

Today's Round

By MALCOLM EPLEY THE much-discussed sales tax question was translated definitely into a piece of proposed legislation yesterday when Rep. Hill of Lane county introduced a measure for a 3 per cent tax carrying a 40-mill property tax limitation and income tax exemption for earners of less than \$5000 annually.



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We have seen only press reports and have not examined the text of the bill, but it appears to have been carefully drawn, carrying an appeal to those seriously concerned over the real property tax burden and another to small earners. In previous defeats of sales taxes in Oregon, the major appeal of the opposition has been directed to small earners who, under this new bill, would get an income tax break that would surely be tempting.

Rep. Hill did not include in his measure a proposal to refer it to the people, if passed by the legislature. It appears probable the legislature, if it passes this measure or a modification of it, will want to submit it to a popular vote. A forced referendum by petition would undoubtedly be invoked if the legislature does not refer the sales tax.

Possibility of a referendum on this, or other tax measures, for that matter, adds to the problem of the legislature in facing the financial issues before the present session.

Offset THE vote on the sales tax question taken among Klamath county chamber of commerce members points definitely to the sentiment for a real property tax offset in any measure of this kind which may be adopted in Oregon.

Of 215 persons who voted for the sales tax idea, 114 specified they wanted a property tax offset. These people would probably be satisfied with the 40-mill property tax limitation inserted in the measure by Rep. Hill.

There may be some question as to exactly what people mean by a property tax offset. Does it mean a lowering of present real estate taxes, or does it mean a prevention of an increase of taxes on real property?

For a number of years Oregon has not had a state tax on real property, although such a tax is authorized in law and may be imposed at any time other state revenues are insufficient to carry on the state's governmental functions. This is definitely a prospect at the present time; it seems certain unless there are new sources of state revenue developed. The sales tax is proposed as such a revenue source.

The Hot Question GREAT many people feel like expressing themselves on the shooting of an escaping prisoner by a deputy sheriff here the other day, and we have tried to afford space in the letters

statement of its findings reading: "Donald Gordon Roberts came to death of a gunshot wound received while attempting to escape from a deputy sheriff, Marion Barnes, and that the same deputy, Marion Barnes, acted in proper performance of his duties; that under the law of Oregon, the killing is defined as justifiable."

Mike Lavenik acted as foreman of the jury, and other members were E. R. Long, Dick Reeder, Deios Mills, John McCall and B. T. McKinnis.

Funeral services for Donald Gordon Roberts are being conducted this afternoon.

Merrill Mrs. Clifford Shuck and Mrs. John Kandra Jr. Tulelake, accompanied by Mervyn Shuck left Monday for the bay area where Mervyn, who flew up for the week-end returned to school at Montezuma.

Mrs. Howard Wynant was called to Grants Pass last week by the sudden death of her father, Frank C. Champlin, 84, long-time resident of Oregon.

Mr. Champlin, a retired merchant, was a native of California and spent most of his life on the west coast. He had visited here many times. Mrs. Clifford Shuck of Merrill and Mrs. Clifton Hines, Tulelake, are granddaughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy McNeill are vacationing in southern California, principally at Los Angeles. While south they will visit with the R. L. Daltons, pioneer Merrill residents now living in Bakersfield.

Saul, the first king of the Hebrews, had no fixed home, but lived in a tent.

column for this purpose. Several letters have accumulated, and a condensed version of these comments is being prepared for use as soon as possible.

Among those who condemn the shooting we find a tendency toward extreme and defamatory terminology that cannot be published because of legal implications.

The comments we have received seem to say about all there is left to be said on the question, and there are contrasting opinions that probably will never be changed or reconciled. We have tried to afford space for sincere expression of opinion on the matter, within our limitations of space and within legal restrictions.

The World Today

By J. M. ROBERTS JR. Associated Press Foreign Affairs Analyst

ALTHOUGH it has come about gradually and with less fanfare, French control of the Saar has become as much a fact as Poland's acquisition of German territory beyond the Oder.

