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The REAL Tax Problem

Focus of Oregonians and the legislature on property tax relief and possibility of a sales tax or expanded income tax, diverts attention from what we believe is the primary tax problem facing the people today—the federal income tax. It is in this area where expenditures are running rampant and un-checked, and where the taxpayer is taking the real beating.

Consider these items taken from the newsletter of Rep. Glenn Cunningham, R-Neb.:

"The administration's proposed budget is \$135 billion. Here are a few simple statistics which show exactly what the spending rate will be under such a budget:

- \$4,281 every second of every minute of every hour.
- \$15.4 million every hour of every day.
- \$370 million every day in the year.

"These figures take on added significance when translated into how much it will cost you as a taxpayer. A man making \$20,000 a year, who files a joint return with his wife, will pay just about \$4,300. So the money he pays in taxes will run the government for about one second.

"Another example: It takes the taxes of approximately 86 thousand people to run the government for a day. This is based on average taxes paid on an average income and average exemptions and deductions.

"One of the smaller items in the Administration's huge spending budget is \$280,000. That is the cost of printing the \$135,000,000,000 budget."

Or consider some of the grants and federal aid programs in the Johnson administration as reported by Rep. Richard L. Roubidoux, R-Ind., at a time when we are told that economy must be the key word to finance the "conflict" in Vietnam:

- A \$20,500 research grant by the National Science Foundation for the study of German cockroaches.
- \$10,000 to study phases of Chinese life from the 14th to 17th centuries.
- \$9,789 for the study of comic strips.
- \$5,000 to study British and French fur trade between 1770 and 1820.
- \$15,000 for preparation of a dictionary of popular beliefs and superstitions, in the field of folklore, magic and witchcraft.
- \$10,000 to microfilm manuscripts written in European monasteries before 1600.
- \$30,000 to catalogue manuscripts from Russia, Hungary and Poland.
- \$21,500 for a list of French prose and fiction from 1700 to 1750.
- \$18,800 for paper entitled, "Did Edmund Burke Write the 18th Century Journal, The Annual Register?"
- \$13,900 for an index to Victorian periodicals from 1824 to 1900.
- \$16,500 for a study on the political thought of William of Ockham, 14th century theologian and philosopher.

Or consider the millions of dollars wasted on the NASA program as reported in a special television program Wednesday, April 5 — building mammoth structures that never have been used and will never be used, building a beautiful 800 seat auditorium for NASA officials to receive the press, which is very seldom used, and many other things which will not speed up getting a man on the moon by one second.

April 17 was income tax deadline. These kinds of examples didn't make a fellow very happy as he started to write his check, which many do at considerable sacrifice. And if he starts to think about paying Adam Clayton Powell's wife for work she never did and with which he absconded; or if he starts to think about that monstrous House Office Building that was constructed in Washington at an exorbitant figure of many millions of dollars, it becomes real painful to sign that income tax check.

It is at times like these that we wonder if we're very smart to advocate shifting the tax burden from property to some other source farther removed from us. The local person has some local control over property tax. When he shifts the burden to the state level he has far less control, and when the federal government exacts the tax, he has virtually no control at all, except his vote and complaints to his elected representatives.

To bring the point home, what would our local ranchers and business people do if they learned the local court was going to provide a \$20,500 research grant for the study of German cockroaches? There would be some delegations at the next county court meeting.

But the federal government gets away with it because it is so far removed from the people.

County School Calendar

- April 20**
Heppner High speech class play—8:00 P.M.
Heppner Elem. 8th grade testing
- April 21**
Heppner High speech class play—8:00 P.M.
Baseball—Irrigon at Heppner Elem.—2:00 P.M.
Baseball—Riverside at Umatilla High
Baseball—Ione High at Echo
- April 22**
Eiverside Jr.-Sr. Prom
Track meet at Burns
Baseball—Sherman at Heppner High—10:00 P.M.
- April 25**
Baseball—Stanfield at Riverside
- April 27**
A. C. Houghton—Whitman Mission 3-4 Grades
- April 28**
A. C. Houghton—8th Grade Tour
Baseball—Ione High at Stanfield
Ione 8th grade tour
Baseball—Heppner Elem. at Condon—1:00 P.M.
- April 29**
Wheat league tour
Ione Operetta
Track—Heppner Invitational
Baseball—Heppner High at Burns—1:00 P.M.
- April 30**
8th Grade Tour

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

ANY WEEK is always some national week of one kind or another, such as "National Don't Bite the Dog Week." For instance, this is actually Discover America Planning Week, National Garden Week, Bike Safety Week, National Library Week, National Grange Week, and National YWCA Week. Makes a fellow wonder how he is going to appropriately observe them all.

