, was elected secretary-treasurer. Sherman county agent Thomas Thompson will serve as corresponding secretary to replace Ernest Kirsch, who is taking sabbatical leave to accept a fellowship at Iowa State college.

Acting on a directive from the members at the annual meeting, the directors voted that each county should raise approximately \$9,000 before negotiations are completed on a cloud seeding contract for the coming year. Directors will meet again on August 2 at Condon to discuss the financial situation and consult further with cloud seeding firms.

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**REAPPRAISAL**

Citizens of Gilliam county should feel very proud of the job they did on reappraisal of that

county. It earned them a raise of seven points in the county ratios made by the state tax commission. The ratios are roughly the commission's estimate of the relationship of local assessments to those made by the commission for utility property.

Gilliam county formed an organization of property owners from all over the county. The county was divided into districts and property valued for tax purposes. A county committee coordinated the work and the assessor raised local valuations by 25 percent.

In effect the citizens did their own appraisal and are no doubt satisfied with it. They did not have the expense of the emotional conflict that often comes from a similar job done by outsiders. The tax commission was pleased, too, because it raised Gilliam county from 51 to 58, the highest in the state, whereas Grant county that was recently reappraised by the commission was raised from 44 to 45.

**Stopping Car Easier At Slow Speeds**

Traffic engineers have compiled for the benefit of the public the distance required to stop cars at varying speeds and through L. R. Knepper, Emergency Road Service Manager of the Oregon State Motor association these distances have again been made public.

The distances are based on a time lapse of three quarters of a second between the time the eye or ear detects danger and when the brakes are applied, and are as follows:

AT	Distance
20 mpr	43 feet
30 mpr	73 feet
40 mpr	115 feet
50 mpr	166 feet
60 mpr	226 feet
70 mpr	295 feet

The engineers point out that these distances are figured under "excellent" conditions and the distances would be greater under wet, icy or poor road conditions.

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

**Empire Lodge No. 121 A.F. & A.M.** Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays evenings each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us. Robert Belshe, W.M. H. B. Pinkerton, Secretary

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**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF SCHOOL ELECTION IN THE NON-HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON, UPON QUESTION OF INCREASING TAX LEVY OVER AMOUNT LIMITED BY SECTION 11, ARTICLE XI, STATE CONSTITUTION.**

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held Monday, July 27, 1953, by the Non-High School District of Sherman County, Oregon, in all component school districts of said Non-High School District. The election will begin at 2 p.

DATE	AMOUNT
August 1, 1954	\$ 9,000.00
August 1, 1955	9,000.00
August 1, 1956	9,000.00
August 1, 1957	9,000.00
August 1, 1958	9,000.00
August 1, 1959	10,000.00
August 1, 1960	10,000.00
August 1, 1961	10,000.00
August 1, 1962	10,000.00
August 1, 1963	10,000.00

The bonds will bear interest payable semi-annually at such rate or rates, not exceeding six per cent (6%) per annum, as shall be specified by the successful bidder.

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m. and will be held in the school house in each of said component districts. The purpose of the election is to submit to the legal voters of the Non-High School District the question of increasing the tax levy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1953, over the amount limited by Section 11, Article XI of the Constitution.

The Non-High School District has no base. This levy is for funds to pay 2 years depreciation in lieu of tuition.

The amount of tax, in excess of the six per cent limitation proposed to be levied by the Non-High School District of Sherman County, Oregon, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1953, is \$1,300.00.

Dated this 25th day of June, 1953.

Attest:  
 Wily Knighten  
 Secretary Rural School Board  
 Roland Johnson  
 Chairman Rural School Board

**NOTICE OF BOND SALE**

Sealed bids will be received by the undersigned until 8:00 o'clock P. M., Pacific Standard Time, on the 21st day of July, 1953, and immediately thereafter opened by the District School Board of School District No. 7, Sherman County, Oregon, at a meeting of said Board in the High School Building at Wasco, Sherman County, Oregon, for the purchase, at not less than par and accrued interest of the following described negotiable general obligation coupon bonds of said School District in the principal amount of \$95,000.00, dated August 1, 1953 in denominations of \$1000.00 each and maturing serially in numerical order as follows:

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Each bidder shall include in his bid a statement of the total cost to the School District if his bid is accepted.

These bonds are issued under and pursuant to authority conferred on the District School Board of said School District No. 7, Sherman County, Oregon, by the legal voters thereof at an election duly and legally called and held in and for said district on the 15th day of June, 1953, and are issued under the authority of Chapter 17, Title 111, O.C.L.A., as amended.

The successful bidder will be supplied with the approving legal opinion of Messrs. Winfree, McCullough, Shuler and Sayre, attorneys, Portland, Oregon.

The bonds will be delivered at the expense of the School District to the successful bidder at Portland, Oregon.

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 District Clerk

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successful bidder. Both the principal and interest of the bonds will be paid at the office of the County Treasurer of Sherman County, Oregon.

The bonds will be sold to the bidder offering the lowest effective interest rate to the District, taking into consideration and account such premiums as are offered and such items of cost as have been or shall be charged by the bidder in connection with the purchase of the bonds. The District School Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Unless all bids are rejected the bonds will be awarded to the bidder complying with the terms of the notice of sale and submitting the bid which provides the lowest cost to the School District.

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**TAX PROBLEMS**

There is certainly a lot of evidence that the tax program of the federal government needs a drastic overhaul. It isn't doing the job a tax system should do.

The purpose of taxes is to raise money for a government's operations and to do it with as little disruption of business as possible. Naturally any government has to get tax money where it is.

Whenever any government reaches the position that it is taxing to the limit it is in danger of soon having an inequitable tax system on its hands. For times and conditions change and taxes must be able to change along with them.

The excess profits tax is a bad tax because it levies a harder burden on growing companies than on established ones. It is no wonder that officials of some of the older, better financed companies recommend its retention. There was more excuse for it during war time when small and growing companies may reasonably have obtained much of their profits from manufacture of war materiel. If the tax then reached the profit from war it served a purpose.

While nearly everyone feels happy at reading of the huge taxes on corporations these taxes cost the consumer much more than if he were paying them direct. Top tax rate for corporations is 52 percent. And the corporations don't pay it; they raise prices until there is enough to pay the taxes. Consumers pay.

It sounds silly to advocate that government agencies pay a tax although it is not silly to hold that they should return to the government at least as much as would a private corporation doing the same thing. Growth of governments, with resultant loss of tax income, puts a bigger burden on taxpayers left in business.

Worst feature of all is that we are gaining nothing on the national debt. In fact, it is getting

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