The tone of one paragraph in France's memorandum on the Ruhr to the Big Three powers makes it clear that she doesn't intend to accept any argument on the point. She said: "The basin of the Ruhr represents 90 per cent of the steel, 72 per cent of the cast iron, 74 per cent of the coal and 89 per cent of the rolling mill products remaining in German territory when account is taken of the eastern amputations and the attachment of the Saar to the French economy."

As a matter of fact, France completed the "attachment" some time ago through extension of her customs boundaries to the Rhine. Administratively, of course, she was already in control under the occupation agreement which she and Russia have both been inclined to interpret unilaterally.

To Play Big Hand FRANCE also proposes to play a big hand, perhaps the biggest, in an internationalized Ruhr, but that is another story.

International control of the Saar after World War I meant, practically, French control. The coal mines, which have produced as much as 15,000,000 tons annually, were French owned. But the people for a thousand years had been German. Nearly a million of them lived in the small area, 90 per cent working then as now in industries which closely complement France's own economy. In particular, the Saar's coal and Lorraine's iron ore go together like ham and eggs. The people voted in a League of Nations plebiscite to return to Germany in 1935, thus giving Hitler a cue for his re-entry into the Rhineland and adding vastly to his war potential.

Germany bought back the French coal holdings for \$35,000,000 and agreed to pay, in addition, 2,000,000 tons of coal annually for five years. The war stopped shipments with about 3,000,000 tons still owing.

In absorbing the Saar now, France obtains coal reserves estimated at nine billion tons together with one of the world's most congested industrial areas. The population averages about 1000 to the square mile, compared with about 860 for Rhode Island.

Friday morning's broadcast of the "Breakfast Club" will originate from the auditorium of Hines Veterans Memorial hospital at Hines, Illinois, over KFLW at 8 o'clock.

The special program is at the behest of patients who regard the Breakfast Club as radio's best lift for sagging spirits. At the emcee post on the show will be Don McNeill, who has held the spot for the last 14 years and is one of the principal reasons for its longevity. The club has proven the exception to the usual radio rule that programs usually don't last very long.

Since June, 1933, it's been attracting a growing crowd of fanatical listeners, so fanatic in fact, that one woman recently divorced her husband because he insisted on disturbing her early morning slumber to tune in. Another unique feature is that the show is unrebroadcast, except for music and the commercials. Spontaneity is its life-blood. Besides McNeill, two other members of the staff have been with it since its birth, Bill Kroetz, pianist, and Ed Ballantine, orchestra leader. Among its luminary graduates are Fibber McGee and Molly, Johnny Johnston, Clark Dennis and Bill Thompson, the "Mister Wimples" of radio fame.

Following the demonstration the afternoon was concluded with singing, with those present sampling the milk toast that had been prepared for the meeting.

Stock Yard Takes In Record Receipt PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 6 (P) The Portland Union stockyards received 164,817 head of cattle during 1946, third highest receipts in history, and established record high prices for cattle, hogs and sheep.

The price tops reached during the year were \$25 a hundredweight on steers, \$31.00 on hogs, and \$22.50 on lambs. The yards received 316,102 sheep during the year, exceeded only by the 1921 figure, and 157,424 hogs. The hog supply was not unusually large.

SIDE GLANCES



"I feel like a social outcast—everybody else in the club has a lovely new spring hat with flowers on it!"

STATIC By KELLY ROBERTS

to be that your wife could do the cooking and all you'd have to do was talk to the customers. These boys are departing from the ancient pattern. One cooks, the other waits on the tables. It's too soon even to guess how they'll make out. But you can't help wishing them success. For one thing, they're so obviously anxious to please. It has been a long time since we have seen much of that.

EXAMPLE No. 2: Over in one of the valley towns, a young fellow is washing cars at six bits per car. There are cars in plenty as fast as he can wash them. He organizes his time efficiently and nothing goes wrong he can wash a general average of ten a day—or a total take at his piecework rate of \$7.50 per diem.

