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### Other Editors Think—

#### Legislature's New Tax Law Should be Referred

Finally, the legislature wore out. For the adherents of big government this session may have seemed a victory for the legislature kept expenditures close to the \$220,000,000 it started with and put the burden on the tax committees to raise \$60,000,000. They rose to the occasion and provided the money. The new tax measures will take a little more from business, nothing more from property and a lot more from income. The income tax is not materially changed, only increased.

We do not think it is a good tax, although it may be the best that could be passed. A longer step toward a universal or inclusive income tax would have been better. It is almost certain that the income tax will be referred and we hope it will be referred. That will make it necessary for the legislature to go back to Salem and reduce appropriations which is what it should have done in the first place. We know of no good reason why income tax payers should pay 150 percent of their present taxes to buy more government than they want or can afford. And we know no reason why present income tax payers shouldn't be able to get help from more people by broadening the base—Editor Giles French in the Sherman County Journal.

### From The County Agent's Office

The range and pasture improvement committee of the Livestock Growers Association met last evening to make plans for their annual alfalfa-grease tour. The tour was started two years ago to observe alfalfa grazing trials which were sponsored by the association. The committee were also active at that time in getting the Grassman of the Year program under way and selecting the first county winner. That program is now being carried by Morrow County Farm Bureau. While a little checking must be done on the schedule and the timing of tour stops, a tentative arrangement calls for starting the tour at the W. E. Hughes ranch on Buttercreek, the morning of June 1st. Grazing alfalfa trials will be visited at the Hughes, Weatherford, Don Robinson and Bernard Doherty ranches during the morning. The group will have a sack lunch at the Bernard Doherty ranch at noon and go from there to the Oscar and Donald Peterson ranches during the afternoon. On June 2nd, stops will be made at the Paul Webb, Harold Wright, Newt, O'Hara ranches. We will give you further particulars later.

the pigs just the right age to be weaned and put on barley at harvest time. Anderson purchased the hogs to utilize surplus grains, his thinking being that more pounds per acre of dry grain can be raised under dry land conditions than forage for consuming animals. The national carry-over of wheat on July 1st is expected to reach a billion bushels for the first time in history. This is one hundred million bushels larger than last year's carry-over. The total supply for 1955-56 season may be smaller than this past year though because of a small crop winter and spring wheat this year, is expected to total eight hundred forty million bushels, one hundred thirty million less than last year. The carry-over was expected to be large but not as large as it is turning out to be. Less wheat has been used for food and animals feeds than expected so that the total disappearance is thirty-five million bushels short of original estimates. There is a special week designated to be observed most every week of the year. This week is spring clean-up week in Oregon. One important part in spring clean-up is to clean up around buildings where there is a possibility of grass and brush fires to start. Over one-third of this country's 900,000 yearly fires are grass and brush fires. These fires not only destroy valuable humus on top of the ground, but they can easily get out of control and spread to nearby buildings. There are now a number of chemicals that are not too expensive and are very effective in controlling grasses around the



#### LEGISLATIVE RE-ECHOES

Comments on the 1955 legislature have a revealing pattern. The farther from the Capitol they come the more beclouded and ribald they are. Evaluations by those who heard committee hearings, committee discussions and debates on bills on the floors of the Senate and the House, have an understanding of the very unusual tasks the members of this session faced. No Oregon legislature in the past

buildings where there is the potential fire hazard a good many months of the year. For those that do not want to use a sterilant, the old method of keeping tall grass and brush mowed or scyoned down should be done before it gets out of hand. A number of farm and towns people have used CMU at the rate of twenty pounds per acre as a sterilant to remove cheat grass and foxtail that are a constant fire threat.

Much interest has been shown this spring in spraying for sheep ticks in farm flocks and range bands. While most of the spraying will be done at shearing time, sheep tick treatments about two weeks after shearing is an excellent time to rid the flock of ticks. This will allow enough wool regrowth to hold spray material in the wool and sufficient quantity to kill the ticks for an extended time. Sheep ticks are actually wingless flies. They are especially damaging to young late lambs from which they suck large amounts of blood. Following the shearing time, ticks will crawl on lambs. All sheep in the flock, ewes, rams, and lambs should be treated. A suggested method of treatment is to place 10 or 15 sheep in a small enclosure and then spray them thoroughly with a weed sprayer developing two hundred to three hundred pounds pressure. The recommended treatment at present is 8 pounds of 50% wettable DDT powder in 100 gallons of water. If other insecticides are used, follow the manufacturers directions, making sure that materials that are harmful to young animals are avoided.

