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PATTERSON'S PROGRAM

Governor Paul Patterson has been saying lately that he has asked state departments to hold their budget requests to a figure no larger than for the past biennium. It appears that the departments were told of his decision some weeks ago and that they are planning to do just that. Of course, if there be special demand an increase will be considered.

From the point of view of the taxpayer this is an admirable decision. It is very probable that a large percentage of Oregon taxpayers of every kind are finding taxes easy to pay these days of inflation and good profits and good wages. But the list of delinquencies that have been appearing in tax foreclosure notices in many papers shows that not all taxpayers are in this favored class. Taxes are beginning to hurt. And even a 25 year memory will recall a time when taxes did hurt very seriously.

Some state officials are saying that there will surely have to be a state tax on property next year because the surplus of income taxes is exhausted. It is certain that there isn't going to be much in the income and excise funds to go on when the legislature next meets. Unless the state puts a stop to expansion of expenses there will be a state tax on property.

That is why the governor is telling the department heads that this is no time to ask for a bigger budget. He apparently realizes—as all good tax men must—that when the income of the people stabilizes, the expenditures of the state must stabilize.

Such is the character of the governor that there is so far no protest on the part of department heads about his decision. They know that he has reason for it and that, except for particular instances, he will see that budgets are kept within bounds.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP

This community and this county have recently had an example of the dangers of government ownership. We are thinking of utility ownership.

When someone in the government—we neither know his title, his source of authority or his superior—decided to change the time of mail arrival and departure he wrote a letter to the postmaster and changed hours overnight.

He gave no reasons; he arranged for no hearing; he asked no questions; he gave an order.

No one here knows the reasons—if any—back of it. We do not know whether the order was made for the benefit of the railroad company, the postoffice employees, the mail service or personal opinion.

Had a private utility wanted to make a similar change it would have had to apply to the public utility commissioner who would have called for a hearing. At the hearing anyone could have presented evidence for the purpose of having his point of view established. Proponents would have appeared and their identity made known.

One side or the other would have won and the other would have been licked and would have been angry for a while. Not for long because it would all have been open and public and the better reasons and better reasoning would have prevailed. That is the way we expect it in this country.

We suspect that anyone who likes the methods of the postoffice department in his case could get along in Russia without trouble.

BUSINESS TAX

A business tax proposal is one of the items to be further discussed by the interim tax committee now studying Oregon taxes. It is not new. New York City and Connecticut have similar taxes and Michigan has adopted one recently.

The business tax proposal for Oregon, for which a bill has been written, would be in lieu of personal property taxes for the very good reason that personal property is almost invariably used in business. Under the ad

valorem system there is little or no correlation between the profit made and the value of the personal property involved. A man in a profitable business may make a good income with very little investment. In fact some good incomes are made with no more property than a typewriter and a set of files. Contrariwise some businesses have to have comparatively large amounts of personal property in order to make a living.

Indications are that business now pays about five percent on the personal property involved in business. It pays this in the form of personal property taxes. A business tax could be lower than this because it would include businesses and professions not now contributing to the personal property.

Among these would be doctors, dentists, lawyers, realtors, and utilities not now paying taxes on personal property or in a limited amount. Oregon, like every other state, is having trouble collecting personal property taxes. It first has the problem of assessment. It is almost impossible to correctly assess a stock of goods, groceries, jewelry, on an equitable basis in the same tax roll as farms home and factories. It is not being done, here or elsewhere.

The business tax would be in addition to the income tax. And that is no deterrent. A farmer with an income of \$10,000 a year pays property taxes, personal property taxes and income taxes. A lawyer, for instance, pays income taxes and a few dollars in personal property tax.

Purpose of the business tax is to make the basis for taxing on profits earned instead of on ad valorem value of property involved. We think it much fairer.

COYDOGS

An item in the paper says that farmers in Union county are being bothered by coydogs, which, it is explained, are a cross between a dog and a coyote. The animals, the story relates, have the smartness of a dog and the ingenuity of a coyote to make their barnyard raids more successful.

