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Woolens that can't be washed should be drycleaned, hung on an outdoor line and sprayed with a mothproofing chemical. Let them dry, then store. If you put on too much spray there'll be a white deposit after the fabric dries. Don't worry, it will usually brush off after storage.

A BABY in the house? His "furnishings" usually take up more space than he does, especially in the kitchen.

A good storage spot for bottles, baby foods, sterilizer is the cabinet shelf between the range and refrigerator or sink. Group all these items, large and small, on a lazy susan you can twirl around to reach easily what you want. A hammer handy husband can make a turn table to fit on

a cabinet shelf or you may find it simpler to buy one. They're available at many hardware and department stores complete with partitions to separate the bins from the jars and foods stored there. These fit into any cabinet with a 21 inch opening or bigger. It doesn't need to be a corner cabinet.

### 4-H CLUB NEWS

**The Sugar and Spice 4-H Club**  
The Sugar and Spice 4-H Cooking Club met at the Wasco Grade School April 23 with their leader, Mrs. Dewey Thomas. Our lesson was on Tablesetting. Mrs. Thomas gave us a demonstration on Tablesetting. A committee was appointed and plans made for our Safety Skit. The IFYE box was passed around for its donations.

Teresa Fridley, Reporter

**The Kent Livestock club** met at the home of Mr and Mrs Bill Jefferies April 4. Terri Bardenhagen called the meeting to order. The minutes were read and approved. Krista Mobley and Vicki Bardenhagen gave a demonstration report on livestock shelters. Colleen Jefferies gave a report on leptospirosis. For old business we discussed 4-H summer school. For new business we discussed a field trip to Hermiston. We figured a ration for our hog project. The next meeting will be held at Hans Bardenhagen's April 28. Mrs. Jefferies served refreshments of punch and popcorn.

Vicki Bardenhagen, reporter

### Senate Taxation Chairman Doubts New Cigarette Tax

Although a 4c per pack cigarette tax and increased income taxes have been endorsed by the House of Representatives as the answer to Oregon's 1963-65 revenue needs, strong indications are that the Senate won't see things this way.

These two bills, along with several others approved by the House in its "tax package" to raise about \$60 million more during the coming biennium, are now being considered by the Senate Taxation Committee.

We talked with its chairman, Senator Boyd Overhulse, who represents Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson and Lake Counties. The Madras Democrat is a past president of the Senate. He was elected to that post as a freshman senator during the 1957 session.

"I doubt if the Senate will adopt a cigarette tax," he said, adding that it may not even get out of the Taxation Committee. "As of now, the Committee members are split 4-3 against it. We probably will hold it, until we see if it really needed."

"If a cigarette tax does pass the Senate, it would only be as a last-ditch measure to meet the state's budget needs," he feels.

"A cigarette tax is not an easy tax to justify," Sen. Overhulse added. "It's just a form of sales tax." He emphasized that he also opposes a general sales tax—an opinion which seems to have strong support in the Senate.

"A sales tax would just give Oregon another new tax," he explained. "It wouldn't provide enough revenue to eliminate our income tax."

We asked him for his views on the income tax bill (H. B. 18-46), approved by the House.

"I think the Senate will modify this bill," he said, "and attempt to get most of the needed revenue from it, rather than combining it with a cigarette tax and the so-called 'one-shot' approaches." Sen. Overhulse implied that the \$60 million figure might be too high, and that perhaps less revenue would be needed.

He said that income tax base-broadening is necessary, and that he "favors everybody paying a little toward the costs of government—but not to the point where it creates a hardship on the low-income groups."

"You can't get blood out of a turnip," he added.

He personally favors a minimum filing fee, advocated by Senate President Ben Musa and his wife, rep. Katherine M. u. s. a. This involves a minimum non-refundable charge of from \$5 to \$7.50 to be paid by each taxpayer. It, in itself, would broaden the tax base.

"We have asked the State Tax Commission to provide us with information on the effect of such a minimum tax," Sen. Overhulse said. "And we also have requested data on what minimum filing fees of from \$10 to \$15 would produce."

He commented on the criticism of the House-passed income tax bill, mainly by businessmen and the Portland Chamber of Commerce, who claim that it doesn't broaden the base enough and would be harmful to attracting new capital and potential investors to Oregon.

