

Chamber Group Backs Sales Tax As Means of Solving Problem

A unanimous recommendation that the sales tax principle with certain exemptions be adopted by the Oregon legislature to solve the state tax problem was made yesterday by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce's legislative committee.

A report of the action taken at the committee's regular weekly breakfast session Monday was made at the Chamber's round-table noon luncheon yesterday by Attorney Frank Van Dyke.

No Specific Proposal

He said that the committee did not adopt any specific tax proposal, but believed that "everybody enjoying the benefits of government should contribute directly to that government's support."

Van Dyke also gave his personal opinion that citizens all over the state should arise and support the sales tax principle, rather than increased income or real taxes. He cited what he believed were the dangers of leaving such a proposal to referendum and stated the legislature should initiate a sound measure during this session.

He explained that a referendum would allow some small group to word the bill, which might be objectionable, but adopted as a last recourse.

Believes Future Poor

Robert Root, another Chamber committee member on legislation and former state representative, said that, in his opinion, the sales tax future in the present legislative session was "poor." He added, however, that if the people were properly informed on the subject, they would favor it. Root also said that the adoption of a stiff real property tax or state income tax would probably bring about a referendum by the next general election for a sales tax.

Root described the state's present economic status, which he said calls for drastic financial action to solve a deficit. He favored a general 3 per cent sales tax to solve the situation, with persons earning below \$6,000 exempt from a state income tax.

In discussing proposed measures to raise additional revenues, Root said that a six-mill property tax would bring about \$30,000,000 revenues to the state. Such a tax would increase Jackson county millage by 11.2 mills, or an average of 16.7 per cent in taxes.

In speaking of state income taxes Root said that he had figured out that 80 per cent of Oregon families pay less than the \$80 necessary in basic school support money to maintain one child in school.

In conjunction with the tax

discussion, Root recommended support of a permissive average inventory bill (HB 46), which will be helpful to Oregon's lumber industry in allowing a monthly inventory average for tax purposes, instead of a January check when their stockpiles are greatest.

The members of the legislative committee of the Chamber invited all Chamber members

who could attend next week's session, which will concern water resources and pending legislation.

Next Monday's roundtable session, which is open to Chamber members and newcomers here, will concern a report on retail promotion in the area and the coming spring opening under the direction of Howard Boyd.

On The Side

By E. V. Durling

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My reference of several months ago that "Daddy" Vance was 31 when he pitched his first major league victory was questioned by many subscribers demanding stogies. They said all the record books had it that Vance was 29 at the time. I refused to retract, adding I did not pay off on record books. This reply inspired much indignation.

