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Western Oregon Timber Tax Plan Lands in House

Salem – (UPI) – An Industrial Forestry Association plan for timber tax in Western Oregon has landed in the house, bearing the signatures of 35 represenatives – four more than a majority.

In spite of this support, the bill is expected to run into immediate trouble in Rep. Richard Eymann's Tax Committee. Eymann (D-Mohawk) was secretary to the Interim Tax Committee which has endorsed an entirely different plan.

Only two members of the tax committee sponsored the IFA bill. If the committee refused to release the bill, a two-third vote would be needed to bring it to the floor.

Basic Value Tax

The plan calls for a basic value tax on western timber, with an added tax on cut timber in the year it is harvested.

In an effort to let old trees stand until younger stands can grow to replace them, slower timber cutters in old growth stands would receive a lower tax.

The bill is a companion to another measure with a different plan for taxing Eastern Oregon trees.

Eastern timber operators have asked for a harvest tax, or levy to be placed on timber as it is cut. Since there would be no tax on standing trees, the tax would be proportionately heavier on cut timber than in Western Oregon.

STUBBORN CART—Former President Eisenhower has trouble getting his golf cart started shortly after teeing off on his first round of golf at the Eldorado Country Club at Palm Springs, Calif., where he and Mrs. Eisenhower will spend two months vacationing. With Ike is George V. Allen, a personal friend of the former Chief Executive and in the rear cart showing concern is Mr. Eisenhower's host, Freeman Gosden. (UPI Telephoto)

Measure Restricts Time for Elections

Salem – (UPI) – A bill has been introduced by Sen. Vernon Cook (D-Troutdale) and Reps. Beulah Hand (D-Milwaukie) and Sid Leiken (D-Roseburg) which would require all elections in Oregon to be held at the same time as the primary or the general election.

The bill was 184 pages long.

It would affect all school district, water district and other elections now held at various times of the year.

The bill, SB353, would accomplish this by standardizing rules of all such elections.

A similar bill passed the House in 1959 but died in the Senate.

Local Student Named Contest Semi-Finalist

Eugene – Richard Sorenson of Medford was named as a semi-finalists for King of Hearts at the University of Oregon. Finalists will be selected by an all-campus vote and the King will be announced at the annual Heart Hop Feb. 17.

Sorenson, a junior majoring in economics, was nominated by members of Hendricks hall. He is affiliated with Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Sorenson, 16 North Barneburg rd., Medford.

LARGE LAKES

Eleven Canadian lakes exceed 1,000 square miles in area.

Legislature Gets Community College Bills

Salem –(UPI)– Two bills have been introduced that would put the state in the community college business, kicking it off with an appropriation of $2,030,000 for four counties.

A bill in the house of Reps. Ben Evick (D-Madras) and Kessler Cannon (R-Bend) would provide the money for such schools on the junior college level in Coos, Deschutes, Multomah and Clatsop counties.

The measure is HB1433.

A companion measure, SB347, was introduced by Sen. Boyd Overhulse (D-Madras). His bill provides the mechanics of making it easier to form an area education district.

Would Lower Size

A key part lowers the requirement on how large a population sector can go together to form one. The figure is now 100,000 but Overhulse would lower this to 40,000.

As for financing, he said "I doubt if we'll get 100 per cent financing by the state. But that's what we'll try for."

Students would be charged tuition, otherwise, the state would pick up all costs under his proposal.

At present the costs must be carried at the local level. The Board of Education has two area education districts pending, one in Southwest Oregon and the other in Central.

The Southwest district has already been approved but further action has been blocked by taxpayer suits asking that the boundaries be voided.

The Medical Roundup

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Constant Blinking of Eyes

Many mothers ask why Junior keeps blinking his eyes, and what can be done about it. I imagine the lad has inherited from some of his ancestors much nervousness. I remember one such case in which a blinking boy was brought in by his nervous and fidgety mother. What interested me most was that the mother's sister, who had come along with them, was a constant sniffer. As I watched her sniffing away every minute, I had a good idea where the boy had gotten his tendency to blink his eyes.

Alvarez

I doubt if, in these cases, it does much good to fuss at the boy. I might remark to him occasionally that it would be an advantage to him in his later life if he could learn to cut down on the amount of his blinking; but I would know that most of the time he would be unconscious of his habit. Perhaps he would be like his father who often smoked a cigarette without realizing what he had done!

