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SURTAX REPEAL

Ex-senator John Housell of Hood River, who combines an insatiable curiosity with a knack for figures, has computed the new tax bill on the basis of the 1955 surtax levels.

For single persons the new tax bill will be equivalent to a surtax of 49.5 per cent for large taxpayers, to 58 per cent for very small ones. For a joint return with no dependents the new tax will be equal to a surtax of from 45 per cent to 57.9 per cent, depending on the amount of income. For joint returns with one dependent the rate will vary from a 48.3 per cent reduction to 54.5 per cent of the pre-surtax tax. Joint returns with two dependents will range up to 50.4 per cent instead of the 45 per cent imposed by the surtax.

Jumping from the frying pan into the fire was the simile grandpa used to express a similar situation. A few more such victories as this one and we shall be entirely ruined.

It now appears likely that this legislature will appropriate around \$60 million more than did the last legislature or about \$280,000,000. Thus while the cost of living goes up around three per cent the cost of government in Oregon goes up about 27 per cent.

Whether high appropriations are responsible for high taxes or whether easy money induces high appropriations is no more known than the primacy of the egg and the hen. But like that old comparison the elimination of either will stop the chain. The people can stop it whenever they choose.

MUSTARD GREENS

On a sunny slope near the house there was a patch of thick, rank mustard with its early promise of heavy stalks of spreading Jim Hill at summer's end. And the housewife mindful of her weed killing and ever concerned about getting fresh stuff for the table as early in the spring as possible, pulled the tender leaves for greens.

She had been told by her mother that mustard made excellent greens. Her grandmother had used dock for greens before that, before there was mustard, in fact. For mustard did not come into Sherman county until the railroad spread it and the original settlers were forced to plant seeds for greens.

And plant it they did as greens were a more valuable part of the diet in those days of long winters on dried food, before canning became both an art and a business. Vegetables could be put away in the dark earth cellar, potatoes, carrots and parsnips, to supplement the beans, biscuits and bacon, but by spring there was always a hunger for greens. They used to joke about getting rid of the scurvy. Of a certainty a dish of steaming greens, with nature's tartness accentuated by a dash of vinegar made from apple peelings, put a zest into winter-jaded appetites.

Mustard is perhaps the tenderest of native greens. Beet tops, chard and even the over advertised spinach cannot compare with it. And if the housewife can combine the duty of ridding the country of weeds while ridding the stomach of hunger it is like killing two birds with one stone.

ENGLAND RETIRES

There is no man living who doesn't remember England as the greatest nation in the world with colonies all over the world, with investments in every land, with the world's biggest navy and the power and diplomatic wisdom to govern. That was so for generations.

Now England is reducing its armies, abandoning part of its navy and getting ready to be protected by missiles from the United States.

The colonies are gone, the investments spent, the power and prestige vanished. Historians will write about it for years to come and dispute about the details of the fall. It may well be the most important happening of our lives, this fall of a mighty nation.

and the world leadership failed when lesser men came to power, after World War II the socialists took over and England never regained her place in industry. Colonialism fell from grace as a policy when the subjected peoples demanded independence and the temper of the world would not permit England to control them. England became soft, soft toward its colonies, soft toward its own socialists. Now it is relegated to the position of all soft people, a fading bit of grandeur relived from other days when Englishmen were strong and aggressive and respected.

BLOOD MONEY

The Oregon house of representatives has passed a bill that is of interest to many residents of this county. It is general interest and citizens may be expected to urge the senate to change it—and do so immediately.

It is HB 797. It has to do with inheritance taxes. Section 2 (b) reads "Unless shown to the contrary, upon the death of one of the tenants of real property held by the entirety, the right of the surviving tenant to the immediate ownership or possession and enjoyment of such property shall be deemed a taxable transfer in the same manner as though one-half of the whole property to which such transfer relates belonged absolutely to the deceased tenant and had been devised or bequeathed to the surviving tenant."

To us that means that those land owners who have deeded half their property to their wives to establish tenancy by the entirety will have to pay the full tax upon the death of either.

Another section of the same bill provides for the taxation of life insurance. Present provisions make a limit of \$60,000. Above that amount the tax will begin and the starting rate is two per cent.

The \$60,000 doesn't mean a thing—not for more than two years. Unless the unrestricted spending is stopped future legislatures will reduce it down to nothing and probably raise the rates.

Taking insurance income is an old idea, which it has heretofore been possible to beat. This time it may not be. Before a man can buy life insurance he must have paid income tax on the money. Now he is to pay on the money he leaves to his wife and children. That is blood money.

DESERT

A college professor from Texas has written an article for Harper's in which he tries to prove that the Great American Desert is the prime factor in the history of the west. The GAD includes most of the west on this side of the Mississippi river together with fringe areas. Western Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, most of the Dakotas, Montana, together with Colorado, Wyoming, Nevada Utah and parts of Idaho, Oregon and California are a desert according to this scribe, who, says Harper's, has a reputation as a historian.