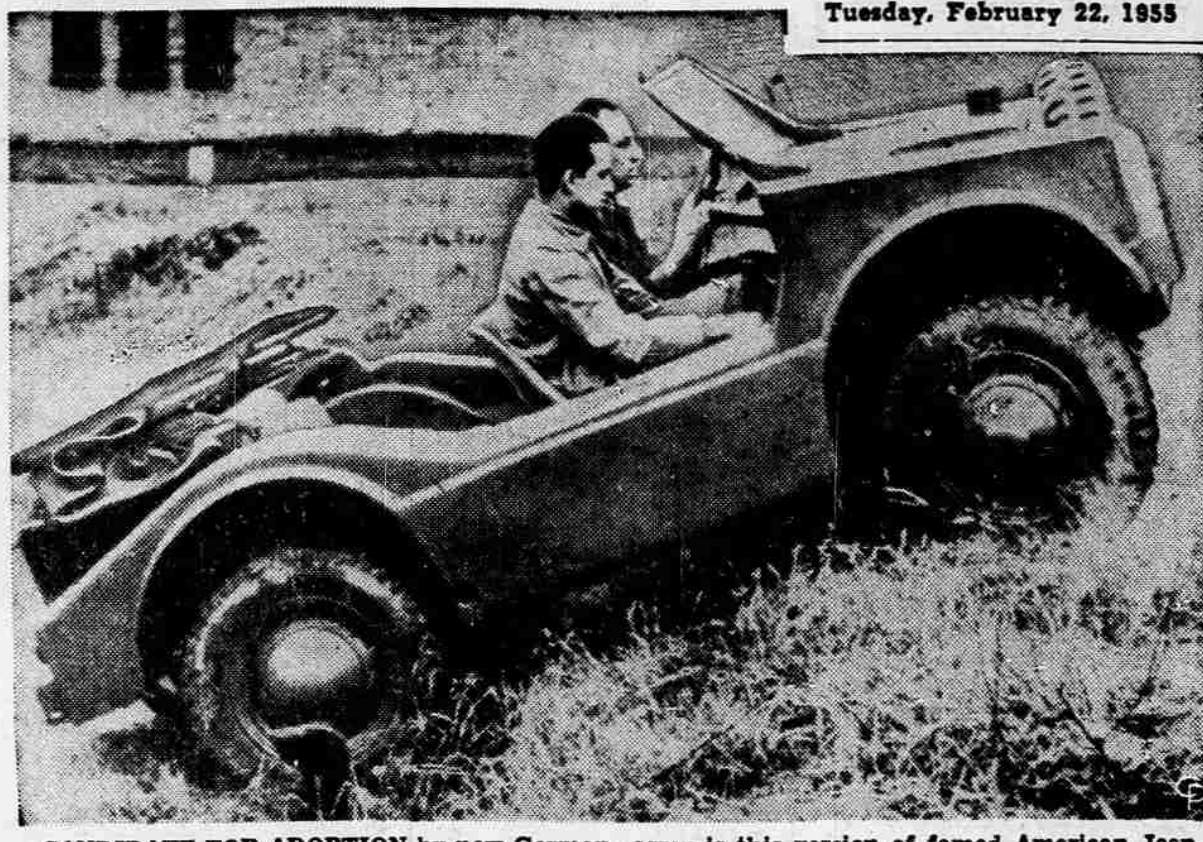
In a recent interview, Vance said, "I am two years older than the record book says. When I won my first major league game I was 31." As you know, we Brooklynites are modest, retiring fellows not inclined to boast about or crow over a triumph. I merely mention this matter because I have been receiving a number of stogies not carefully wrapped. May I ask that subscribers who have lost stogies on this Vance argument please mail them in aluminum containers to avoid breakage?

Horses & Women
The helpful hints on wife training offered by our Horses & Women department are of no use to a timid man. Only husbands of firm character can hope to profit by them. For example, take a husband who is trying to streamline a wife so he will be proud of her appearance in a bathing suit. He has to make his orders stick as to diet which is the most important factor in weight reduction. He should weigh his wife on the bathroom scales daily. Her weight for that date should be recorded on a chart. In this way her progress in achieving a streamline figure, or the lack of it, can be accurately checked.

Asides
Are you an Irish stew enthusiast? How about lamb stew? How does your charming wife handle the stew situation? I suppose she knows that all stews should first be cooked, then let get cold and reheated again before serving. . . . When can a boy rightly say, "Now I am a man?" In most states in this country a boy legally reaches his majority at 21. However, according to nature, a boy becomes a man at 15.

Art
A New Yorker claims he has a "genuine Rembrandt" in his art collection. I hope he is right. There are over 10,000 paintings in the United States attributed to Rembrandt, though according to the records of his life he only painted 700.

Please Note
Note a reference to "Jenny Lind, the Swedish Nightingale." The term nightingale applied to a feminine singer is incorrect. It is the male nightingale that sings. "Band Canary" applied to a feminine vocalist is also erroneous. It is the male canary that sings.



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Measures in Oregon Legislature

Salem—(U.P.)—The question, said Sen. Gill to Sen. Ziegler, is: Will the telephones in the refrigerator locks be pay phones, and, if so, will there be dimes or nickels there in case a customer finds himself locked in?

Sen. Francis W. Ziegler of Corvallis arose on the Senate floor to explain a bill which would among other things, provide that in each refrigerated locker plant in which there is no full time attendant on the premises when the plant is open to patrons, an extension telephone must be installed in each refrigerated room.

