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A Big Headache Coming Up

Art Steele, publisher of the Clatskanie Chief, made some very interesting, even if not pleasant, observations last week in his newspaper column The Trident.

The subject he discusses is not a pleasant one, for it concerns the state's tax problems, but like it or not, we're going to have to face up to some major decisions next year in the matter of state finances and we may as well start thinking about it now. He says:

Have you noticed how much space has been given in the papers since the election concerning the serious financial condition of the state? A fact entirely ignored or passed over lightly and even denied by people who should know, before the election.

And Oregon is not alone in this situation. The other coast states are similarly financially embarrassed.

We notice that Governor Patterson estimates the extra money to be raised at \$60,000,000. The Journal in an interesting editorial Monday estimated the deficit at \$67,000,000 maximum and this did not include the new general mental hospital slated for Portland.

The Journal editorial is worth reading in full but we will give here some of its observations.

A property tax will raise \$29,000,000 if levied to the 6-mil limitation with still a \$37,000,000 deficit.

Suggestions given by the Journal as possible are eliminating credit for federal income tax payments on state income tax returns with a \$13,000,000 return; raising the state income tax rate 1 1/2 percent in each classification for a possible \$15,000,000.

Placing a 70% surtax on taxable incomes above \$7,000 for maybe \$14,000,000; a 3% sales tax which would raise \$60,000,000 or \$45,000,000 if food were exempted.

A 4c cigarette tax for \$7,000,000; or eliminating corporate excise tax exemptions for \$2,500,000; or taking away all personal exemptions, together with credits for dependents, \$28,000,000.

The Journal points out that all these suggestions are speculative and have not been seriously proposed although some of them will appear in bill form this winter.

Interesting too, is the fact that the Oregon Farm Bureau at Medford came out for a sales tax which has been turned down time and time again by the people. A labor leader in Portland suggests seeing that all property is taxed, a possible increase in income taxes and finally a sales tax.

The cure for the financial condition is either drastically cutting expenditures, and the people (you) are demanding more instead of less, or heavier and new taxes.

In the end it will be you that will decide for any new tax will very probably be brought by referendum for you to decide.

An informed citizenry is essential to the right solution.

From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

Last week's annual meeting of the Oregon Wheat Growers League held in Portland proved to be the best working annual meeting yet attended. Everyone was aware of the fact that there were many important problems confronting the wheat farmer and all participated in discussion leading to recommendations for their possible solution. Like always, there were many controversial subjects and the majority determined their disposition.

Morrow county while not as well represented as some years at the annual meeting, had thirty at the convention participating in the six committee meetings. Congratulations are in order for Kenneth Smouse, Ione, who was elected president of the Oregon Wheat Growers League for 1955.

The Morrow County Fair and Rodeo have just approved the sealing of the fair pavilion. This will enable the pavilion to be more easily heated and to encourage more use of the building. They have also purchased 150 folding chairs which is in line with their program of improvement on the buildings and the grounds.

Did you know that every rat on the farm will eat \$2.00 worth of feed each year, and for every dollar worth that he eats, another \$10.00 worth may be contaminated. Each pair of rats could produce and raise fifty more rats in a year. Warfarin has proven to be effective in the control of this pest. It is not only an excellent poison for controlling rats but the rats never realize what is killing them. This is somewhat different from other rat poisons in that poisons used in the past were effective for a while, but the rats soon caught

on to what was happening. Warfarin can be purchased in concentrated form for mixing with baits for home use or in a prepared bait. Now is the time of the year to use it before the rat population builds up on your premises.

Many home orchard and common garden diseases of ornamentals, shrubs, and annuals are carried over from year to year on old dead leaves. Such rose diseases as rust and leaf spot overwinter on old leaves or beneath the plants. Apple scab, pear scab, camellia blight and several others are reproduced from year to year on leaves or on old flower petals. Raking and cleaning up between rainy spells during the next few weeks will give a good start on next year's disease control. Dispose of the leaves by burying them at the bottom of the compost pile. This raking and general clean up operation can be repeated again in mid-winter or the early spring months when dormant spray applications are commonly made on rose bushes.