Placenta Previa

Some women write, much alarmed, because their daughter is facing childbirth with a placenta previa. This means that the placenta (afterbirth) is partially blocking the neck of the womb. This happened in about one in 100 deliveries in the Women's Hospital in New Zealand. Because, in these cases, the child has to come through his afterbirth, naturally, the usual type of delivery must be very dangerous, both to the mother and to the child. Transfusions were required in 49 per cent of the cases in which the child was born in the usual way. A cesarian section was performed in 81 per cent of the cases, and that is the logical way out of the difficulty.

When mental illness strikes one you love, it needn't be a tragedy. Great progress has been made in the medical treatment for mental illness. And there are things that you can do, too. Read about them in Dr. Alvarez' booklet "When Mental Illness Strikes a Family." It may be obtained by sending 25 cents and a large, stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request to Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, Dept. MMT, The Register and Tribune Syndicate, Box 957, Des Moines 4, Iowa.

Open House Set By Guard Unit

An open house and equipment display will highlight the local observance of "Muster Day" by the Oregon National Guard Sunday, Feb. 19.

Theme for the sixth annual nationwide event is "The National Guard in the Cold War," according to Maj. Gen. Alfred E. Hintz, Salem, Oregon adjutant general.

Purpose of "Muster Day" is to call attention to the National Guard and the role it plays as a cold war deterrent, he said.

Company E, Second Battle Group, 186th Infantry, Oregon National Guard unit in Medford, will hold open house between 1 and 3 p.m. Feb. 19. Equipment will be displayed outside the armory south of Medford, weather permitting, and motion pictures are planned as part of the observance.

Many People Said Confused About Financial Institutions

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New York – (UPI) – Too many people are confused and ill-informed about financial institutions in general and banks in particular, according to the American Bankers Association.

Henry Bechtold

More than half of the people interviewed in a recent study by the ABA had fuzzy or erroneous ideas about the common type of financial institution – the commercial bank – and 7 out of 10 were unaware of certain basic differences between banks and savings and loan associations.

To help fill this knowledge gap the ABA has prepared a factual roundup to help people make the right choice and the best use of financial services.

Of the 14,000 banks in the United States, commercial and mutual savings are the two main types.

Commercial banks are corporations owned by stockholders which serve the public by providing a complete range of banking and financial services to meet the needs of individuals, business concerns and the community.

Mutual savings banks are specialized banking institutions that are owned by their depositors and administered by trustees. The principal business of these banks, found in 18 states, is in savings accounts and thrift services, and in home and other real estate mortgages.

Trust Companies

In addition, there also are trust companies – corporations which specialize in administering estates and trusts and other funds such as pensions and endowments.

Outside this bank category there are more than 6,000 savings and loan associations and building and loan associations. They are mutual cooperative share account institutions which have a special purpose to promote thrift through investment in shares and to make funds available for home building and buying.

A relative youngster in the financial field is the credit union, of which there now are more than 19,000 spread throughout the country. They also are cooperative mutual societies organized among employees in industries, or by occupational groups such as school teachers, which accumulate thrift funds and make loans to members.

Safety is a big factor to consider in deciding where to put your money. Accounts are insured up to $10,000 in nearly all banks through the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and in loan associations through the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp. or state insurance plans. Deposits in credit unions are not insured. All institutions that participate in F.D.I.C. and F.S.L.I.C. insurance plans usually display appropriate signs.

Convenience Considered

How much banks and other institutions can pay for the use of your money depends on how much they can earn from investing it. This in part depends on the government regulations under which they operate.

Also to be considered is the matter of convenience – such things as hours open, drive-in and curb-stone-teller accommodations, and facilities for banking by mail. The ABA said you will just have to scout around to find the particular institution that's easiest for you to use, since banks and savings and loan associations differ as much among themselves as they do with each other.

Determining whether a particular financial institution is a commercial bank, savings bank or savings and loan association is not too difficult. Those easiest to identify – savings banks, trust companies and credit unions – are so described in their titles.

The savings and loan associations sometimes go by the name of building and loan associations, cooperative banks, savings associations or societies, and savings and loan societies.

As for commercial banks, only a few have the word "commercial" in their name. The word "national" must appear in the title of each national bank, and in the case of state banks there is a wide diversity of names. Generally the easiest way to learn whether an institution is a commercial bank is to find out if it offers checking accounts.

Two Burglaries Reported to Police

Two burglaries are under investigation by Medford police – one of them in a church and the other in a local sporting goods store.

Police said someone broke into the St. Marks Episcopal church, 212 North Oakdale ave., late Wednesday night and took an estimated $5 from a church night depository.

Entry to the church was gained by forcing open a rear door, police said.

In the other burglary, three .22 caliber pistols were taken from the Century Sporting Goods store, 36 South Riverside ave. Police said entry was gained by breaking open the glass in a door and then unlocking the door from the inside.

The three guns had a total value of $130, police said.