Starting on April 12 was National Artichoke Week, and we'll bet you didn't do one thing to pay homage to the artichoke. Promoters of that week will probably admonish you by saying, "We hope you choke," but you won't, so the choke will be on them.

But Herman Winter, president of the Chamber of Commerce, who always has some witty remark or joke to start off right at C of C meetings came through with a classic announcement Monday:

"I wish to announce," said he, "that National Procrastination Week was last week."

IF YOU DON'T find enough turmoil to demonstrate about, to march about, or to picket about, maybe you can take on the cause reported in "Background" a publication of notes on current subjects from Pacific Northwest Bell.

This little mimeographed sheet reports that a certain Central Oregon newspaper was concerned about the fact that there are no longer holes in the corner of phone books. This paper offered to punch the holes in the books (for the convenience of hanging the books on nails, we presume) "for one thin dime donation to the pressman's revivifying fund."

Now, if you're one who needed the hole in the book to hang it on a hook in your office, maybe you better prepare a sandwich sign and picket one of the telephone offices.

But before you do, listen to the company's explanation: "... according to researchers in our directory department, most people never used the hole anyway, at least in recent years."

"Undoubtedly, there was a time when many people found the hole convenient in hanging their phone book on the back of the pantry door or in a hall closet. Now, however, most directories are found beneath the phone on a kitchen counter or in the drawer on the bedside table. ... Interestingly, the old square, black wall phones which had hooks on the side for hanging directories now comprise only one-tenth of one percent of the 767,000 PNB telephones in Oregon.

"Our directory researchers also emphasize that another very

What's New ... From Salem

By REP. IRVIN MANN, JR.

With the major concern of the legislature being a search for meaningful, permanent property tax relief — often beclouded by arguments for and against a sales tax—it is easy to lose sight of some major efforts and major accomplishments that are in the making in this legislative session and I propose to touch on two of them in this message.

The first is that for the first time in eight years of trying, the two houses of this legislature are close to agreement on the form that a revised constitution might take.

I voted against the House version because it eliminates the elected board of control by eliminating an elective state treasurer, and I think this institution has a lot to do with Oregon's historically having the cleanest state government in the nation.

However this constitutional proposal has many fine provisions which would make Oregon a better governed state and in the conference committee I hope most of these provisions will be retained.

One of the best is the creation of a controller to control the spending of money in a manner directed by the legislature, and to audit expenditures. This would fill a real vacuum in Oregon's governmental structure.

I have made a major effort on HB 1279 which is nearing perfection. As amended this bill requires that the Fish Commission and the Game Commission agree and this is a big word—on escapement levels in the Columbia river, of all anadromous fish to provide both a sports recreational fishery as well as a commercial fishery in the river.

Those of you who have observed the fish wars on the Columbia are aware of the magnitude of that word "agree" when applied to these two commissions on this particular subject.

If successful, it is my firm belief we will have seen the last fish war on the Columbia, and the emotion, the bitterness and the wasted resources of past wars will be no more. The bill can do nothing but enhance the fish resource of the Columbia river, and this would appear to me to be a major accomplishment.

important consideration in the hole's disappearance was simply cost. The cost of drilling holes in literally hundreds of thousands of Oregon phone books each year was becoming unreasonably high. And, the hole drilling created unnecessary production delays.

Well, that seems to be a satisfactory enough explanation. But if you miss the hole in the corner of your telephone book, bring it to the G-T and we'll drill a hole in the corner for a nickel (half what that other Central Oregon paper would do it for) as a donation to our Soda Pop for Thirsty Printers fund.

Meanwhile, we understand a lot that there is some subversive organization that is threatening our American way of life by removing holes from doughnuts. Now there's a cause worth demonstrating for.

POETRY usually finds tough sledding when it is presented for publication in a weekly paper, but we had to relent when Cliff Williams brought in the work of Valerie Boyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mel Boyer of Lexington, for her work shows some talent. She is an eighth grader. Judge for yourself:

YANKEE CLIPPER

A sleek, swift ship on ocean water,
Perfect in each mast and spar,
Son of speed, and beauty's daughter,
Outward bound for gold fields far.

Wide bright stripes on her painted hull,
High on the ocean swells she rides,
Her white sails shine like the wings of a gull,
And her bow through the clear blue water slides.

TO THE EDITOR...

How Not To ... ?

To the Editor:

In reference to the picture on page 8 of the April 13, 1967, Heppner Gazette-Times:

I wish to thank you for one of the best pictures of how not to ride a horse, that I have ever seen. I am using it as exhibit A for my 4-H riding instruction. It shows clearly that the rider is riding behind the horse, the rider has the horse on incorrect lead for turning, rider has reined horses head out of balance with body of horse and any horseman can tell by the picture that the horse could do nothing but fall. All is the fault of the rider.