The crossing of dogs and coyotes has never been much of a problem. Whose fault it was we do not know but their barked communications have more often expressed dislike than affection. Not that it is impossible for a dog to go wild although a coyote never goes tame. Since the white man came to this part of the country some 150 years ago his dogs have remained dogs without the marks of the wild being apparent in them.

And were there a band of such animals the name coydogs would ill befit it. They would not be coy. They could be "dogotes" but not "coy" dogs. Since the raising of chickens has ceased to be a springtime function and the care of small pigs and lambs is no longer a duty we miss the coyotes. Whether it is the government trappers or the prosperity of farmers we do not know. Farmers who buy their milk and cream, import their bacon by the piece, get eggs from specialists offer little raiding rewards for a coyote.

They used to yelp their eerie songs at night when the moon shone and men said they could tell when a storm was coming by the tones. It always seemed more like hunger than prophesy to us. Anyway the coyote is about gone; no one tells of seeing them and stories of raids on chicken coops are almost as rare as chicken coops themselves.

A coyote was never tame; his cry was of a wild thing, independent, self reliant, yelping because he wanted to yelp and the devil with him who would stop him or make him. We are all organized, maybe civilized, and goodness knows who or what engenders the yelps we make.

IOOF HAS CONTEST

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs will select a winner and alternate for the United Nations pilgrimage for youth educational bus tour to New York April 24 at 8 p. m. in The Dalles high school auditorium.

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of this district, which comprises Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Wheeler and Gilliam counties are again sponsoring a high school student for a trip to the United Nations in New York. The district winner will leave Spokane July 9 and return August 4. A modern 37 passenger bus equipped for trans-continental travel has been chartered. Three adult leaders and 34 young people from the northwest will comprise the tour group, with all expenses paid. They will visit several cities and points in Canada and the United States. Seven days in New York City will be spent to afford close observation of the United Nations in action.

Each school will select its contestant on the basis of an essay, not to exceed a maximum of 1000 words on the subject "The Relationship of the United Nations to the Peace of the World." Three judges from different parts of the district will decide the winner

and alternate Saturday evening at 8 p. m. The Dalles high school auditorium. At this time also, a seven to ten minute address by each candidate will be made on the subject of "Why I Should Like to See the United Nations in Action." Selection of the delegate will be on merits of essay, presentation of speech, scholarship, school, community and church activities.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SCHOOL ELECTION IN THE RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON, UPON QUESTION OF INCREASING TAX LEVY OVER AMOUNT LIMITED BY SECTION II, ARTICLE XI, STATE CONSTITUTION

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held Monday, May 17, 1954, by the Rural School District of Sherman County, State of Oregon, in all component school districts of said Rural School District.

The election will begin at 2:00 p. m. and will be held in the schoolhouse in each of said component districts. The purpose of the election is to submit to the legal voters of the rural school district the question of increasing the tax levy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1954, over the amount limited by Section II, Article XI of the Constitution.

The reasons for increasing such levy are:

The Rural School District base is too low to permit the raising of sufficient funds for operating the schools.

The amount of tax, in excess of the six per cent limitation proposed to be levied by the rural school district of Sherman county, Oregon, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1954, is \$134,952.04.

Dated this 16th day of April, 1954.

C. O. Burnett Chairman, Rural School Board Wily W. Knighten Secretary, Rural School Board

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Meeting of the Board of Equalization for Sherman County.

To the taxpayers of Sherman County, Oregon: Notice is hereby given that the Board of Equalization for Sherman County, Oregon, will attend at the County Assessor's office of the Sherman County Court House, Moro, State of Oregon, on the second Monday of May, or May 10, 1954, and publicly examine the assessor's rolls, correct all errors in valuation, description or qualities of lands, lots or other property assessed by such assessor; and it shall be the duty of persons interested to appear at the time and place appointed. Each petition or application for the reduction of a particular assessment shall be made in writing, verified by the oath of the applicant or his attorney (and shall be filed with the Board within the first week of the month in which it is by law required to be in session; and any petition or application not so made, verified and filed shall not be considered or acted upon by the Board. Each such petition or application shall state thereon the address to which notice of the action of the Board of Equalization shall be sent.

