

MEHAMA

By Meral Teeters
Mr. and Mrs. John Shafer returned home August 14 from a two weeks fishing trip when they stayed at a resort on one of the islands in Stewart lake which is in the northern part of British Columbia. They said it was one of the most enjoyable trips they had taken.

Overnight guests Monday, August 14 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Teeters were Mr. and Mrs. John Grimes and son, Johnny, and Mr. Grimes' uncle, Ples Fowler, all of Crescent City, Calif. Mrs. Grimes and Mrs. Teeters had attended high school together.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bass and sons, Craig, Robert and Rodney, left for their home in Fallbrook, Calif., Thursday, August 17 after a visit at the

home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wallen and with other relatives and friends in the area.

Roy Wright has been spending some time in Sutherlin with his son's family, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wright and children, Wade and Belinda, helping them build a new house. They were all here for a few days last week and returned to Sutherlin Tuesday, August 17. The Wright's daughter, Mrs. Ray Sawela, and daughter, Cynthia, came from Coos Bay on Tuesday and visited with Mrs. Wright until Thursday. Mrs. Sawela took her daughter, Anette, who had been with her grandmother back home and left Cynthia here for a visit.

Susee Teeters Engdahl and children, Chris, Jane and Garth, came Friday, August 18 from Healdsburg, Calif., for a visit here. Dr. and Mrs. James R. Prine (Marjory Teeters), Christine and Carl, arrived Saturday from Los Alamos, N.M. The Engdahls are guests at the home of her sister, Mrs. G. V. Christensen and the Prines are staying at the home of her aunts, Mrs. E. J. Frame while visiting with other relatives here.

A recent guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Titze was her sister, Leona Allen of Oakland, Calif. The two ladies went to Seattle and visited several days with another sister, Mae Wiltse, returning here on Saturday. Mrs. Titze accompanied Mrs. Allen when she returned home August 22 and will be visiting in California until after September 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Smith visited a short time Saturday evening at the Mel Penkraz home in Salem.

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Bridal Shower Honors Miss Sue Morgan

MARION FORKS—The high school library was the setting Thursday evening for a bridal shower honoring Miss Sue Morgan, bride-elect of Myles McMillan. Hostess was Miss Cathie Crist.

Following the opening of gifts, refreshments were served to the honored guest, Flo, Bonnie and Lucy Young, Dorothy Johnson, Gert Morgan, Stayton, Pam Johnson, Stella Markee, Pat McMillan, Joyce and Cathie Crist, Donna White, Elaine Hopson, Gina Williamson, Nancy and Vickie Monroe, Sue Spier, Kathleen and Kelly Boeckstiegel, Kerry Murphy and Robin Wilkerson. Sending gifts but unable to attend were Nan Young, Mary Walker, Mill City, Marge and Judy Benton, Kathryn Hancock, Carol Thomason, Mary McMillan, Sheri and Dorothy Williamson and Thelma Storey.

The McMillan-Morgan wedding will take place September 15 at the Court street Christian church in Salem.

No-Host Farewell Reception Honors Mr. and Mrs. White

DETROIT—A no-host farewell coffee reception honoring Mr. and Mrs. Dave White and family, will be held Thursday evening August 24 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the library of the Detroit Elementary School. A money tree will be available.

Mr. White, assistant foreman for the State Highway Department here, has been promoted to Regional Safety Officer and is being transferred to Bend. The family has resided here for the past 10 years, coming here from Bandon.

Mr. White's new duties will begin Sept. 1. The family is making preparations to move to Bend August 31.

A farewell coffee honoring the Whites will also be held at the Idanha Community Church Sunday following the evening service.

Film Strips Shown At Idanha Church

IDANHA—The first of a series of colored filmstrips will be shown at the Idanha Community Church Sunday, during the 7:00 p.m. service.

The film, entitled "Geography of the Holy Land," presents a survey of that area.

The filmstrip makes the viewer "sense the reality of Biblical locations," Rev. Arvin Johnson, pastor of the church said. The film deals with Biblical events associated with different localities.

The second of a series of five filmstrips will be shown Sept. 3, during the evening service at the church. Title of the film is: "The Bible Land Where Jesus Lived."

DETROIT IDANHA

By Boots Champion

Ray May, who underwent major hip surgery at St. Vincent's Hospital, Portland, is getting along as well as can be expected. His wife said Tuesday he is now undergoing therapy and walking on crutches. She said if he continues to improve he may be able to come home next week.

Stella Davis, Idanha, was taken to Salem General Hospital Monday evening by Idanha Rural Fire District ambulance, for medical attention.

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Derrick of Idanha, are receiving felicitations on the birth of a son, born Thursday, August 17 at Salem General Hospital. He has been named Brandon Curtis, and tipped the scales at seven pounds, 15 ounces at birth. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Irons, Washington, and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Derrick of Idanha. Also receiving felicitations on the birth of a daughter are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hiebert of Idanha. She was born Friday, August 18 at Salem General Hospital and weighed six pounds, 10 ounces at birth. She has been named Angela Michelle and joins her brother, Glen, at home. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Mohr, Detroit, and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hiebert of Idanha.

Arriving here at the home of Mrs. Ann Fagan recently for an extended visit was Mrs. Fagan's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Grellner of St. Louis, Mo. Accompanying them for a short visit here was Mr. Grellner's brother, Joe Grellner and Mrs. Grellner's son, Robert White, also of St. Louis. Last week the family drove to Depoe Bay where they did a bit of fishing, catching five salmon on Wednesday. Sunday they drove to Portland Airport where Joe and Robert explained for their home in St. Louis.

