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Prediction

By BILL JENKINS

As I recall it I turned out a piece some time ago regarding this business of satellite moons being sent up and complaining that no good would come of it.

Well, now they have gone and done it and I guess there isn't anything for us little people to do but sit and wonder when we will be hit on the head.

It is bad enough to think of what might happen when the moon itself falls without considering the horrid potentials of a moon big enough to carry humans.

Come that day and the world at large will become a target for empty tomato juice cans, coffee grounds, bottle caps and dirty socks tossed out by crew members of the high flying contraptions.

And when you consider the very considerable velocity which would be attained by an empty can carelessly tossed off the back porch of one of these interstellar flying saucers you can see the very real risk.

I don't wish to be a party pooper or go about with a long face all the time but I can't help but predict that no good will come of this business. What with the earthbound boys trying to split us apart with atom bombs touched off at the bottom of wells and the fly-fly lads trying to clutter up space with a lot of junk that rightly should be left right where it is (which is probably in the heads of the bright young men who are responsible for all this sort of thing) it looks like a thin time indeed for mankind in general.

Doesn't the local constabulary have enough trouble with peeping toms as it is without putting the thing on an international basis?

I don't think the satellite had anything to do with it, but down in Texas they are facing a crisis. According to the Wall Street Journal the tall in the saddle ranchers of the Lone Star State are finding a shortage of saddle horses. After long years of drouth the ranchers are trying to build the beef industry back to its pre-war level. But they now find that a good saddle horse will set them back a costly $250 as compared to $60 or $70 they paid before the slump.

A dire state of affairs, indeed. But then I suppose it will all work out in the end. I was under the impression that Texas ranchers were already using gold plated flying platforms instead of horses anyway.

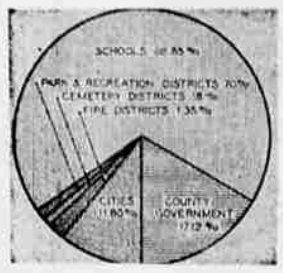
Looks like the days of the forty dollar saddle and the ten dollar horse are gone.

In fact the forty dollar saddle is gone.

Long gone.

If any of you deer hunters are bemoaning the lack of deer the thing to do is fly right over to New Zealand and do your pot shooting there.

I am told that the deer are so thick in that country that the government has put a bounty on them. A notice from the American Forest Products Industries informs us that a bounty of $1.35 is being paid and if you don't have a car the government will drive you out to the scene of the hunt and drop you off. Pick you up, too.



Property Taxes

By FLOYD L. WYNNE

If you pay property taxes, you have probably asked yourself lately "Where does my property tax money go, and why are my property taxes so high?"

Property taxes are tied directly with the services rendered a community by its governments, city and county, its schools, its parks, its cemeteries, its fire and police departments and others.

A recent "tax pie" released by the Klamath County Assessor's Office has earmarked the percentage of property taxes that are spent by each agency.

Before breaking down the figures, I'd hasten to remind you that these figures are only for disbursement of property taxes collected. They are, by no means, the total cost of the various agencies and groups that receive them.

Breaking down the "pie," the figures show that out of every dollar in property taxes that you pay, approximately 69 cents goes to the schools. This includes KUHS and city elementary, county high and elementary schools and the per capita costs of both city and county. Sixty nine cents of each property tax dollar goes to the schools.

The county court is the second largest recipient, getting 17 cents out of every dollar from which must come portions of its current expense, library, armory and museum funds, road funds and fair board. Seventeen cents of every dollar goes to the county.

Cities of the county receive approximately 12 cents of every dollar. This is, in turn, divided into 11½ cents of every dollar for the city of Klamath Falls, and the other half cent divided among the incorporated cities of Bonanza, Chiloquin, Malin and Merrill.

The balance of your property tax dollar is divided seven-tenths of a cent to park and recreation districts such as Malin, Merrill, Wiard Park and Poe Valley Park and recreation district.

