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EDITORIALS

A HISTORIC DECISION

The historic Supreme Court decision of March 27, which held, in the words of Justice Stone, that there is no constitutional immunity "from income taxation of officers or employees of the national or a state government or their instrumentalities," apparently removes all legal obstacles in the way of a reform that has long been advocated.

It has been generally believed that it would be unconstitutional for any branch of government to tax the workers of another, and it has been argued that an amendment to the constitution would be necessary to make that possible. This decision, in deciding that the federal government and the states would not hamper or burden each other by extending their taxing power to government workers, now makes that argument completely invalid.

The President of the United States, other high government officials, business leaders, newspapers, and a large number of economists have all pointed to the unfairness of tax freedom for government workers. In a great many cases these workers receive higher salaries than they would be paid for comparable work in private business. During recent years especially, thousands upon thousands of additional persons have been placed on

the public payrolls, and a good proportion of them receive salaries ranging from \$5,000 to \$12,000 a year. Certainly there is no justice or reason in permitting these people to go tax free—while persons in private industry with incomes as low as \$1,000 are taxed to maintain them.

There are about 3,500,000 persons now employed by government. A large number of them, of course, have salaries which fall below the exemptions allowed in the income tax laws. But many enjoy salaries above those limits and they should be taxed precisely as anyone else in the same income bracket is taxed. This will bring in substantial additional revenue to government—and at the same time it should have an excellent moral effect on the government officials and employees who control the spending.

So what?—

It's good to have money and the things that money can buy; But it's good too, to check up Once in a while and make sure you haven't Lost the things that money can't buy.

Susie, a little 4-year old Central Point girl received a whipping from her mamma last week and went to her grandpa for sympathy. After being duly petted, her grandfather started to talk to another party standing by and made the remark, "That D— liquor". Immediately Susie spoke up "My mamma is a D— licker."

This is the way a news story was given to a reporter yesterday—Werner Roast, Paper Staff, tonight, Jackson Hot.

It has been reported to us that the Civic club ladies are planning to build a pool in the city park and plant catfish to raise funds, and also to draw larger percentage of the more high-brow people to our town as the club always works for all civic betterment.

Misses Penland, Pepper and Thompson picking out slacks and sweaters to wear to a werner roast in the hope that the werner roast will come along.

R. H. Moore advising Lu Smith that he would rather starve and have it over with than thin onions in the hot sun. He was sitting in the shade while delivering this interesting lecture. He also gave this reporter a little lecture about not wanting his name in print.

Candid camera week is over. It is now possible to walk around the corner of the school building, munching an apple or with your right face on, without fear of seeing a picture of same in the 1939 number of "THE POINTER ANNUAL."

Spencer Baxter tried his luck at badminton Sunday and was grieved to learn that it is not always wise to say, "Aw, I can beat both of you gals at once."

Mr. Harrison thinks that it is a fine thing when a bicycle will outrun his ford. But as Mr. Harrison points out, "It takes time to start a ford, whereas all a bicycle rider has to do is hop on his rusty steed and be off."

The flowers that bloom in the spring tra-la felt a slight touch of winter last week and wished they hadn't.

Anyone wishing to hear about the world's most painful operation may do so by calling on Harold Pierce. Anyone NOT wishing to hear about it will do well not to get within shouting distance of the young man.

A local youth got up at five thirty the other morning to play tennis. It is not believed that he would get up that early to mow the lawn.

Hal Jewett went to the rescue of his dog the other day, when a larger dog threatened to chew Hal's dog to ribbons. Hal's dog then turned around and bit him. Hal has a sore thumb as a result but vows he would rescue his dozzie again.

Our humble apologies go to the gentleman we accused of social climbing and neglecting his exercise. It now comes to light that all badminton equipment was available and after all any man is entitled to an evening with the school masters club, providing the gentleman is a school master; and he is!

We went into a ladies' shop in Medford the other day and were treated to the sight and sounds of clerks being hilarious over a shipment of summer hats for milady. They had reason to be hilarious.

Nels Florry caught a nice lot of fish opening day but feels he would have had better luck if he had gone the day before the season opened. He feeling the fish knew he was coming opening day and went into hiding.

Ayers' Infant Is Summoned by Death

Sharon Lee Ayres, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russel V. Ayres of 225 North Holly street, Medford, passed away at a local hospital on Tuesday evening, April 18.

Besides her parents, Sharon Lee is survived by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ward McReynolds of Medford and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Ayres of Jacksonville.

GRANGE NOTES

The regular meeting of the Grange will be April 21st at 8 P.M. There will be special instruction in Grange work and Mr. Brainerd will tell us some interesting things about his recent trip to Texas.

Jackson County Wins Award in Health Contest

Award of merit in the fifth annual Rural Health Conservation contest, sponsored by the United States Chamber of Commerce and the American Public Health Association was won this week by Jackson County. Receipt of the award was announced by Dr. A. E. Merkel, public health officer, who stated that this was the first time in a number of years that Jackson county had entered, and the first time she had received the coveted award, sharing honors with just four other counties west of the Rocky mountains.

First prize in the western division was awarded Los Angeles county, California. No other wards went to that state, the others coming to counties in Oregon and Washington. Other Oregon counties honored were Marion and Wasco.

The contest is financed by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Mich., and awards are made on the effectiveness with which a community is meeting its health programs. Each community is appraised

on what measures it takes to provide and safeguard its water supply; to furnish adequate and safe sewerage disposal; to reduce infant and maternal deaths; to combat tuberculosis and syphilis; to protect its citizens against other communicable diseases; to insure healthy children; to protect and safeguard its milk and other foods; to promote effective cooperation with its physicians and dentists in furnishing necessary services to all those who need them; and to enlarge and improve its lay understanding of ways and means of preventing sickness and death and of maintaining good health.

These contests are said to be the most effective means of stimulating adequate health protection and health promotion services yet devised in this country.

This year was the first time that Jackson county had entered the contest since extending the health department staff to its present size, and the award received is the first to come to this section from this contest.

In announcing receipt of the award Dr. Merkel stated that the county health department had received the cooperation of the health committee of the Jackson County chamber of commerce and of the county school superintendent's office in preparing the data for entrance in the contest.

Past Matrons Club Entertain Husbands

The Past Matrons club of Nevita Chapter O.E.S. met at the Masonic Temple Wednesday, April 18 for a 6:30 P.M. dinner to which the husbands and families were invited.

About 65 were seated at the beautifully decorated tables which were laden with the best of food.

Led by Ed. Vincent, all joined in singing several old time songs.

Then a guest from Rockfort Chapter, Ill., Mrs. Ella Rowan, favored us with three of her famous readings, two illustrating the old fashioned spelling, and third was "People Will Talk", which was greatly enjoyed by all.

Miss Alice Hanley gave a most interesting talk on the Indian situation in our valley in early days, which held the listeners tense, especially the children.

The remainder of the evening was spent in playing various games.

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The light-heavyweight champion, loser to Lott last week on a foul, came back to grab their rematch (which Lott demanded) by slamming Jimmy to the mat with a pile-driver after 20 minutes of alley brawling. It was the lone fall of the match, and left Lott so shaken he was unable to continue.

Pete Belcastro's painful bouncing surfboard proved too potent for Vern Clark in a brutally-fought middle

event, and the Mad Italian grabbed the squabble, two falls to one. Young Ken Ackes, like last Monday, was no match for Phil Romano in the opener, the big Aztec Indian grabbing tumbles in the first and third rounds.

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