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Tax Talk

By JOSEPHINE KITTREDGE

The deadlock on the method of tax reduction and the amount of tax reduction, to be given by the special session of the Oregon legislative assembly, is exactly as we forecast. It would be the Republican-Democrat coalition in the Senate versus the Democrat majority in the House. By the time you read this, I hope that the compromise bill has been passed, and approved by the governor, so the legislators can return home and the taxpayers of the state will be in a position to evaluate where they stand in this picture.

One of the arguments used against lowering the income tax rate structure and allowing a smaller surplus to remain at the end of this 1957-1959 biennium (two year) period by the Democrat majority in the House is that the budget will inevitably have to be raised for the 1959-1961 biennium to perhaps a sum of 320 million dollars or higher, and it is foolish not to collect this money from the income tax now, so we won't have to raise taxes in the next biennium.

Somehow, this has a rather irresponsible sound to me... for one thing there is no 70 million dollar surplus now. The whole figure of 70 to 90 million dollars has just been a figure of the State Tax Commission in estimating income. The actual amount of surplus cash on hand at the moment is probably around 12 million dollars.

Also, if the present income tax collections are exceeding the amount necessary to run the business of the state of Oregon, why should we continue to squeeze old John Taxpayer for more money than we need, just to make the next legislators and state officials we elect able to prevaricate a little bit and say, "We didn't raise your taxes," when they budget this 320 million dollars they are talking about.

It amounts to about the same proposition as your going down to the new car dealer and looking at one of the new 1958 models, and deciding to buy one on the installment payment plan. Suppose your payments were to be \$100 a month for 24 months, or two years would see your car paid for. Then, a month or so later the car dealer would call you on the phone and say, "John, we made a mistake on your new car contract. The 24 monthly payments should have been \$75 a month, instead of \$100. I don't know how this could have happened, a bookkeeping error in our office, I guess. However, it might just be a good thing for you to let it ride as is, and continue paying the \$100 a month. At the end of the two years, you'll probably want to trade in your old car, and that extra \$25 a month over and above the amount your payments will go a long way toward paying something on the new car you buy then. Besides, car prices will probably go up, and this will take care of that increase too."

What would happen? First of all, you would tell the car dealer that he was absolutely out of line. That when you invested your money in advance, you put it in the bank or an insurance policy, or some place where the interest was paid to you. You would probably say that you didn't want anyone using your money in their business for free. Also, you might say that you weren't sure you were going to buy a new car in two years and if you did you were not at all convinced that it needed to cost more money.

This comparison is not at all apt to happen, because no private business could be run like the state of Oregon is running its business, and stay in business very long... and I am referring to the tax riddle, specifically.

The actual facts about Oregon show that unemployment in October hit a new high, that unemployment compensation benefits were the highest of any October on record, that we should cut our income tax collections to the necessary amount to provide a modest surplus; that a clause to provide for an automatic raise in rates if the collections fall below the 60 million dollar figure that it is estimated we need is okay; that a 12 million dollar to 18 million dollar safeguard surplus is reasonable.

Each session of the Legislature should be responsible for two things: (1) An honest, realistic budget estimate. (2) An honest, realistic fair tax program, that tells in detail how the money should be raised to meet the budget they propose. If the legislators elected in November, 1958, of either party go to Salem with only enough money in the hands of the state of Oregon to insure financial security, and not enough to attract every lobby and "gimme" group in the state then the legislators will either have to "fish or cut bait" on a tax program and a spending program.

Don't ever forget... this is your money that everyone is playing with in this gambling game. Do you want to gamble the security of your family for the next two years to solve this tax riddle or do you want to pay your bills with this money for two years and decide how you'll pay your tax bills for the two years after that when the proper time arrives? Better speak up and fast... time's a-wasting!

Best Friend

By JOHN GUERNSEY

The Klamath Basin was recently the source of a pair of those stories which never lose their warmth and interest... stories about young lads and their dogs. In one of the instances, 12-year-old Don Rider of Klamath Falls was greatly disturbed one morning during the pheasant season when his dad, Al, returned to the house with bad news. Butch, the family dog of more than 10 years' standing, had wandered off and become lost while hunting in the Merrill area.

The entire Rider family was pretty much upset. They had lost more than just a dog... they had lost an irreplaceable member of the family. "I wouldn't worry so much," said young Don, "but you know Butch likes to fight and some vicious dog might get ahold of him and kill him... you know Butch doesn't have any teeth."

He was talking with his mother on Butch's first night away from home. "I don't know whether it would help much," he surmised, "but I have \$19 that I'd offer as a reward for Butch."

