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LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM
There is a contest in the legis-
lature that concerns every citi-
zen in the state whether he knows
about it or not. Briefly it is taxes
or services.

To recapitulate: the state has
spent its war time surplus, as Dr.
Keene has pointed out, in Astoria
good ten years and had it for the
votes of the Oregon Legislature.
That, but even so, as a fine
example of fiscal management.
During that time the state grew and
with money on hand, it was easy
and natural that state services
should grow faster than popula-
tion. Taxes have not grown much.
Oh, sure, more money has been
collected but there are few new
taxes and property owners have
not contributed to the state since
1940.

With the surplus spent this
legislation is up against a serious
financial problem. It must raise
some new money or dispense with
some services to which some per-
sons have become accustomed.
The budget is a fine budget. Gov-
ernor Patterson and Harry Dor-
man, head of the department of
revenue cut it down as much as
they could but they do not have
authority to reduce services.
These have been put into law by
the legislature and the people.

It is probable that there is a
deficit of \$45,000,000 and there is
a need for an additional \$18,000,
000 in buildings for institutions,
schools of higher learning,
(an amusing term) and for the new
old folks' home which has been
voted by the people. That makes
\$63,000,000.

Getting that sum of money out
of the citizens of a comparatively
poor state like Oregon without
making it so poor it could not
compete with other states as a
place to live is what is worrying
those legislators who have enough
information and experience to
realize the situation. There are
quite a few of these, almost too
many, for everyone who realizes
what must be done has ideas
about it and will be harder to con-
vince about a program than if un-
informed and willing to follow the
leadership of others.

In 1940 Oregon's population was
1,089,684 and the expenditures were
\$106,219,423. Our population is
now about 1,700,000 and the ex-
penditures are \$598,487,000. Ac-
tual cost in taxes was \$13,000,000
then and now it is over \$200,000,
000. There has been a decrease in
the value of money because of
inflation. But it is certain that
Oregon has provided services far
greater than the growth of popu-
lation. Neither can inflation ac-

count for the tremendous growth
of expenses.

Oregon does more for its citizens
than most states, more than it is
able to afford, more, in our estim-
ation, than a majority of the peo-
ple want or are willing to pay for.

The contest at Salem is between
those who think taxes must be
raised to continue services and
those who think services must be
reduced to meet the ability of the
people to pay at present tax rates.

Naturally there will be long
argument about what to reduce or
discontinue and that is proper.
There are many small appropri-
ations that could be cut out alto-
gether. In order to reduce enough
to balance the budget without
raising taxes there will have to be
new taxes there will have to be
higher education, welfare, and
binding funds, basic school and
one of the middle sized funds.

Ways and means is telling the
taxation committee to provide
more money because ways and
means hears pleas for services;
taxation is asking ways and means
to cut expenditures because tax-
ation hears pleas for no tax in-
creases. Ordinarily ways and
means would win because the
minorities that want more money
go to Salem and taxpayers stay
home.

But if Oregon tries to raise
more tax money it will have diffi-
culty. There is strong feeling that
property taxes should be left to
the counties and cities; if the in-
come tax is raised it will be the
very highest in the nation; the
corporation tax is already high
enough but does permit some ad-
justments that might bring in a
little more. We can raise the
price of whiskey and tobacco,
those already hard-riden tax hor-
ses. We can enact a sales tax, but
won't.

The plight of the state is not
new. Any man who lived before
the extravagant days of inflation
can remember, painfully, the day
when the storekeeper told him to
pay his bill, the tax notice came
in the mail, the banker was not
interested in making a loan. It was
an act of wisdom to leave the
car in the garage, wear out the
wardrobe, spend less and save
more.

This legislature's record depends
on whether it accepts the finan-
cial facts of life or postpones the
reckoning to another time. The
citizen can help by talking or
writing now and not by keeping
silent until the decision is made.

SHOULD BE STOPPED

The senate committee on alco-
holic control, we read, is investi-
gating a report that certain at-
torneys in the state have been
very successful in getting licenses
for clients and that it is, in fact,
rather difficult to obtain a license
without the aid of one of them.

The story has been current for
some time with denials and addi-
tional suspicion. The committee
should have sufficient power to
get to the bottom of the story and,
if true, should pass legislation to
prevent it.

