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Squeeze Stations!

We've all heard of the natural, eternal law of diminishing returns. We've also all heard the old saying that you can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink.

These two principles have a good deal in common—especially when it comes to excise taxes on commodities.

Take, for instance, the gasoline tax. It now averages about 9c a gallon, federal and state taxes included, and on a percentage basis is far higher than excise taxes levied on out and out luxuries, much less basic necessities.

A bill in Congress would further boost the federal tax by 50%—from 3c to 4½c a gallon. And increases are urged in a number of the states.

If such efforts are successful, a magazine published by a leading oil company* points out, three results are inevitable. First, motorists will be forced to cut down on their driving. Second, government will take in less tax money, not more.

Third, the jobs of 23 million Americans who depend on automotive transportation for a livelihood will be imperiled.

As the Oil & Gas Journal puts the case: "If gasoline taxes go up any higher service stations should change their names to squeeze stations." The motoring public will take only so much squeeze before it rebels—and the law of diminishing returns goes into action. You can jack up the tax on gas or anything else to any level—but you can't make people buy.

ODD ENDS . . .

National Review reports that Californians pay the heaviest state and local taxes—\$238 per capita per year. Next heaviest taxes are levied in New York, \$229; Nevada, \$229; Massachusetts, \$210; and Oregon, \$201. The smallest tax load is carried by Arkansas—\$100.

"Nothing in life is so exhilarating as to be shot at without result."—Winston Churchill

Chats With Your Home Agent

By ESTHER KIRKIS

Good food, warm hospitality, and genial fellowship were the order of the day Monday, when the county committee women entertained alumni members at the home of Mrs. Jasper Myers, Pine City.

The meeting, chaired by Mrs. Dewey West, Boardman, opened with a roll call of all alumni, retiring, and new council members. Women introduced themselves giving their family "county committee" experience background and relating some that was outstanding in their memory.

An interesting report was given on the state council meeting by Mrs. Richard Waymire, Boardman, who was Morrow county's delegate to this annual meeting held on the campus of Oregon State College, May 5-7.

The principal matter of business at this council were plans for the National Home Demonstration Council meeting to be held in Portland in October. Laura gave a run-down on the program planned.

Other items of business included a report by Mrs. E. M. Baker, Ione on Morrow county's White House conference resolutions to be sent to Governor Hatfield in June; the printing of Morrow county's history, and the possibility of unit's showing their pioneer display from Home-maker's Festival at the Morrow county fair this fall.

Announcements were made of the Red Cross Bloodmobile coming to Heppner, June 8, and Ordinance on June 9. Also the "canning & freezing" demonstration at the Heppner fair building on June 2nd, Mrs. Vivian Freeman,

demonstrator.

During the luncheon hour members of the new county committee met to elect officers for the new year. They are: Mrs. John Bergstrom, Heppner, chairman; Mrs. Warren McCoy, Irrigon, vice chairman; and Mrs. Paul Warren, Heppner, secretary-treasurer. Other members of the council include Mrs. Bryce Keene, Ione; Mrs. Randall Martin, Heppner; Mrs. Walter Ruggles, Lexington; Mrs. Willard French, Echo; and Mrs. Richard Waymire, Boardman.

Corsages were presented to Mrs. Jasper Myers, Heppner; Mrs. Dewey West, Boardman; Mrs. Jerry Brosnan, Heppner; and Mrs. Milton Biegel, Irrigon, who are all retiring from the county committee.

Homemakers Festival pictures were passed around and enjoyed by all the women.

The main entertainment of the day was a talk by Mrs. Violet Klobas Shepard, former IFYE International Farm Youth Exchange student to Austria. Violet visited Austria two years ago and had many beautiful slides and interesting discussion on her six month visit. At present Violet is county extension agent for Wheeler county.

Everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy the day. In fact, so much that the alumni are making plans for an organization of their own to support some worthwhile project of the extension units.

Attending our Monday meeting were: From Heppner: Mrs. Jasper Myers, Mrs. John Bergstrom, Mrs. Jerry Brosnan, Mrs. Earl Blake, Mrs. Ray Drake, Mrs. Faye Ferguson, Mrs. George Currin, Mrs. Ralph Thompson, Mrs. Walter Wright, Mrs. Paul Warren, Mrs. Randall Martin. From Echo: Mrs. Willard French. From Lexington: Mrs. Walter Ruggles. From Ione: Mrs. E. M. Baker and Mrs. Ernest Heliker. From Boardman: Mrs. Dewey West, Mrs. Russell Miller, Mrs. Richard Waymire. From Irrigon: Mrs. Ida Slaughter and Mrs. Frances McCoy.

Last Tuesday, Mrs. Douglas Drake, Heppner and I went to visit Mr and Mrs Larry Schaad, about craft for our 4-H summer camp to be held at Cutsforth Park, July 9-12.

We found this energetic couple interested in many hobbies and activities. Leather work seems to be their first love. In fact, Larry led several 4-H clubs in Clackamas county in leather-work projects.

Pat Schad, his wife, has volunteered to help us at 4-H camp this year in teaching leather-craft. I have a feeling it's going to be the beginning of a new 4-H project in Morrow county. Speaking of 4-H, I neglected to tell last week about the enjoyable visit I had with the Happy Stitches 4-H club of Ione on May 14. Mrs. Irene Leathers and Mrs. Betty Hausler, the leaders, hosted a tea for the girls

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the files of the Gazette-Times May 30, 1929

Morrow county's free chautauqua starts in Heppner just one week from Saturday when it is expected one of the largest crowds ever seen in the city will be here for the four days, June 8-9-10-11.