That \$19 Don was willing to offer was the money he had made all during the summer months by collecting porcupine noses and turning them in to the county for bounty.

All Don's worrying wasn't in vain. About a week after the dog had become lost he was discovered well fed and sleeping on the porch of a Klamath Falls home. Another hunter had picked up the lost dog, brought him to town, and had been enjoying some real fine hunting with him.

Everything is right with the world at this point. Butch is back in his regular kennel at the Riders and Don is planning on investing his \$19 in shotgun shells and fishing gear.

A similar type story didn't have nearly as nice an ending recently at Gazelle, California, just north of Weed.

A fellow called the home of young Johnny Pritula, about 8, and advised that he had just run over Johnny's dog, Blackie. The dog had been so badly hurt that in kindness to the animal the fellow shot him.

When Johnny learned of the disheartening news he had only one thing to say... "Well, grandma, I'll just take my wagon down the road, pick up Blackie, and bring him back here so I can bury him in the back yard."

A short time later Johnny and his grandpaw were busy digging a hole which would be Blackie's final kennel.

"Pops," queried Johnny, "now when we bury Ol' Blackie we'll leave his head sticking out, won't we?"

Granddad Jim Sullivan convinced the boy that it would perhaps be better to bury all of Blackie, but asked Johnny why he thought it would be better to leave the pup's head out.

"Oh," said the little guy, "I think that would be a lot better because then I could come out and look at him every morning."

Life Role

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—Marlon Brando, at 32 a figure of world recognition, is an actor in search of his life role.

He has been phenomenally successful. He says this about the impact of success on him: "I have not been so impressed so much by how I have changed as I have been by other people's attitudes toward me."

Brando is a full-lipped, short-haired, wide-hipped man who in a few short years has become perhaps the most acclaimed actor since John Barrymore, gifted with a talent as recognized among fellow actors as by the public. In his 11th film "Sayonara," he plays a young American jet flier who discovers, for him at least, that it is better to marry the Japanese girl he loves than to leave her behind. He is a Southerner. The theme of the film is how love

can rise above race prejudice.

The picture is based on the novel by James Michener. There are rumors around that Brando himself may make a million dollars from the film.

He says, aside from money, that Hollywood has done itself and America a disservice because too often it is potentially the best possible instrument of communication with foreign people—but has failed to communicate.

"The time has come when the people abroad are not disposed to take foreign snobbery any longer from anybody," he said. "It behooves us to do what we can to improve our relations with other people who, in a short time, we may find our lives interdependent with."

After an overseas stint during which he made two pictures in Japan and toured southeast Asia, Brando feels that people in those areas judge America by its movies and that the movies, by more realistic dramas about world problems and prejudices, can improve mutual understanding and fare well also at the box office.

"It's a lack of experience with other people that makes them seem strange and frightening," he said. Brando himself has made one kind of adjustment to a fame that has been spectacular, but even among his fellow actors is accepted as well earned by talent and performance.

"I have given up stating the pros and cons about myself," he said. "I'd just as soon let people come to their own conclusions—and let it go at that."

Brando today is a pleasant, wary, self-guarded, unsure, impulsive, multimillion-dollar property still exploring his moat.

Asked how success had affected his life, he said: "It's a dangerous position to be in from the standpoint of maintaining a sensible perspective on yourself in relation to other people."

"It grows like coral does... you don't see it until the tide of circumstances goes out... and reveals a whole network."

"I think I have learned, as a result of being successful, how frighteningly important it is to most people to be regarded as successful. Not many people care about your growth, or lack of it, as a person."

Camping Out

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Editor Roseburg News Review
The Oregon Highway Commission is in somewhat of a quandary concerning the advertising of camp facilities.

During the past tourist season, computed through July, the state camps under jurisdiction of the Highway Commission recorded 164,000 camper nights, as compared with 114,000 for the same period in 1956, a gain of 50,000. In 1957 there were 1,181 campsites available. These will be increased to 1,835 in 1958. During the past season nearly all camps handled more campers than their rated capacity by 10 per cent or more.

The gain of 44 per cent in overnight campers is considered very significant. It is believed to indicate a trend that will grow in coming years.

One reason for the great increase in camping is found in the numerous articles in magazines telling how families can make extended trips at comparatively little expense by taking advantage of the camping facilities now available in nearly all states. These articles are becoming more numerous and detailed, causing an increasing number of persons to consider such method of travel.

