

Oregon Tax Limitation Situation Explained

Editor's Note: This is the fifth of a series of articles on the tax situation in Oregon, written for this newspaper by Dr. James T. Gilbert, dean of the college of social science at the University of Oregon. Dr. Gilbert, who is also professor of economics at the university, is regarded as an authority on the tax situation in the state of Oregon and is frequently consulted by state officials and others.

TAX LIMITATION AND REDUCTION HOW STATE AND COUNTY WOULD FAIRE

By James H. Gilbert

The proposed tax limitation measure is not drastic so far as the state is concerned. The basis for subsequent levies is not the tax rate of 1935 as in the case of local governments. Instead the state starts in with a 6 mill levy reduced in five years to 4.8 mills. Starting from normal, the state can better stand reductions. Moreover, most of the substitute sources developed in the past ten years accrue naturally to the commonwealth. The income tax, inheritance tax, excise tax and profits from the liquor are likely to increase with returning prosperity—in fact, are increasing at the present time. The increment from these "indirect" sources can be trusted to take care of the declining receipts from property taxes so far as the state is concerned. With the exception of higher education (of which more in a later installment) no essential state function is likely to suffer. The county is not in such favored

position. True, one county (Lincoln) on account of a high levy in 1935 will be able in 1942 to levy, in spite of tax "reduction," some 7 per cent more than in 1936. Not so with the other counties. In 18, or one-half of them, the total tax levy must decline 40 per cent or more by 1942. Jackson and Sherman counties must cut 40 per cent. Wheeler 50, and Harney 51 per cent. Moreover, a large share of county levies is made up of mandatory items—interest on debt, salaries prescribed by state law, compulsory high school levies, etc. In Multnomah county the mandatory items account for 80 per cent of the total. The 37 per cent cut must be taken out of the remaining 20 per cent—page Phillemont and the famous pitcher. In most, if not all, of Oregon counties the enforced reduction would mean the sacrifice of all services for which optional levies have been made. Some of these represent essential functions—agricultural agent, home demonstration, fruit inspection, health service, control of predatory animals and pests, unemployment relief, and 80 per cent of county levy for roads and bridges.

Everyday Cooking Miracles

BY VIRGINIA FRANCIS

Director Hospital Electric Cookery Institute

Said John as he adjusted his quickly looped tie, "Gee, Mary, you don't know how swell it is to have a leisurely breakfast with you every morning. Somehow it just starts the day out right. Remember how you used to hustle around in the kitchen getting breakfast, fussing with this and finishing up that while



There's no waiting for breakfast when the electric range and its timer-clock safeguard the meal.

I ate breakfast in installments and sometimes by my lonesome. "Yes, isn't it grand," replied Mary, taking the done-to-a-turn Canadian bacon from the oven of her new electric range. She added with a twinkle in her eye, "And, remember, I had to tease you to buy this range, too."

But then, steaming hot oatmeal, prunes and apricots and baked Canadian bacon on a cold autumn morning are enough to elicit praise and thanks from any hungry man. Such a breakfast is honest proof of the sensibility of that "new fangled range" which Mary just couldn't get along without. Even without knowing that the "chef's brain" (or automatic timer clock) cooked this breakfast while the family slept, it's still a "miracle" breakfast. Everything deliciously cooked, everything piping hot and ready to serve right on the dot.

Breakfast-by-the-Clock
The fact of the matter is that this breakfast or any "absent" electric cookery meal is cooked according to your explicit directions but without requiring your attention or even

your presence in the house. You can place the meal in the trusty electric oven any time you desire and by merely touching a few "magic" switches this meal will begin to cook when, and for the desired length of time, you wish. Control—that the keynote of such a feat.

Time-control is the leisure-giving feature made possible by the "chef's brain." It automatically sets off and checks the flow of electric heat units. Temperature-control assures an even, inflexible degree of heat; moisture-control keeps the food moist and in perfect condition during its stay in the oven. Now, let's re-enact the process of preparing this delicious breakfast.

Oven Breakfast
Stewed prunes and apricots: Wash and pick over fruit. Place in pan or baking casserole, and cover with water; cover. (While in the oven the fruits plump up, thus eliminating soaking.)
Oatmeal: Place 2 cups oatmeal in saucepan or baking dish and add 2 cups water; cover.
Canadian bacon: Arrange bacon in shallow baking pan. Place cold food in electric oven, the oatmeal and fruit on lower rack, and the bacon on the upper rack. Set Timer Clock for a cooking period of 1 1/2 hours. Set Temperature Control to 350°. Turn switch to Bake.

