



THERE'S ONE IN EVERY FAMILY—Honey, a Pennsylvania black bear, has trouble getting her fourth cub to line up at the Glenwood Park Zoo in Erie, Pa. For the second year in a row, Honey gave birth to quadruplets. According to the experts, triplets are a rarity for bears and quadruplets are practically a phenomenon. The cubs are 3½ months old.

Property Taxpayers Have Until May 18 to File for Corrections

Salem — Oregon's property taxpayers have until May 18 to file petitions with county boards of equalization for correction of property assessments, Samuel B. Stewart, State Tax commission chairman, has announced.

Taxpayers who feel their property is assessed too high should obtain necessary petitions from the county assessor or county clerk, Stewart said.

All county boards of equalization will convene on Monday, May 13, to make the annual review of assessments in their re-

spective counties. Oregon law provides that a property owner may appear in person or may be represented by his attorney before the board of equalization when it considers petitions for reductions of assessments.

Jackson Ratio

The posted ratio in Jackson county this year is set at 30 per cent, according to Ray Schumacher, county assessor.

County assessors are required to post the ratio used in assessing property. Taxpayers, by converting assessed value to

true cash value using this posted ratio, can test the assessment on the property he owns.

True cash value by law is set at 80 per cent of the market value for real property, but for personal property such as merchandise, livestock, and farm equipment, true cash value is usually 100 per cent.

To test the value placed on the property by the assessor, the taxpayer would have to make two calculations, first, to find the true cash value, and second, to find the market value.

First Computation

The first computation is to divide the assessed value as shown on the tax roll by the posted ratio. This will indicate the true cash value of the property. Second, he must divide the true cash value by 80 per cent to obtain the market value. Then, with the market value calculated, he can readily make the comparison between his idea of the valuation of the property and the assessor's market value.

For example, if the assessed value of a home is shown on the tax statement or the assessment roll as \$2,000, and the posted ratio is 25 per cent, then dividing \$2,000 by .25, a true cash value of \$8,000 is found. This true cash value figure is then divided by 80 per cent to determine the market value of the property which, in this case, would be \$10,000.

Majority Reports on Inheritance, Gift Taxes Go To House

Salem — (U.P.) — Majority reports by the committee on taxation recommending that two Democratic tax bills boosting inheritance and gift taxes should pass were accepted by the House Tuesday after minority reports were defeated.

The bills were virtually assured of passing the House today.

Vote killing the minority report on the inheritance bill was 39-19 and 38-20 on the gift tax bill.

Rep. Clarence Barton, Coquille Democrat and chairman of

the House Taxation Committee, said both bills were designed to bring about equality among all taxpayers of Oregon.

Rep. Vernon Cook, Gresham Democrat, explained the majority view of the tax committee on House bill 797 which would raise about \$2 million dollars in new inheritance tax revenue.

Cook said the heart of the bill was not rate changes but the fact that insurance of more than \$60,000 was taxed and also any real property of more than \$25,000 owned jointly by a husband and wife.

Comparing Oregon rates with California and Washington, Cook said Oregon was still "the best place to live—and to die—on the West Coast."

California starts taxing insurance at \$50,000 and Washington at \$40,000.

Rep. Wayne Giesy, Monroe Republican, opposed taxing insurance in his minority report. He said insurance was the only way young businessmen could protect their businesses, adding that rate schedules in the bill would compound taxes and cause liquidation of many estates.

Rep. George Layman, Newberg Republican, went with the Democratic majority in asserting that the inheritance tax was reasonable. "A responsible minority can't be against all new sources of revenue if the rates aren't unreasonable," Layman said.

Rates At Maximum

Barton said Oregon rates reached their maximum of 23 per cent at \$1,500,000 while Washington's maximum of 25 per cent was effective at \$25,000.

On the gift tax bill, House bill 798, Giesy said the rates doubled up depending on whether or not the person receiving the gift was a close relative or not.

Cook said the purpose of the gift tax was to prevent wealthy persons from giving away their money to avoid the inheritance tax payments. He said not much revenue was involved, but the bill was important as a protective measure.

Under the bill \$5,000 a year could be given to a relative tax free.

Mother, Son Meet After 32 Years

Miami Beach — (U.P.) — Lester Lee, 56, of Pensacola, Fla., said it was "like a voice from the dead" when his 82-year-old mother spoke to him on a telephone after a 32-year separation.

Lee and his mother, Mrs. Mae Lynch, each thought the other was dead until chance led to their reunion here.

Lee said he came here to attend a mosquito control convention and decided on the spur of the moment to call an aunt, Mrs. Stella Radenbush.

Another woman answered the telephone and he asked for his aunt. At first she was unbelieving, but finally gasped: "Do you know who you just talked with? It was your mother."

Then Lee gasped.

He explained he left Pensacola about 1925, traveled extensively for about 10 years, and returned to Pensacola to find his mother gone. Her property had been sold under circumstances indicating she had died.

Mrs. Lynch said she moved to New Jersey while her son was traveling and wrote letters to him in care of Pensacola general delivery. When the mail was not picked up, she said she assumed he was dead.

Oregon Students Win Scholarships

Evanston, Ill. — (U.P.) — Nine Oregon students were named today by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation which chose 830 brilliant teen-agers as winners of college scholarships.

The 830 winners and the colleges they have chosen to attend will share more than \$4 million in scholarship aid provided by 57 companies and foundations.

Oregon winners included John Trenholme, Eugene, California Institute of Technology; John Champion, Pendleton, California Institute of Technology; Sandra Anderson, Portland, Reed College; JoAnne Gevurtz, Portland, Stanford; Irene Gordon, Portland, Swarthmore; James Grew, Portland, Stanford; James Wirth, Portland, Notre Dame; William Richter Salem, Willamette, and Marjorie Simila, Salem, Oregon State College.



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