From Files of the Gazette Times May 7 - 925 The Heppner tourist camp is now open to the public.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Currin of Pilot Rock were visitors in Heppner over Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs. Krebs, Lowe, Pope and Hirsch and Misses A. C. and M. H. Lowe represented Cecil on Saturday at the Elks dance held in Heppner.

Ralph Jackson was doing business in Pendleton Sunday and Monday this week.

On May 16 at the Star Theater there will be tumbling exhibition by Leonard Schwarz and B. R. Finch. This exhibition will be about one-half hour in length and will be in connection with "Flaming Youth" a new super moving picture.

60 years has been confronted with such complex financial problems. In this session they had no trouble getting along with each other. Their enigma was getting along with the voters—not just the folks back home but those of the entire state—the masses who went overboard spending at the ballot box during the ultra prosperous post war days. The days we still are slow in realizing cannot last forever. Then there is the financial hangover of pressure group appropriations always present from previous sessions. All these were members of the red paint daubing crew.

Here are excerpts from comments by state officials and legislative party leaders: "The legislature approved the budget and financed it. There are enough state buildings to keep the state growing in its various services. It made a commendable effort to complete its work and go home with a minimum of unfinished business."—Gov. Paul L. Patterson.

"What concerns me with this legislature is the almost complete lack of emphasis on eco-

nomy. No one can deny that its members have worked long hours trying to solve the age-old problem of matching income with outgo. There is an indication, at long last, that many of the members realize that a wise policy is to get revenues first and expand secondly."—Earl T. Newbry, Secretary of State.

"The legislative assembly has faced its problems squarely, and acted. The state has been provided with policies and revenue is in sight. Tho a tedious session, this 48th assembly has been earnest and thorough."—Sig Underander, State Treasurer.

"The 1955 legislature was 'liberal' in raising teachers minimum salary, enacting equal pay for women, increasing benefits in unemployment compensation, and organizing for conservation of water and other natural resources and continuing our building program.

"The session was 'conservative' in spending and increasing budget requests of state agencies.

"The legislature reflected well the will of the people."—Senator Mark Hatfield. "Republican leadership from the governor on down has been paralyzed in the 1955 session—immobilized by dread thoughts of its defeat in the 1954 election, and in terror of what may happen in 1956. At this hour of Oregon's greatest need, the 1955 session has failed to give leadership to meet those urgent needs for schools, state institutions, old age assistance and for new jobs and industry. A liberal Democratic legislature in 1957 has come much closer as a result of this unproductive session."—Senator Monroe Sweetland.

"As I reflect on the closing days of the legislature, I find little accomplished that is of particular interest to me. Everyone was conditioned before we ever convened to the financial needs of the state and I find a defeatist attitude has prevailed throughout the session when it came to working for legislation that required money.

"Legislation to correct the corrupt practices law was shelved. My experience with that law during the last election proved to me

the very great need for reform. Some very bad election laws were passed, which I think will discourage voting rather than bring an awareness of the importance of the ballot to more people."—Representative Maurine Neuberger.

"With the fine leadership we have had, the Forty-eighth Legislative Assembly has been a hard working group.

"The balancing of the State budget, which was a much more difficult problem this session, has been accomplished.

"We have worked over the Workmen's Compensation and unemployment program and, I believe, have come to a fair con-

clusion. "While I realize many of the controversial issues were not present at this session, we have had our problems and they have been settled."—Representative Ed. R. Cardwell.

**TRESS AND TAXES** Should an orchard be taxed on the value of land and trees or on the value of the land only? Rogue River Valley orchardists have taken the stand that for purposes of taxation the value of the land only should be used. Tax Commissioner Sam Stewart translates the law to mean the entire value. The growers contend that "trees" as used in the statute. Continued on Page 5

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