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SLOW SESSION

It does not appear to us that anything will come out of this legislative session of importance. The prospect does not make us unhappy, in fact, it brings relief. The state is broke (finally and thank God) and the legislators seem to know it and beyond their final gesture of picking the pockets of the deceased for bigger salaries, will not try to spend much money not covered by current taxes. That is a good attitude. So far not a single legislator has come to the front as a leader. The conservatives Boivin and Perasor still seem to be running the senate; Pearson still mad because he didn't get to be governor and trying to pass bills giving the legislature authority over the executive branch, and Boivin never one to seek the limelight. Things could be worse.

As for taxes it looks as if a tax bill will be passed taking away the exemption for federal income taxes paid and probably a cigarette tax. The people will probably—and should certainly—initiate against both. Then the governor can call the boys back to cut the budget down to suit the income, which is what they should be doing now.

We remember a time when governments had to cut off a lot of surplus fat that had accumulated and if governments keep on starting new things and demanding their retention on the budget it will have to happen again. The state would be so much wiser to trim now before the people rise up and put it on a forced diet.

JEREMIAH

Writers who write about the sins of man and the sins of government and are often on the pessimistic side, are sometimes likened to the prophet Jeremiah, who lived and wrote in a serious time in the history of the Jews. These critics of such writers fail to note that Jeremiah was more often right than wrong.

The reason we bring up the subject of Jeremiah is that we are a Jeremiah of sorts, in a modern day sense. We proclaim the iniquities of the age the failure of public morals, the decline of the spirit, accompanied by a rise in materialism. Judah, (the tribes were already divided) was in Jeremiah's time, being raided by the Scythians, a barbarous tribe from the north whose descendants are Russians.

We do not presume that troubled times are the only times that produce Jeremiahs. We suspect that Jeremiahs are born and would find something to complain about, to warn about, even if domiciled in a land of milk and honey. And really isn't this a land of milk and honey, better yet, a land of beefsteak and booze, of automobiles and automations?

Others, besides Jeremiah, have warned the people of their generations that ease undermined the spirit, that materialism led them to false premises and that a man who would trade liberty for security was reserving of neither. Ben Franklin did so warn.

We do not mind being a Jeremiah. We would like to be a better one and do a better job of it. Yet, we do not despair and we feel no sense of growing remorse within us that would cause us to recant and agree that these times of growing government, of mounting debt, of weakening independence are good times. We think the nation is in decline, and were, that the people are in decline and like nations and peoples throughout history having a very fine time of it. And we think our descendants will curse our memory.

THE MAKING OF CITIZENS

In Time's report on Chicago it says that Negroes make up 25.8 percent of that city's population; that they are 48 percent of the elementary school population; are 65 percent of the jail inmates; 42 percent of the unemployed; and are 90 percent of those getting aid to dependent children.

It must appear to anyone by now that Negroes seem to have a different idea about morals than

to the whites, at least that part of the whites who do the writing and talking about public affairs and public morals. Negroes are not the only ones who are in the second generation of living off the public, whose children are trained to live from the public coles.

For one without morals the government provides a pretty good living. All a girl has to do is to have enough children and remain unencumbered of a man and Lo, the state will provide manna of a modern sort.

Once in a while we read where someone has said that no nation can exist, that no civilization can exist, without a sense of morals. We do not mean merely the production of children without responsibility, but more important, the obtaining of anything without giving something of comparable value in return.

We are training a lot of people, through government gifts, to be the sort of beings it is impossible to make a civilization out of. Neither is it very fair to point the finger of scorn at the Negroes in Chicago. That is the best chance they have at getting something from the government. Others have a better racket. But the morals may be as bad.

Newspaper readers should be informed about some of the troubles of legislative reporters who really have a difficult job which they do with remarkable skill. Nevertheless it has its faults. At the start of a session the public is anxious for news and there isn't any of consequence, just what members think and hope. And the smarter ones don't think and hope for the public prints. When the session gets down to the hard work the readers are tired of it, editors are tired of it

IT'S YOUR LAW

Respect for Law Makes Democracy Live

Possibly on the first of the month when the bills come in, you might make some reference to going bankrupt. As a general rule, however, most of us never give this phase of the law much thought. But did you know that the right to pass laws relating to bankruptcy is specifically given to congress in our constitution? At the time the constitution was drafted, the laws of England and other countries permitted imprisonment for debt. Thus a person in debt could be thrown into prison and held there until someone paid his bills.

