

Rep. Smith Talks On Tax Measure At Chamber Meet

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students an increase of 22%. Community Colleges were allowed an increase and the Department of Education administration increased just 2.9 per cent.

Welfare was increased by about 1 per cent and correctional institutions by some 14 per cent, Rep. Smith said.

All the increases adopted by this legislature were the lowest, percentage-wise, of several recent sessions, he pointed out. They aggregated about 10%, while the 57-59 legislature increased the budget 27 per cent.

Highest cost in the state government of items dependent on taxes is that of education at \$234,000,000 with public health taking \$36,000,000, social services, \$49,000,000 and all others \$60,000,000, Rep. Smith said. Thus, the amount to be raised by Measure No. 1 just about approximates the amount going to all state agencies but the first three. Not included are those who are self-supporting by other means, from so-called "dedicated funds," included in this group are such as the State Tax Commission, Unemployment Commission and others.

"If you happen to be mad at any in the dedicated fund group, it won't help to vote 'No' on October 15," the Condon man said. Should Measure 1 fail to pass, cuts must come in education, public health and social services, as well as in other state services, the legislator pointed out.

The state now provides about 65% of the cost of higher education and the balance comes from the Federal government and other sources. Welfare is contingent on state support and for every 1% cut here, another 1 1/2% would be lost because of Federal and local matching funds that would be curtailed. Speaking of the correctional institutes, Smith said, "We can't turn the inmates loose—nor the mental patients. The only alternative is to lower the level of service. We are reluctant to lower it much more than we are now."

In view of these points, it seems that bulk of any cut must then come out of education and some from welfare.

If Measure 1 is defeated, the legislature probably would be called into session.

"It would be a free-for-all with no time limit and restrictions," the representative said. Any tax measure that is passed would require 90 days in which it could be referred to the people—and the legislature would be reluctant to pass any measure without putting the referral on. If it were referred, it would be next year before it could be voted on.

The legislature could cut out the \$60,000,000 or it could partially fill the gap by passing tax measures that "wouldn't have enough steam" from special interests for the referendum to defeat. An example would be a tax on motel rooms. The withholding "speedup" would close the gap by \$14,000,000 but neither expedient would bring nearly enough to balance the budget, Rep. Smith said.

Deploping the "threat" technique which some have used to push the bill, Rep. Smith said that its reforms should be emphasized: Taking away the \$600 dependency credit and instead allowing a credit of \$22 against taxes for self and for wife and \$20 for each child, thus equalizing the "value" of each dependent; removing the limit on medical expenses; improving the structure on capital gains to encourage industry here; providing property tax relief; allowing split filing privilege for heads of households; providing that every person making income of \$500 per year pay something (minimum \$5); taking away federal income tax deductions to "keep more dollars at home"; reducing tax rates from 9.5% to 7.5% at the top and from 3% to 2% at the bottom; and providing for exemption of students over 18 earning more than \$600 per year.

Asked about a sales tax, Rep. Smith said that he felt a sales tax to be workable must be initiated by the people. Sales tax proposed by the legislature has been defeated several times in the past.

In reply to a question on basic school support, Rep. Smith said that the governor cannot cut basic school support but it could be done by the legislature at the special session. He theorized that it might be cut about 8 or 9% if the measure is not approved October 15. This might be reflected in the last three quarters of this year on local school budgets.

If districts found themselves in distress as a result, they could float warrants, could go to the voters for an additional increase above the 6% limitation or could borrow funds, he said.

In conclusion, he declared, "The picture will be no better in 1965. It is going to be disastrous if we have to go on the current tax law."

Rep. Smith was introduced by Al Lamb.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Smith of Seattle, Wn., former Heppner residents, were here on business and to visit their daughter, Jennifer, and with friends over the week-end. Jennifer is a freshman in Heppner High school, and makes her home with the Lincoln Nashes during the school term.

1964 Rambler Americans Unveiled



The all-new 1964 Rambler American series includes two hardtop models—the 440 and the 440-H—which are longer and lower than 1963 models and feature fastback rear pillars. A 138-horsepower six-cylinder engine is standard on 440-H models and optional on other Americans. Also available are convertibles, sedans and station wagons. The 1964 Rambler American models have full six-passenger room. They go on show-room display October 3 at Rambler dealerships.

