

Sales Tax Forum Held

**Chilcote, Hitchcock, Townsend Speak;
Rep. Semon Explains Bill To Public**

The sales tax was alternately praised and condemned as a solution to state financial problems at a lively forum meeting sponsored at Fremont school last night by the Klamath county unit of the Oregon Education association.

E. M. Chilcote, local realtor, and Phil Hitchcock, business man, spoke in behalf of the tax, while Lamar Townsend, attorney, was the representative of the negative of the question, "Is the Sales Tax the Answer?" C. D. Long, labor union leader, presided over the program, failed to appear.

Bill Explained
At the outset, State Representative Henry Semon explained that pressure for greater state expenses for many purposes—including especially, education and welfare—had led to the development of the sales tax issue in the legislature.

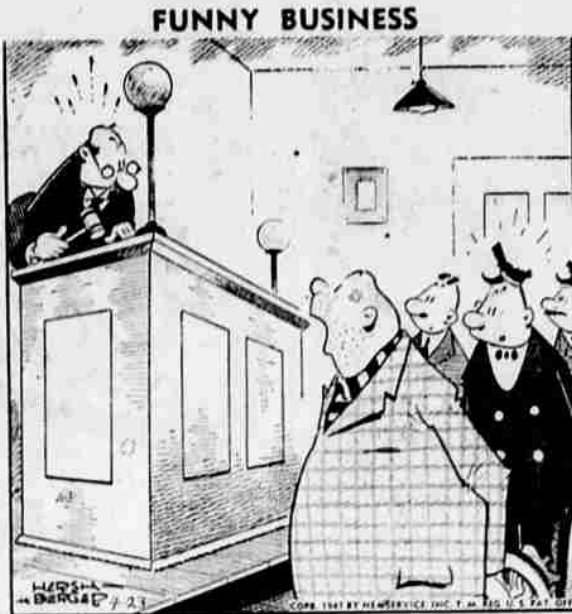
He explained the bill, which levies a 3 per cent tax on sales of tangible personal property with exemptions on food and certain other items. He pointed out that the major purpose is to stabilize the state revenues, to meet rising costs without burdensome increases in property taxes, and to provide certain property tax offsets.

Chilcote emphasized that California and Washington have long had sales taxes and asserted that they have brought many benefits in those states. He said that there had been false reports that enactment of sales taxes in the neighboring states had not reduced property taxes; he gave instances where he had personal knowledge of the favorable effect on real property taxation.

Tax Strike Warning
The speaker said that real estate cannot bear further burdens in Oregon, without endangering the whole state financial structure, and he warned of the possibility of tax strikes and tax delinquencies in case of a recession. Chilcote pointed out that the state tax on property, if reinstated, will be the first claim on local property taxpayers, and will be taken out before they finance local government.

Townsend asserted that the sales levy is a tax out of proportion to what is received in services, and that it removes the burden of taxation from those better able to pay and imposes it on those less able to pay. He said the sales tax would reduce the living standard of the man of moderate means, but would not affect that of the wealthy.

The negative speaker questioned whether the sales tax would bring any real tax reduction, and he



"I really think this should be a juvenile court case—I have the mind of a six-year-old!"

warned against high collection costs. He pointed out that the taxpayer, paying the tax in dribbles, would not know how much he had contributed to the government, and therefore would not feel his responsibility as a taxpayer. Townsend said he favors more government services, but warned that the "power to tax is the power to destroy."

Increasing Demand
Hitchcock pointed to the increasing demand for government services—better roads, finer school buildings and more intensive education processes, public welfare, and many other things which today require heavy public financing as compared with conditions a quarter or half a century ago. At the same time, he said there has been a change in tax sources, and whereas real estate was the basic and nearly exclusive source of taxation in earlier times, other wealth has developed and other tax sources have assumed greater importance.

Discussing Townsend's argument

Tule Chamber Talks Recreation Plans

TULELAKE, April 23—In the interest of a summer recreational program for everyone from 2 to 102 years old, the chamber of commerce has called a meeting to be held the evening of Tuesday, April 29, in the high school auditorium. Carl Metzger, field representative for the YMCA, Shasta district, will be here to confer on a proposed program of supervised play.

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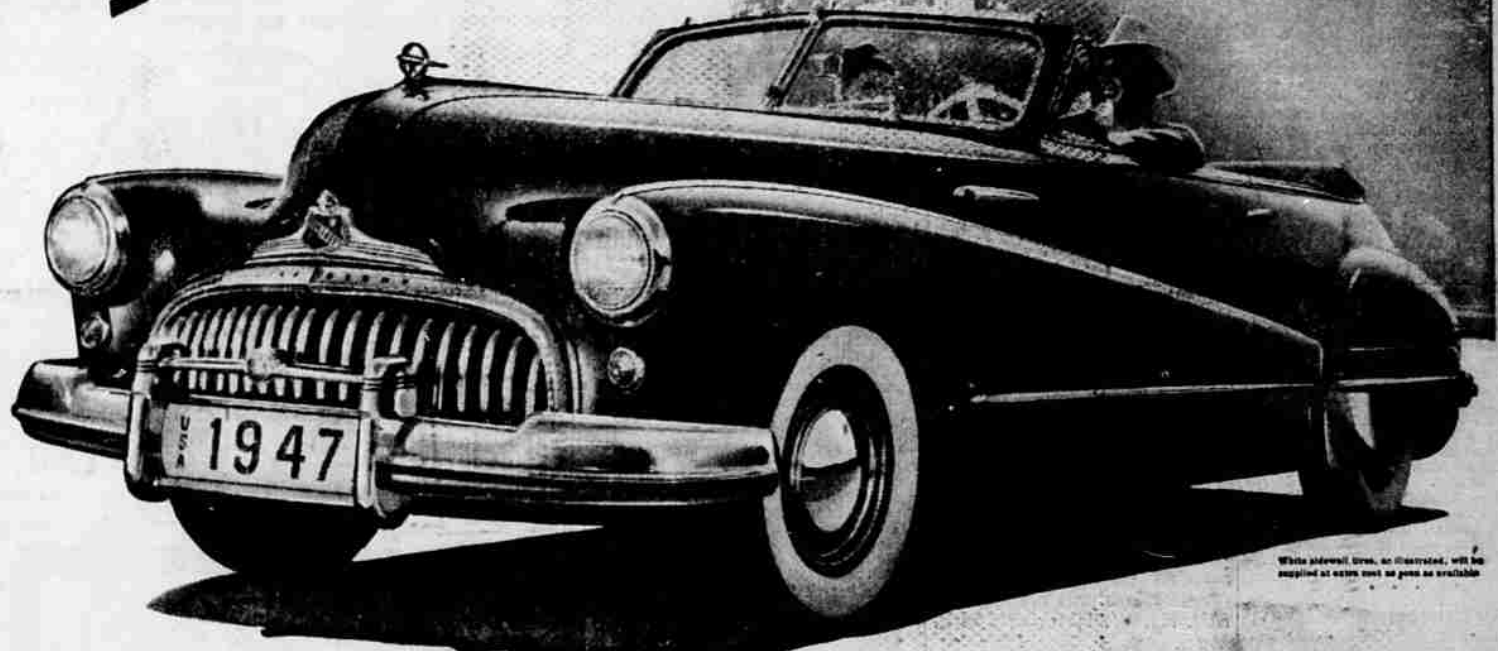
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