The picture of the girl on the pony is in good contrast as she is riding in balance with the pony and not handicapping it. You can be proud of her and I expect to hear more of her excellent riding in the future. We'll hope someone is teaching her the horse leads.

Mrs. Edwin Brosten
Bovill, Idaho

Remembers Sunsets

To the Editor:

In a letter from Ellis Thomson, a former Heppner resident but in New York City for the past 30 years, he says he hopes to see someday the new Arlington. He also reminisced a bit about the sunsets from the Heppner Hills where can be seen Mt. Hood, Mt. Adams, Mt. St. Helens. Ellis said they had perfect weather for Easter, and he strolled in the Easter Parade on Fifth Avenue for over an hour.

On December 22, Ellis was suddenly stricken with pneumonia and spent Christmas and New Years in the Veterans Hospital.

He said the Doctor scared him so badly about smoking that he smoked his last one on that same day.

He also said he witnessed some "sobering events" while in the hospital.

I felt Ellis' many friends would be interested in hearing about him.

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SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Heppner High School and
Elementary School

April 21-28

Friday, April 21 — Toasted cheese sandwiches, macaroni salad, spinach, cake with fruit, topping, milk.

Monday, April 24 — Pork goulash, sweet potatoes, cole slaw, gingerbread and applesauce, bread and butter, milk.

Tuesday, April 25 — Fried chicken, potatoes, green beans, bread and butter, fresh fruit and graham, milk.

Wednesday, April 26 — Pizza, carrots and celery sticks, fruit salad, milk, cookies.

Thursday, April 27 — Chili con carne with crackers, rolls, lettuce wedge with dressing, pudding with raisins, milk.

Cancer Society Devotes \$378,000 Towards Research

American Cancer Society funds totaling \$378,339 were at work in cancer research projects throughout Oregon during the past year, according to Clarke P. Miller, Portland insurance executive and chairman of the April crusade for the society's Oregon division.

Research grants were in effect at University of Oregon medical and dental schools, Oregon State university and Providence hospital in Portland.

Miller said the \$378,339 included \$274,215 from the American Cancer Society's national organization and \$104,124 from the Oregon division of ACS.

Research projects cover many areas of investigation by scientists over the state. Projects range from a study of the biochemical changes during embryonic development to an investigation of the mechanism of hormone action.

Miller pointed out that a total of \$15 million in ACS funds were allocated for research throughout the United States last year, along with many more millions from the federal government. He quoted Dr. Charles Heidelberger of the University of Wisconsin, developer of a powerful anti-cancer drug, as to the need for cancer society funds:

"Only a free voluntary group like the American Cancer Society has the flexibility to take risks and to finance 'long shots' in research," Dr. Heidelberger stated. "This flexibility, this willingness to support new approaches, new techniques, new scientists, has made the ACS an enormously creative force in cancer research."

Gambles on research undertaken by the American Cancer Society have helped develop procedures like the Pap test, which has saved thousands of lives from uterine cancer, Miller explained.

Thousands of Crusade volunteers are participating in the April campaign in Oregon, and Miller said it is hoped that every person will be reached to receive copies of the 7 warning signals and to have an opportunity to support the society.

Pioneer



Ponderings

By W. S. CAVERHILL

I remember Heppner best when it was the end of a freighter's trip from the John Day country. Perhaps a review of such a trip and the circumstances incident to it will revive memories among the older readers and be informational to the younger.

Most of the hauling was done with four, six or an occasional eight horse team. The driver of an eight guided them with a jerk line. Most of the freighting was done after shearing season when the hauler could take a load out, for the sheepmen, and return with a load of merchandise for stores in the interior towns.

Each horse was expected to drag a load about equal to its own weight except where road conditions required the freighters to "double up." One such place was on Wall Creek, another was the Schoolhouse Hill between Monument and Hamilton. The road was steep and the fossil soil when wet was slippery as soap. Old timers claimed that a wagon there would begin sliding three days before a rain.

That road prohibited the use of wide tired wheels. The work horses were pastured at night and supplemented with a gallon of oats, each fed from a nosebag. The wagons were greased daily.

Most drivers had a vile vocabulary all their own but their horses understood it. Freighting was rugged work. Not many of their breed are left. The only living "long-line skinner" is Tom Harryman of Long Creek. His father was a freighter before him and lost his life in the Heppner flood.

Heppner Teacher Tours West Point

Mrs. Violet Lanham, girls' counselor at HHS, left April 17, for a tour of West Point Academy sponsored by the Federal government. Mrs. Lanham was invited earlier this year along with other teachers and counselors on the annual tour.