It was, thought Ziegler, a simple bill. But before he was able to take his seat, half a dozen senators had asked him about a provision for reduction in license fees on the phones.

To the query of Sen. Warren Gill of Lebanon about pay phones, which brought chuckles from the senators, Ziegler replied "No. They are extension phones."

A final round of laughter came when Ziegler, asked by President Elmo E. Smith of John Day if he wished to make a closing argument, said with a sigh of relief: "No!"

Then the measure was unanimously passed.

Salem—(U.P.)—A bill is being drafted for the House Food and Dairying Committee which would establish a minimum producer price on milk.

Sponsors of the measure said the bill would help prevent any possible price war on milk. The minimum price would be based partly on the average paid farmers in the three neighboring states rather than on the cost of production.

Distributors would set up producer pools and negotiations would be made for an annual contract on a base quota for fluid milk. At the end of the year new quotas would be set up based on production during the four lowest shipping months.

Salem—(U.P.)—Oregon's troubles with her sister states in negotiating industrial accident claims in cases where jurisdictions of other states collided with those of Oregon is the subject of a bill brought before the House State and Federal Affairs Committee.

The proposed measure would

allow the Industrial Accident Commission to negotiate the compensation controversies on its own authority and would give it more authority to act in such cases as the one that arose

Resigned Liquor Officer Seeks Public Hearing

Portland—(U.P.)—An Oregon Liquor Control Commission hearing officer, who resigned under fire last week, has asked the commission to set aside his resignation, confront him with specific charges and hold an open hearing on any charges against him.

Karl F. Glos of Portland was asked to resign after Gov. Paul L. Patterson made public a special report which accused a commission employee of gross misconduct. Gov. Patterson did not name the employee.

Glos asked the commission to rescind his resignation, which he submitted last Thursday. Glos said he "had been given information by good authority" that he was not eligible for a hearing before the Civil Service Commission because he had resigned.

He asked for an open hearing "where I can be faced by my accusers and cross-examine them after I have been apprised of any specific charges."

Glos said no specific charges have been served on him. He said he was asked to resign by Lester Ireland, commission chairman, and that he complied. The report to the governor was prepared by Robert Maguire, a Portland attorney, who headed an investigation of the commission.

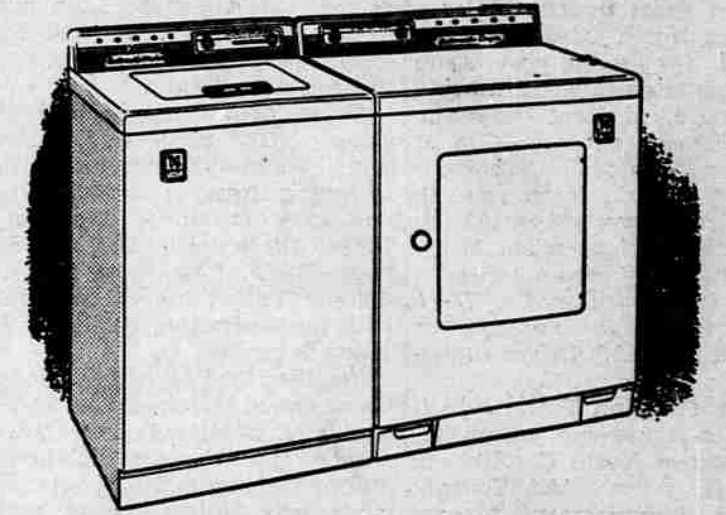
PHILANTHROPY RISE
New York—(U.P.)—Gifts and philanthropy in the United States reached new high levels in 1954, according to an index based on a study of publicly announced giving in 10 large cities made by John Price Jones Company, Inc. The total in 1954 was \$603,047,382 as against \$495,039,966 in 1953.

HEY, SARGE!

