

## Tax, Revenue Talks Receive Interested Hearing By Citizens

Though taxes are popularly considered a dull subject, the group of 60 or more persons who crowded into the Medford hotel banquet room yesterday noon found the discussion of taxes by the legislative interim committee answering questions and explaining tax matters for more than two hours after the luncheon.

There were four legislator-members of the committee here, together with two members serving by appointment by the governor. State Sen. Howard Belton and State Reps. Giles French and John Sell were assisted in the panel discussion by former County Judge Earl B. Day and by Mrs. Louise Humphrey, staff assistant with Oregon Business and Tax Research.

### Describe Taxes

The five tax experts told of

the present state of Oregon's financial condition, described what effect two referendum and initiative measures would have on state finances and explained several proposed changes in the tax structure.

The gist of the discussion was: Oregon is in an enviable and relatively sound financial condition now but is on the brink of a far different situation, especially if a veterans bonus and increased state aid for schools are voted by the people in November; the tax base must be broadened to bring in more revenue and tax loopholes must be filled.

By running on a cushion built up by high income tax revenues during the war, the state has not had to collect property taxes since 1940, it was pointed out. But that situation will not last forever and the resumption of a state property tax will be speeded if the voters demand a bonus for veterans and increased aid for schools.

**Costs Exceed Revenues**  
Each two years Oregon is now spending \$24 million more than it receives in revenues. Representative French explained that the two referendum bills would add about \$17 million to state expenses the first year of their operation, and would boost the millage rate by 12 mills.

At first, he said, the cost would probably be paid out of income taxes, but that soon the expense would have to be met by the property tax. The total cost of the bonus measure including interest would be \$90 million, and the school aid program would cost \$12 billion the first year, jumping soon to \$18 million a year.

**Added Burden**  
A further burden on the state's existing revenues will come if the legislature's referred bill for old age assistance is not sustained by the voters in November. Mrs. Humphrey declared that if the bill is turned down, the Dunne bill, passed by a referendum vote in 1948, will go into effect—obliging the state to make huge outlays for old age benefits and possibly depriving the state of some \$30 million in federal matching funds.

Representative Sell explained a proposed measure that would deprive the state of the right to levy a real property tax and force it to exist on revenues from income taxes. The property tax, he suggested, should be left on the local level for the support of local units of government.

**Other Taxes Proposed**  
A proposal to increase revenues by replacing the personal property tax with an all-inclusive tax on businesses was also suggested. The personal property tax, as now collected, is "riddled with loopholes" and allows innumerable and inequitable exemptions, the committee said. A two per cent tax on net business incomes would raise about the same amount as is now being raised by the personal property tax, it was explained and would be spread out more equitably.

Judge Day proposed the removal of tax assessment and collection functions of government from politics and placing them on a merit basis. Only in that way, he said, will the state tax commission be able to formulate long-range and effective tax programs that will not be jeopardized by continually shifting political fortunes of assessors and sheriffs.

**Asks Public Interest**  
The lively discussion was concluded with an appeal by Senator Belton for an increased public interest in the vital fiscal problems of the state and for a greater awareness of the fact that taxes already represent 40 per cent of the entire assessed valuation of the state. The situation could grow worse unless the voters realize that revenues must be brought into a closer relation with expenditures, Senator Belton said.

Some of the titles that have been received lately are "Beau Gest," "Of Human Bondage," "Names on the Land" and "Hell on Ice." Smuland often spends hours at a time with his reading rather than to break the continuity of a book. Pedersen has less time for reading because of his interest in rugmaking. He reads when he can take time from his loom. Ward has just been put on the reading list and is looking forward to enjoying many evenings with the books.

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Talking books on records are received regularly as a part of Camp White's library service to its members. They come as inter-library loans from the Portland Library association. A variety of material is available, from the reading of the entire Bible to late mystery thrillers.

The three members of the domiciliary center now using these books are Andrew Pedersen, Herman Smuland and Ward. Each man lives in a private room so that he may enjoy his reading without annoying others and without being disturbed by activity around him. Romance and adventure are popular among them as well as travel, humor, animal stories and popular sci-

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