

New Approach To Oregon Income Tax Picture Studied in Committee

Hatfield-Applying Dispute Said Only Matter of Views

Salem—Gov. Mark Hatfield said Monday although he and Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. have strongly opposing views on future of the Board of Control, it only amounts to "a difference of opinion."

Both sit on the board along with State Treasurer Howard C. Belton.

Appling and Belton are against the phase of Hatfield's reorganization plan which would eliminate the board and transfer the state institutions to other new departments.

Last week Appling delivered a scathing attack on the plan. But he too emphasized later that he and the governor have not had a major falling out over the issue.

"Anything as comprehensive, far-reaching and important as government reorganization is going to garner up opposition," Hatfield said. But he added that he has yet to hear anyone flatly condemn reorganization as such.

See No Need
Hatfield indicated he sees no need for a bill introduced Monday morning that would hike interest on veterans home and other loans from 4 to 4 1/2 per cent. He said the program should pay for itself but his latest information is that it is doing so.

He indicated he would support a bill that would restore the right of a public hearing before the state granted a beach easement. Bills sent to him Monday by the Senate would allow International Paper to get a pipeline easement across the beach without such a hearing.

Hatfield said the Oregon Land Board grants many easements of many types and all are subject to public scrutiny. He is strongly in favor of this, he said.

SONG WRITER DIES
London — Douglas Furber, 75, author of more than 1,000 songs including the famous "Lambeth Walk," died in a hospital Sunday, it was announced today. Furber wrote also "The Belk of St. Mary's" and "Limehouse Blues" as well as movie songs for Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire. He is said to have composed the "Lambeth Walk" in several minutes.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

WALTER SLEZAK visited Hollywood for a TV chore and while there, called an old, old friend to ask, "How's it going with you?" "It was in a bad auto crash recently," reported the friend, "but I can't kick."

"Tough break," sympathized Slezak. "And your wife?"

"She ran away with my agent last week, but I can't kick."

"I'm sorry to hear that, but at least you still have that soft job at the studio."

"What job? They fired me three months ago—but I can't kick."

"With all that bad luck," Slezak, "why do you keep telling me you can't kick?" "Because," moaned the friend, "I'm in a cast from the waist down!"

Rumor has it that there's a big new TV series in the works concerning high jinks in the ladies' underwear business. It's called "The Unmentionables."

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Proposal Would Eliminate Any Tax Deductions

Salem—A radical new approach to income tax in Oregon—which would tax income twice and still cut state income taxes by one-tenth for many people—may be tempered a little in an effort to win passage through the legislature.

The House Tax committee is considering amendments to soften two of the bill's most extreme features. A flat one per cent income tax, and elimination of any deductions for charitable contributions.

The changes would restore a slightly graduated tax, and would permit dollar deductions from the final tax bill if charitable gifts amounted to three per cent of the income.

Two Different Taxes
Actually, even though the bill would tax the entire income twice, using two different formulas, the total would be lower than what most people now are paying.

If the committee goes along with the changes, here's how the bill, proposed by the Interim Tax committee, would work:

The first tax on the income would be called a gross income, or net receipts, tax. It would amount to one-half per cent for income under \$2500, one per cent for incomes from \$2500 to \$25,000 and one and one-half per cent for income above \$25,000.

On this tax, there would not be any exemptions or deductions. Effect would be to tax some lower bracket families about escaping any taxation.

Second Tax
Then the whole income would be taxed again in another way. The second tax would be called a net income tax, and also would have a graduated formula that would increase rates on higher incomes.

There would not be a \$600 exemption for each dependent as now granted.

But instead, for every exemption the taxpayer was entitled to for himself, his wife or children, he would subtract a flat \$20 from his final tax bill.

Only other deductions the taxpayer would get would be for extreme losses, high medical costs, or charity contributions equalling at least three per cent of his earnings.

10 Per Cent Less
The reason the average income tax would be 10 per cent less than it is now, is that the bill would bring in \$20 million less than the present law.

There would also be a saving in taxing a few low bracket families for the first time, and in requiring husband and wife to file joint returns, which would push their rates up on the graduated scale.

Originally, the Interim committee intended to make up a good deal of the \$20 million by levying a three-cent-a-pack cigarette tax, but Gov. Mark Hatfield has led the fight against that bill and it may die in committee.

Rep. Richard Eymann, tax committee chairman, said he didn't mind what Hatfield had in mind to raise the money, if it still is needed.

One way, however, would be to pass the new tax plan with higher rates, even though that would mean less tax relief.

Graduate Workshop On Financial Security

Eugene — The ninth annual graduate workshop on "Family Financial Security Education" will be held on the University of Oregon campus June 19 through July 14. It is financed through a \$5,000 grant from the Institute of Life Insurance for Family Finance.

Under the supervision of Dr. Hugh B. Wood, professor of education here, the workshop is open to elementary and secondary school teachers, supervisors, curriculum directors, and administrators.

Aid to teachers in improving their backgrounds for teaching basic principles underlying family financial security, and the introduction of administrators to the potential of the area on the curriculum are the primary purposes of the workshop, which is held as a part of the summer session.

