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Tax Bill

By BILL JENKINS

A bill of considerable interest, and carrying a considerable tax gain potential in the future, will come up for a vital hearing at 1 o'clock tomorrow in Salem.

This is Senate Bill 426 which would require the consent of the affected county courts and the State Tax Commission in any case where land is acquired by the federal government under the provisions of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act.

Under provisions of ORS 272.060 permission is granted (by Oregon) to the federal government to "acquire by purchase, gift or lease, lands and waters within the State of Oregon, which the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States may deem necessary and suitable for the purposes provided in such act." The act referred to being the Migratory Bird Conservation Act.

SB 426, of which Klamath's Senator Boivin is one of 18 proposers, would amend the existing bill by insertion of the following amendment: "However, the consent of the county courts in which the affected real property is located and the State Tax Commission must be first had and obtained prior to the performance of any act that would in effect remove the real property involved from the county tax rolls or change the status of the property as taxable property."

The amendment, to boil it down, would write an end to further federal acquisition of land for use as bird refuges if such acquisition would take productive land off the tax rolls. At least it is reasonable to assume that such would be the case as I fail to see in these days of high taxation and the frantic scratching for more public monies any county court that would knowingly cut the income.

The amendment says nothing about changing the status of present refuges. It merely states the intent of the affected communities to see to it that no more land is taken off the tax rolls.

At a rough guess about 67 per cent of Klamath County is already under federal ownership of one kind or another. Quite a little land area when you figure that Klamath is the fifth largest county in Oregon. And that Oregon ranks ninth in land area of the (now) 48 states.

I have talked a good deal to the people involved one way or another in such matters and fail to find any agreement. Which, I suppose, is natural.

But, leaving out the highly emotional factors of the do-or-don't needs of additional duck refuges, it seems to me that it is about time some steps were taken to stop the withdrawal of land from county and state tax rolls.

As a people we are already being bled white by taxation to support services which we demand. The money to support these services has to come from the taxpayer's pocket one way or another.

It seems pretty ridiculous to add to our already onerous burden rather than attempt to ease it. Butting one's head into a stone wall because it feels so good when you quit may be all right as a theory. But when it comes to taxes there isn't any quitting. And the withdrawal of productive, taxable land for further bird refuges is going to lose still another straw on the already immense federal tax haystack.

At any rate, the bill will come up for a further hearing in Salem at 1 o'clock tomorrow. If you are for or against it, either one, let Harry Boivin know. The time is short, but a telegram sent to him care of the state house will bear more weight than one might think.

The price of a wire might be less than the cost of years of additional taxation.

Centennial

By FLORENCE JENKINS

It looks as if Klamath County's participation in Oregon's hundredth birthday anniversary is finally getting off the ground.

Mike Haggerty, coordinator from the Oregon Centennial Commission at Portland, has made two trips down here. During his first visit, conferences with Jim Boyle of OTI, who was named last year to the governor's advisory committee on the centennial, resulted in the acceptance of the appointment of Klamath County chairmanship by Ben Swartz, curator of Klamath County Museum.

The Klamath Kurbatone Kowpokes have offered their assistance in the efforts and Bill Opie, Kowpoke secretary, is heading their centennial committee. Their

feeling is not frivolous in this respect. And their objectives are not such bits of horseplay as kangaroo courts for the bearded. They are willing to work on dissemination of publicity for Klamath Falls and Klamath County even to the manning of a State Line information booth.

Bob Mead, president of Klamath County Chamber of Commerce, is conferring with chairman Swartz this week to work out cooperation from the organization he heads.

A Fine Arts project found an enthusiastic volunteer chairman in Mrs. E. Jack Warrick who is a painter of some note in her own right.

The Klamath Falls Saddle Club and Sheriff's posse have signed up for the Pony Express project. The garden clubs have undertaken some programs as have some other groups.

Swartz feels, however, that there must be other groups making centennial preparations and, since he is acting as a clearing bureau for this county, he would like to know about it.

He is serving without compensation in this post and there is no thought of putting on a campaign to raise money. There are lots of things for a lot of people to do, however, to assist in carrying out the Fiesta theme which appears to be chosen for this area.

Economy Plea

Klamath Falls (To the Editor)—I have almost had my spirits broken. I'm not a Communist and I want no part of the party.

I try to be a Christian and I shall try to the end.

We have had nothing but bad luck and ill health at our house for three years.

