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Sitting still and wishing, makes no person great. The good Lord sends the fishing, but you must have the bait!

A Reluctant No!

At the Monday night discussion, many of the good points of the Governor's Tax Plan were brought out. As Sup'r Ron Daniels pointed out, it is just what it is advertised to be: A property tax relief program. Property tax will go down but the slack is picked up in an increase in income taxes for individuals and corporations, a tax on business profits, a statewide tax on income producing property and a limitation of \$2000 on the federal income tax deduction. It has never been advertised as a tax relief program. It establishes a state-wide property tax levy rate not in excess of \$10. per thousand dollars True Cash Value on all taxable property other than residential.

It authorizes school districts to levy without vote of the people on all taxable property at a rate not to exceed \$2.00 per \$1000 TCY. serial levies and bond issues for capital outlay and construction would continue to require local voter authorization except that local districts could finance any portion of capital outlay from the \$2.00 operating levy if they so chose or had any left.

In the hand-out that was distributed, Mr. Daniels explained the tax credits and tax debts that makes each tax code area in the county have a different tax rate.

The reduction in residential property taxes on the current tax rate to the McCall plan varies from the most with a reduction of 10.70 per 1000 TCY in the Lexington City and Rural area to the least of 1.10 per 1000 TCY at Boardman City.

The reduction in business property tax per \$1000 TCY by the McCall plan and the tax code areas: Heppner city \$2.15; Heppner-Rural \$2.15; Lexington city and rural \$3.20; Irrigon city and Irrigon rural \$1.30; Boardman city and Boardman rural \$1.60; lone city and rural \$2.65.

Mr. Daniels voiced the concern of many at the 95 percent state funding. Most of us would be more comfortable with 50 or 60 percent which is considerably more than the 21 percent now coming to the districts from the state. That in itself would provide substantial property tax relief.

Some alarm has been expressed on the "loss of local control". Mr. Daniels noted the action of the last three sessions and the mandates from the State Department and doesn't feel that there will be less control with the Governor's Plan. The only local control now is a chance to vote on the local budget.

The plan attempts to equalize costs but doesn't equalize educational opportunities. If the plan should pass, the legislature would have to give this some attention in two years from now.

There is no provision for uncollected taxes. The Morrow County budget allows about 10 percent of taxes that are uncollectable.

Sweeteners

Additional exemption provisions were added to bring in more votes. One is to eliminate property tax on business inventories and expands "inventory" to include farm personal property, equipment and livestock. This inventory tax is already in the process of being phased out and is being done gradually and is this year 70 percent phased out.

One inequality that Mr. Daniels pointed out: a tractor used on a farm was counted as "inventory" but a tractor used in construction business would be taxed.

Something has needed to be done about the tax base for most school districts for a long time. Morrow County's is most unrealistic. In the last five years the budget has never exceeded a 6 percent increase over the previous year's budget. At least the Governor's plan is an effort that we haven't seen forthcoming from the legislature that should have done something about school financing a long time ago.

Representative Sumner said that an alternative was in the making and would come out fast if the Governor's Plan is defeated.

Rep. Sumner had pointed out to us inequalities in the McCall bill several weeks ago. He feels that the bad features outweigh the good features and will mean trouble for Eastern Oregon.

The Women's Legislative Council wraps it up like this:

Anyone who tries to tell you that the confusion is only in the eyes and minds of the opponents of Ballot Measure 1 is either a genius of some new variety, or he hasn't read the measure himself. Its basic built-in complication and confusion are quite evident to anyone having the energy to wade through its 49 pages of this, that, and the other thing, all rolled up in one not-very-neat package.

Although Marx would surely agree with its stated principle of "soaking the rich" (euphemistically, "ability to pay"), even he might be somewhat shocked to find that "rich" begins at \$5,000 taxable income, the figure at which the highest tax rate begins.

Probably the most vital factor which doesn't show on the surface is that, far from cutting expenses and/or overall taxes, the McCall Plan would bring in considerably more money for the schools and the voter-taxpayer will have very little say as to how much or how it is spent. The Plan will not curvy much favor with either those taxpayers who have voted down school budgets when they felt they were not getting their money's worth or with those who voted down the Oregon Education Association's New Tax Base for Schools (Ballot Measure 10) two years ago. The title, terminology, and tax-producing formulas differ slightly, but the basic premise is much the same—virtually unlimited spending capability for the educationists.

Vote on the measure will be May 1st. Polling places are shown on Page 1.

With Jack Sumner

Following is my report of committee action last week.

