

Taxation Committee Wrestles With Proposed Changes in Income Tax Laws

Members Disagree On Suggestions To Raise Revenue

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Salem — (U.P.) — A shirt-sleeved House Taxation committee wrestled through the afternoon yesterday over the last remaining issue in their proposed tax program — how will the personal income tax law be changed so that it will raise the millions necessary to put Oregon's budget in the black?

The session adjourned with the nine members still in disagreement over some four or five alternate plans. Chairman Loran Stewart (R-Cottage Grove) has promised members of the House he will unveil the committee's tax program Thursday or Friday.

Monday's committee sessions brought added clarity to portions of the program. The tithing question was ordered turned over to the joint ways and means committee as a budgeting problem more than a revenue producer. In state government parlance, the tithing is an assessment made against the funds of self-supporting state boards, agencies, and commissions to pay the state the cost of keeping their books. The tax committee was tentatively agreed that too many funds were escaping the tithing.

Big Gap Left
The committee also agreed that the \$800,000 per biennium that now goes to the highway commission from highway fines should go, instead, to the general fund for appropriation by the Legislature. That problem, too, was turned over to ways and means.

Hikes in the tax on insurance premiums, knocking out utility exemptions, and higher prices charged for liquor in monopoly stores would raise millions of dollars. But there would still be a big gap between that income and the \$55,000,000 the state figures it must have to come out even at the end of the next biennium.

That is the hole that will have to be plugged by the income tax. There is still the sales tax proposal, but that would have to go to the people and would not give this session of the Legislature its balanced budget.

Pearson's Plan Alive
Still alive in the committee was Rep. Walter Pearson's plan for a form of "universal" income tax. One version of the plan submitted by the Portland Democrat would yield the state \$46,000,000 in new revenue in a biennium. It would eliminate personal exemptions and credits for dependents. It would substitute a \$10 tax credit for each dependent other than the taxpayer and spouse. It would contain a "hardship" clause to exempt from all taxation single men earning less than \$1000 a year and married men making less than \$2000. The present tax rates would be retained.

Other plans include a surtax simply piled on top of the present tax at a sufficient percentage rate to bring in the required money; and reductions in the present \$600 exemptions allowed for dependents. The committee was unable to settle on any of the plans.

Hanging over yesterday's meeting was the threat of referral to the people since tax measures cannot, in Oregon, be labeled emergencies and must be inoperative for 90 days to give voters a chance to organize a referendum attack on them. If referral petitions are filed, the tax program would become ineffective until the issue is settled at the next general election. Labor lobbyists promised they would not accept Pearson's plan.

Legislature in 72nd Day
The 1955 Legislature went into its 72nd day today. The House, operating on a speeded up schedule, convened a half-hour earlier to consider four bills up for final passage.

The Senate yesterday passed and sent to the House a bill to take the motor vehicle division out of the secretary of state's department and make it a separate department under the appointive power of the governor. Proponents said the purpose was to put all departments dealing with motor vehicle fees and licenses under one executive. The Public Utilities commission, State Highway commission and State Tax commission already are under the appointive power of the governor.

Salem — (U.P.) — Oregon voters will have a chance to pass on a proposal that the emergency clause be placed on tax measures at the discretion of the Legislature. The House gave final approval to a Senate-passed resolution for a constitutional amendment that would remove the present ban on emergency tax measures. The vote was 35 to 24, with one absence.

Champions Chosen At Cal-Ore Show

Grand champion heifer and bull shown in the Cal-Ore Hereford association's show and sale at the Jackson county fairgrounds last week were owned by Donald K. Nichols and Marilyn Bohnert, according to the county agent's office.

Nichols' heifer was sold to N. H. Pringle, Butte Falls, for a top price of \$360, and Miss Bohnert's bull was sold to Wallace Ragsdale, Brownsboro, for \$1,520.

The reserve champion bull, owned by Walter House, was sold to E. M. Bigham, Eagle Point, for \$620. The reserve champion heifer, owned by John and Edyth Bohnert, was sold to Newhope Hereford ranch, Grants Pass.

There were 47 animals on the sale list, and sales prices ranged from those paid for the champions down to \$115 for heifers and \$225 for bulls.

On The Side

By E. V. DURLING
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I wish I could remember the first day.
First hour, first moment of your meeting me.
A day of days! I let it come and go.
As traceless as a thaw of hygone snow.
It seemed to mean so little
And meant so much.
—Christina Rossetti.

The best barbers use scissors for haircuts. They scorn the clippers. They say clippers are for horses. Many young barbers say it takes too long to give a haircut with scissors only. That's because they don't know their business. The Police Gazette once staged a contest to decide what barber was the world's fastest hair cutter. Clippers were barred. Contestants were permitted to use scissors only. The winner gave a man a good haircut in twenty-nine seconds!

Secretarial Shapes
Can your secretary take a side view of herself in a full length mirror without shuddering? Is her shape in need of streamlining? If so, it may not all be a matter of suffering from "stenographer's spread." It could be because of the "coffee breaks." Seems many of the Girl Fridays put too much cream in their coffee and go for a sugar bun or a doughnut during the morning and afternoon coffee breaks. Consequently they are beginning to bulge a bit. Better have a talk with your secretary about this. Also might be a good idea to have a scale in the office so you could weigh her every day.

Asking
Queries from clients. Q. Who wrote "The Prisoner's Song" and when? A. Was written by Guy Massey in 1924. That was the same year in which that stirring ditty "California, Here I Come" was popularized by Al Jolson. Also on that year's hit list were "It Had To Be You," "Tea For Two," "All Alone (On The Telephone)" and "I'll See You In My Dreams." Doesn't seem that could be thirty-one years ago, does it?

