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editorially speaking . . .

WE'RE IN FAVOR!

This week we're gonna' hang our chin out concerning two items which have been kicked around in past weeks all over the state.

One is a state sales tax and the other is fluoridation of drinking water.

We are in favor of both!

First, we would like to see a three per cent state sales tax established along with the abandonment of the state income tax. We have personal hatred for a state income tax. In addition, this type of state tax, we feel, is unfair in that it is not a just tax on all residents of the state. Too few are carrying the burden for too many.

If a state sales tax were passed, residents could be relieved of a great share of the present high property tax. Tourists, who make up Oregon's second greatest industry, would contribute hugely to the state's tax coffers and ease the burden on state residents.

A poll conducted at the April 6 Oregon Tax Clinic in Salem showed a desire for a sales tax. Results to three questions in the poll were as follows:

Three out of four persons filling in the forms liked a sales tax, excluding food, to replace the 45 per cent personal income tax surtax and provide for a 20 per cent property tax reduction. Sixty-four per cent favored a sales tax, including food, to replace the surtax and income tax on family incomes under \$5000 and reduce property taxes by approximately 10 per cent.

Last of the three in order of popularity was a sales tax, excluding food, to replace the surtax and lift the income tax load from family incomes of less than \$5000. This idea was acceptable to 60 per cent of the respondents who recorded an opinion on the sales tax.

We sincerely hope some form of sales tax measure appears on the ballot this year and that it passes decisively.

Now for the fluoridation measure . . . we again favor this form of preventative medicine.

Research has shown it is not harmful. Fluoridated water benefits young children, primarily. The cost is not prohibitive. Doctors and dentists endorse the program.

With this mass of data favoring fluoridation, we feel there are very few sound arguments which can stand in opposition.

Again, we would like to see the guiding lights of the Medford Water Commission introduce a fluoridation program which would serve up fluoridated water for Central Point.

Book Briefs

From Central Point
Public Library

Avis Van Hoy

IMPERIAL WOMAN

By Pearl S. Buck

In this novel the author brings again to the reader an interesting, moving novel, full of interest, and giving an even greater understanding of the Chinese people, their customs, and beliefs.

It is the story of Orchid, a woman who was to be the last Empress of China, for during the time she and her son ruled the empire, the western world began to disrupt the way of life for the

Chinese.

After the birth of her son, Orchid became powerful in the affairs of her government, for as mother of the heir to the throne, her wishes were always carried out. While her son was still a small boy, the Emperor died, and Orchid, in order to secure the rule of the land for her son, took steps to gain the rule for herself, and until her son was old enough to become Emperor, she ruled her people with a firm, but just rule.

Then tragedy fell, and once again she had to take over the throne, in order to keep it for her nephew, who was to follow in her son's place.

All through the years she had

the constant advice and help of Jung Lu, her cousin, and with whom she shared a secret, that if known by any other person, could have ruined all she had worked so hard to attain, and could have meant death for both of them.

In her old age, she finally had to accept the fact that the white people were coming to her country, and seeing that she could make it easier for her people, she finally accepted the people from the other side of the world, and thus brought about the beginning of the end to the way of life her people had followed for many centuries, for with the white people came new things and new customs, which in a few years changed the Chinese people.

Mayor Faber Named Chairman of Smith For Governor Group

Mayor Donald E. Faber of Central Point has been named chairman of the local Elmo Smith for Governor Committee, R. A. (Dick) Rawlinson of Salem, state chairman of the Elmo Smith for Governor Committee, has announced.

Other committee members named so far in Central Point include Mrs. Chester Ashton, William Askwith, Otto Bohnert, Kenneth R. Beebe, Frank Hammond and William B. Keizer.

"We feel very fortunate in having a person of Mayor Faber's caliber as head of the Elmo

Smith campaign in Central Point," Rawlinson said. "We expect to conduct a vigorous statewide drive to keep Elmo Smith as governor of Oregon, but will also depend on a grass-roots campaign to permit every voter in the state to become acquainted with Governor Smith's abilities and accomplishments."

"Governor Smith's demonstrated leadership, intimate knowledge of state government, business know-how, integrity and genuine friendliness will assure Oregon another term of top-notch government," Rawlinson added.

Mallon Takes Part In Marine Assault

BARKING SANDS, KAUAI, T. H. (Special)—"Operation Mauka" first full-scale assault by Marines of the 1st Provisional Marine Air-Ground Task Force was marked with landings on this Hawaiian island from sea and air shortly after dawn on April 7.

Participating in the exercises with the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, was Pfc Harry S. Mallon, grandson off Mrs. Carrie G. Mallon, Rt. 2, Central Point.

Gossett Registers For Beaver Preview

Morton Gossett, Crater High school student, has registered with Oregon State college to participate April 20 to 22 in senior weekend activities.

Others may be included since

all seniors have the opportunity to take part in the weekend program.

Senior weekend is held annually by all colleges in the state system to give high school seniors a chance to explore courses of study and educational and career opportunities. At OSC, the weekend is known as "Beaver Preview."

Two Engineers Talk To Crater High Boys

R. S. Daniels and F. A. Benesh, representing the Southern Oregon Society of Engineers, were at Crater High school Tuesday talking to boys interested in the engineering profession.

The two men talked of the future in engineering and showed a color film of the COPCO project on the North Umpqua river.

Daniels is a retired electrical engineer associated with COPCO and Benesh is COPCO district manager.

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From where I sit . . . by Joe Marsh

They Travel "In Class"

Our high school correspondent says that Economics and Geography students are going in for "grass roots" studying.

They're going to charter buses and take off on Operation See-For-Yourself—have a ten-day look at some of the things they've been studying about.

As I remember, it was hard to keep your mind on schoolbooks at this time of year. Today's kids can give in to that old urge to bust out of the classroom—with a clear conscience. Wish they'd take me along.

From where I sit, it doesn't hurt us *adults*, either, to get out and see how the rest of the country lives. We find the "typical American" doing everything from herding cattle to flying planes . . . with everything from steak to chowder for his favorite dish . . . everything from beer to butter-milk for his favorite beverage. And the more we study our *differences* the more we learn how *alike* everyone is underneath.

Joe Marsh

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