Such rumors, whether true or
not, cast suspicion on the conduct

of the liquor commission and they
also cast suspicion on the lawyers
involved. Should they be found
guilty the bar association should
punish them if it wishes to attain
a reputation for purity of conduct
for its members.

BAD BILL

Legislators from this district
have introduced a bill at the re-
quest of The Dalles Chamber of
Commerce and Port Commission,
which asks that the 1949 law tax-
ing barge lines be, in effect, re-
pealed.

It may be assumed that the
chamber and port officials were
pressured into an action, them-
selves because it hardly befits a
public body to advocate a prin-
ciple of taxation that includes one
form of transportation and does
not include another.

Traffic through the locks at
Bonneville and Celilo has increas-
ed in the past year and there is
no reason why barge lines are
not profitable. So far as is known
the bill is in the interest of but
one barge line. It does not seem
likely that the 90 men and wom-
en who are presently in charge of
state legislation will pass enabling
legislation for one company, of
one type of transportation, while
trying to so equalize taxes that
they can meet the much greater
demands now existent.

WATER BILLS

The two water bills introduced
on behalf of an interim committee
which would have given control
over all water resources to a state
bureau have run into so much
trouble that it is doubtful if they
will receive much further consid-
eration. Certainly none unless
drastically re-written.

Such sensible action on the part
of the legislature is cheering to
those who think that government
is already getting too big and
needs curbing in the interest of
people.

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PERSONAL PROPERTY
statements to the assessor
must be in by March 1 ac-
cording to law.
CLAIR BALZER

REWARD for dog. Female Collie
named Duchess, lost from Don
Thompson's Hay Canyon ranch
Feb. 18. Please notify Wasco
Police or Ed Woods at 9067 The
Dalles. 17-9c

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
All persons having claim again-
st the Estate of Leon V. Moore,
deceased, are required to present
them, with vouchers properly
verified, to the undersigned, co-
administrator of the Estate of
Leon V. Moore, Moro, Oregon,
within six months from the date
of the first publication of this
notice, to-wit: February 25, 1955.
Gladys Morrison
Leo V. Moore
Executors

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

NO. 567
In the Matter of the Estate of
Dale Edwin Baker, also known as
Dale E. Baker, deceased;

Notice is hereby given that the
undersigned, as co-administrators
of the Estate of Dale Edwin Baker,
deceased, have filed their final ac-
count in the County Court of the
State of Oregon for the County of
Sherman, and that Monday, April
4th, 1955, at 10 o'clock A. M., of
said day in 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, Feb-
ruary 25, 1955.

The United States National
Bank of Portland (Oregon)
V. B. Eakin
Co-Administrators

Ben G. Fleischman
Attorney at Law
608 American Bank Bldg.
Portland 5, Oregon 17-20c

NOTICE OF SPECIAL SCHOOL
MEETING AND ELECTION
STATE OF OREGON
COUNTY OF SHERMAN
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that a special meeting and election
of the legal voters of School Dis-
trict No. 17 of Sherman County,
Oregon, is called to be held on
Tuesday, the 8th day of March,
1955, at 2:00 o'clock P. M., Stan-
dard Oregon Time, in the gymna-
sium at the school house in Moro,
Oregon, in and for School District
No. 17 of Sherman County, Oregon,
at which meeting and election the
legal voters of said school district
shall vote upon the question of

whether School District No. 17 of
Sherman County, Oregon, shall
unite with School District No. 23
of Sherman County, Oregon, and
No. 9CJ of Sherman County and
Wasco County, Oregon, for the
purpose of forming a union high
school district for high school
purposes, and also on the ques-
tion of whether said School Dis-
trict No. 17 shall furnish as a
site for the proposed union high
school the following described
real property situated in said
School District No. 17 in Sher-
man County, Oregon, to-wit:

A tract consisting of 15.34
acres, including a drilled well
thereon, situated in the North-
west Quarter of Section 19,
Township One South, Range
17 E.W.M., and adjacent to
Sherman Highway, U. S. No.
97, approximately one-half
mile in a southwesterly direc-
tion from Moro, Oregon.

said tract and site to be sold and
conveyed to the proposed union
high school district for the sum of
\$3,788.93.