The desert, he says, lacks people and money, leading to the conclusion that he thinks people and money are necessary to a suitable civilization. It is a very American sort of a theory. Had the writer been the sort of man who read newspapers from the great cities with their stories of crime and corruption and depravity he might not have been so scornful of the coyotes and prairie dogs that inhabit the land he refers to as desert.

One could go on and on finding holes in the feeble argument (so beebie we wonder how it intrigued an editor) but inasmuch as he had many disparaging things to say about Texas we presume he is in enough trouble without Oregonians butting into a local fight.

TROUBLES OF A MODERN

City officials of Moro, having ordained that parking on the northeast side of First street shall be parallel only have painted traditional yellow lines along that portion between Main street and the alley. Parking on the southwest side of the street is still angle parking.

Citizens of the county are having some trouble getting used to the change. Almost three generations of travelers have parked there and always at an angle. A hitching rack once decorated that side of the street and saddled horses stomped in the deep dust without thought of standing close to the sidewalk; homesteaders, and later farmers, tied their teams hooked to surreys, and left them there, protruding into the street while their busy wives bought dried prunes, calico and spices from moustached grocery clerks and the men dealt for cleives and collar pads in the cool, high ceilinged hardware store.

Now what passes for progress has come upon us and vehicles must snuggle close to the curb or brave the anger of the law for the old days are gone and new times must have new customs. And having gotten them, must prove them better.

Letter From Salem

By Nicky Tom

Writing this column has given me a much more sympathetic feeling toward news reporters. Some weeks I have to scrounge for enough legislative news of special interest to people in our part of the state. Other times there is almost too much to write about.

Last week Representative Bob Steward, chairman of the House Ways and Means committee (and director-to-be of the Department of Agriculture) proposed a plan for obtaining funds for a new 4-H and FFA dormitory at the state fairgrounds. He suggested that the \$300,000 might be borrowed from the Public Employees Retirement Fund and repaid from racing commission funds which are allocated to county fair associations. It would be repaid at the rate of \$100,000 a year.

Representatives of 26 county fair associations meeting in Corvallis last Monday went on record as being opposed to this plan. They feel that if such a loan is made it should be repaid from the general fund or some other source.

The House Friday killed HB 421, which was introduced at the request of the Oregon Livestock Association and the Oregon Wool-growers Association. It would, among other things, have removed the payment of bounties on cougars and certain other predatory animals, at a saving to the state of some \$20,000 per biennium.

The state now spends \$160,000 per biennium for its share of the expense of the federal trapping program. Members of Ways and Means, who are now knocking themselves out trying to find ways of saving money, were distressed over failure of the bill.

Those who voted against it seemed to feel that federal trappers are not doing a thorough job of controlling cougars, but the bill had received the support of the Izaak Walton League, Oregon Cattlemen's Association and the Game Commission, as well as the two groups who sponsored it.

Thursday the House defeated by a vote of 34 to 24 a resolution calling for a constitutional amendment to allow school teachers to buy life insurance he must have paid income tax on the money. Now he is to pay on the money he leaves to his wife and children. That is blood money.

Secondly, and probably bearing more weight, was the feeling that conflicts of interest would be involved when teacher-legislators were called upon to vote on education measures.

Failure of this resolution does not mean that teachers are "second class citizens", forbidden to serve in the legislature, as proponents of the measure stated. They can be elected and serve, provided they resign their school positions for the duration of the session. After legislature adjourns they resign as members of this body and resume teaching. They are, of course, pretty well excluded from serving on interim committees by this routine, but so are school board members and secretaries of corporations, who come under a similar provision of the law.

Passed by the House this week was HJR 4, calling for annual sessions of the legislature. If it goes through the Senate it will join the growing list of issues to be decided by the voters at the next general election.

The resolution contains only a simple restriction of 65 days for the session. Other states have found methods of getting around time limitations, the usual one being the simple act of stopping the clock on the final day.

Many legislators feel that to call an annual session without setting alternate sessions aside for only taxation and ways and means bill would be a serious mistake. This bill contains no such provision.

Can Oregon afford the luxury of annual sessions at this time? The 1955 session cost \$746,218.56 for 115 days. So far this session \$800,000 has been appropriated for legislative expenses and it is possible that an additional sum will be necessary before we are through.

In the April 15th issue of Life magazine is an article about the Nebraska legislature, another one of the 28 now in session. Fifteen have already adjourned, two will meet this summer (isn't that a dandy way to spend a summer?) and three will meet next year.

Nebraska has the only one-house legislature in the nation. The members are elected on a non-partisan basis and meet for a six month session every two years at a salary of \$872.09 per year. This is one of the three states in the Union with neither an income tax nor sales tax, and their legislature has managed so far to operate the state, with an annual budget of \$150,000,000, largely on a property tax. This session the Nebraska legislature defeated a bill calling for a combined sales and income tax.