Capital Parade by Murray Wade

LIQUOR PROBE DUE
An independent investigation into charges that certain officials and employees of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission had accepted gratuities and gifts from distillery representatives was announced by Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton, just before

starting on a flying trip to West Virginia Saturday where he spoke Monday at the National Attorney General's Conference.

Thornton said: "Contrary to general assumption and several statements made in the past few days there is a specific provision of Oregon law which prohibits all public officers and employees from accepting gifts and gratuities from persons, firms or corporations contracting or dealing with the state."

HIGHER EDUCATION BILLS
Schools, colleges and universities under the direction of the State Board of Higher Education will require expenditures for new buildings and additions during the biennium of \$7,665,000.

Here are the figures arrived at Tuesday when the board met in Salem and announced the following as priorities:

Ore. State College	\$3,800,000
University of Ore.	\$2,050,000
Portland State Ext.	\$ 850,000
So. Ore. Col. of Ed.	\$ 715,000
East Ore. Col. of Ed.	\$ 250,000

The legislature will be asked to provide the money for the above.

OREGON FAIR DATES SET
The Oregon Fairs Assn. set the date for the 1955 State Fair for Sept. 3-10.

These county fair dates were set:
Clackamas, Sept. 3-10; Columbia, Aug. 18-21; Crook, Aug. 12-14; Deschutes, Aug. 26-28; Douglas, Aug. 26-28; Grant Sept. 21-24; Jefferson, Sept. 1-3; Josephine, Aug. 17-20; Lake, Sept. 3-5; Lane, Sept. 14-18; Linn, Aug. 22-24; Polk, Aug. 26-28; Sherman, Sept. 8-11; Tillamook, Aug. 17-20; Umatilla, Aug. 17-20; Union, Sept. 15-17; Wasco, Aug. 25-28; Washington, Aug. 25-28; Yamhill, Aug. 25-27.

The Oregon Wheat League's junior fat stock show was set for June 6-8 at The Dalles.

STATE FAIR OFFICIAL DIES
John Kelley, secretary of the Oregon State Fair Board, was stricken with a heart attack Fri-

DONALD DUCK By Walt Disney
MUSH, BOYS! WE'RE OFF ON OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SEAL CRUSADE AND WON'T BE BACK TILL WE DOUBLE LAST YEAR'S SALE!
Help Fight TB
Buy Christmas Seals

day night while refereeing the South Salem-Roosevelt basketball contest in Salem. He was pronounced dead by two physicians present.

The all-state player and most valuable player in 1933 had a physical examination Friday morning and was thought to be in excellent health.

WHAT ABOUT DRUNKEN DRIVERS?

The menace of drunken drivers on the highways of Oregon is getting worse each year. They have increased 100 per cent in the past five years.

There are more arrests made for drunken driving during October than in any month in the history of the state, according to the last report of the Department of State Police.

Law enforcement officers have worked hard on this, one of the most aggravating and treacherous categories of crime they have to meet. Judges have increased fines and sentences but the menace grows.

Here are the figures for the past five years for the month of October:

Year	Arrests	Fine	Sent.
1950	77	\$10,267	1284
1951	84	11,789	1433
1952	97	14,900	1248
1953	110	17,242	1485
1954	147	22,447	1611

Randall Peterson has been at home on a 13 day leave from Fort Ord, Calif. visiting with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Peterson.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

December 11, 1924

The largest still so far captured and brought to Heppner was taken in charge by the Officers Hoskins and Cox Wednesday afternoon.

Walter Luckman was in town from Lena on Tuesday and states that there is considerable feeding of stock out that way.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilman Hogue and daughter of Gooseberry were visitors here on Tuesday.

New prices announced on Fords: runabout \$260; Touring car \$290; Coupe \$520; Tudor sedan \$580; Fordor sedan \$660; Truck chassis \$365.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Grady of Lexington entertained with a bridge party Friday night. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Frederickson, Mrs. E. E. Lucas of Wasco, the Misses Vail, Grogan, Lemory and McNeill, Messrs Ralph Phillips, Gerald White and Tom Barnett. The prize winners were Mrs. F. Lucas and Mr. Barnett.