Under federal bankruptcy laws a person who cannot pay his debts because of poor business conditions, too much credit buying, or unexpected loss of income can go into bankruptcy. This can be done either as a voluntary act of the debtor or at

the request of creditors. When a person goes into bankruptcy, he must place all of his property, both real and personal, in the hands of the court. Exceptions are made as to certain items of personal property and clothing. The bankrupt must file under oath detailed schedules of all his debts and all his assets.

Should a person after knowing himself to be insolvent give away or sell property in an attempt to defraud his creditors, the court will take the property back. If his statement to the court is false he can be punished for perjury.

After receiving all of the debtors assets, the court will convert his property into cash and distribute it to his creditors. After this is done, the bankrupt will be discharged and his creditors can no longer pursue him on these obligations. The bankrupt is no longer in disgrace but free to keep on working without fear of court action or prison.

Most of us will keep right on paying our bills, but it surely is good to know that if it ever becomes necessary that we can get a second chance.

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WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS" By C. WILSON HARDER

It has been written that there is nothing new under the sun. The present tax proposals bear out this old adage.

In the various city-states of Ancient Greece, on through Ancient Rome, and all down the long corridor of history, there is found a continuity of strategy which eventually destroyed the nations adopting it.



These governments, to maintain their own extravagances, catered to the masses to keep manpower on their side, and to the segments of great wealth to keep economic resources on their side as well.

Eventually, something has always had to give. In all cases, the middle class, from which all independent enterprise develops, has been destroyed. And freedom has never survived without a successful middle class.

And history shows without this successful middle class, a nation eventually deteriorates until the condition of the masses is far worse. That is why history presents the paradox of many leaders who were cheered in the arena as great humanitarians, living long enough to be jeered as tyrants.

There is no question but that reduced income taxes have a great popular political appeal. Neither is there any question reduction of taxes will help the economy.

But the full package on tax

es as presented gives the masses and the big, almost monopolistic corporations quite a boon. But the middle class is again being penalized.

It is the American middle class who buy the better homes and pay on long term mortgages, who buy the appliances, the automobiles. The middle class also buys more medical service, and also is the backbone of charity drives as well as state and local tax structures. Limitations on the deductions this middle class can take for interest, charity, medical costs, state and local taxes, can serve no purpose other than weaken the middle class.

Thus, it appears this is but a canny move to avoid cutting out the waste in government, and at the same time keep the factions on either end of economic spectrum fairly happy.

This is not to be inferred that there is a villainous plot afoot to destroy the American middle class, despite the fact for over 20 years "left wing" advisors in government have propounded this idea.

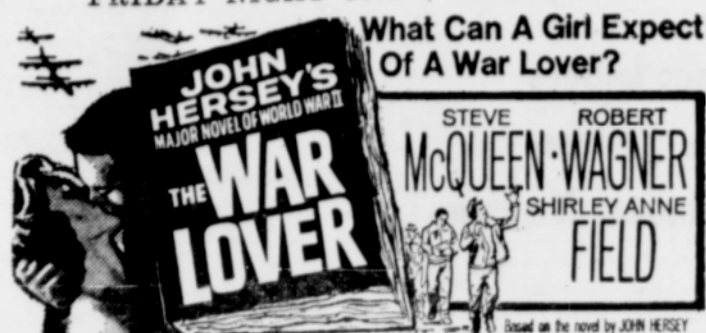
Most oppression by government throughout history was not motivated by malevolent intent, but rather through sublime ignorance of the true facts.

Whether or not the American nation will follow the historical path of middle class destruction and eventual doom is a moot question. The big counter balance to such a trend in the United States is the fact that there is a Congress. Thus, it might be said, that as long as people exercise their Constitutional right to express their views to their Congressmen, American democracy will continue to live.

