

Hearings Scheduled on Tax Bills of Concern to Oregon Farmers

Trees, Shrubs, Hay Crops Target Of Higher Taxes

By MARGUERITE W. WRIGHT

Statehouse, Salem (Special) — Public hearings on three tax bills of major concern to Oregon farmers have been scheduled here, and anyone who wants to attend and express his opinion is welcome to do so.

If passed, the bills might mean higher taxes for growers of fruit trees, shrubs, plants, crops such as hay and grain. They might affect the farmer who sells his land for real estate development.

The proposed laws are: House Bill 1034 which would repeal the law exempting deciduous trees, shrubs, plants and crops growing on agricultural land, effective Jan. 1, 1961.

House Bill 1036 which would remove plants or crops growing on agricultural land from exemption from assessment and taxation. This bill is an amendment to the present law which now exempts deciduous trees, shrubs, plants or crops. If passed, it would allow the value of plants or crops to be assessed and taxed, effective Jan. 1, 1961.

House Bill 1008 which provides that lands zoned as farm land pay taxes on farm use value rather than best or highest value. Such taxes would continue so long as the farm land zoning continues. When land is taken out of farm zoning (for example, sold for subdivision), the owner would have to pay deferred taxes based on the highest and best use of that land for the past seven years. This has been called the "carryback provision."

Subject to Provisions
Involved is the difference between taxes paid on the farm zoning basis and what would have been paid if taxes were based on the highest and best use of the land.

The act would take effect on Jan. 1, 1962, subject to certain provisions.

Hearings on HB 1034 and HB 1036 will be held by the House Taxation committee on Friday, Feb. 3, at 1 p.m., Room 321, Statehouse.

A hearing on HB 1008 is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 13, at 1 p.m., Room 321. HB 1034 and HB 1036 were introduced by the Taxation committee at the request of the State Tax Commission. HB 1008 was introduced at the request of the Interim Taxation committee. Chairman of the House Taxation committee is Rep. Richard Eymann (D-Mohawk).

Another bill, which will probably be introduced this week, at the request of the Interim Agriculture committee would permit zoning of land for exclusive farm use.

Fate of the above bills is uncertain at this point. **Opposition Voiced**
The vice chairman of the House Agriculture and Livestock committee, Rep. Cornelius Bateson (D-Patrum), and another member of that committee, Rep. Arthur P. Ireland (R-Forest Grove), told this correspondent for the Mail Tribune that they would oppose both HB 1034 and HB 1036. They say they are against taxing the land plus the crop.

Sen. Francis W. Ziegler (R-Corvallis) said he is opposed to the carryback provision because it amounts to a lien on the property.

Interested citizens can get more information about these bills and about how to express their ideas on them by writing to their own representatives in Salem, and/or appearing at the scheduled hearings.

Kaiser Income Shows Increase

Oakland, Calif. — (UPI) — Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation has announced that its net income for the calendar year of 1960 was slightly higher than 1959, although sales were down.

The net income for 1960 was \$22,771,000, compared to \$22,328,000 in 1959. Sales for 1960 were \$408,574,000, compared with \$435,550,000 in 1959.

Both sales and earnings for the fourth quarter of 1960 were lower than 1959. Sales totaled \$92,990,000 in the 1960 quarter and \$112,437,000 in 1959. Fourth quarter earnings for 1960 were \$5,232,000, compared with \$7,092,000 in 1959.

Committee Tables Sewer Bond Measure

Salem — (UPI) — The Senate Local Government committee has tabled SB 38, a measure that would have allowed cities to issue sewer bonds without a vote of the people.

Areas Separated By Telephone Codes in United States, Canada

Ever wonder if anyone else in the United States has the same telephone number you have in Medford?

Probably more than 100 other people in all parts of the nation and Canada do have a telephone number identical to your Medford number, but there is little chance they will get your calls by mistake, according to Pacific Telephone-Northwest's local manager, J. H. Creager.

This country and Canada have been divided by telephone companies into some 115 "Numbering Plan Areas." There is no duplication of telephone numbers within the boundary of any single area.