They also deal with some of the more important types of legislation, similar to what our members have been wrestling with in Salem. Know what I mean? Bullfrogs. The Life article did not explain how they solved the burning question of placing a limit on bullfrogs, but I am proud to be able to report that the Oregon House this week passed the Senate bill on which I have kept you posted. Now, unless the Governor sees fit to exercise his veto, the bullfrog will once again become a game fish in Oregon.

The only really major bills passed by the Oregon House during the past week dealt with Industrial Accident Benefits. Opposition to the package of three bills was based on the premise that increased industrial accident benefits would harm the economy of the state by placing an additional payroll tax burden on two of Oregon's major industries—lumber and agriculture.

The passage of House Bills 260, 450 and 502 means that by 1959 the base rate for farmers will have been increased from \$3.00 to \$5.48 per \$100 of payroll. This represents an increase of 82.6%.

These were measures definitely beneficial to labor, but labor is not happy. An editorial in the latest Oregon Teamster states, "For more than 80 days now the legislature has been in session. The total of its accomplishments as far as the working men and women of the state are concerned is exactly nothing." After berating the present Democratic administration for lack of action on various labor-backed proposals the editorial continues, "Party labels mean nothing these days. It's the individual who counts and labor should remember this, the next time political parties come to it for blanket endorsements and support." Do you suppose they will?

Harlandview Grange Meets first and third Saturdays each month at 8 p. m. Orlow Martin, Master; Agnes Benson, Secretary

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78 O.E.S. Meets every second Thursday each month. Visiting members invited. Moro, Oregon. Genevieve Powell, W. M.; Gwen Ross, Secretary

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. Paul Alley, W.M.

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. L. Grabenhorst, NG; Vada DeMoss, Sec.

Ray Kelso, Keith and Ted Thompson, Max Barzee and Vernon Melzer were at Camp Sherman for the opening of the fishing season.

MORO COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Church Service 3:30 Westminster Fellowship to meet at the church; evening meeting with The Dalles W. F. Choir Practice on Wednesdays; Junior Choir at 7 p. m. Senior Choir at 8 p. m. Ernest C. Goodenberger, Pastor

WANT ADS FOR SALE: One long yearling purebred Hereford bull. Boyce Blaylock, Grass Valley. 26-7p FOR SALE: Purebred 2-yr old Hereford bull. J05-3549, Moro.

FOR SALE: 24' Graham-Hoeme with chisels, sweeps & fertilizer points. \$900.00 Curly DeMoss. Moro, Oregon 25-6c

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NOTICE OF SCHOOL ELECTION in the Rural 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 Wednesday, May 15, 1957, 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, 1957, over the amount limited by Section 11, 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 elementary schools of Sherman County.

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, 1957 is \$143,935.41.

Dated this 20th day of April, 1957. W. D. Baldwin Secretary, Rural School Board Philip O'Meara Chairman, Rural School Board

NOTICE OF WARRANT REDEMPTION Notice is hereby given to the holders of warrants numbered one through 30 issued by the Sherman High School District of Sherman County, Oregon, that same are now redeemable and will be redeemed at the First National Bank, Moro, Oregon, and interest shall cease after May 3, 1957.

Marjorie K. Marvlin, Clerk

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed Executrix of the Estate of Harley Dutton, Deceased, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same, duly verified, and with the proper vouchers, to the undersigned at the residence of the undersigned at Wasco Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, to-wit: April 12, 1957.

Emma Dutton Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of Harley Dutton, Deceased. Donald E. Heisler Attorney for Estate 23-6c

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION Notice of meeting of the County Board of Equalization for Sherman County, Oregon. TO THE TAXPAYERS OF SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON: Notice is hereby given that the Board of Equalization for Sherman County, Oregon, did adopt at its last meeting on April 22nd, a ratio of 30 percent (30%) of true cash value, as posted by the Assessor, for the assessment of all property in Sherman County, Oregon, and the Board of Equalization will be in session at the County Assessor's office of the Sherman County Courthouse, Moro, State of Oregon, on the second Monday of May, or May 13th, 1957, and publicly examine the assessment 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 it is 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. Clair L. Balzer 25-7c Sherman County Assessor

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING NOTICE IS GIVEN that the undersigned Executrix of the Will of Marion H. Medler, deceased, has filed with the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County her final account, and that Monday, the 3rd day of June, 1957, at 10:00 a. m., in the County Court Room of the Sherman County Court House at Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, has been fixed as the time and place for hearing such final account and any objections thereto. Dated and first published the 3rd day of May, 1957. Norma Byrd, Executrix PHIPPS & PHIPPS The Dalles, Oregon Attorneys for Executrix 26-9c

Notice of School Election 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 in Sherman High School District, Sherman County, State of Oregon, from 2:00 P. M. to 8:00 P. M. at grade schools of Rufus, Wasco, Moro, Grass Valley and Kent, Oregon,

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