

EDITORIAL



Sales Tax Bobs Up Again

Faced with the necessity of raising revenues far in excess of the ability of current sources to produce, the Oregon legislature is almost sure to trot out another sales tax measure. It is not of the legislators' choosing but a matter forced upon them by the people in voting measures calling for additional revenues but not providing the means other than to say that the legislature will be charged with the duty of finding the money.

Proponents of the education bill were warned by legislators that the tax barrel had been scraped clean and that a new source of revenue would have to be created if a property tax levy is to be avoided. Property owners had the same warning but they voted in favor of the measure, enough of them at least to help put it over.

One of the arguments advanced by the proponents was that this was a measure in which all citizens would join in meeting the additional cost of operating the schools. At the same time it was suggested that a property tax could be levied to meet that cost. That is a fact. Such a levy could be made without bankrupting the property owners, but why penalize them when through a sales tax non-property owners could meet their share of the obligation and in doing so perhaps eliminate the property tax. That is something that most likely will come in for a lot of debating when the legislature takes up the matter of funding the school bill and other measures requiring new finances.

Shows Improvement

President Truman's message on the "state of the nation" appears to have met with more favor than similar messages delivered in the past. Nothing sensational was injected and the President evidently made an earnest attempt to present the situation as it exists. He did not agree with some of the proposals made relative to limiting the country's sphere of influence but he did show a tendency to accept constructive criticism in a manner not heretofore tolerated by him. To that extent he has made a long step in the direction of effecting solidarity and unity of purpose in coping with the grave problems the nation is facing.

The President has asked that party lines be forgotten and also indicated that he is willing to set aside his social program in favor of the one great effort to place the nation on a footing to meet any emergency.

This is truly a reversal of form and something that will meet with the approval of the public, albeit some of the senators and representatives who have been in direct contact with the trudeal will do some watchful waiting before committing themselves in an open hearted manner to the program laid out by Mr. Truman. This will not

deter Congress from getting down to business and cooperating with the administration in turning out the legislation required, for after all a nation at war or threatened with war can't be bothered with petty internal strife. Not on the surface, at least.

Still Going Strong

Contrary to the stated opinions of some of our citizens at the time it was organized, the Heppner Chamber of Commerce is still in operation and it might be said is still going strong. Membership has fluctuated some throughout the ten years of its existence but in the main it has remained at a point where effective operation has been possible at all times. Attendance has been good ever since adoption of the Monday luncheon schedule and the club enters upon the eleventh year with the prospect of attaining larger attendance and extending its services to include a wider sphere of activities.

This column bespeaks for J. R. Huffman and his board of directors a year of accomplishment through cooperation with the membership, the other civic groups and the citizens at large.

A Well Organized Campaign

Every person in Morrow county will be given an opportunity to contribute to the March of Dimes and many who in the past have slighted this worthy cause may find themselves confronted by a committee worker who will urge that they do not follow that course this year. So urgent is the call for funds to continue the war on polio that the slogan might as well be changed to "March of Dollars".

No one is immune to disease—any disease—except through methods of immunization, and these are not always fool proof. Polio certainly is no respecter of persons or families, striking rich and poor alike. In the case of the rich it is not a matter of finances so much as it is in getting the proper care. People of lesser means, because of the unusual expense attached to treating of the disease, find it necessary to seek assistance from the polio fund. If that fund is low there are many victims that will go without proper treatment.

Let us forget about the dimes, those of us who are able, and think in terms of dollars this year. Despite the advances made in combatting the disease, polio is on the increase and we never know when an epidemic may break out at home.

THE SECRET IS OUT

Women have always coveted beauty rather than brains, because they have always known that men can see better than they can think—Christmas Chimes.



LEGISLATURE UNDER WAY

Last Friday and Saturday Oregon's capital city absorbed the 86 legislators who live in other parts of the state and more than 200 attaches and lobbyists and has rooms to spare. The managers of the two large hotels and of several large apartment houses deny the story that Salem is crowded during legislature.

The caucus of the senate was held in the senate office rooms and that of the House in the Senator hotel, Senator Paul Patterson of Hillsboro was elected president of the senate by an unanimous vote and John Steelhammer was elected speaker of the House.

Both houses convened at 10 a. m. Monday. Senate President Patterson had the usual 30 committees of the senate cut to 20 largely by combining existing committees.

Early announcements of senate committee chairmen included: Ways and Means, Senator Howard C. Belton of Clackamas; Assessment and Taxation, Senator Dean Walker of Polk and Benton; Elections and Privileges, Senator Eugene E. Marsh of Yamhill; Labor and Industries, Senator Phillip S. Hitchcock of Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Klamath and Lake counties (largest senatorial district in the state); Military Affairs, Senator Marie E. Wilcox of Josephine; chairman of the new legal committee went to Senator William Walsh of Coos and Curry who was president of the senate in 1949; Public Buildings and Institutions, Senator Russel L. Gardner of Lincoln and Tillamook; Railroads and Utilities, Senator Frederick S. Lamport of Marion; Agriculture, Senator Carl Engdahl of Umatilla; Livestock, Senator Elmo Smith of Grant, Harney and Malheur counties; Engrossed Bills, Senator Frank H. Hilton of Multnomah.

Principal house committee chairmanships as announced are: Ways and Means, Henry Semon of Klamath; Taxation, Rudie Wilhelm Jr., Multnomah; Education, Pat Lonergan of Multnomah; State and Federal Affairs, Earl E. Fisher of Washington; Social Welfare, Joseph E. Harvey of Multnomah; Medical Affairs, Dr. F. H. Dammasch of Multnomah; Agriculture, Herman H. Chindgren of Clackamas; Food and Dairying, J. S. Greenwood of Clackamas; Financial Institutions, Harvey Wells of Multnomah; Labor and Industries, Gust Anderson of Multnomah, and Engrossed and Enrolled Bills, Henry E. Peterson of Gilliam, Morrow, Sherman and Wheeler.

