



"THE OSTRICH is the largest living bird, what is the next largest? The correct answer to this question would have made Mrs. Marshall A. Powell, 916 Walnut, \$575 richer when called Monday by Mel Venter on the Tello-Test program. Mrs. Powell didn't know the answer. The Emu is the second largest bird.

Tax Forum Held By KF Chamber

Lee Ohmart, who was chairman of the House of Representatives committee on taxation at the last session of the state legislature, discussed problems of ad valorem taxation at the forum meeting of the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce at the Winema Hotel Wednesday noon.

Ohmart spoke for the legislature's interim committee on taxation and asked for expressions from tax payers on problems of modernizing the Oregon tax structure. He now is a candidate for state senator for Marion County. He was introduced by Ed Geary, who served with him on the tax committee the last two sessions.

Ohmart said that tax problems have become acute because of rapid growth in the state in recent years and because voters are prone to approve new services of government without realizing how to pay for these services.

Tax people first were concerned with the equity of assessment, which led to the program of reappraisal that started in 1949. He congratulated Klamath County on being one of the first counties to take this problem largely taken care of.

The interim committee now is studying ad valorem taxes—the tools for appraisal and collection and the rules for determining values, he said. The committee is inclined toward reducing "true cash values under normal conditions" in terms of "market values" for real property and "book values" for personal property.

The question of whether state tax personnel should assess standing timber and industrial property is being studied for the committee's recommendation to the next legislature.

A. R. (Major) Dickson, county assessor, said that the reappraisals made by the state in Klamath County were largely complete but that his office "can't sit still for another 20 years" and is continuing to make adjustments to keep the assessment rolls up to date.

Charlie Mack, chamber director for taxation, presided at the meeting.

Redding Workers Vote For Strike

REDDING, Calif. (U) — Incomplete returns from a strike vote among 6,000 AFL Northern California Lumber and Sawmill Workers indicate they will authorize a strike, a union spokesman said Tuesday.

Robert Giesick, secretary-treasurer of the Northern California District Council, said the 1,300 members of Redding Local 2608 voted two to one for the authorization.

The vote is part of strike authorization among 85,000 AFL lumber and sawmill workers throughout the Pacific Northwest. The vote started after employers turned down a union demand for a package 12 1/2 cent hourly increase.

Giesick said the vote for the entire area would be announced in Portland shortly after June 1.

MAU MAU

NAIROBI, Kenya (U) — Mau Mau terrorists Wednesday night burned down Kenya's Treetops Hotel — the jungle lodge where Princess Elizabeth became Queen of England two years ago. She was staying there when word was received Feb. 6, 1952, that her father, King George VI, had died.

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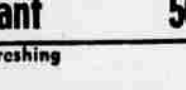
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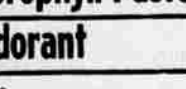
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