Area Vary
An area may be a state, as in the case of Oregon, or there may be several areas in one state. California, for instance, has eight areas.

Each of the nation's areas has its own identifying number or code. Oregon's is 503. Washington, which has two areas, is numbered 206 west of the Cascades and 509 east of the mountains.

These area codes are the key to long distance calls all over the country. A long distance operator in Colorado, for example, that is given Area Code 503 and your telephone number (let's say it's SP 2-1199), can put a call through to your home in seconds by simply dialing 503 plus SP 2-1199.

Automatic Connection
When she dialed 503, the switching equipment automatically connected her line with the Oregon Area. The SP-2-1199 told the switching equipment in Oregon that she wanted your telephone to ring.

"In the same way, calls that you place to points out-

side of Oregon are dialed by your long distance operator using just the Area Code plus the distant telephone number," Creager said.

"We encourage the use of these codes in placing calls to other areas anytime and from all telephones," Creager added. "Say to the long distance operator, 'Boise, Area Code 208, KL 5-5000,' and your call will go through faster than ever," Creager said.

If you wish, Area Codes for out-of-state points are

available by calling the long distance operator. She will give you the codes for all places you wish, so that you can record them with your personal number list.

Number plates on Medford telephones are gradually being changed to include the Oregon Area Code 503 printed just above the number.

"And you may want to include Area Code 503 preceding your phone number on stationery, cards and other printed material," Creager said.



AREA CODES—The United States and Canada have been divided into 115 "numbering plan areas" for easier long distance dialing service. The Area Codes of the western United States and Canada are shown above.

Compulsory ROTC Training Left in Oregon Program

Portland — (UPI) — The State Board of Higher Education in effect has left compulsory ROTC military training on the program at the University of Oregon.

Dr. William C. Jones, acting president, proposed that the basic Army ROTC program be made voluntary for three years as a trial run. He said the school expected to be able to produce just as many officers with a voluntary program.

'Damaging' Results Told
Edgar W. Smith, former board member and a civilian aid to the secretary of the Army, read a statement supporting compulsory ROTC. He said changes from compulsory to voluntary ROTC at other schools had brought "damaging" results to program enrollments.

Dr. A. I. Strand, Oregon State president, said he agreed with a lot of Jones' comments but that OSC has had a compulsory program for more than 80 years and was hesitant about a change at this time. "The OSC faculty recently voted against making ROTC voluntary."

The board by a split informal vote upheld recommendation of Chancellor John R. Richards that the Oregon proposal be "taken under consideration only."

To Contact Flemming
Richards said he would get in touch after the meeting with Arthur S. Flemming, secretary of health, education and welfare in the Eisenhower Administration, who has been mentioned as a prominent candidate as president of the university.

Richards also said the search committee for a new president for Oregon State is expected to start talking to candidates within two weeks. Strand plans to retire next summer.

UPI Editors To Meet in Capital

New York — (UPI) — The 1961 conference of United Press International editors and publishers will be held June 8 and 9 in Washington, focal point of the first new administration since 1953.

UPI President Frank H. Bartholomew announced the two-day conference for representatives of newspapers from the 50 states.

President John F. Kennedy has been invited to address the conference.

"This June conference," Bartholomew said, "will afford editors and publishers a close, personal appraisal of the bone and sinew of the first new administration in 50 years."

4-H Club News

Shady Cove Chefs

The seventh meeting of the Shady Cove Chefs 4-H club was called to order by Mike Wood, president, at the Hale residence in Shady Cove.

After the roll was called and the pledges said, we elected new officers for our club. The new president is Don Harper; vice president, Kevin Hale; secretary, Danny Stockton; reporter, Ken Vincent.

Miss Bonnie Smith, leader, announced the brownie baking contest which will be held later in the year. She also announced the 4-H exhibit at the Jackson County Fair. Carol Hale displayed the numerous ribbons she won for 4-H work.

Ken Vincent, Reporter.

Happy Hommers

The Happy Hommers 4-H club met at Susan McCoy's home Jan. 16. The meeting was called to order by President Marsha Wilson.

All but two members were present. Refreshments were served. The next meeting will be at Cheryl Lewis' home Feb. 18 at 1 p.m.