An enthusiastic send-off was given the new Grange at Lexington Monday evening when a delegation of members from the Rhea Creek Grange assisted W. R. Gekeler, district organizer from La Grande, in its organization.

East Lake is the mecca for many Morrow county fishermen. A party leaving today will be composed of John Hiatt, Ed Kelley, Earl Warner, Leonard and Earl Gilliam and A. W. Chapin, the latter visiting at the Gilliam home from Coquille.

Oscel and Jim Inskeep of Hardman motored to Medford where they will attend the IOOF convention this week.

Henry Peterson, Oscar Peterson and Carl Bergstrom of Ione returned Friday from a fishing trip to Crooked river.

new law to the governor on the very correct facts that the Saturday Evening Post recent story indicated that Hatfield had national political potency.

It doesn't take much effort to vision the Democrats getting U. S. Senator Wayne Morse on their presidential nomination ticket next year to keep the show hot.

FREE PARKING ANSWERS

A nationally-acclaimed parking problem wizard was brought to Oregon's Capital this week to council with local officials and merchants. What he advised probably will be of value to other Oregon cities.

His suggested order of action was:

(a) Enforcement of one-hour parking throughout downtown Salem.

(b) Overparking fines be upped, if not to \$5 to \$4.95 to discourage "meter feeders."

(c) Metermaid chalkmarking of tires to keep a time check.

(d) Merchants combine to set up a card system to provide feeless downtown shopper parking. "Few people driving into a city Barr says, know where the off-street parking lots are. There should be distinct, distinctively shaped and colored signs at all intersections, pointing to the nearest off-street parking facility.

The shopper-store ticket system is being used in about 50 cities.

Barr said he didn't think a parking facility under the Capitol Mall would work. Its cost would be prohibitive.

ACCIDENT PAY RATES UP

The State Industrial Accident Commission has announced increases in its insurance rates in 149 classifications, and reductions in 27. The rates are unchanged in 53 classifications. The changes will be effective July 1.

The major increases are in general farming, Western Oregon sawmilling, Eastern Oregon logging and plywood manufacturing.

Rates were reduced in underground mining, aluminum manufacturing, glass-ware manufacturing, appliance repair and electric power plant operation. Increases of 10 cents or less per \$100 of payroll were announced for fruit harvesting, machine shop, can manufacturing, news paper publishing, road construction, sand and gravel plants, warehouses and elevators, retail stores and waterworks operations.

JUSTICE JOBS SLASHED

Atty Gen Robert Y. Thornton ruled Friday the state is entitled to half the money collected from fines and forfeitures of bail when state police officers cite traffic offenders to justice of the peace. The opinion said

WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDER

An interesting anti-trust suit has been filed in the Federal court in Washington, D. C. which could have far reaching effects.

An organization called the National Milk Producers Federation which represents 126 dairy cooperatives, has filed against

the National Tax Equality Association.

The suit charges that a campaign of vilification has been carried on against them for the purpose of creating resentment against the cooperatives and destroying their goodwill in order to effect a monopoly for the non-cooperative dairy firms.

Recently, the trucking industry won a case of this sort against the railroads and their public relations counsel for tactics that allegedly were designed to destroy the trucking industry.

This growth of public relations firms in this direction is becoming a hazard to the welfare of the nation. Whereas public relations were once used solely in a positive manner to build up goodwill for their clients, now a great deal is destructive strategy aimed through the use of false front "citizens" groups, and other stratagems, to destroy.

On several occasions, voting through the National Federation of Independent Business, the nation's independent businessmen have voted on this question of cooperatives. The sentiment is strong to put cooperatives on the same tax basis as private enterprise for equality.

But in so voting, the nation's independent businessmen are not

going on record as wishing to outlaw cooperatives, no more than they go on record in favor of outlawing Big Business. The only point at issue is putting all enterprise on the same footing, under the same rules.

Unfortunately, in the dairy business in the nation today, there exists all the ailments of a sick industry brought on by monopolism. Very few independent dairy distributors any longer exist, with the bulk of the dairy product distribution falling into the clutches of two or three huge corporations who even own, or have an interest in, big food chains, merely to blank out competition from distribution in these stores.

Obviously, the dairy producers need protection from the predators in the dairy distribution business. It is difficult to tell what is the best form of operation in a free market, when a free market does not exist.

Destruction of dairy cooperatives is not the answer. For in addition, even with their tax favoritism, cooperatives have not been able to stop the march of monopoly in milk.

The problem is grave. On one side is the welfare of the nation's infants. On another side, is the problem of the welfare of the independent dairy farmer. In the middle, and threatening the welfare of both are the huge dairy combines. And while infants cannot organize, the independent milk producers can.

But undoubtedly, the only practical solution to entire problem would be so rigidly enforced in the dairy industry that a free and open market would exist. As it stands now, milk distribution is a national disgrace.

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HOT RACE AHEAD

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Oregon Weed Control Guide Issued by OSC

An up-to-date weed control guide for Oregon farmers, orchardists, and home gardeners has just been published by the Oregon State College extension service.

New chemical controls that have passed recent field trials are included in the booklet, "Weed Control Recommendations for Oregon." Residents of Oregon may obtain free copies from county extension agents or the OSC bulletin clerk, Corvallis.

Handy reference charts list all major crops or plants to be protected, the recommended chemical for weed control, how and when to apply the chemical, and special comments for each crop.

Another section is indexed according to common weeds and the recommended control. Precautions on handling of certain chemicals and care of spray equipment are also included.

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