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Sherman County Assessor 25-27c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the Estate of Mary E. Schaeffer, deceased, are hereby notified to present them, with the proper vouchers and duly verified, to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator of the Estate of Mary E. Schaeffer, deceased, at the office of T. Lester Johnson, attorney at law, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, to-wit: April 23, 1954.

Max Barzee Administrator T. Lester Johnson Attorney for Administrator 25-28c

ESTATE OF CLARENCE I. LAFFOON, Dec'd.

ARTHUR LANGGUTH, Attorney 602 McKay Bldg., Portland, Ore.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT No. 572

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR THE COUNTY OF SHERMAN, DEPARTMENT OF PROBATE. In the matter of the Estate of Clarence I. Laffoon, Dec'd.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as Executrix of the Estate of Clarence I. Laffoon, Dec'd has filed her Final Account in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, and that Tuesday, the 25th day of May, 1954, at the hour of 11:30 o'clock in the forenoon of said day and the Court Room of said Court has been appointed by said court as the time and place for the hearing of objections thereto, and the settlement thereof.

Dated and first published April 2, 1954. Date of last publication May 21, 1954.

IRMA C. LAFFOON Executrix ARTHUR LANGGUTH Attorney 25-29c

CALL FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by School District No. 23, Grass Valley, Oregon, up to 8 p. m., May 10, 1954, for painting the schoolhouse and building a three bay garage and doing some other repair work on the building and grounds. Specifications may be obtained from the board. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Harold Eakin, chairman

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF SHERMAN IN THE MATTER OF CALLING A MEETING OF ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1

ORDER On this 7th day of April, 1954, the above entitled Court being in regular session for the transaction of county business, county roads being under consideration, and

It appearing to the Court that a petition has been filed with this Court, signed by the required number of freeholders, asking that this Court call a meeting of the legal voters of Road District No. 1 of Sherman County, Oregon, during the month of April, 1954, for the purpose of voting on the question of whether there should be an additional tax not to exceed 10 mills on the dollar on all taxable property in said road district, the fund to be expended under the supervision of the County Court upon the roads within said road district, and

It further appearing to the Court that this Court has endorsed its approval on said petition of the proposed additional tax.

Now, therefore, it is hereby ORDERED that a meeting of the legal voters of Road District No. 1 of Sherman County, Oregon, be held on Monday the 26th day of April, 1954, at 2:30 o'clock P. M. in the circuit court room at the court house at Moro, Oregon, for the purpose of voting on an additional tax not to exceed 10 mills on the dollar on all tax-

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able property in said Road District, and

It is further ORDERED that the County Road Supervisor shall cause to be posted the required notices of said meeting within said Road District not less than ten days prior to said meeting, and that the County Clerk shall cause to be published in the Sherman County Journal the notice of said meeting for two consecutive weeks prior to said meeting and within thirty days of said meeting.

C. A. Tom County Judge Donald Martin County Commissioner Kenneth Sather County Commissioner

WANT ADS

FOR SALE: Grain fed lambs, butcher hogs, young Guernsey springer cow. E. M. Eslinger, Grass Valley. 25c

LOST—LAST FALL: Three coming two-year old registered Hereford heifers, branded lazy S-S on right rib. No ear mark, but tattooed on right ear. Reward for information leading to their recovery. Sid Seale, Condon, Oregon. 10c

WANTED: Job on ranch cooking, experienced, 40 years old. Write Mrs. Alice Bartlemay, 1312 Trevitt St. The Dalles, Ore. Giving details and wages offered. 24-25p

LOST 4 long yearlings: 1 guernsey heifer, 1 spotted durham, 1 white face, 1 white face steer. Earl Fields, 404, Wasco.. 25c

WHOEVER borrowed two 4-tined forks and manure fork from my place please bring to Journal office. W. F. Greer.

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

WANTED: Man or woman to call on farmers in Sherman county. Some making over \$50 a day. Full or part time. Write or wire for free proposition. McNeess Co. Dept. B, P. O. Box 14, Bayshore, sta. Oakland 23, California. 26-26p

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