Hard To Get
Most difficult men to lure into matrimony are those born under Sagittarius (November 23-December 21). Even when a girl has an engagement ring slipped on her finger by a Sagittarian she never can tell. Men born under that sign break more engagements to marry than any other males. Or, so say the stargazers.

Briefly
Do you consider yourself well informed? If so, tell us quick as half a flash how many bones there are in the human body....

Akers Brothers and Sister is the firm name of a printing organization in North Hollywood, Calif. . . . The most dangerous seat in an automobile, in case of an accident, is that next to the driver. That is known as "The Death Seat."

Slogans
A clever slogan can do much for a product. In fact, slogans have frequently been the major factor in an article's success. Incidentally, a British manufacturer of an inflatable bra, more commonly known as a "falsie," held a contest to decide on a slogan for the article. Among the slogans suggested was "Perfection Without Detection." Another was "A must for Every Bust That Needs Helping."

Lucky Lady
Feminine resident of Detroit, the city of champions, says she is 55 and never has had a tooth extracted. Still has a full set of thirty-two teeth. Lucky lady. Imagine never having had a toothache. Nor never having heard a dentist's instruments rattling ominously. Of all the minor ailments, I believe a toothache is the worst. After that a common cold. Then a carbuncle. I have never had a headache.

Salvation Army Relives Pioneer Religion

Chicago—(U.P.)—The Salvation Army brought back "that old time religion" Monday night in a foot-stomping "hallelujah" revival modeled after the fervent 1880s.

Eight hundred persons crowded the old Princess Rink to chorus "amen" and "yea, brother" as the Army relived its pioneer days.

The old fashioned revival, staged by a cast of 100 Army members, was in commemoration of the evangelistic organization's 75th anniversary in the United States and its 70th year in Chicago.

The now-crumbing Princess Rink on Chicago's West Side once rocked to some of the Army's greatest revival sessions before the turn of the century.

The Army left the old hall in 1900 and the Rink fell upon loose ways. It was used as a dance hall, a roller skating rink

and a night club before it was abandoned.

But the Army came back and the old rink rocked again.

The Army's lads and lassies put on false beards and 1885

costumes. A few of the women even painted their faces in order to impersonate fallen women.

Such a one was "Sister Flossie," who stood up to announce: "One year ago tonight I was

bound down by the chains of sin and drink. I had no home, no friends, no hope. Then, while walking the streets, I heard the music of the Salvation Army band . . ."

The audience shouted, "Yes, sister," and things were off to a fine start.

A sort of morality play followed, featuring the devil, a businessman, an atheist, a drunkard and a stout-hearted Salvation Army girl.

The devil quickly triumphed over the businessman, atheist and drunkard. But his wiles came to naught when he tangled with the lassies.

Salvation Army Maj. Ray Gabrielson cautioned the audience that the high-jinks weren't as funny as they seemed.

"This hall has been hallowed by the tears of repentant sinners," he said. "It was here that many of our sainted workers prayed."

Coquille Man Given 20 Years

Coquille—(U.P.)—James Harrison Tipton, 48-year-old electrician, was sentenced to 20 years in the state penitentiary yesterday for criminal assault with intent to rape, only 24 hours after he was arrested for his assault on a nine-year-old girl as she was returning home from Sunday school.

Circuit Judge Dal M. King pronounced the sentence after Tipton pleaded guilty to the charge. The judge expressed disappointment that the State Supreme court recently had ruled that life sentences for this

crime were unconstitutional. Judge King said "This is the worst case of this kind I have ever heard of."

Tipton was arrested Sunday after an all-night questioning by Police Chief A. W. McMullen and District Attorney John Pickett, he confessed that he lured the girl to his lodgings in a rooming house and assaulted her.

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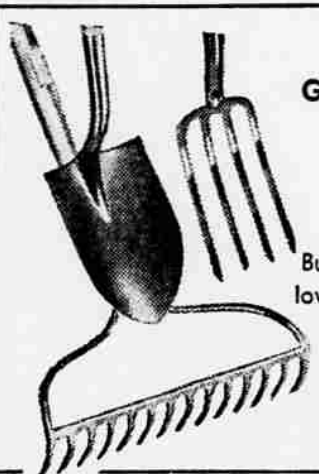
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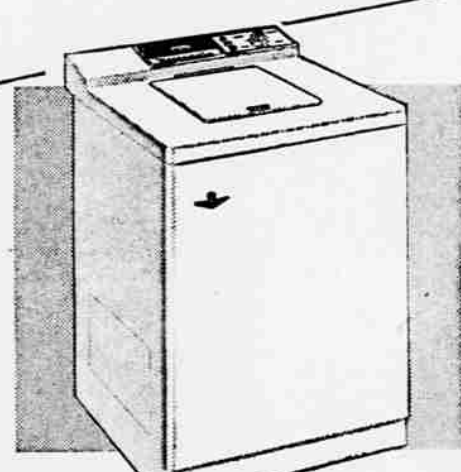
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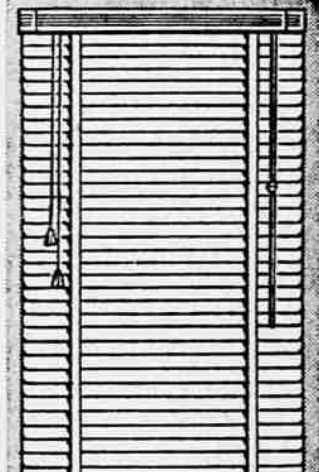
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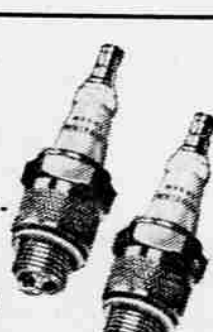
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