Approximately two-tenths of a cent is collected for the cemetery districts of Bonanza, Mt. Laki and Malin, and one and four-tenths cents of every dollar is used by the fire districts of Malin, Merrill, Bonanza, Stewart-Lenox and Suburban Districts 1 and 2.

In dollar totals levied by the assessor, approximately $2,500,000 went to schools, just over one million dollars to the county, $487,000 to the cities, $55,000 for fire districts, $29,000 for park and recreation districts, and $7,500 for cemetery districts.

In days to come, I'd like to pinpoint more closely for you just exactly where and how your property tax dollar is being spent, but first, I felt you should have the overall picture so that the next time one is inclined to complain about the high cost of property taxes, each facet receiving those taxes will come in for its proportionate share of scrutiny and criticism.

Tax Talk

By JOSEPHINE KITTREDGE

On October 28 in Salem the Oregon Legislature will convene for the second time this year. This Special Session has been called by Governor Holmes for the purpose of deciding how and in what proportion, the so-called 69 million dollar surplus is to be returned to the people in the form of "tax relief."

Because the questions raised by the calling of this Special Session of the Oregon Legislature, are so grave, so controversial, will have such far reaching effects on every pocketbook, the Nonpartisan Tax League of Klamath County will have four speakers coming to town who represent many opinions, to tell you their ideas on how your money should be handled.

There is no more important engagement on Thursday, October 10, at 8 p.m. in the Fremont Junior High School auditorium, for any taxpayer, than the meeting to which I am inviting each one of you.

Because the Nonpartisan Tax League feels that you are entitled to know all sides and all opinions on every question that affects the taxpaying public, we have invited the following people: Richard Eymann (a former representative from Lane County and on the House Tax Committee the last session of the Legislature), now executive secretary of the Oregon State Tas Commission; Richard Lucke (pronounced "lucky"), an industrial realtor with Bullier & Bullier Company of Portland. (He has been dealing with many industries that have discussed location of their businesses in Oregon, and is an authority on taxation and industrial development); Representative Wayne Giesy of Monroe, Oregon, who was on the House Taxation Committee on the opposite side of the aisle from Richard Eymann this past session, and another veteran in Oregon affairs, Lew Wallace, a former state senator from Multnomah County, an insurance man, and qualified to speak on tax matters also. Ben Goddard, vice chairman of the Nonpartisan Tax League, will be the moderator.

The program will be set up as follows: A statement from each of these four individuals, and time allowed for their rebuttal, then the meeting will be opened to questions from the audience.

The talks will be built around (1) The Special Session (2) Whether or not Oregon's tax structure is favorable to industrial development and jobs (3) Whether or not Oregon is in a competitive position for industry with the other 10 Western states.

We do know one thing before we start: No one person, nor any four persons, has the answer to all these questions. Only by hearing all sides of a question and then evaluating what we have heard will we be able to make a logical and sound decision on tax matters.

It is our intention to remove the political bias from the picture, and give you the facts. We have invited two Democrats and two Republicans to talk; however, they are not coming as members of any political party but as people who are qualified to discuss taxation. Please regard them in that light and be prepared to ask any and all questions that may be puzzling you.

As you may know the Nonpartisan Tax League has felt that an out-of-state nonpartisan tax research organization should be employed to make a complete study of the state's tax structure. We know also that the study of the 1955-57 Interim Tax Committee which cost $25,000 due to a change in the political complexion of Oregon, was thrown out by this past session of the Legislature, without even the courtesy of examination. We are sure that you realize that the 1957-1959 Interim Tax Committee with Senator Walter Pearson as chairman is now meeting. They have very kindly invited us to sit with them on their studies, and we do appreciate their invitation.

Senator Pearson stated in their meeting in Portland on September 27, that he felt the employment of an outside tax research organization was unnecessary, as this present Interim Tax Committee could make an unbiased, nonpartisan study that would be adequate.