I try not to waste and I am not afraid of hard work. I cannot find work as a steady employee as I am too conscientious about my children, because they need parents' guidance at home and away from home. And there is a certain amount of civic pride. I need to do some community service and public service. Our church gets its tenth of our time, talents, prayers and gifts.

My husband and I have always believed that guiding children and youth in a Christian way to be better citizens for earth and our Lord is the most important thing we will ever do.

Why do we not have enough to get along on? We raise our own meat. Raise our own gardens. We can most of the winter's supply of food. We buy only the most essential. We burn wood to keep the fuel bill down. I'm really in the Oregon Centennial mood, as the washer is broken, so I'm using the wash board.

We thought, by living in the suburbs, we could keep the children under our care instead of the city parks and recreational responsibilities, the county welfare or state institutions.

Oh, I really have much more faith in my children than that. But it really hurts when we get to thinking of the welfare cases who smoke and have their beer bottles in obvious places, and the illegitimate children. Then they are exempt from taxes.

Why should I try? Why shouldn't we let society take care of us? We couldn't be much more poor and then wouldn't our consciences be exempt from bill collectors too? This matter of conscience is the big struggle. Should I cheat at all of life to gain help for my family in material things? No. All of myself, all of my past makeup says: "Hang on a while longer and see how things work out." I'll wash on the board a while longer to try to get out of debt instead of going in deeper.

Why can't our county, state and national governments find a way

of economizing too? My purse is empty from people demanding more privileges and better than their neighbors.

These are the things they should all dig for themselves instead of asking each taxpayer to do for them.

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Economy Plan

By JAMES W. DOUTHAT

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Economy advocates in Congress hope that a drive by 32 Senators to block off the "back door" approach to the U.S. Treasury will have a restraining effect on proposals for profligate government spending.

Spearheaded by Senator Byrd (D-Va.), chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the campaign is intended to prevent government spending not approved by the Senate and House Appropriation Committees.

By - passing these committees, Senator Byrd estimates that upwards of \$200 billion in spending has been provided since the procedure was first used for the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Two major bills passed by the Senate this far this year, he adds, would provide for "back door" expenditures of \$3.3 billion.

"The housing bill, as passed by the Senate," he explains, "would completely by-pass the appropriation process by authorizing \$575 million in expenditures from public debt receipts, and circumvent effective appropriation control over \$2,250 million in contract authorizations. Likewise, the airport bill, passed by the Senate, would provide \$465 million in contract authorizations."

There are other provisions in the Byrd resolution which would be expected to produce a big saving for taxpayers. These would:

1. Require Congress to act on all new spending authority in one bill, to be known as the general expenditure authorization bill—with provision for necessary supplemental and deficiency bills;
2. Require annual expenditure limitation on each item in the bills;
3. Provide that the Committee reports, including conference reports on general expenditure authorization bills, carry tabular presentations with totals of both expenditures and expenditure authorizations allowed under the bills; and,
4. Require the latest revenue estimate by the Secretary of the Treasury to be inserted in the general expenditure authorization bills at each stage of the legislative procedure on them.

This would require Congress to consider appropriations in the light of the total picture instead of acting separately on a dozen or more bills.

It also would focus attention on prospective revenue, so that Congress would have the best available estimates on whether spending proposals would require deficit financing.

A limitation would be placed on the amount of actual spending permitted each year, instead of following the present method of, in general, permitting spending at any time from money appropriated.

For example, if the \$76.8 billion of new spending authority sought by the Eisenhower Administration for next year is approved, the Federal spending agencies will have at their disposal nearly \$130 billion.

For unexpended balances under old authorizations are estimated at \$73 billion.

Senator Byrd describes the need for reform as "urgent and immediate" and says the "need to recapture expenditure control is critical."

"The great value in this resolution," Senator Byrd explains,

"would lie in the fact that it would provide both the Congress and the people with full and accessible knowledge of the amount involved in spending legislation and its effect on the nation's fiscal situation."

"With such intelligence, I would rely on the judgment of the people and those who represent them in Congress."

Mail Bag

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—Things a columnist might never know if he didn't open his mail:

Eskimos don't have a word for war in their language. Until civilization reached them they didn't know what it was.

Ernie Kovacs, the most inveterate cigar smoker in show business, puffs his way through 20 expensive stogies a day.

The average American motorist puts in 500 hours a year behind the wheel. But he travels only 9,500 miles. Two out of every 100 car owners have had the same auto 14 years or more.

The ancient Romans were so fond of perfume they even mixed musk in the mortar of temples so that on sunny days the buildings emitted a fragrance.