Another factor is the great improvement in camping equipment. Instead of the old wall tent, requiring much time and effort to erect, today's camper has an umbrella tent, with sewn-in floors, screened windows and zipper doors, to provide secure shelter. The tent can be erected in a

matter of moments and with little physical effort.

A camping kit also may well include a folding gasoline stove, air mattresses, sleeping bags, folding chairs and tables, nested cooking utensils and dishes. All equipment, utensils and supplies now come in such compact form that the whole outfit may easily be transported in the trunk of the average car.

Another growing trend is the use of the light "gypsy type" trailer. Trailer campers increased by one per cent in Oregon's records during the past season. The light trailer can be towed at relatively high speeds and provides a home on wheels wherever the vacationer may be.

A few years ago some hotel and motel owners were protesting Oregon's program for developing state-owned tourist camps. They considered such camps to be competition to private industry. Despite the fact that the proportion of tourists using motels during the past season dropped to 50 per cent from the 54 per cent recorded the previous year, the motel owners no longer voice opposition to state camps.

They have found that campers make a practice of using motels at frequent intervals to obtain baths, laundry service, etc., and that more campers mean more motel business as well.

The Oregon Highway Commission has a Travel Information Division. This division is aided by an advisory committee, named to assist in the formation of advertising budgets and programs.

Because Oregon's camp sites are limited, the advisory committee has recommended that advertising the state's campgrounds be kept in balance with capacity. This is the policy governing the budget for the forthcoming year. But there is good evidence the campers will be coming in greater numbers than camps will accommodate, regardless of advertising.

Considerable pressure was exerted on the last legislature to separate the parks department from the highway commission. Studies by legislative and special interim committees resulted in uniform recommendations that the parks department, which also handles the campground program, be retained as a function of the highway department. An advisory committee to assist in matters of policy and budget was recommended.

The current problem, involving the balance between travel, advertising and camping capacity, I believe, points up the value of keeping all these activities under one supervision, rather than having them scattered through several agencies. Dividing work and responsibility doubtless would promote duplication, confusion and imbalance.

The problem already is sufficiently complicated, without being confused still more by dividing authority.

Thanks

Klamath Falls (To the Editor)—

Sunday was a great surprise to me when Mr. Mike Wellman of 2835 Ward Street and Mr. Fred Bechtel, foreman of Henrich Roofing, came to Ward Park and brought with them enough roofing shingles, furnished by Bill Henrich, to shingle the roof of the park museum.

The Modoc Lumber Company furnished the roof lumber and the roof is now ready for bad weather.

You know we have some very nice people in Klamath Falls and the suburban area. Many thanks to all that have helped on our wading pool and museum. Come and enjoy them.

And thanks to Kalpine Co. for their help, also to Ned Putnam and Ellington's Lumber Company for donated materials. The museum is the first and only core log building built upright in Klamath Falls.

Thanks again,
Harry Wiard

Suggestion

Alameda, California (To the Editor)— My wife and I passed through your city on a recent motor trip, stopping for our lunch on a street a short way before reaching the center of town. We were traveling south, and turned to the left where there were houses on one side of the street only, a narrow lawn to the right. (Perhaps it was called "The Alameda")?

It occurred to us that it would be possible, at small expense, and increase the parking space, install a few tables and add some trash cans (which could be cleared by your present street-cleaning department).

Perhaps you will be good enough to bring this to the attention of some man interested in the attractiveness of your city. I wrote to your postmaster, but he only gave me the name of Frank Tucker, not telling me his official position.

Yours for cordial relations between our two states,
Arthur L. Jordan
1118 Union Street

Quotes

By UNITED PRESS
WASHINGTON — Former President Truman, on President Eisenhower's missiles speech of last week:

"A right good speech. Now I want to see some action."

They'll Do It Every Time



THOSE GRACIOUS CANDLELIGHT DINNERS ARE NOT FOR WINESAP—HE DEMANDS PLENTY OF LIGHT ON THE SUBJECT...

By Jimmy Hatlo



DID YOU BRING THE CATSUPP OKAY—NOW IF YOU'LL JUST TURN OUT THE HALL LIGHT, WE CAN ENJOY OUR DINNER...

THANK AND A TIP OF THE HAT TO BERNICE PARKER.

Band Concert Results Told

The KUHS Music Department netted a profit of slightly more than \$767 through its recent sponsorship of the U. S. Navy Band concerts in Klamath Falls.

Music Education Director Andrew Loney Jr., adds that a portion of the funds will be used to help offset expenses of sending the a cappella choir to the National Convention of Music Educators in Los Angeles next March, and that part of the funds will be used for helping to defray the cost of sending the KUHS band to the Shrine East-West game in San Francisco this year.