"I'm not very concerned with these criticisms," he replied, adding that he doesn't believe they are too valid.

"But I can say that when the Senate gets through with the income tax bill, its present critics

are going to like it even less," Sen. Overhulse warned.

He did admit that the House version, which changes the present 5 percent optional standard deduction (short form) to 10 percent, "is not a move in the right direction, because it won't raise the money we need."

The substitution of a \$22 tax credit for each dependent, to be subtracted from the total tax after it is computed, "is a better approach" than the present \$600 dependency and personal exemptions, Sen. Overhulse feels.

Inasmuch as the Senate Taxation Committee had not heard testimony on the income tax or cigarette tax bills at the time of our interview, Sen. Overhulse said he could not accurately predict the final version of the Senate's tax plan.

"We do hope to come out with a bill that is fair and equitable to all Oregonians," he said. Of course, there will be some complaining. But that is the people's right. It is also their right to initiate a referendum if they feel the tax is too far off base.

"If they feel that way, that's their right, and I'm all for it," Sen. Overhulse feels the chance Sen. Overhulse feels the chances are "10-1 that the voters

would refer a cigarette tax" if the Legislature imposes it.

"And they would probably rescind it, too," he predicted. "After all, they've done it before."

### 4-H CLUB NEWS

The Busy oCokers met April 3 at the Rufus school with leader, Mrs. McVicker. Debra called the meeting to order. Beverlie H brought cookies. Patty and Jeri made tang. There were 9 members and 3 ex-used. Jane explained the final version of our records.

Kathy Sue Steward reported. The Busy Bumble Bees met at Mrs. Tsubota's home, she and her daughter Karen being the leaders. Due to absence of most of the members there wasn't a business meeting and we worked on our projects.

Barbara Williams, reporter. The sixth meeting of the Sweater Girls Knitting club was called to order Thursday, April 4. The new vice-president is Gloria Gelsner. The minutes were read. 13 members were present. There was one visitor. We adjourned at 4:30.

Maurine King, reporter

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### WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDER

In a just concluded poll of the nation's independent businessmen, 83% voted for a reduction in income taxes only if government expenditures are likewise reduced.

For those who think that everyone is selfish, this is perhaps a startling return, as obviously, those in this majority who are unincorporated business proprietors would save some money on a tax reduction.



Yet, there would appear to be a patriotic realization that tax cuts without reduction in government spending is a road to national ruin.

And while no one seems to argue with the premise that the nation should buy a military defense second to none in effectiveness, the idea has not been sold that there can be defense and economy, too.

As every businessman knows, tightening up on overhead usually does not involve tremendous slashes in any one direction. Rather, it is usually eliminating a few dollars of expense here, a few hundred some other place.

A perfect illustration of how business waste the taxpayers' money is given by a recent activity by the Labor Department. This department has never spent on the payroll.

There was sent out to newspapers a series of eight cards on "Carbons entitled 'The Waste'." One features the following: National Federation of Independent Business

Chicago Haymarket Riot in 1886 in which eight policemen were killed. It ignores the fact that no civilians were killed, only policemen. It attributes the riot entirely to agitation for an eight hour day although historians say the riot was promoted by Balkan anarchists. But regardless of the facts the cartoon goes on to state that this focused attention on labor's fight so that today there is the forty hour week.

Now a riot in 1886 is hardly "hot news" to a newspaper today, and it also seems a stretch of imagination to visualize a riot in 1886 being responsible for a 40 hour week today.

But leaving that aside, the mechanical cost of making the engravings, electrotypes, and sets of mats to send to some 3,000 publications probably ran in excess of \$10,000. Added to this is the cost of the art work, the salaries of the press agents, the envelopes, and the postage that would have been paid if the material had not gone through the mails for free, and a cost of \$50,000 is likely.

This is equivalent to all the income tax paid for a year by 80 average families with incomes of \$8,000 per year.

Now \$50,000 does not loom too large against a \$300 billion national debt. But neither is this example an isolated instance of the taxpayers' money going down the drain through idleness.

Thus, independent business proprietors are quite sure that if a tax reduction of some \$12 billion is good for the economy, \$12 billion can also be cut off from government waste with no disfigurement in any way to some bureaucrats.

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