This is the point: His father owns a string of implement stores back in one of the corn belt states and, like all fathers, wants his son to grow up in the business and take over some day. He'd like to start the youngster off at a salary of \$300 a month. It's no dice. The boy was stationed at a California camp while getting his training to be a citizen soldier, and his wife was with him. Both like California, and want to grow up as a part of it. So he's washing cars and they're eating light and sleeping where they can until he can find something better.

AS a recently discharged GI, he's eligible for 50-20, but will have none of it. "It would probably ruin me," he says, "and with a wife and a family in prospect I can't afford to be ruined. I'll take mine standing on my own two feet." If she can get enough new citizens like that, California can't lose.

Shaw Produces New Play At 90 LONDON, Feb. 6 (P)—George Bernard Shaw, at 90, has finished a new play but he won't say what it's about other than that it's a "topical comedy."

Shaw said he completed the script a few days ago and hasn't decided on a title. The play may be presented when the Malvern festival, devoted to Shaw's works, is resumed later this year. Although he has given up answering all but urgent correspondence because of his age, Shaw spent two hours a day working on the new play, his first in seven years.

KF Chamber In Favor Of Sales Tax

Chamber of commerce members have voted 205 to 52 in favor of some form of state sales tax, the ballot being taken in a referendum following a forum devoted to the subject a week ago.

A majority of those favoring a sales tax want the tax to have a property levy offset feature. The chamber vote, as announced at Wednesday's directors' meeting, follows: For sales tax—81. Against sales tax—52. For sales tax with property offset—114.

At their meeting today, the chamber directors went on record as opposed to giving cities and counties a larger share of the state highway revenues than they now receive. The roads committee reported its opinion that all available state highway revenues will be needed for carrying on the development of the state highway system. The committee felt that if additional funds are needed for cities, they should come from some other source than state highway funds. This is an issue now before the legislature.

The chamber board went on record against a legislative measure to set up a five-man highway commission instead of the present three-man commission. The board also approved recommendations of the legislative committee on numerous measures, including favor to the proposed county zoning law and to the proposed community property law.

Among other measures considered was one which prohibits minors from entering places where alcoholic beverages were sold, which the chamber opposed. It was held that the measure would prohibit minors from entering restaurants and hotels of excellent reputation if they happened to serve beer or light wines.

Traffic Fine Handed Out

Claude Allen, 40, of 1317 Adams, was fined \$105 in police court this morning for drunk driving and having no operator's license after he was arrested late last night on S. 6th. During an intoxication test, Allen told officers that he had been drinking beer at the Buffalo lunch yesterday. He was arrested when he drove his pickup down S. 6th without lights.

George Mayberry, 28, was fined \$25 this morning for disorderly conduct on a complaint signed by Harry Molatore, Mayor last night kicked the glass out of a door at Molatore's restaurant on Main street.

Edward Earl Weber, 2404 Gettle, posted \$25 bail for reckless driving on S. 6th. Clarence M. Gilmore, 217 E. Main, paid a \$14 fine for a violation of the basic rule on Riverside this morning, and Arthur L. Brooks, 1211 Crescent, was fined \$10 for a violation of the basic rule.

Local Man Named To Honor Society

John James Green, KUHS graduate and son of Mrs. W. M. Green, 239 Eldorado, has been initiated into Sigma Tau, national engineering honor society, at Oregon State college.

Green, a junior studying civil engineering, was among 16 OSC students taken into the society this week.

He was graduated from Klamath Union high school in 1938, winning honors in mathematics, and attended Oregon State for a year before going into the army. He served almost five years, including 26 months spent in the Aleutians.

Classified Ads Bring Results. Everett Sparks welcomes old and new customers at the 109 S. 8th St. BARBER SHOP Across from Pelican Theatre

Oregon State Nurses' Named Bargaining Agent

Word has been received in Klamath Falls that the Oregon State Nurses' association has been recognized as the bargaining agent for registered nurses in the state of Oregon by the Oregon Association of Hospitals, according to a directive sent to Mrs. Blanche Howard, president of district No. 8, and Shirley Thompson, state president.