The choir has been asked to sing before the music educators, and the band will present one of the feature performances during the Shrine game parade.

Couple Begins New Marriage

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Band ranger Buddy Cole and his wife have started a brand new marriage—after being divorced just 30 minutes.

"That marriage was something of a jinx, so we wanted to start all over again with a clean slate," explained Mrs. Cole.

The couple, both 40, married two years ago in Las Vegas, Nev.



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Regulations On Mail Listed

If you are sending gift packages abroad this year, Klamath Falls Postmaster C. L. Langslet points out the latest regulations he has received from the Portland Field Office of the U. S. Department of Commerce. These regulations do not apply to packages for the armed services.

Don't put more than 1,000 cigarettes in a package to the Netherlands, because that country prohibits more than that to an addressee in any one month.

Certain horticultural and food products sent to Switzerland are subject to import licensing.

If you send something to Barbados exceeding a value of \$10 B.W.I. (about \$5.50 U. S.) an import license would be required.

Write plainly on the outside of your package to Mexico that it contains merchandise and may be opened for customs inspection.

If you send used clothing to Argentina, be sure it is accompanied by a notarized statement that it has been disinfected.

Send no tobacco whatsoever to Spain, because it's a government monopoly.

At the present time, gift parcels of foodstuffs, including candy and chewing gum, discarded clothing, consumable medical supplies and soap are exempt from payment of duty under the relief package agreement concluded between the United Kingdom and the U. S.

The Commerce Department indicates that just about every country in the world has some kind of regulation governing the importation of gift packages, and the best way to avoid delays and possible complications at the other end is to obtain a copy of the regulations itself at the Portland office located at 217 Pioneer Post Office, 529 S. W. Morrison Street. There is a 10-cent charge for each country leaflet on "sending gift packages."

In addition, this country has regulations, too, on the subject of exportations to other countries which are covered in the leaflet entitled "Sending Gift Packages to Foreign Countries—Summary of U. S. Export Regulations," also obtainable at the Portland office of the Commerce Department.

As for packages sent to those in the armed services, the post office department can be of assistance and guidance, he stated.

WINS LICENSE

Donald W. Stetson, a new instructor in the school of allied arts and sciences at Oregon Technical Institute, has been awarded a Washington state architectural license. The award is the result of an examination taken by Stetson prior to the time that he joined the OTI staff.



AIRMAN WILLIS W. ROSS

KF Airman Wins Honor

Airman First Class Willis W. Ross has recently been selected for the outstanding instructor of the month at Stead Air Force Base, Nevada.

He will be presented a hunting knife by the commander of 3635th Combat Crew Training Wing. In addition, he will receive one evening of entertainment at a local hotel with dinner, and if so desired a ride in a T-33 jet trainer at this base.

Airman Ross graduated from Klamath Union High School, Klamath Falls, Oregon, class of 1952. He entered Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon. There he majored in botany for two and one-half years. He later attended Oregon Technical Institute where he majored in auto painting, and continued studies at OTI until enlistment.

Ross received his basic training at Parks Air Force Base. He arrived at Stead Air Force Base September 14, 1955. He is presently assigned to the 3635th Combat Crew Training Wing (survival) at the base.

KU Teacher Wins Award

Howard Bailey, a mathematics teacher at Klamath Union High School, Klamath Falls, has been awarded a Washington state architectural license. The award is the result of an examination taken by Stetson prior to the time that he joined the OTI staff.

The program is aimed at helping high school teachers gain wider knowledge of their subjects, improving science and mathematics teaching in high schools of the nation, and increasing the U. S. supply of top quality scientists and teachers.

Bailey is one of 50 high school science and mathematics instructors taking part in the 10-month program at the university. The selected teachers receive \$3,000 stipends, plus travel expenses and allowances for dependents.

Bailey is taking advantage of the opportunity to gain his master's degree in mathematics.

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AN' I'LL KEEP A EYE OUT FOR GOOD BROT FOR LUNCH.

NOW LESSEE, FROG ENTRY IN OUR LOG—AROUND-THE-WORLD—AN' GO NOVEMBER IS A HALF MONTH LONGER—TODAY WOULD ACTUALLY BE DECEMBER TWENTY-EIGHTH!

WE MISSED CHRISTMAS.

TURN BACK! WE CAN'T START FRIDAY—THE THIRTEENTH FALLS ON WEDNESDAY THIS MONTH.

ON DAVE PARAGON