I believe they are capable of such a study . . . however, the initial instructions to the committee were that they base their study on the income tax structure. Also, at the September 27 meeting Chairman Pearson announced the employment of Mike Katz, formerly a senior analyist with J. Henry Helser Company of Portland as executive director in charge of study for the Interim Tax Committee at a salary of $950 per month.

On the question of Mike Katz conducting an "unbiased, nonpartisan" study of Oregon's tax structure, I might say that since Katz is the author of a study called "Taxes and Industrial Development," which draws rather sharp conclusions on this subject; and also since I am in possession of a letter from Jack Churchill, publisher of the Oregon Democrat, in which he sends me a copy of the Katz article and says it will be published in several issues of the Oregon Democrat in September . . . I am at a loss to see how Katz can conduct an "unbiased, nonpartisan" study on something on which he has already made up his mind.

I am sure that the personable and likable Mike Katz is probably qualified by experience for this position . . . but, is this enough? Are we to see the report of the 1957-1959 Interim Tax Committee thrown out as was the past Interim Tax Committee study of 1955-57, and a total of $50,000 of the taxpayer's money go down the drain while the politicians of Oregon play "footsie" to win another election?

If this is to happen and it looks from here as if it is a natural, I think we had better look at our "hole" card. The Princeton Survey Inc., of Princeton, New Jersey, is a completely nonpartisan, unbiased, highly regarded tax research organization. Their employment by subscription of funds from Oregon citizens might solve the problem that we have faced for some time. A problem that gets worse with each switch of the election returns, and the attempts by either political party to dominate the popular vote by the use of money and taxation. Our tax structure needs a thorough review, and then the decisions should be made on that basis.

Our situation is desperate, and partisan confusion adds nothing but chaos to the picture.

Come out Thursday night to Fremont School at 8 o'clock and hear the speakers and make up your own minds!

No Fear

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—"Everybody is frightened but me," said Miss Elsa Maxwell, looking like a Roman empress as she lay, propped up by a pillow, in her bed in the Waldorf Towers.

"But nothing or nobody in this world can scare me a little bit. I've made out a will asking that my ashes be scattered over the Adriatic Sea, which I love.

"If I knew I were to die tomorrow, I'd want my epitaph to be: 'I die happy!' for I was born gay, and my life has been glorious, transcendently magical, full of glamor — and I mean real glamor."

But a new kind of glamor has entered the odd career of this adventurous lady, who was born in a Keokuk, Ia., opera house during a performance of "Mignon," and grew up to throw 2,000 society parties around the world.

At 74 Elsa has become one of the big surprise hits of the winter celebrity season — among the masses, not the classes she usually hobnobs with. Her breezy wit has made her a Tuesday night star on "Tonight," the NBC TV show. Her book on how to throw a party is condensed in the current issue of McCall's. And Las Vegas has called her for a two-week engagement — "not to perform, just to look at me."

While taking her afternoon bed rest, the volatile buddy of the Duchess of Windsor gave forth as follows:

"I'm young and fresh at 74. I roar with laughter. I think they're all mad. But people are bored with old routines, and whatever else I am, I am not routine. Too many of us are conveyer-belted mentally.

"Now at 74 they catch up with me. It's because I'm alive. It shows that to be yourself is all that matters — to say what you think.

"Most people are afraid, not only of themselves but of everything else. Fear is the thing that destroys everybody.

"That is why there are so few young people in America today. The younger they are the older they are. They're automatons racing toward a goal they don't know. They try to beat the clock, beat the other fellow—and they die young, before they have lived.

"I am not merely a party thrower . . . I've led at least nine lives and known most of the great people of my time. But there is no question I do give the best parties in the world.

"Why? Because I can say no to bores. I think to be boring is to be criminal.