March 15 has been set as the deadline for applications. Scholarships of \$63 will be awarded to 30 students accepted for enrollment, according to Dr. Wood, who said that the scholarship awards would be announced in mid-April. Approximately 60 applications have been turned in already, he added.

For further information, contact Hugh B. Wood, FFEE Coordinator, school of education, University of Oregon, Eugene.

Local Students Who Were Speech Finalists, Winners Listed for Tournament

Students from Medford High school, Hedrick Junior High school, and McLoughlin Junior High school combined forces late last week to win 26 top places in the 29th annual Linfield College Invitational Forensic speech tournament, McMinnville.

The highest speech award given at the tournament, the grand sweepstakes trophy, was won by the Medford squad, besides winning first place in the junior sweepstakes. This is the first time Medford has won the top award.

Some 62 students from the three Medford schools competed against more than 800 speakers representing some 37 schools in Oregon. The group was accompanied by DeVere Taylor, senior high speech coach; Jerome McDougal and Jack Henry, speech directors at Hedrick and McLoughlin, respectively; Miss Joe Kirtley, high school vice principal; and Mrs. Betty Love, local school nurse.

New Records
Some 76 trophies were given at the "largest ever" forensic affair held at the college, according to Linfield officials. Medford also made new records with the largest delegation to attend from this area, by having the largest group at the tourney, and by winning more places and awards than ever before.

At the three-day meet held Thursday through Saturday evening, students were entered in debate, oratory, radio, extempore, impromptu, serious and humorous interpretation, after dinner speaking.

Humorous Interp — Ruth Milligan and Bonnie Cheney, finalists; and Bob Rix, second. Serious Interp — JoAnn Johnson, second place.

Junior Division
Debate — Sue Jahn and Sherry Koblisch, first place, Medford High; Marilyn Doolen and Kay Kent, finalists, McLoughlin; Angus Duncan and Steven Blackhurst, first in men's division, Hedrick; Garner Hauptert and Mike Miller, second, high school.

Oratory — Sandra Gannon, first and Marilyn Conrad, second, both from MHS; Judy Chastain and Karen South, Taylor.

TRUCK HITS GIRLS

Gaffney, S. C. — Two young girls were killed Monday night and two others seriously injured when they were hit by a small truck while walking home in a heavy rainstorm. The dead were Virginia Rankin, 12, and Vera Elaine Mace, 14. Shirley, 13, and Pauline Rankin, 9, sisters of one of the dead girls, were injured.

McLoughlin, finalists; Garner Hauptert, second in men's division, high school; and Bonnie Cheney, finalist from the high school.

Interview — Sue Root, Hedrick, and Dale Hockersmith, McLoughlin, both finalists. After Dinner — Bev Bush, second, Hedrick.

Extempore — Sherry Koblisch, finalist, MHS. Impromptu — Sandra Irving, first, Hedrick; Mike Miller, third in men's, MHS; Warren Olson, MHS, and Brian Porter, McLoughlin, finalists.

Salesmanship — Sherry Koblisch, first, MHS; Pat Selby, second, Hedrick; Bav Bush, finalist, Hedrick; Dave Collins, third in men's, Hedrick. Public Address — Kathy Foley, second, Hedrick; Elaine Davenport, third, McLoughlin; Sandra Joyce, finalist, Hedrick; and Steve Blackhurst, second for the men, Hedrick.

Humorous Interp — Marilyn Conrad, finalist, MHS; Garner Hauptert, third, also of the high school. Trophies for first place, as well as some given for second place, will be displayed at the individual schools, according to speech officials. Both the first place trophy in junior sweepstakes and the first trophy in grand sweepstakes were received at the awards banquet Saturday night by Taylor.

Tin Can Metal Used In Telephone Cables

New York — The same tin-plated steel which keeps food fresh in the pantry now is an essential ingredient in many telephone cables.

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Area Navy Men In Ceremonies

A number of southern Oregon and northern California Navy men participated this week in ceremonies marking the 19th anniversary of the Pacific Fleet Amphibious force.

Among the men are David A. Nelson, electrician's mate fireman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Lange, 102 Portland ave., serving aboard the dock landing ship USS Point Defiance operating out of Long Beach, Calif.; W. L. Evans, fireman, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Evans, 1425 Lawndridge st., serving aboard the attack transport USS Calvert operating in the western Pacific, and John A. Ramsey, training device man airman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Ramsey, route 1, box 45, Jacksonville, serving at the Naval Amphibious school, Coronado, Calif.

Others include Edwin L. Johnson, seaman, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Johnson, route 1, box 12A, Rogue River, serving aboard the dock landing ship USS Carter Hall operating out of Long Beach; Thoburn D. Downes, interior communications electrician first class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry I. Downes, route 1, box 1022, and Charles F. Pfander, seaman, 1408 Florence, both Grants Pass, serving at the Naval Amphibious

Permit Awarded Convey Company

Salem — Tony's Trailer Convey of Medford Monday was given the right to take over the PUC permit of A. J. Meyers, owner of Fountain Trailer Sales.

Owners of the convey firm are Anthony J. and Doris M. Garcia.

Janet C. Hill, public utility commissioner, said the permit is effective Friday and allows the Garcias to provide tow service between Jackson and Josephine counties.

Hill said Garcia is also authorized to haul trailers and property within the limits of Medford and Ashland.

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