Union gas was 24c a gallon at Ferguson Bros. service station and garage.

Howard Reed and Howard Cleveland were in Eugene last week to attend a school meeting.

NOW YOU CAN GIVE-OR GET- SOLID STERLING SILVER FOR AS LITTLE AS \$3.50
IN Gorham STERLING
Most-wanted gift items to complete or start a sterling service
TEASPOON 3.50 3.75 3.75 3.75 4.00 4.25
PICKLE FORK 4.50 4.75 4.75 4.75 4.75 5.00
SUGAR SPOON 5.25 6.00 6.00 6.00 6.00 6.25
BUTTER KNIFE 7.25 8.00 8.00 8.00 7.50 8.25
GRAVY LADLE 10.75 12.00 12.00 12.00 12.50 12.50
SALAD SET, SERVING 13.50 13.50 13.50 13.50 13.50 13.50
GIFT WRAPPED
... and for STERLING STARTERS with budgets:
Take home all you want - pay as you use it.
PLACE-SETTING 27.50 29.75 29.75 29.75 32.50 32.50 \$5.00 Per Week
4 PLACE-SETTING 77.00 83.00 83.00 83.00 88.00 90.00 \$5.00 Per Week
TRADE MARKS
Peterson's Jewelry

Shop The Rexall Store For Gifts You Will Be PROUD TO GIVE
FOR THE MAN IN YOUR LIFE
JEWEL BOXES \$1.95 TO \$4.95
SHAVING SETS- by Yardley, Stag, Old Spice, Max Factor, Hudnut and Tawn
BILLFOLDS-LEATHER GOODS
Capture The Christmas Glow With A Flash Camera
Movie \$46.75 To \$199.95
Still \$6.95 To \$99.50
Glamorous GIFTS for HER!
UNFORGETTABLE NEW ESSENCES
ELECTRIQUE COLOGNE \$2.50
ESCAPADE-Shulton's new Fragrance
TUSSY'S MIDNIGHT FROM \$1.00
YARDLEY - LENTHERIC - HUDNUT - ROGERS & GALLET - AND MANY OTHERS
SPARKLING JEWELRY \$1.00 TO \$25.00
THEY'RE NEW- IMPORTED LEATHER HANDBAGS A Fine Selection!

STAR THEATER, Heppner
Admission Prices: 70c, 50c and 20c including Federal Tax.
Sunday shows during December start at 4 p. m. Evening shows start at 7:30. Box-office open until 9 p. m. Children's Free Christmas Show, December 18th at 2 p. m. No Show December 24th. Christmas Day and New Year's Day shows start at 4 p. m. GIVE STAR THEATER SCRIP BOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS \$2.50
Thursday-Friday-Saturday, Dec. 9-10-11.
JESSE JAMES VS. THE DALTONS
Barbara Lawrence, Brett King, Rory Mallinson. Good Technicolor western.
Plus
DRAGONFLY SQUADRON
John Hodiak, Barbara Britton, Bruce Bennett. The training of Korean pilots by American Air Force men furnishes the background for a story of over-all interest.
Sunday-Monday, Dec. 12-13
ON THE WATERFRONT
Marlon Brando, Karl Malden, Lee J. Cobb, Eve Marie Saint, Tony Galento, Abe Simon, Tami Mauriello. A remarkable picture with realism and power-rates attention in the next Academy Award nominations.
Sunday shows at 4 p. m., 6:20 and 8:40
Tuesday-Wednesday, Dec 14-15
THE FRENCH LINE
Jane Russell, Gilbert Roland, Mary McCarty, Joyce McKenzie. A diverting musical comedy with good Technicolor photography. Strictly adult entertainment.
Thursday-Friday-Saturday, Dec. 16-17-18
THE LAW VS. BILLY THE KID
Scott Brady, Betta St. John. Technicolor Western based on American folk lore.
Plus
GO, MAN, GO
The World Famous Harlem Globe Trotters and Dane Clark in a heart-warming, barn-storming story of a championship basketball team.