The Joint Committee on Ways and Means introduced a bill this week which would transfer responsibility for the State Archives from the State Library to the Secretary of State's office and set up a system of charging for the storage of records. The latter, however, may conflict with the intent of a House Bill requiring maintenance of tapes of public meetings.

The Appropriations panel recommended termination of funding for the Water Resources Board—originally a temporary agency to deal with the transfer of water to other states. HB 5039, the budget bill for the Soil and Water Conservation Commission, was drastically cut. Present programs would be maintained but a state-federal soil erosion proposal was eliminated because federal programs have already been established in this area. The committee also recommended to provide civil penalties for violation of Commission regulations. A sub-committee is working on SB 73, establishing a state uniform building code.

The House Environment Committee heard testimony on HB 2990, allowing the Highway Commission to create zones along the ocean shore which would be closed to motor vehicle traffic and horseback riding, and HB 2904, requiring wholesalers to pay retailers one cent

for each returnable bottle processed. The handling cost would thus be charged to the consumer rather than the grocer. The committee is also beginning work on SB 77, which codifies Oregon's environmental law.

The Rules Committee discussed HB 2970, which provides for evaluation of faculty members in the State System of Higher Education. It was amended to apply only to teaching evaluations, but supporters failed in their attempt to send the measure to the floor. Future action remains possible. The committee saw considerable merit in HB 3133, a program for training physicians' assistants. The members discussed the proposed methods of implementing the idea, as well as the particular functions an assistant would be qualified to perform.

The Labor Committee is putting final touches on HB 2263, a comprehensive law dealing with collective bargaining for public employees. Major provisions call for recognition of duly organized collective bargaining units and establishment of procedures for resolving labor disputes through the Public Employees Relations Board. Strikes by non-essential public servants would be permitted following attempts to mediation, but could be halted by the courts. The committee also has been considering SB 44, dealing with workman's compensation, and a bill providing injunctive relief against hiring strikebreakers.

The House members of the Professional Responsibility Committee strengthened the Open Meetings Bill, SB 15, by requiring that executive sessions be open to reporters and deleting "consultation with legal counsel" as a ground for an executive session. The committee begins hearings April 23 on conflict of interest bills. The most encompassing bill, HB 2529, establishes a State Ethics Commission and requires all public officials to disclose certain types of information. Members are expected to defer action on this bill until they have fully examined one relating only to state legislators. Another measure, HB 2107, simply creates a Legislative Ethics Committee. In addition, SB 145 requires all legislators to disclose total assets and sources of income, and to declare conflicts of interest prior to voting.

The Revenue Committee has recommended passage of HB 2220, which exempts farm labor camps and day care centers operated by non-profit corporations from property taxation.

The Committee on State and Federal Affairs reported out HJR 7, amending the Oregon Constitution to allow use of highway funds for mass transit, and HB 2276, the companion enabling legislation. Merger of the Fish and Game Commissions was requested by both agencies in testimony on HB 2652 House Bill 2803, relating to compensation for victims of crime, was sent to Labor and Industrial Relations where two similar bills are pending. Sponsors of HB 2566 and supporting citizen groups presented their case for banning nuclear power plants from coastal areas. Another hearing is scheduled soon.

If I can be of any assistance do not hesitate to contact me. Rep. Jack Sumner, 18-H State Capitol Bldg., Salem, Oregon 97310.

Report from Ken Jernstedt

IN SALEM

The Oregon Legislature moved fast this week to pass a bill ordering the immediate removal of 1400 billboards unless the owners turn over the title to the state. The billboard industry has agreed to turn over title of the signs to the state in exchange for a phase out of the signs over the next three years instead of immediate removal.

There is legislation pending in Congress which would require the state to pay billboard owners for removal of signs from Oregon's highways, so that is the reason the bill moved so speedily. The Governor has already signed it.

The Senate also passed one of the sessions' most controversial measures, Senate Bill 100, this week. This measure creates a new state commission to develop statewide land use standards. It puts the counties in charge of drawing up land use plans under goals and guidelines developed by the state commission which is named by the Governor.

The only exception to this will be made for Portland which will be allowed to do its own planning instead of having Multnomah County do it.

A new Department of Land Conservation and Development will be placed under the commission and it will be its job to review county plans to see if they conform to the state guidelines.

Other measures of import passed by the Senate this week include a bill to exempt from state income taxes prisoners of war or persons missing in action during the past twelve years; a measure which would allow city planning commissions to have five or seven members instead of the required nine (to benefit small communities); a measure designed to encourage firms to install pollution control devices by granting them a tax credit; a measure to allow more backyard burning time in areas regulated by local air quality authorities or the Environmental Quality Commission.