Elin Livingston, Reporter.

Phoenix Kitchen Workers

The third meeting of the Phoenix Kitchen Workers 4-H club was held Jan. 21 in the Phoenix High school home economics room. Cocoa, muffins and rolls were made by the girls.

At our business meeting, we enrolled a new member, Kenneth Boettcher, and sent a card to a member in the hospital.

A film on demonstrating was shown. Mothers watched the film. We served the things we made to our mothers. The next meeting will be Feb. 18. Mindy Hackett, Reporter.

Applegate Dairy-A-Teens

The first meeting of the Applegate Dairy-A-Teens 4-H club was held this year at our club leaders home, Mr. Christensen.

We selected officers and filled out our program for the year. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m., and refreshments were served by Mrs. Christensen. There were 14 members and five visitors.

Central Point Beef Club

The Central Point Beef 4-H club held its monthly meeting Jan. 16 at the home of Carolyn Sidner. We discussed what we would do for the March 4-H general meeting at the Central Point Grange hall.

Some of the members who were not present at our last meeting filled out a record book for practice for when we filled one out for the fair.

Our next meeting will be at Carolyn Sidner's home Feb. 20. Refreshments were served by Donna and Nikki Hammond.

Judy Fring, Reporter.

Westside Hayburners

The recent meeting of the Westside Hayburners 4-H horse club was held at the home of Heather Rode.

Members discussed the ride to John's Peak that was held recently. Plans were made for a hayride to Tou Velle park. The members talked over the achievement program for advancement in horsemanship.

The meeting was adjourned, and refreshments were served.

Arlene Carter, Reporter.

Knit Wits

The third meeting of the Applegate Knit Wits met at Mrs. E. B. Krouse's Jan. 18. The meeting was called to order by Mary Petrie. Flag salutes were led by Beth Krouse, American flag; and Sharon Prowell, the 4-H flag.

The roll call topic was kinds of yarn. We worked on the goals and program of work. Mary Petrie and Sharon Prowell gave the demonstration on how to wash and block a sweater. We played games and refreshments were served.

Alicia Elmore, Reporter.

East Side Bunny Hoppers

Community service chairman Richard Bever discussed the driving hazard at the Von Hamrick rd., south of Mon Desir Dining inn at a recent meeting of the Eastside Bunny Hoppers.

Vice President Marsha Bever called the meeting to order.

Material was distributed to help us prepare for Step 2. The test was given Jan. 24. We are trying to earn all four of our clover leaves before fair time.

We also voted to hold two meetings a month instead of four. These will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

Richard Bever, Reporter.

Mock Interviews Planned at SOC

Ashland — Mock interviews for prospective teachers will be conducted by Charles Meyer, superintendent of Central Point schools, Jan. 26, in Britt lounge as part of the Southern Oregon Education association program.

Interviews will proceed as if the teacher applicant approached the superintendent for the first time. Superintendent Meyer's questions will be those that any superintendent might ask of the potentialities and capabilities of the applicant.

It is hoped that these interviews will help prospective teachers know more of what to expect as they go into the teaching profession.

Judy Fring, Reporter.

Feeding the Family

By ZOLA VINCENT
Food Editor

Strawberry Cupcakes

Superb Dessert Item
In those very few months when fresh California strawberries are not available, use the frozen which after all are frozen fresh at the peak of their perfection.

Here we put sliced strawberries and finely chopped walnuts into cupcakes, put strawberry juice glaze over them. Recipe makes 16 cupcakes.

1 10-ounce package frozen sliced strawberries, thawed

3 cups sifted cake flour

2 teaspoons baking powder

1½ cups granulated sugar

1½ teaspoons salt

1 cup soft shortening

4 eggs

2/3 cup milk

2 teaspoons vanilla

½ cup finely chopped walnuts

1 egg yolk, beaten

1 tablespoon softened butter

1½ cups sifted confectioners' sugar

Drain strawberries; reserve syrup. Sift flour, baking powder, granulated sugar and

salt together; add shortening, two eggs, milk and vanilla. Beat until blended. Add remaining eggs; beat well. Fold in strawberries and nuts. Turn into 16 greased cupcake or muffin tins, filling two-thirds full. Bake in moderate oven, 375 degrees, about 40 minutes or until cakes test done. Cool.