In a joint session held in the house at 2 p. m. Governor Douglas McKay was inaugurated as governor for a four-year term, succeeding himself. After being sworn in he delivered his biennial message to the assembled lawmakers. Governor and Mrs. McKay held a public reception in the governor's offices during the afternoon.

The state budget for 1951-53 biennium as submitted by Budget Director Harry Dorman shows a deficit of \$33,969,005 after a reduction of \$27,100,000 which he accomplished with increased revenues and elimination of various appropriations.

Oregon legislators who now receive \$1200 a biennium are only about twice as well paid as the lawmakers of their grandfathers' days, when the pay was \$2 a day for a 40-day session.

DEMOCRATS ASTIR

"Nothing like an early start!" This seems to be the hunch Oregon democratic leaders get when they visit "the folks back home" in Washington, D. C. and why an "inventory" meeting was held in Portland last week. They started the 1952 campaign even before the victorious republican governor was sworn in.

Big names in Oregon democracy from all over the state attended.

Here are excerpts of what they had to say:

"What we need to do is to take stock of our party; its program and methods of conducting itself in Oregon."—Les Josslyn, state chairman.

"The national committee looks at Oregon as one of the states which showed great progress in the 1950 election."—Monroe Sweetland, national committeeman.

"Our state political platforms have failed to enlighten the people."—Ex-Governor Oswald West,

CHURCHES

ALL SAINTS MEMORIAL CHURCH—Episcopal
Holy Communion, 8 a. m.
Church School 9:45 a. m.
Morning prayer and sermon, 11 o'clock.
Holy Communion on Wednesday at 10 a. m.
Boy choir meets 2:30 to 4 p. m. on Wednesdays; girls choir Wednesday at 4; adult choir Thursday evening at 8.
Boy Scouts 7:30 to 9 Wednesday evening.

METHODIST CHURCH
J. Palmer Sorlien, Minister
Morning Worship and Sermon at 11 a. m. Sermon topic: "The Alternative of Faith". Special music by the choir, Oliver Creswick, director.
Sunday Church School at 9:45 a. m. A class for every age from three years old through Adult Bible class; also Youth Fellowship Class at this same hour. Oliver Creswick, superintendent.
Choir practice at 7:30 p. m., Thursday.

The Womans Society of Christian Service meets the first Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m. Suzanna Wesley Circle of the Womans Society of Christian Service meets the third Wednesday of each month at 2 p. m.
Our family service with the subject "Global Christianity" will be held on January 30.

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7:45 p. m. Tuesday, cottage prayer meeting.

7:45 p. m. Thursday, Bible study and prayer meeting.
Some have asked the question "Where shall I go when I die?" Where do you go now you are alive? The answer to the first question may depend very much upon the answer to the second. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life."

CHURCH OF CHRIST
R. J. McKowen, Pastor
Sunday services 9:45 a. m. Bible school, with classes for all; C. W. Barlow, superintendent. 11 a. m., morning worship and communion; installation of church officers will follow the morning service this Sunday. Evening service, 7:30 p. m. Young people's fellowship, 6 p. m.; devotional service at 6:30, led by Mrs. Robert Walker.
Thursday, 7 p. m., choir practice, followed by Bible study and prayer meeting at 8 o'clock.

DEATH STRUCK OFTEN ON OREGON ROADS IN MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Death struck seven times for each one hundred million miles of travel on Oregon streets and highways during November, according to Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry.

The figure, Newbry said, shows a slight drop from the October death rate and was accompanied by a drop in gasoline sales. The death rate is arrived at by computing the number of deaths per one hundred million miles driven.

Although the November gallonage was lower than the preceding month, Newbry said, it did show an increase of 11,048,562.20 gallons over November of 1949.

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SCOUT EXECUTIVES OF THREE COUNTIES TO MEET

The January meeting of the Covered Wagon district, Boy Scouts of America, will be held in Heppner on Tuesday, January 16, at the Methodist Church, starting at 8:00 p. m. District and unit scouters from Morrow, Gilliam, and Wheeler counties will attend.

These monthly scouters' meetings are for all district scouters, Institutional Representatives, Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Assistants, Pack and Troop Committeemen, and Den Mothers.



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30 Years Ago

January 13, 1921

Dr. Chick reports the arrival at the Elmer Griffiths home in Ione,

Saturday, Jan. 9, of a daughter. David A. Wilson and Miss Lucille Elder, popular young people of Heppner, were married at the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. Alva Jones, Saturday evening.

W. B. Barratt, newly appointed highway commissioner, left this morning for Portland to look after business matters.

The total enrollment in Heppner schools is 352. There were 219 students neither absent nor tardy during the month of December.

Marie and Helen Curran are new students in high school, bringing the enrollment there to 97.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Clark returned from Portland where Mr. Clark attended the irrigation congress from the John Day district.

Miss Katie Minert, newly elected county treasurer, handed her resignation to the county court, it was learned Saturday. For the present, T. J. Humphreys will continue in the office.

Harry and Charley Johnson were called to Salem the latter part of the week because of the serious illness of their father, Henry Johnson.

Waldo Vincent, mayor of Lena, was doing business in Heppner Saturday. Nice winter weather prevails out his way.

A WORD OF THANKS

It is our desire to thank everyone who assisted us and for the flowers and cards received following the accident which laid up most of the family for a few days. We especially want to thank our Gooseberry neighbors who so thoughtfully helped with the chores, and the Ione people who picked up our things thrown from the car by the impact of the crash.
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