The teachers will get an inside view of the facilities and programs offered at the academy. She will be returning Friday, April 21.

Among the others on the tour is Gordon Pratt, former HHS principal who is now at Central High near Monmouth.

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Salem Scene

by Everett E. Cutler

Pace to Quickens On Final Law Votes

Bees imported into Oregon must be quarantined for 30 days before receiving health certificates stating they are free of American foulbrood or other apian diseases.

That's a main provision of one bill signed into law by Gov. McCall this session. Granted, bee disease is a minor consideration for most citizens, but it is important to beekeepers and potentially for anyone enjoying breakfast honey.

Such legislation is indicative of the many details to be considered in a normal session here. Some 1,600 bills have been introduced by lawmakers this year, dealing with subjects all the way from bee colony quarantine to major tax reform.

Of these, fewer than one-tenth have passed both houses and been signed by the governor as the session passes its 100th calendar day. Four now are in conference committee, working out Senate and House differences; only a handful have failed or been indefinitely postponed.

This leaves a great majority still under active consideration in various committees. As the pace quickens on getting these out for floor debate, here is a brief rundown on the status of some bills of interest previously noted in Salem Scene:

Taxation — Big one here is the three per cent retail sales tax proposal, key measure in a House-approved tax reform package intended to provide property tax cuts of about 35 per cent.

The Senate Taxation Committee now has completed public hearings on the sales tax bill; this week it is studying details with a consultant from California, as Oregon's proposal is modeled after that state's law. If the Senate concurs with the House, the people will get to vote on property tax relief through sales tax revenue.

New Constitution — Often overlooked is the significance of a bill to overhaul Oregon's 108-year-old Constitution and revamp many aspects of state government structure, functions and procedures. Senate and House disagreements have sent the amended proposal to conference committee; again, if agreement can be reached the issue will be put to a statewide vote.

Elections — Speaking of voting, many of the bills already signed into law this session relate to elections and filing procedures. Included are bills prohibiting filing for more than one public elective office without first withdrawing earlier filing in writing, and including candidates in the definition of persons who cannot publish false statements under Oregon's Corrupt Practices Act.

No longer will it be necessary for a voter to make a mark before a write-in candidate name or to puzzle over voting squares on blank ballot lines. But he will have to re-register before future elections if voting on a "proof of name change." Register of voters in the future will be purged between primary and general elections.

Highways — Bills to require periodic drivers' re-examinations and motor vehicle inspections still are in their first com-

mittee. The House last week approved a measure to increase gasoline taxes from six to seven cents per gallon and to change the apportionment of revenue to cities and counties. A bill permitting the use of metal-studded tires during certain months has passed both houses and awaits the governor's signature.

Air and Water Quality — A bill to create regional air quality districts, as per federal guidelines, has been passed by Senate Air and Water Quality Control Committee. The committee still is considering legislation to improve water quality and to offer tax incentives to individuals or industries installing anti-pollution equipment.

Labor Management — The House has adopted a measure providing for a state minimum wage of \$1.25 per hour. Bills to revise benefit schedules for workmen's and unemployment compensation still are being studied in committees, and are expected out presently with amendments.

Some other bills already receiving Gov. McCall's signature include the authorization of radio and television broadcasts of public notices to supplement present publication requirements, a revised state apprenticeship program, and a provision to permit hospital districts to provide ambulance service. Most of them, however, concern budget appropriations to continue smooth operation of state government bodies.

In the final weeks of the 1967 session, we can expect to see hundreds of measures come up for final debate, voting and consideration of the governor. Bills signed by the governor automatically become law 90 days after the legislature adjourns, unless they contain an emergency clause, in which case they become active either upon signing or upon the date specified in the bill.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Coming Events

HEPPNER HIGH BASEBALL
Saturday, April 22, Sherman at Heppner, 10 a.m.
Saturday, April 29, Burns at Burns, 1 p.m.

HEPPNER HIGH TRACK
Burns Invitational at Burns, Saturday, April 22
Heppner Invitational at Heppner, Saturday, April 29

LITTLE LEAGUE TRYOUTS
Saturdays, April 22 and 29
Little League Field, fairgrounds
Boys 9-12 years of age

PLANT & FOOD SALE
By Ione Garden Club
Friday, April 21, Ione Builders Supply Bldg., 1:30-5 p.m.
Varieties of flowers, plants and shrubs. Home baked food sale. Coffee and pie served.

IONE RAINBOW DANCE
Saturday, April 22, 8:30-12:00
Ione Grade School Gym
Music by "Changing Times"

GRANGE BUFFET DINNER
Lexington Grange Hall
Sunday, April 23, 1:30-4:00 p.m.
Auction sale to follow

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