'Squirrel Drivers' Provoke Mill Crew

"Squirrel" drivers who whirl their vehicles into the gravel parking area near the Kinzua Corporation shops are in for trouble if they don't desist. Men working at night in the shops have been provoked by the actions of youthful drivers who spin into the yard, scattering gravel against the building and into open doors. They point out that if one of them should happen to be outside when one of the vehicles suddenly wheels in, there would be danger of a serious accident.

Members of the crew declare that they will catch license numbers and file complaints against any who commit such an offense in the future.

Justice Court News

James T. Brown, 19, arrested September 19, creating a disturbance in a private place while in a state of intoxication; bail set at \$50; failed to appear and bail forfeited.

Lawrence R. O'Rourke, Pendleton, arrested September 23 on a charge of disguising a game bird. Case pending.

Erma Louretta Brown, Pendleton, arrested September 23 on a charge of killing game animal in a closed season. Case dismissed.

Willis H. Burchett, Hermiston, arrested September 23 on a charge of possession of game birds in a closed season; fined \$25 and costs with \$15 suspended.

Osborne A. Minton, Heppner, arrested on September 23 on a charge of waste of game bird. Case dismissed.

Archie D. McMurdo, arrested September 23 on a charge of waste of game bird. Appeared October 2 to enter plea of not guilty. Trial date of October 7 at 2 p.m. has been set.

Charles Lee Easton, Hermiston, arrested September 23, on a charge of disguising the species of game bird; fined \$25 and costs.

James Taylor Butler, Portland, arrested September 25 on a charge of driving under the influence of alcoholic beverages; entered a plea of not guilty. Trial set for October 21, 10 a.m.

J. B. Johnston, Heppner, arrested September 28 on a charge of assault. Defendant entered plea of not guilty. Bail set at \$50. To appear October 3 at 10 a.m.

Walter Raymond Busch, Portland, arrested September 28 on a charge of hunting without a non-resident license. Fined \$25 and costs, \$10 suspended.

Darald Walter Fornshell, Portland, arrested September 28 on a charge of failure to tag deer at time of kill. Fined \$25 and costs.

Harold F. Loucks, Troutdale, arrested September 28 on a charge of failure to tag deer at time of kill; fined \$25 and costs.

Guy Walter Bailey, Portland, arrested September 30 on a charge of trespass. Released on his own recognizance; to appear October 7 at 10 a.m.

Kent Richardson, Heppner, arrested October 1 on a charge of drawing a bank check with insufficient funds. Pendleton officers holding him under a felony warrant; to appear here at a later date.

Annetta Klingler, Lexington, arrested October 2 on a charge of passing a school bus while unloading school children. Bail set at \$30 and hearing scheduled October 4 at 1 p.m.

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Well-Known Banker Dies on Hunt Trip

James D. (Jim) McWilliams, 51, manager of the Prineville branch, First National Bank of Oregon, died Saturday while on a hunting trip about 100 miles southeast of Prineville. The news came as a shock to his many friends in this area. McWilliams was livestock representative of the First National Bank for a number of years and worked in this area four years, thus becoming well acquainted with many ranchers and business people.

McWilliams also was a former secretary of the Mid-Co sale at The Dalles and many knew him from that contact.

Cong. Al Ullman Reports on Talks With President

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endum election as late as July next year, which Orville Cutforth suggested to him in order that by that time farmers would have had an opportunity to note effects of failure to pass the wheat referendum.

"Nothing will be done on the wheat program without superhuman effort on the part of some of us to get it done, and we need some direction from you people as to where you want us to go," Ullman said.

Turning to the proposed sale of wheat to Russia, he pointed out that this country has not drawn a "fine line on footstuffs" in its dealings with Russia. He said that President Kennedy had not committed himself that we should sell the wheat to them, and "I don't commit myself that we should."

"However," he added, "if it proves to be of national advantage, I don't see any harm in it." Later he commented further, "I am not sure American taxpayers are going to go along with shipping wheat to Russia when they have to pay a subsidy of 60c on every bushel."