Patrick Lyon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon (Link) Lyon of Idanha has received greetings from Uncle Sam. His parents took him to Portland International Airport early Tuesday morning where he explained for San Diego Naval Base for inservice training.

Sharon Derrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Derrick of Idanha, was released from Salem Memorial Hospital Friday following surgery on both feet. She is wearing casts on both feet up to the knee and is getting around at home with the aid of crutches.

Weekend visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Len Davis were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bradbury of Bend.

Returning to her home in Salem in Wednesday following a few days visit at the home of Irene Stout, was Melba Dellaire. Mrs. Dellaire resided at Idanha for a number of years before moving to Salem.

Mongold State Park was the setting Sunday afternoon when members of the family of Mrs. Robert Kirk gathered for a potluck picnic. Present were Mrs. Kirk's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Peebles of Lebanon, an aunt, Eva Peebles, and a sister her husband and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Palmer all of Corvallis, and a brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Budde and family of Albany, and the Robert Kirk family of Detroit. The afternoon social event included water skiing.

Salem Scene

TRUE TAX REFORM IN OREGON HISTORICALLY SLOW PROCESS

Many observers doubt the 1973 Legislature will achieve anything resembling true reform of Oregon's tax structure.

That doubt is expressed despite dual threats of gubernatorial muscle and an Initiative Ballot Measure that could close the state's public schools. And it is based primarily on two facts.

The first involves the historically tedious route tax reform has traveled in the past. And the second, of course, involves the people's right to refer revenue measures to the electorate.

True tax reform might be defined as a major change in the manner in which government raises revenue. State government now raises the bulk of its revenue from income taxes—personal and corporate. Local government depends on the property tax.

Whenever the subject of raising revenue for government purposes arises, experts claim there is only one other form of taxation that would produce revenue in proportionate amounts. And that is the sales tax.

Use taxes are bandied about, levied against liquor, cigarettes, gambling, and other "sins." But taken together they seldom produce the types of funds extracted through taxation against income and property.

Oregon presently has its share of use taxes. It has a substantial income tax system. And it has a property tax system that is under fire in much the same manner property taxes are being objected to nationally and have been resisted universally for many years.

Some experts claim true tax reform does not arise from revolt against a given system of taxation. Instead, it evolves from an overwhelming need for more government revenue.

State government in Oregon at first depended upon the property tax for revenue. But its needs were meager and those of local government were even less demanding. Over the years, this has changed to the point where the state depends largely upon income taxes and local governments depend on property taxes.

The transition was not simple. As has been noted many times, Oregon accepted the income tax with "great reluctance." An amendment to the Constitution in 1917 permitted progressive income taxation. But no income taxes were imposed until 1929.

Income tax amendments had been defeated in 1906, 1910, 1912, and 1914 before the 1917 amendment was accepted. Under the successful amendment, attempts to implement any plan were beaten back in 1919, 1920, and 1921.

Even when an income tax law was passed—by a meager 516 votes in 1923—it was repealed by initiative petition the following year. Further attempts in 1926, 1927 and 1928 again failed. And though the 1929 law was accepted as that year's "Property Tax Relief Act," impetus for its acceptance was provided more by the needs for revenue to support burgeoning government than by relief for property taxpayers.

Reforming the present structure to provide additional funds for still-burgeoning government through addition of another broad-based tax is proving just as difficult. Oregon's lawmakers first proposed a sales tax in 1934 and it was defeated in referendum. Another referendum defeated an attempt in 1936 and a third attempt was rejected by voters in 1944. A fourth attempt died in 1947 and a fifth failed a decade later in 1957.

Present readers are familiar with the most recent sales tax proposal—soundly trounced at the polls in June of 1970.

Few fiscal experts are openly advocating a sales tax in Oregon today. But privately they concur it's only a matter of time until needs for revenue make taxing consumer purchases politically palatable.

Meanwhile, government at all levels continues to grow and its supporters seek a variety of lesser income producing schemes to sustain that growth.

That is the stance of Gov. Tom McCall's plan to reform educational finance by erasing the school system's dependence upon property and substituting higher personal and corporate taxes, an employer-paid payroll tax and federal aid.

His plan is still in the formulative stage and likely won't be fully refined until early fall. But it's unlikely the final version will differ greatly from that first implied last spring. And it's even more unlikely the final plan will achieve reform by addition of a new, major income-producing broad-based tax.

Meanwhile, the Oregon Farm Bureau has successfully placed an initiative on the November 8 ballot. If sanctioned by the voters it will prohibit use of funds derived from property taxes for operation of Oregon's public schools. Declared impractical and irresponsible at nearly every turn, its supporters believe it will create a "crisis" that will produce a satisfactory legislative solution in 1973.

As long as the public retains the right to refer taxation plans adopted by the Legislature, this line of thinking faces a massive practical hurdle. In recent years, voters have been just as reluctant to accept higher income taxes as they have enactment of a sales tax.

If the Farm Bureau initiative is passed in November, something will have to give. What that something will be is anybody's guess at this stage of the game.

But recalling the theory that true tax reform is predicated on revenue needs rather than tax relief—combined with the fact income tax increases and sales tax proposals have been repeatedly beaten back by the voters—there are really only two alternatives.

Either a new tax source will be proposed and accepted by the voters, or government is going to have to get along with less revenue.

Ruth Tohl Top Golf Winner

Day's Play at the Santiam golf course for the women was Odd Hole Half Handicap for the 18-hole course. Class A winner was Ruth Tohl with 42%. Winning Class B was Mary Phillips with 43 and Class C winner was Jean Lulay with 48 1/2.

First low net won to Bernice Evans with 70 and second low net was won by Betty Klutke with 72.

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