This agreement covers 18 districts in the state and goes into effect immediately, according to Miss Thompson. Recognition by the Oregon Association of Hospitals brings to a local level a movement

started last December when the American Nurses' association designated the Oregon group as bargaining unit for nurses in this area.

With Oregon suffering a need of between 500 and 600 more nurses than at present employed, the association feels that the only way to fill the ranks with new recruits is to make working conditions and pay attractive enough to compete with other types of work.

A four-point program has been set up by the OSNA and approved by the American Nurses' association. It includes improvement in working and living conditions so that nurses may live normal personal and professional lives; a 44-hour week looking to 40 hours; salaries sufficient to interest women of quality and capacity.

The 18 districts affected by the agreement are Portland, The Dalles, Salem, Medford, Eugene, Corvallis, Pendleton, Klamath Falls, Astoria, Coos Bay, Roseburg, Baker, La Grande, Bend, Hood River, Grants Pass, Coquille and McMinnville.

First Phone Call From Plane Made

ASTORIA, Ore., Feb. 6 (P)—A telephone call from an airplane—first of its kind in Oregon—was made here yesterday.

Edward L. Parsons, radio station KAST manager, while piloting a plane over the city phoned Fred Andrus of the Astorian Budget.

The call was made through marine telephone-radio equipment, customarily used by ships, and relayed on land lines through the telephone exchange.

Playful Dog Turns On Gas In Home

STONEHAM, Mass., Feb. 6 (P) A playful fox terrier was blamed today for the asphyxiation death of his mistress, Mrs. Mary M. Pignato, 33.

The local Examiner Ira W. Richardson said that the dog—ironically named "Lucky"—tugged so hard on a rope attached to a gas stove that it entwined and opened two jets. It had been a custom to tie the canine to the stove.

Liquor Control Bill Proposed

SALEM, Feb. 5 (P)—The state liquor control commission would be given power to refuse to issue liquor permits under a bill introduced today by Rep. Joseph E. Harvey, Portland.

The commission now has the power to revoke a permit held by a drunkard and other persons whom the commission believes would be a menace if permitted to buy liquor.

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FRIDAY A. M., FEB. 7 6:15 Klamath Theatre Guide 6:30 6:45 Farm Fare 7:00 News, Breakfast Edition 7:15 Stop and Go Shows 7:30 James Abbe Observes ABC 7:45 Zeeke Manners ABC 8:00 The Breakfast Club ABC 8:20 8:30 8:45 Kenny Baker Show ABC 9:15 9:30 Buffet in Hollywood ABC 9:45 10:00 Galen Drake ABC 10:15 Words and Music ABC 10:30 My True Story ABC 10:45 10:55 Miniature Concert 11:00 Stop and Shop 11:15 Novelties 11:30 The Lightning Post ABC 11:45 Ethel and Albert ABC KFLW Feature KFLW Feature

FRIDAY P. M., FEB. 7 12:00 News, Noon Edition 12:15 Art Va Dances 12:30 Gem Session 12:45 Waltz Lites On 1:00 Tom Bartlett, Show ABC 1:15 1:30 Baptist Bible Program 1:45 Merrill Time 2:00 What's Dale, Ladies ABC 2:15 2:25 News ABC 2:30 Bride and Groom ABC 2:45 Ladies Be Seated ABC 2:50 1450 Matinee 3:05 3:15 3:30 Malcolm Epley 3:45 Suggestively Yours 4:00 4:15 Tennessee Jed ABC 4:30 Merry and Pirates ABC 4:45 Sky King ABC 5:00 Jack Armstrong ABC 5:15 5:30 Music by Cugat 6:15 Home Town News 6:25 World News Summary 6:40 The Sheriff ABC 6:55 6:55 Champions Roll Call ABC 7:10 7:15 7:30 American Sports Page ABC 7:45 8:00 KUMS-U. of O. Fresh 8:15 8:30 8:45 8:50 9:00 9:15 9:30 Bobby Sherwood ABC 9:45 10:00 Stardust Melodies 10:15 Freddy Martin Orch. ABC 10:30 Night News Summary 10:45 Sign Off 11:00 11:15 11:45

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