This meeting and election is
called by the undersigned as the
District Board for School District
No. 17 of Sherman County, Ore-
gon, in pursuance of the provi-
sions of 335.220, Oregon Revised
Statutes.

Dated this 18th day of February,
1955.

Charles Burnet
Chairman
Arthur Bucholtz
Director
Lloyd V. Henrichs
District Clerk

15-7c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against
the Estate of Oscar N. Ruggles,
deceased, are hereby notified to
present them, with the proper
vouchers and duly verified, to the
undersigned, the duly appointed,
qualified and acting Executrix
under the Last Will and Testa-
ment of Oscar N. Ruggles, de-
ceased, at the office of T. Lester John-
son, attorney at law, Moro, Ore-
gon, within six months from the
date of the first publication of
this notice, to-wit: January 28,
1955.

Allie Ruggles
Executrix
T. Lester Johnson,
Attorney for Executrix,
Moro, Oregon 13-6c

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
THE STATE OF OREGON FOR
SHERMAN COUNTY

In the Matter of the Adoption)
of)
Elaine Mae Nelson,)
a Minor.)

CITATION TO ERWIN PETER
NELSON
IN THE NAME OF THE STATE
OF OREGON

You are hereby required to ap-
pear before the above entitled
Court on the 28th day of Febru-
ary, 1955, at 10:00 o'clock A. M.
in the court room of the court
house at Moro, Sherman County,
Oregon, to show cause, if any
there be, why Elaine Mae Nelson,
a minor child, should not by this
Court be declared to be the adopt-
ed child of William A. Brinkert
and the name of said child changed
to Elaine Mae Brinkert as
prayed for in the Petition for
Adoption and Change of Name
filed in this Court.

Service of this Citation is made
upon you by publication in the
Sherman County Journal, a news-
paper of general circulation print-
ed and published in Sherman
County, Oregon, once a week for
four (4) consecutive, successive
weeks by virtue of an Order made
and entered in said Court in these
proceedings on the 26th day of
January, 1955, said date of ap-
pearance being prescribed by said
Order.

The date of first publication of
this Citation is the 28th day of
January, 1955.

WITNESS, the Honorable Ver-
non I. Miller, Judge of the Coun-
ty Court of the State of Oregon
for Sherman County, with the
Seal of said Court affixed this
26th day of January, 1955.
Vernon I. Miller
(County Court Seal) 13-6c

IN THE UNITED STATES DIS-
TRICT COURT FOR THE DIS-
TRICT OF OREGON
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff,
vs.
BERTHA MAE BROWN, and)
GEORGE BROWN, wife and hus-)
band; CHARLES WALLIS, a sin-)
gle person; CLAUDE B. WAL-)
LIS, and MARGARET WALLIS,)
husband and wife; IDA E. FITZ-)
GERALD, a widow; THOMAS)
WALLIS, a single person; EDNA)
WALLIS DINSMORE and JAM-)
ES DINSMORE, wife and hus-)
band; CHARLES W. WALLIS)
and MONTY WALLIS, husband)
and wife; IDA MAY CARROLL,)
a widow; HELEN OLDENSTADT)
and WILLIAM OLDENSTADT,)
wife and husband; MAMIE WAL-)
LIS; ERNEST WALLIS; BABE)
WALLIS; JOSEPHINE WALLIS)
FRENCH, a widow; MINNIE)
WALLIS RATCLIFFE, a widow;)
LYNN WALLIS; CARROLL WAL-)
LIS and MARGARET WALLIS,)
husband and wife; HOWARD)
WALLIS and EMMA GENE WAL-)
LIS, husband and wife; Un-)
known Heirs at Law of William)
Wallis, deceased; Unknown Heirs)

This summons is served upon
you by order of the Honorable
Gus J. Solomon, Judge of the
above entitled court, made and en-
tered on the 25th day of January,
1955 by the publication thereof
for four successive weeks in the
Sherman County Journal, a news-
paper printed and published in
Moro, Oregon, and of general cir-
culation in said county wherein
said lands are located, the first
publication of this Summons (No-
tice) being made in the issue of
said newspaper on the 11th day
of February 1955.

C. E. LUCKY, United States At-
torney, and BERT C. BOYLAN,
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