Greenwich, Conn.—(U.P.)—The 1,000th Connecticut enlistee in the Army since the Air Force undertook a separate recruiting campaign was Pvt. Frank Sar-

Providence, R.I. — (U.P.) —

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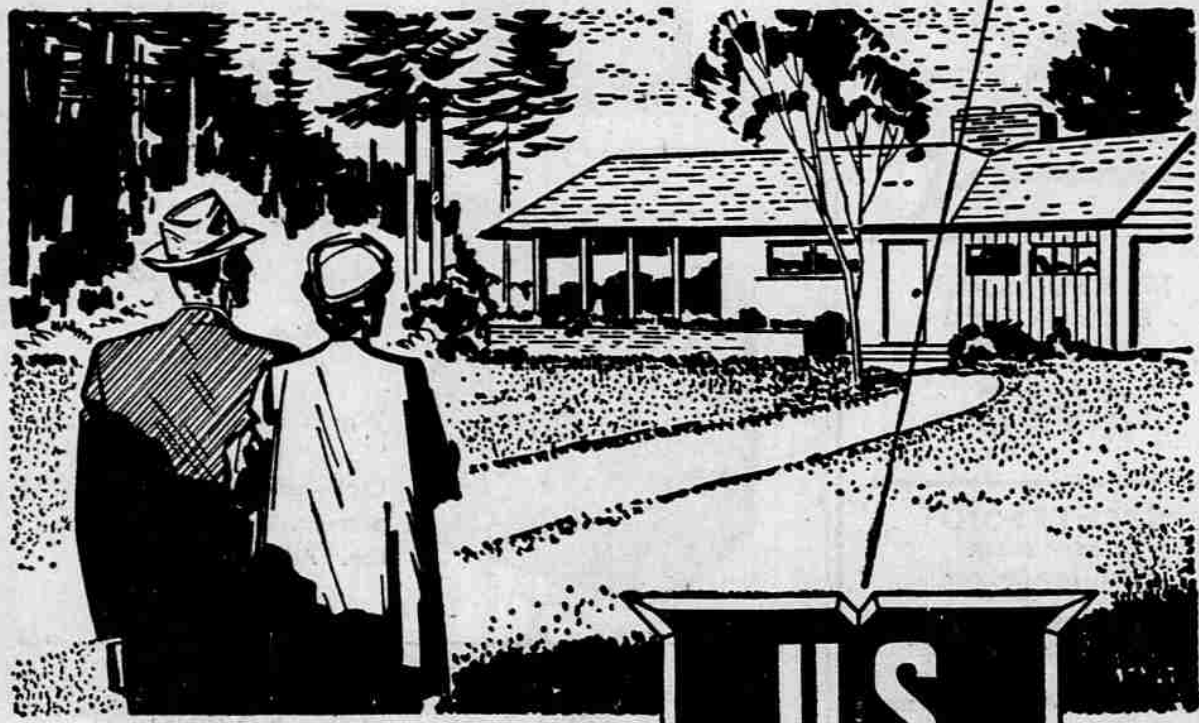
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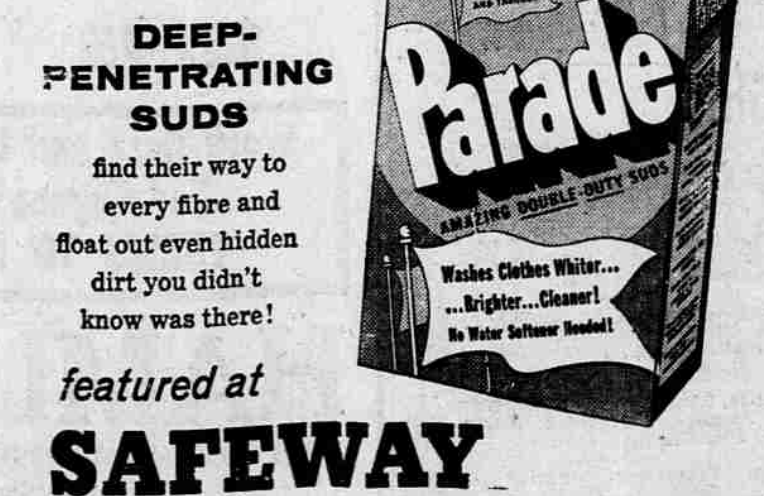


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