For cupcake glaze, combine egg yolk, butter and confectioners' sugar; blend. Add strawberry syrup; blend. Pour glaze over cupcakes.

Macaroni Salad

Trick for unusually delicious macaroni salad is to marinate cooked macaroni in French salad dressing for 20 to 30 minutes before blending with other ingredients. Vary macaroni texture and appearance by using shells or other fancy designs instead of usual elbow macaroni.

Crisp Dessert Rings
Are Filled with Fruit

Another brand new dessert that is lovely to look at, delicious to eat. A cereal, marshmallow, butter mixture is molded with fingers into shells, then filled with drained fruit cocktail and topped with whipped cream or dairy sour cream. Six servings.

16 marshmallows

2 tablespoons butter

2½ cups crisp rice cereal

2 cups drained canned fruit cocktail

½ cup whipping cream or dairy sour cream

Melt marshmallows and butter over hot water. Place rice cereal in buttered mixing bowl. Slowly pour melted marshmallow - butter mixture over cereal, mixing lightly but thoroughly. Spoon into six mounds on waxed paper. Cool a few minutes. With well-buttered fingers, shape into shallow round shells about 3½ inches in diameter. Cool. Just before serving, fill with well-drained fruit cocktail and garnish with whipped cream or dairy sour cream.

Spiced Pears

Whether you are in need of a good dessert idea or one for a meat or poultry accompaniment, these Spiced Blushing Pears are something to enjoy and repeat.

Peel six whole fresh winter pears but leave them whole and try to keep the stem attached. Stick four whole cloves in each pear. Combine one-half cup sugar, one-half cup currant or other tart red

jelly, one cup water, one-fourth teaspoon salt and two tablespoons fresh lemon juice in saucepan and bring to boiling point. Add pears. Cover and cook slowly 45 minutes or until pears are tender. Chill and serve with some of the syrup poured over each serving. Six pears, six servings.

Beef and Pork Flavor Seems To Be in Fat, Not Lean Meat

Our market report today begins with an item about something you've probably been thinking for a long time; maybe ever since you were a child and begged for "more of the fat" from beef and pork. It seems to be the fat, not the lean, that gives beef and pork their distinctive flavors. This is the conclusion of U.S. Department of Agriculture scientists who have been working on this for quite a while. The characteristic flavor and aroma of each meat could be recognized in extracts from the fat portions; were not distinguishable in extracts from the lean meat. The good fat flavor enhances the lean. The latter is our conclusion. Something to think about before you trim the meat too well.

Best Buys Given

There's plenty of good beef with very favorable prices on grass-fed beef; buys for the watching ads and displays

when it comes to fancy beef. There's less pork, as is customary at this season so prices are up a bit from December. Excellent lamb quality; good buys in nearly all cuts other than legs and fancy chops. Hamburger and frankfurters are budget items at all times; on most family menus at least once a week.

Poultry and Fish. Broilers, fryers, stewing chickens and turkeys continue in bargain class. Fish and shellfish displays offer great variety right now; cod, Dungeness crabs, fish sticks and portions, flounder, halibut, oysters, rockfish, salmon, scallops, shrimp.

Vegetable displays remind us of crisp solid cabbage heads for cooking and for cole slaw making, carrots for cooking, for eating as a relish and for grating in combination with snowy cottage cheese. There's fine quality cauliflower for steaming and topping with a cheese sauce or with a white sauce flecked with sliced stuffed olives; celery for stuffing raw as a relish, for stuffing and for adding fine flavor to soups, chowders, casseroles, etc. Those cook's daily standbys, potatoes and onions are of excellent quality, low in price. Enjoy the winter squashes now. Tomatoes are variable in every way.

Fruit Buys. Firm apples for baking, salad making and out-of-hand eating; Winter pears for out-of-hand eating, baking and salad making. Grapefruit, oranges and lemons for vital vitamin C. Also bananas, grapes and tangerines at reasonable cost.

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