The Altar society of St. Mary's church was sponsor of a style show at the school house Saturday night, many local women and girls displaying models from Williams ID store in a setting designed by Milne, Bill Rayon, Bob McMurtrey.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING Notice is given that the undersigned Executrix of the Estate of William Brinkert, deceased, has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Sherman, her Final Account, and that Wednesday, the 24th day of April, 1963, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m., in the County Court Room of the Sherman County Court House at Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, have been fixed as the time and place for hearing said Final Account and any objections thereto. Dated and first published the 22nd day of March, 1963. Elsie E. Brinkert Executrix Phipps, Phipps & Dunn Pioneer Bldg., The Dalles, Ore. Attorneys for Executrix March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 1963

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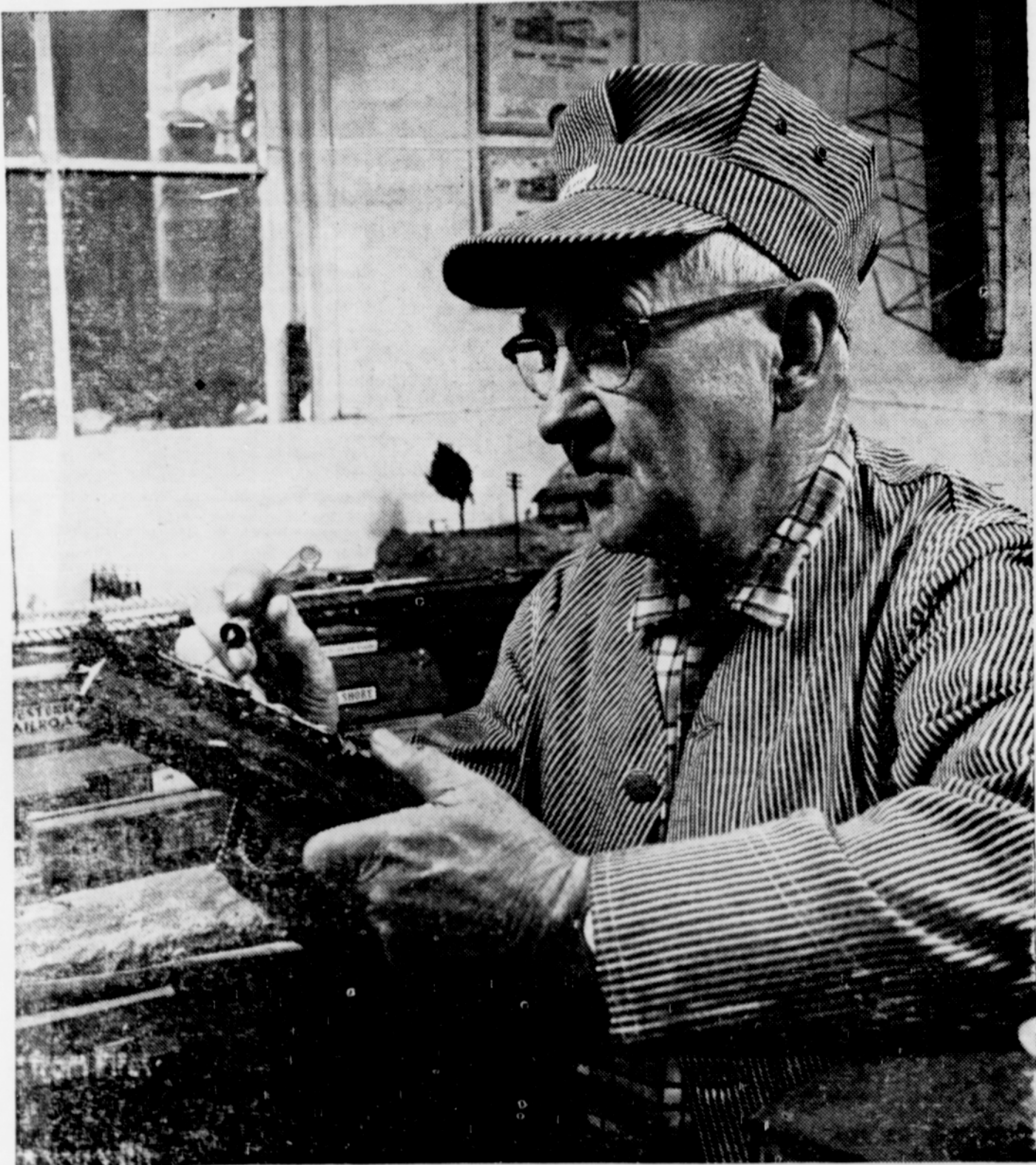
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