"If I were cast away on a desert island, the five people I'd like most to have with me would be Arthur Rubinstein and Maria Callas (I can't live without music), Noel Coward (his conversation is divine), Jack Paar (he's so amusing), and a great scientist. Why would I want the scientist? Why, to figure out a way to get me off the darned island.

"The five people I'd hate most to be cast up on a desert island with are Elvis Presley, King Farouk, Arthur Godfrey, Liberace, and Jimmy Hoffa, that Teamster official. The first four bore me (I think Godfrey is the greatest bore that ever lived) . . . and as for Hoffa, what good would a truck-driver be on a desert island?

"What is my philosophy? I believe the way to be happy is to give happiness. Do the best you can for all you can as long as you have the strength, endurance and imagination to do it . . . Also remember always to be polite to those who are less lucky in life than you are . . . and don't let possessions possess you . . . The only thing I own in this world is this ring on my finger."

The phone rang then. Miss Maxwell picked it up and said:

"Hello, Gee-Gee. Yes, they are going to be married. O, I like him all right, but I told him, 'You're not a marrying man, and you're not a man who should marry, so—.'"

It seemed a good time to leave.

Quotes

By UNITED PRESS

WASHINGTON — U.S. Surgeon General Leroy E. Burney, giving Japanese painted toys a clean bill of health:

"There . . . is no occasion for special alarm at this time concerning the allegation that toys of foreign manufacture were especially dangerous in this connection."

VIENNA — U.S. Rep. W. Sterling Cole (R-N.Y.), the first director - general of the International Atomic Energy Agency:

"The leading posts in the agency will be filled in such a way as to give the broadest possible representation to all the world's major nuclear powers. That, of course, includes the Soviets."

UNITED NATIONS — Indian Defense Minister V. K. Krishna Menon, reiterating his nation's demand for a suspension of nuclear tests:

"We think that we should take into account what has happened, not in terms of fear, saving of face or national pride, but in view of the fact that we have entered a new planetary epoch."

Pogo

AF Missile Demonstrated

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AP)—An F100 supersonic fighter fired a target rocket—representing an enemy plane—here yesterday and then swiftly shot it down with a heat-seeking Sidewinder missile.

Nearly 6,000 persons attending an Air Force firepower demonstration watched the sudden, uncanny destruction of the tiny target, only five inches in diameter, moments after it was launched.

One Defense Department scientist who helped develop the GAR3 Sidewinder said in awe, "That's what we intended it to do—but I still can't believe it."

Maj. John M. Simmons, Gadsden, Ala., piloting the North American Super Sabre, fired the target rocket straight forward as he approached the demonstration area.

The rocket, easily tracked by its smoky trail, hurtled far in advance of the speeding jet. Then Simmons released the Sidewinder—a simple and relatively inexpensive Navy-developed weapon which has no more electronic parts than an ordinary radio.

The Sidewinder instantly sensed the heat of the target and streaked after it. A fiery explosion destroyed both.

The semiannual demonstration of Air Force planes, equipment and flying proficiency also included:

Firing from a Northrop F89J fighter of a Douglas MB1 Genie nuclear air-to-air rocket—without its atomic warhead.

Interception of a B52 jet bomber at 35,000 feet by an F104 supersonic fighter setting out from ground level and climbing faster than a 16-inch shell.

Emperor Leun-Ho of China invented playing cards in 1120 to amuse his numerous wives.

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RED SPY SENTENCED

KARLSRUHE, Germany (UP)—A 69-year-old widow began a 10-month prison term today as a spy for the East German Communists. Mrs. Charlotte Wallburch, who runs a boarding house near Bonn, was convicted of conducting treasonable relations with the Soviet zone intelligence service. She was accused of planting microphones in her guest rooms to collect information, and watching West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's motorcade go by her window to get data on security precautions.

HUNGARIAN HOUSING WORST

VIENNA, Austria (UP)—Communist Hungary's building chief said today the Budapest housing shortage is the worst ever. Building Minister Rezsoe Trautmann said 200,000 persons were registered as "priority cases" in the Hungarian capital. This meant, he said, they do not have places of their own, but are receiving shelter from friends or relatives.