County's 4-H Club Winners Home From Livestock Show



Mary Esther Davis and Earnest Lethrop, Central Point, returned late last week from Portland where, for three days during the Pacific International Livestock Exposition, they were the guests of the First National Bank of Portland and where Earnest won two third prizes with his Berkshire swine entries at the exposition. The young people won the Portland trip by being selected the outstanding 4-H club members of Jackson county and as such were honored during their Portland visit. In Portland they joined the party of 40 other winners from 20 Oregon counties, occupying two floors of a downtown hotel. As guests of the bank, they attended the Pacific International Livestock Exposition, the horsemanship, the theater, the annual 4-H club banquet sored the First National Bank of Portland and were honored at a dinner party attended by bank officers and county agents. Miss Davis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis L. Davis, Route 1, Central Point, and is a senior at Sams Valley high school. During her nine years of 4-H club work she has finished projects in canning, cooking, sewing, room-improvement, livestock

WASHINGTON-OREGON POTATO CROP HEAVY

SEATTLE, Oct. 16.—(AP)—U. S. department of agriculture statisticians today estimated the Washington-Oregon potato crop, favored by excellent growing conditions last month, will be 20 percent above the 1928-1932 average and the fifth largest Pacific northwest crop on record. This was heralded as "good news" in view of a "short crop" nationally. The production forecast, as of October 1, is 8,670,000 bushels for Washington and 7,085,000 bushels for Oregon, against last year's 7,820,000 bushels in Washington and 5,670,000 bushels produced by Oregon.

Tourist Records To Go Higher Yet

PORTLAND, Oct. 16.—(AP)—New tourist records may be confidently expected in the next few years, constantly hitting new high marks for coastal and continental travel, Russell E. Singer, Washington, D. C., general manager of the American Automobile association, said in an address today before a special conference of western motor clubs. With all 1936 tourist travel records being shattered, 1937 and the years following will witness a constant upward surge, Singer prophesied. Mixed Tulip Bulbs, No. 1's per dozen, No. 2's, 25c per 100, 60 No. Quince or Liberty Mkt.

Black Legion Garb Press Agent's Hoax

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 16.—(AP)—A skull-and-crossbones robe, which created a "Black Legion scare" in Los Angeles, was branded as a film press agent's hoax by an angry police officer today. "It was only a press agent's hoax and a despicable one," said Captain William F. Hynes of the police intelligence bureau. His detectives, he said, compared the black-hooded garment, found in a suitcase near a Wilshire boulevard hotel Tuesday, with the costumes used in three current motion pictures based on Black Legion terrorism.

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PHONE EARNINGS BEST IN 5 YEARS

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—(AP)—For the first time in five years the American Telephone and Telegraph company and the Bell system have earned their interim dividends, the parent company's report for the September quarter showed today. Net income of American Telephone for the latest period totaled \$43,182,751, equal to \$2.31 a common share compared with \$31,720,108 or \$1.70 in the 1935 third quarter. On a share basis the dividend requirements are \$2.28.

Consolidated net profit of the Bell system, which embraces American Telephone and 23 associated telephone companies, for the quarter ended August 31 totaled \$47,131,177, or \$2.30 a share on the American Telephone common. This compared with \$32,864,458 or \$1.86 a share in the like 1935 period. The report said the Bell system had a net gain of about 600,000 telephones in the first nine months of this year, or about twice the gain in the comparable 1935 period. The number of toll and long distance calls for the first three quarters ran approximately 12 percent ahead of a year ago, it showed.

Fast Action Saves Life Of Motorist

ASTORIA, Ore., Oct. 16.—(AP)—Larry Hendrickson, seriously injured in a Seaside hospital, may owe his life to the quick action of the driver of a truck with which Hendrickson's car collided near Seaside yesterday. A portion of a windshield swipe was imbedded in Hendrickson's throat in the crash. Elmer High, driver of the truck, removed the object, stopped the flow of blood, as best he could and rushed Hendrickson to the hospital.

GUN USED TO BEAT DOG SHOOT, KILLS WIELDER

LIVINGSTON, Mont., Oct. 16.—(AP) John Rodgers, caretaker at a quarry in Emigrant, 25 miles south, started to beat a dog which stole a sandwich the man was preparing for himself. He used the stock of a rifle. The weapon discharged, a bullet tore through Rodgers' abdomen, and he died en route to the hospital. He is survived by a widow and four children.

LONDON, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Sidney R. Kent, president of the Twentieth Century-Fox Film corporation, today announced negotiations for sale by the corporation of its interests in the Gaumont-British Picture corporation had been broken off.

FIRES CHECKED IN NORTH CALIFORNIA

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Fire fighters and farmers today checked damage from gales which whipped flames and dust over parts of northern California.

The most serious fire, raging on the lower northeast slope of Mt. Tamalpais, destroyed one dwelling and blackened an area of several hundred acres before it was halted on a ridge above Mill valley last night. Another fire in the same vicinity threatened the coast village of Bolinas where coast guardsmen joined CCC workers and firemen in the fighting force. Two blazes broke out on the San Francisco peninsula in San Mateo county. One menaced the San Fran-

cisco county jail, located in San Mateo county. San Francisco fire department reported 25 calls in the city and Oakland firemen responded to 22 alarms as the gale lashed the bay region yesterday and last night. Some damage was feared to crops in the San Joaquin and Sacramento valleys from the driving wind. A heavy dust storm struck the Santa Clara valley. When you want heat call 1194. Petroleum Heat & Burner Co.

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