The vote on the proposed tax plan is only a few days away—I urge you to attend any public meetings on the tax plan to help you in understanding this complex problem. The election is on Tuesday, May 1. If you are unable to vote that day, absentee voters' ballots can be obtained from the county courthouse.

If you have any comments on proposed legislation before the Legislature this session, please do not hesitate to write, as this is the only way I am able to find out your feelings on various issues. My phone number is 378-8757 or write to me in care of the Oregon Senate, Salem, Ore. 97310.

REMEMBER THIS? . . . . REMINISCENCE!

55 YEARS AGO.....1918

"Over the top in one week" was the slogan adopted by the state of Oregon in the campaign to raise \$18,500,000 in the Third Liberty Loan Drive. The last report issued by J. A. Waters, county chairman, showed that \$170,000 had been subscribed by the people of Morrow County, thereby exceeding the quota by nearly \$30,000.

The local draft board and County Agent Brown have received copies of a general order recently issued by Major General Peyton C. Marsh, acting chief of staff, regarding the granting of furloughs to boys now in the training camps in order that they can come home to assist in harvesting crops.

H. C. Githens, Heppner business man, has announced that he will be a candidate for the democratic nomination for sheriff of Morrow County at the May primary election.

Two well known Heppner young people were married in Portland last week when Miss Ina Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Jones of this city, became the wife of Ellis Hendricson.

37 YEARS AGO.....1936

Citizens of Heppner who shared the joy of the school band on its winning the class D division at the state band contest at Corvallis Saturday, tonight are tendering a banquet and reception to the band and director at the Church of Christ basement. Heppner's band received the unanimous choice of the judges for first place in a field of nine bands.

Sam Hughes, pioneer merchant dropped dead in the rear of the Hughes and Hughes store Saturday afternoon from heart failure.

Melted snow water from the mountains is now swelling the streams in the lower country. Though the run-off is heavier than for several years, it is still short of requirements to cover all water rights. If each user will limit himself to his allotment, all will be served.

Death to elm tree beetles, and preservation of Heppner's shade trees—vital to comfort of her citizens in the summertime—is the aim of a widespread spraying campaign to be pushed immediately by the city. Money for the beetle eradication was provided in the city budget for the year. But cooperation of citizens is asked in topping out their trees to a height not to exceed 25 feet.

1 YEAR AGO.....1972

Four inches of new powder brought smiles to the skiers at Arbuckle last weekend. Skiing was at it best and surprising because Spout Springs shut down several weeks ago due to lack of snow.

Lynn Ranney, U. S. Sect. Center Mgr. for Eastern Oregon for the U. S. Post Office has announced agreement has been reached with Del Piper to continue the postal facility at his store premises in Lexington.

The Irrigon Lions will sponsor a brand new Lions Club for Boardman, as announced recently in the G-T.

Barney Marshall, a senior at Heppner High School, set a new high school track record at Pilot Rock April 17. He put the shot 48 feet 5 inches, to beat the old record by 16 inches. He also took first place in the javelin and discus. Jack Sumner who is seeking the Democratic nomination as State Representative from District No. 35, attended the State Democratic Convention in Klamath Falls last week.

LETTERS

Dear Editor,

Our A.A.U.W. wishes to thank you for all the publicity you kept up each week for our Artefactory. Thanks for helping make it the success it was.

Karen Beck (Sec.)

April 18, 1973

Heppner Times Dear Sir:

Just received April 12 issue of Gazette-Times but did not receive April 5 issue. The mail service is very poor. I am sorry to inconvenience you but I do enjoy the paper and don't want to miss an issue. So would appreciate a copy of April 5.

Many Thanks,

W. S. Williams P.O. Box 5293 Charleston, W. Va. 25311

Singing Family Thank You, Heppner, to Assembly of God for the Robin Petrick Fund

This Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Assembly of God Church, the John Phillips family will present the worship service. They will sing with guitar accompaniment with a western flair. John Phillips, former pastor of the Kennewick Church will speak. Friends are cordially invited.

CORA BURNSIDE of Spray was a recent overnite guest at the George Steagall's in Heppner. Mrs. Steagall drove her home Wednesday. Mrs. Burnside is Mr. Steagall's mother.

EASTER WEEKEND guest at the George Steagall's of Heppner were their daughter and son-in-law Vicki and Dick Hynd of Portland, and their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Ratcliff and Shannon of Kennewick, Wash.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

BARGAIN & SALE DEEDS

Cohn, Harold A. to Jones, Floyd R-Lorena - Fri. Sec. 2 T2S R27.