NOW ON KFLW-CBS

Pictured above is Bob Inch, popular young disc jockey, whose "Bob Inch Show" is now heard nightly Monday thru Saturday from 9:05 to 11:00 P.M. on KFLW, local CBS radio station.

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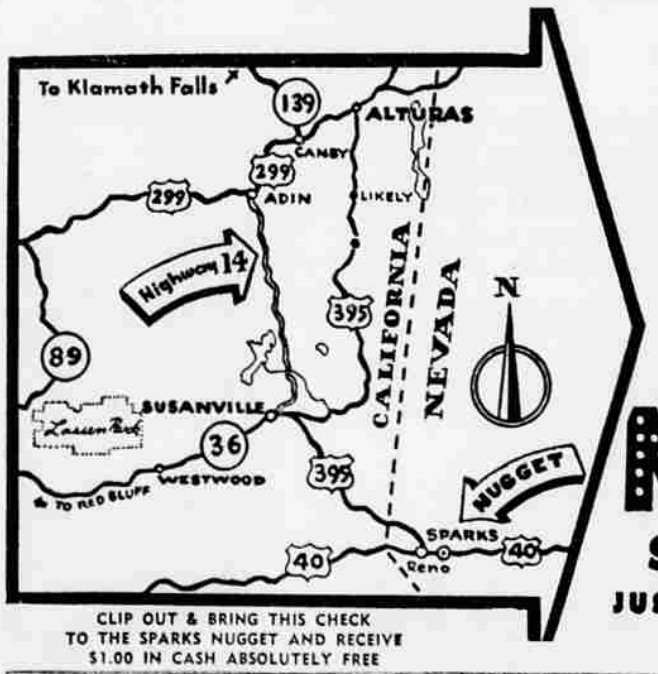

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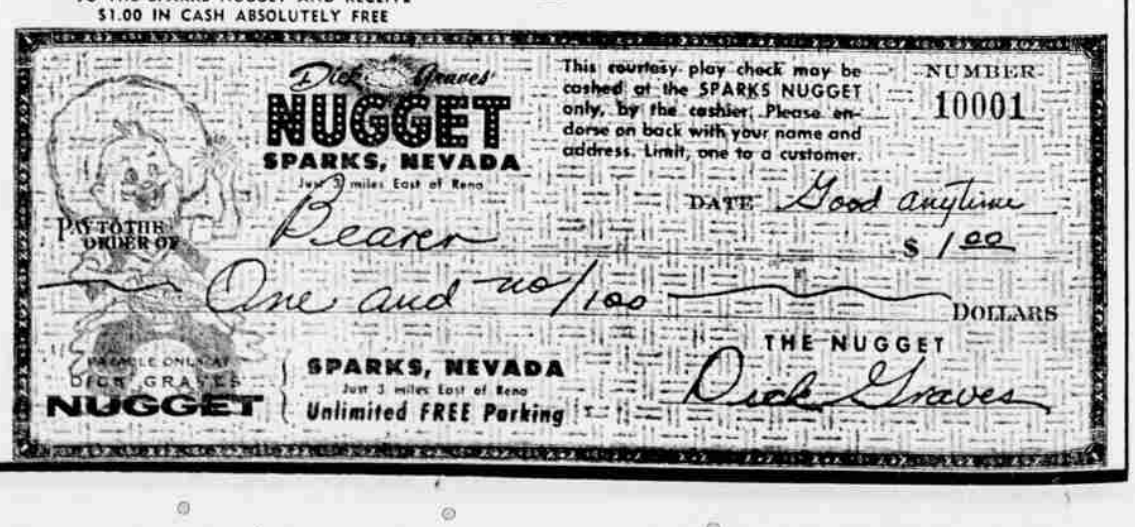
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