FIRST BABY IN 1959 at the Mount Shasta Community Hospital is Gloria Dean, who is being held by her mother, Mrs. J. W. Broomfield, of Weed. The baby was born at 1:10 a.m. January 7 and was declared winner of many valuable prizes offered by the hospital as the first baby born in 1959. The baby's father is a stacker at the sawmill of the Weed Branch of International Paper Company. The Broomfields have lived in Weed for one year, coming from Louise, Mississippi. Two brothers, Jerry, 5, and R. J., 4, and three sisters, Geretha, 2, and twins, Annie Jean and Hattie Jean, 18 months, were on hand to welcome the new baby. — Photo by Lucile Gaynor

Installment Tax Paying May Go Out The Window

By PAUL W. HARVEY III

SALEM (AP)—The House Taxation Committee found little opposition Monday to a proposal to eliminate the practice of paying personal state income taxes in installments.

The committee, beginning hearings on the 13.5-million-dollar tax package proposed by ex-Gov. Robert D. Holmes, was told the measure would bring in eight million dollars for the next two years. It would do this, in effect, by collecting some taxes in the next biennium that under existing law would not come due until the biennium after that.

The installment bill is the major part of the program. A hearing will be held Wednesday on a bill to raise taxes on utilities.

S. W. Horn, member of the Tax Commission under Holmes, said the elimination of installment payments is profitable from an administrative view.

Richard Eymann, adviser to the committee and former Tax Commission secretary, added only about $30,000 would be saved in administrative costs. He said almost all of the eight millions would come from payments which would become due in this biennium instead of the 1961-63 biennium.

Horn said 30,000 taxpayers paid in installments quarterly in 1958, but he said the figure usually is around 90,000.

Committee Chairman Clarence Barton (D-Coquille), who said installment paying involved special privilege, asked:

"Why should only a few be treated this way?"

Rep. Raphael Raymond (R-Helix) told the committee "the smaller farmer would be in trouble" if the installment payments were eliminated.

The installment plan of paying would be eliminated over a two-year period under the proposal. It would allow quarter payments during 1959, but require semi-annual payments in 1960 and full payments on an annual basis by 1961.

Eymann pointed out that the July, October and January payments at the start of the 1961-63 biennium would be eliminated, making that money available in the 1959-61 biennium.

Eymann said a companion bill would allow those who are unable to pay up in full to put up security with the Tax Commission and avoid court charges.

He said this would aid "the person who cannot immediately come up with cash payments."

The committee was told the tax commission wouldn't abuse the right to receive security instead of the payments.

The third bill provides that deposit of inheritance and gift tax payments go directly into the General Fund. It brought no opposition, although Deputy State Treasurer Fred H. Paulus doubted if it were necessary.

MORE BOMBS FOUND

HACHEN, Germany (UPI)—Two more 12,000-pound "tallboy" British bombs were found Monday embedded in a reservoir not far from the spot where bomb experts defused a blockbuster earlier this month.

The bombs were found while the Sorpe Reservoir was being cleaned, police said. The bombs apparently were dropped in 1944 when the British knocked out the Moehne Dam about nine miles away. Officials have not yet decided when the bombs will be defused.

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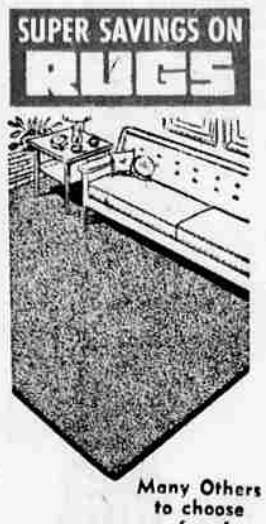

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