Gorseline, Rose Doherty, to Marlatt, Sally E. - Descr. tr Lot 1 Blk. 7 Stansbury's Add., Heppner.

Groshens, Emile to Jones, Floyd R-Lorena - Fri. Secs. 15,16,17,20,28,29. All Sec. 21 T2S R27.

Nichols, Archie-Agnes to Pappineau, Fred R-Jackie - Lots, 2,3, Blk. 2 McAllister's Add., Lexington.

Welch, Mary Doherty to Marlatt, Sally E. - Descr. tr Lot 1 Blk. 7 Stansbury's Add., Heppner.

WARRANTY DEEDS

Blake, Earl J-Margaret C. to Sturm, Grant E.-Myrtle J. - Descr. tr. Fri. Sec. 11 T4S R28.

Mercer, George F.-Helen G. to Olson, Delbert-Elizabeth S. - Lot 12 Blake Ranch Add Plat 2 Sec. 11 T4S R28.

Phillips, Hugh Raymond to Hardiman, John - Fri. Lot 2 Blk. 2W Sec. 25 T5N R26.

Rogers, Basil L.-Mildred J. to Harwood, Robert-Elvira - Descr. tr. Sec. 16 T4N R25.

Have California Jaunt

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wright are home from a trip to northern California. At Sherwood, Ca. they visited with Mrs. Wright's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jackson and then at Crescent City with Wilbur Flowers, another brother. They went on to Willows to visit more relatives.

Crops look good, they say. The barley is heading out. The farmers are getting ready to plant rice. Too much rain has delayed them. They have had some flooding. At Weaverville, they experienced a thunder and lightning storm. At Crescent City there was hard wind that forced the waves much higher. In Central valley the days were

warm and sunny. Enroute home they visited Mrs. Wright's mother, Mrs. Wave Jackson in a nursing home at Newberg.

Kinzua Children Enjoy Egg Hunt

By SHARON BELL

Good News Club was held Thursday evening at the Church Annex. The children enjoyed an Easter Party which included an egg hunt. Patty Kendle won 1st place for finding the most eggs, Angie and Andrea Jackson won 2nd place. Refreshments of cookies and punch were served.

Hidden Treasures



CALL TO ADVENTURE:

water is a vast treasure house. -- a drop taken from a pond or stream teems with tiny plants and animals. Also revealed by the microscope is the fact that a snowflake is a thing of great beauty, and that such common things as salt and cough syrup are made up of tiny crystals, each a beautifully formed jewel. A trip into one of the deep caves of the earth shows how some crystals are formed.

In contrast to the microscopic world, MIS cameramen visited Mt. Palomar and through the eye of the great two hundred inch telescope looked at the treasures in space, -- 200 million galaxies in known space!

All of this and much more is revealed in HIDDEN TREASURES, a film to be shown on April 29, 1973, at the Church of the Nazarene on 335 N. Gilmore, Heppner at 7:00 p.m.

IOOF members will see the film on May 2 after their lodge meeting.

Happenings

Orville Cutsforth is home from Africa and is again back at Chamber meetings. This picks up the momentum of the conversation considerably at the weekly luncheon.

He hasn't told about his trip except he told the joke he heard three different times about 1000 miles apart in Africa. It's the one when President Truman was saying that three or four loads of manure from Kansas would be all that the White House lawn needed to get green and glossy. The manure came. Margaret said to her mother how she wished that her dad wouldn't say manure but call it fertilizer. To which Mrs. Truman replied "My dear, it has taken me 30 years to get him to say manure."

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COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

April 26

Heppner Golf at Boardman 2 p.m.

April 27

Riverside baseball at Lone, 2 p.m.

Heppner track at The Dalles, all teams, 3:30 p.m.

J.V. baseball at Pilot Rock, 4 p.m.

April 28

Heppner Band Carnival, Fair Pavilion, dinner 5 - 7 p.m.; Carnival 7 - 10 p.m.; Dance 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Heppner Golf at John Day, 9 a.m.

Heppner baseball vs Condon, here, 1 p.m.

Lone track at Arlington Invitational.

April 29

Movie, "One Day in the Life of Ivan Danisovich, 7 p.m., Grade School multipurpose room.

April 30

Solid Waste meeting, 7:30 p.m., County Courthouse court-room.

May 1

Heppner track, here, all teams, 4 p.m.

Heppner baseball vs Maupin, here, 4 p.m.

May 3

Lone Garden Club annual plant sale, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. All welcome.

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