Feminine credulity note: Ladies of the French court a couple of centuries ago used to wear an onion in their bosoms. It was supposed to help preserve their beauty!

Fish continue to grow as long as they live, if you call that living.

Hollywood superstition: when a bride tosses away her bouquet, the woman who catches it will be the first to remarry.

Ask most people who said, "Lafayette, we are here," and they'll answer "Gen. John J. Pershing." Actually it was Col. Charles E. Stanton who made the historic remark in a talk on July 4, 1917.

The average Canadian makes 388 phone calls a year, the American 302, and the close-mouthed Englishman only 63.

Do you hate shaving? Well, brood on this: if you just sat still and didn't do anything to interrupt your beard, on your 75th birthday it would be nearly 600 feet long.

Thought for today: when you consider that you can get a good car for a dollar a pound, and a good house for 20 cents a pound, isn't sirloin steak kind of overpriced?

Parking meters in some cities now register a 63-minute hour. It's a trick. The meters make liars of motorists who claim they were parked only one minute overtime. Old toppers who like their bourbon neat may shudder at this, but it's true: it takes 60 gallons of water to make one gallon of whisky.

Sign on a school for models here: "Clothed for lunch."

Three out of every 100 children born in America are mentally retarded.

The giraffe looks clumsy and slow, but its name means "the one who moves swiftly."

Here's an uplifting item: U.S. women now buy 120 million brassieres and 40 million girdles a year.

If your husband can prove he lost his hair as a result of military service, he doesn't have to go around looking bald. The Veterans Administration will buy him a toupee.

Who was America's alltime best selling author? Jack London, who wrote "Call of the Wild," is a candidate. The critics don't mention him much anymore, but his books have sold some 70 million copies around the world.

It was George D. Prentiss who observed: "If a woman could talk out of the two sides of her mouth at the same time, a great deal would be said on both sides."

Quotes

United Press International

DAMASCUS, U.A.R.—President Gamal Abdel Nasser denouncing Communists in the United Arab Republic and Soviet Premier Khrushchev's defense of them:

"We shall fight the battle against Communism using the same weapons we used when we fought Western imperialism."

PASADENA, Calif.—Dr. T. Keith Glennan, administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, on how progress in space science is arrived at:

"Progress is made through a combination of provocative, often seemingly wild-eyed proposals and the efforts of those who have to deal with the realities of providing the means and the mechanisms for their accomplishments."

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

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Combined Choirs Slate Program

MERRILL — The combined

choirs of the Tulelake Community Presbyterian Church and the Merrill Presbyterian Church will present the cantata "Seven Last Words of Christ" by Dubois on Sunday, March 22, at the Tulelake Community Presbyterian Church. The program, under the direction of Dave Carman, will begin at 7:30 p.m. Soloists will be Ruah Bowen and Pat Moore, sopranos; Wayne Wattman, tenor; and Lloyd Henderson, baritone.

This same program will be held on Good Friday, March 27, at the Merrill Presbyterian Church beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Merrill VFW Aux Meeting Held

MERRILL — A regular meeting of the Merrill VFW Auxiliary to Post No. 4056 was held at the VFW Hall on Wednesday evening, March 18. Dorothy West, senior vice president, presided over the meeting.

Katie Merrilles reported that Mrs. Frances Koertje, head of the speech department of Merrill High School, had arranged with the students to participate in the VFW essay contest.

The next meeting, Wednesday, April 1, will be installation of officers with Ida Mae Fleck as installing officer.

CZECH PLAYERS SENTENCED

VIENNA (UPI) — A criminal court in Czechoslovakia has sentenced four well-known Czech hockey players to prison terms

ranging from 15 months to two years for assaulting a teen-age girl. It was reported today. The players were members of the First League Spartak-Pizen team.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

12:05 to 12:30 noon

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Rev. Wilbur Brumbaugh assisting.

Thurs. "The Dimension of LOVE."

Rev. Otis Bell assisting.

Fri. "The Dimension of DEATH."

Rev. Marshall McKinnie assisting

FFA Speaking Winner Told

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP)—Eddie Glenn of Lostine, a little Eastern Oregon town, Thursday night won the Future Farmers of America state public speaking contest.

Glenn spoke on "What Does Philosophy Have to do with Farming?" as he topped four other finalists in the contest, the highlight of the second day of the annual FFA meeting.

Behind Glenn in the contest came Dennis Wood of Molalla, Leon Small of Phoenix, Harry Cummins of Central High at Monmouth-Independence and Stuart Holmes of Redmond.

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SHORT RIBS

By Frank O'Neal

