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**MR. PEARSON'S SALES TAX**

Senate President Walter Pearson is one who would have us believe that he is a sales taxer at heart but that a sales tax has been thrust upon him. He would thrust it upon the state is either retaliation or affection, we do not know which and the effect is the same. Politically it has been well done. The bill has been delayed until late in the session when members are tired, when the search for money is as intense as that of the old lady who lived in the shoe, the lust for state money by school teachers has been enlisted whether they like it or not, members of both parties are on the bill, a vote on it is delayed to keep the grange and labor from bringing up their troops which are always in uniform and well drilled. There are some good things about the bill. It does away with the fanciful and inequitable distribution formula in the basic school fund at one fell swoop. It raises the personal exemption to \$1500 per individual and \$600 for dependents under the income tax. It throws an extra bit of tax saving to the blind and those over 65. There are some bad things about the bill. It makes a continuing appropriation of \$150 per school child. We doubt the constitutionality of continuing appropriations and we doubt the need of \$150 per census child. It very definitely makes a sales tax necessary for the bill will not go into effect unless the people approve

a sales tax. What would happen after the state had a sales tax is a matter of speculation. Let us speculate: the personal exemptions would be reduced and the sales tax rate would be increased. Why do we think so? History, son, and memory. We would oppose SB 495 because we think the state spend too much money now and because we think this bill would let it spend more and because we want less government, not more. We're going to get it too, for the reason that government has priced itself out of reach.

**BERLIN CRISIS**

The Russians have been providing international tension over Berlin since last November and it is plainly an effort on their part to test the solidarity of the west and see if they can shove us around a little. Mr. MacMillan, British prime minister, has been to Moscow and the important capitals of Europe and in Washington in an apparent effort to drum up support for a softer policy than President Eisenhower has been advocating. We do not think Berlin is worth going to war for. The tremendous error of Roosevelt and Truman in permitting Berlin to be isolated from the west without even a corridor might well be reason enough to cause the loss of that city to the Reds. Russians are afraid of Germany and plainly intend to prevent that nation from again getting strong enough to start another war. The west has not remembered the aggression of Germany so well. But, Berlin is only the excuse. What the Russians and Mr. Khrushchev are trying to do is push the west out of Europe, to make western nations look weak and disorganized before the peoples of the world. It is drawing a line, carrying a chip like a small boy making a challenge. We cannot fail to stand firm. It is not Berlin, it our honor and position in the world, that is at stake.

**TAXING TIME**

Within the next two weeks Americans and Oregonians will make a contribution, willing or not, to a number of enterprises. They will make another payment on the cost of past wars along

with some interest because the principal has not been reduced; they will pay to build housing for persons unable or unwilling to provide their own; they will pay foreign nations to allow us to maintain troops on their land and to aid nations in need of money to start their economies upward; they will pay for a lot of boards and commissions of whose duties and activities they know nothing and would be angry if they did; they will provide welfare for many needy and many indigents who will remain poor as long as it is both possible and profitable; they will buy some wheat, corn cotton which they do not need and which would not have been raised had they not promised a market.

Many taxpayers will feel aggrieved over their payment and that will do them no good at all. They will be happier if they compare themselves to some good-time Charley inviting all the hangers-on in the saloon to come up to the bar and have one; they may get some consolation out of feeling like Santa Claus.

Whether it makes them happy or sad it will continue until they say they don't like it and say it on their ballots.

History doesn't say so, but it might have been fun living in a world who knew who was boss.

**MORO COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
945 Church School  
Bible Study for all age groups.  
Russel Belshee, superintendent.  
11:00 Church Service  
Sermon theme: "After Easter What?"  
5:30 Westminster Fellowship  
Ernest C. Goodenberger, Pastor

**WANT ADS**

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**Bethlehem Chapter No. 78 O.E.S.**  
Meets every second Thursday each month. Visiting members invited. Moro, Ore. Annabelle Kelso, W. M. Dorothy Heater, Secretary

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Wasco, Oregon  
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Mary Brackett, N. G. Helen Martin, Secretary

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Meets First and Third Mondays each month at 8:00 p. m.  
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Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in I.O.O.F. hall. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited.  
Floyd Haines, N. G. Leo Watkins, Secretary

**LEGAL NOTICES**  
**NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon by Sherman County, his Final Account as Administrator of the Estate of Jennie Zutter Dick, deceased, and that Monday, the 13th day of April, 1959, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M. of said day in the court room of the County Court in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Account and for the settlement of said estate.  
Raymond Van Gilder Administrator  
T. Lester Johnson Attorney for Administrator 20-3c

**NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT**  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon by Sherman County, his final account as Administrator with Will Annexed of the Estate of Hattie Bartholomew Ireland, deceased, and that Monday, the 27th day of April, 1959, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M. of said day in the court room of the County Court in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Account for the settlement of said estate.  
T. Lester Johnson Administrator, with Will Annexed  
T. Lester Johnson 21-4c

**Thanks, Mr. Johnson...  
for expressing it so well**



Writing in the Oregonian, March 7,  
Jalmar Johnson, Associate Editor,  
brings back memories of the "good old days"  
when water was heated in a kettle on the stove.

**GRANDMA** would have laughed if she had seen how our household was disrupted by the failure of merely one of the dozen or so gadgets which rule life within the home. For a couple of weeks we had noticed a dribble of rusty water under the electric water heater. Then, one morning, no hot water flowed from the bathtub tap. The device, which had labored faithfully and noiselessly for our convenience for 20 years, had gone kaput.

For the next three days, until a new water heater could be purchased and installed, the ordinarily smooth routine of living was hopelessly out of gear. Soiled clothing piled up in the basement hamper. The portable dishwasher sat forlorn and useless in its corner. Baths were a mockery of the customary ritual.

We couldn't help but think how times have changed since Grandma ran a household on water winched by hand from a well and heated in kettles on top of a wood stove. She would have felt that we were in the lap of luxury, even without a water heater.

For cold water still flowed freely from the various, conveniently-located faucets in our house. In Grandma's day, to have running water in only one

place—the kitchen—was a mark of distinction accorded only to the most wealthy farmers in our stump-farm community. Hers came by the bucket, carried frequently by herself through a muddy yard, from the well. It was a red-letter day for Grandma when a pump was installed and she no longer had to wind the wooden winch.

She had to heat all her water on top of the stove. It was natural, therefore, for her to set aside certain days of the week for her various tasks. Monday was one of the hardest, for that was washday. The big copper boiler then shunted the teakettle and coffee pot to the far perimeter of the old wood burner. For it was large. In it many buckets of water had to be heated for boiling the clothes and filling the tub in which Grandma rubbed out dirt on her washboard.

Saturday was another back-breaker. Then the washtub doubled as bathtub, and enough water had to be heated on the stove to give each member of the family a decent wetting. It must have seemed a never-ending fetching of water and stoking of the stove on these two worst days of the week. The kitchen, of course, was like a Turkish bath and Grandma was as wet with sweat as if she had poured one of her

numerous buckets of water over her head.

When our water heater went out, we emulated Grandma after a fashion. We filled our largest kettle with water and placed it on the electric range. A smaller pan, which had a handle, we used as a dipper. As on washday at Grandma's, there was hardly room on the stove for the coffee pot and the teakettle.

But you cannot heat enough water on the stove to satisfy the hot-water appetite of an automatic washer or a dishwasher. So, like Grandma, the woman of the house had to wash the dishes in a dishpan. The clothes that simply had to be washed were done in a basin. They were not boiled, of course, for the modern household has no clothes boiler. And they were not rubbed, because the washboard also is missing from today's homemaking equipment.

A water heater these days is a key appliance in the home. Without it so many other conveniences are useless. Come to think of it, it was one of the first of the gadgets that have taken so much of the drudgery out of housework. It came in about the same time as the bathtub, for without it the tub was just another gaping aperture calling for buckets and fetching.

The first water heater was a galvanized tank standing beside the kitchen range. Pipes ran from the tank to the fire-box of the range, in which coils had been installed. As long as one had a fire in the stove, one had hot water. With central heating came a similar arrangement with the furnace. And when there was no fire there, a gas heater, which was lighted by hand, took up the task. One had to remember to shut these heaters off, or one might heat water for an entire neighborhood. The automatic heaters, both gas and electric, are fairly new.

In this Centennial year, Oregonians naturally are thinking back over the past. They trace the beginnings of the automobile and the hydroelectricity. They take justifiable pride in the progress that has been made in a hundred fields.

Let us not forget, in this year of remembrance, the anonymous plumber who screwed together the first set of coils for a kitchen range. He started a chain of improvements of inestimable convenience to the American home. Grandma undoubtedly would rate him above the discoverers of nuclear fission. And so are we inclined to do also.

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