In President Kennedy, the congressman said, "we have the kind of leadership that is moving ahead, thinking ahead and building."

As to the proposed tax cut, he declared, "A lot of people can't understand the thinking behind a tax cut and the economic implications."

The tax load is such that it is restricting our growth, he declared. "If we ever are going to have a soundly balanced budget, we are going to have to take off some of this drag, cut down on taxes, put more purchasing power in the hands of the people, and provide for more capital investment."

"It is interesting that the Democrats come up with that kind of philosophy," he noted, "and that the Republicans took a rather adamant stand against it."

As a member of the House Ways and Means committee, Ullman has done a great deal of work on the tax cut program, attending many "closed door" sessions with economists.

He predicted that Congress will be in session all year this year, and that this may become the rule rather than the exception. Answering a question on the Willow Creek dam, Congressman Ullman said that it is now in the process of final feasibility studies. He said that he talked with the Chief of the Corps of Engineers within the last few days and it is scheduled to be included in next year's omnibus bill, scheduled to come up late next year.

"I see no indication that we are going to run into any trouble," he said. "I think between us we are going to get the job done."

Al Lamb presided at the dinner meeting, stating this was not a political meeting but a congressman reporting to his constituents. Mayor Charles O'Connor gave a talk of welcome. County Judge Oscar Peterson, Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman, Justice of the Peace Oliver Creswick and others were also introduced.



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Tetanus Deaths Unnecessary, Says AMA Health Official

Despite the outpouring of new "wonder" drugs, man's ancient enemy, tetanus, has not yet succumbed to a cure.

Even so, death from tetanus, or "lockjaw" as it is commonly called, is "almost entirely unnecessary," says Raymond L. White, M.D., Director of Environmental Medicine for the American Medical Association.

"As a disease, tetanus is completely preventable," Dr. White noted. "The only reason it persists is that people fail to get immunized, or fail to maintain their immunity. Out of sheer neglect, three-fourths of the people don't have the protection they need."

"If it weren't for medicine's continual concern over the possibility of tetanus—if practically every time a physician saw a wound he didn't take precautions against tetanus—the disease would rank much higher among human killers."

Tetanus is caused by a deadly poison emitted by certain bacteria which contaminate certain types of wounds—especially puncture wounds, or wounds with imbedded dirt.

The bacteria itself cannot survive long enough in the open air to infect wounds. But its seeds or spores can.

Tetanus spores are usually produced by bacteria growing within the air-free intestinal tracts of mammals, including man, and reach the ground in animal manure. Within the intestines, bacteria cause no harm to their host, other than to serve as factories for the production of spores.

Once on the ground the spores, which are unaffected by air, and are borne great dis-



Puncture wounds are a common cause of tetanus.

tances on the wind, can survive for as long as 11 years. Besides cultivated land, they are commonly found in household dust and the grime of city streets. Some have even been detected in hospital operating rooms—tracked in on street shoes.

The spores in some sections of the country are nearly as common as dirt, and await only the right kind of wound to start their chain of infection.

Because of its peculiar nature, tetanus has never been a mass killer like some infectious diseases. It is, however, a vicious enemy, killing 60 per cent of those it strikes.

Development of immunity against tetanus, says Dr. White, requires a series of inoculations

—three injections four weeks apart, followed within six to twelve months by a booster dose. To maintain this protection, additional booster shots are necessary every four years.

"Protection," he said, "should begin early in life—one to two months after birth—for the scrapes and falls of childhood offer tetanus many opportunities."

"But adults need protection too. With the new emphasis on outdoor living, with accidents on the increase and with the spore of tetanus in the dust and dirt all about us, we can only look forward to an increase in this deadly disease unless we make better use of our good sense, get immunized and keep immunized."

Jack Smith Named To Grains Group

Representative Jack Smith of Condon has been appointed to the U. S. Department of Agriculture's committee on feed grains and wheat, the only member of the committee from the Northwest. It was announced this week.

Rep. Smith serves in the state legislature as representative of five Oregon counties, including Morrow. He has served in several capacities for the Department of

Agriculture in recent years, including a special assignment in Latin America.

He said Monday that he will attend forthcoming meetings in Washington, D. C., after which he will bring reports to his home area.

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