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Letters to Editor

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As sponsor of House Joint Resolution No. 4, introduced in the 48th Legislative Assembly at Salem, I note with interest your editorial under date of January 27, 1955, entitled, "Back Door Tax Legislation."

In order to attempt to clarify an obvious misunderstanding of the intent of the Resolution, will call to your attention that under our Initiative and Referendum System, our people have the constitution right to demand service of the Government, sometimes sponsored by minority groups with an appealing, but not too practical motive.

In the process of determining revenue sources, with the exception of property, the Legislature then is faced with the problem of providing their best estimate or judgement of revenue source to care for normal governmental costs (state), in addition to the special services demanded.

The argument has been offered that this proposal is only a back door approach to the sales tax, with the inference that some unholy approach is being suggested. At this point, I would call your attention that Oregon is the only state in the union with such a prohibition in its constitution, and that conversely at least one other state has a constitutional provision prohibiting affixing an emergency clause to other measures than taxation.

In answer to the first possible objection, I would argue that this proposal is only an approach to a systematic and orderly development of a revenue program by subsequent legislatures, who would, if this measure is adopted, for the first time since 1912 be in a position to look the problems of the state squarely in the eye and exert their best judgment toward solution of the problem.

Let's examine the safeguards

FEB. 14, 1955
Duane Alters, Editor and Publisher
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Dear Mr. Alters:
Your State Representative, Mr. Stunz, presented to me this morning the editorial that you printed on my House Resolution 8. Mr. Stunz, to my mind, is an able representative. We see eye to eye on matters of taxation. The pressure imposed upon the members of the Legislature by the taxpayers is great at all times.

I personally appreciate your editorial, and I am hoping that I will have the full support of all country editors.

It is my belief that the money which the Legislature appropriates is not our money. The legislators must remember that it belongs to the taxpayers of Oregon. The State has no funds except what it takes from the sweat and toil and thrift of our people. Public funds should be guarded as a sacred trust. It is the duty of the Legislature fully to perform this trust and to protect the men and women who pay the bill against all selfish demands, no matter how they may be disguised as in the interest of public welfare.

Sincerely yours,
John D. Hare

that would remain with the people:

1. This proposal must pass both houses of the legislature, with the possibility of veto by the Governor.

2. The people, in November of 1956, will have an opportunity to either approve or disapprove this measure.

3. If approved, any subsequent legislation bearing the emergency clause would be subject to veto of the whole proposal, or veto of the emergency clause only, by the Governor.

4. Granted the revenue source would be invoked for the period subsequent to adjournment of the legislature and until the next general election, by initiative action at said election the voters could stop the effect of the tax.

In the summary, I think this is sound, essential and necessary legislation that will be approved by this legislature and by the people of the State of Oregon. If it is so adopted, for the first time the legislature will have the tools with which to properly answer our fiscal problems. In turn, the members thereof will be forced to stand up and be counted for or against taxation on proposals, without equivocation.

Very truly yours,
LEE OHMART
State Senator

INCOME TAX FACTS No. 4
Get All Exemptions for Yourself and Dependents

(This is one of a series of articles on income tax changes. The articles are based on information provided by the American Institute of Accountants and the Oregon Society of Certified Public Accountants.)

Many taxpayers cheat themselves on their personal exemptions. Of course, there are others who get into trouble by claiming too many exemptions — like the cowboy who claimed an exemption for his horse because he loved him like a brother.

The rules for a taxpayer's own exemptions are the same this year as last year, but the new tax law has made it easier to get exemptions for dependents.

Your Own Exemptions

Here's how to count your exemptions (each one takes \$600 off your taxable income):

One exemption for yourself, two if you are 65 or over, two if you are blind, three if you are both 65 and blind. The same applies to your husband or wife.

If your husband or wife died during 1954 you can file a joint return claiming the exemptions including those for age or blindness, to which the deceased would have been entitled at the time of death.

Exemptions for Dependents

One exemption of \$600 can be taken for each person who fits the definition of a dependent. This \$600 is not doubled for age or blindness, as in the case of your personal exemption.

To count for an exemption, the dependent must:

- 1. Have less than \$600 gross income for 1954 (except that under the new law this does not apply to your child if he is under 19 or is a full-time student).
2. Have received more than half his support from you. (New Law: Do not include scholarships in figuring total cost of support. The dependent may also qualify even though no one person furnished more than half of his support. If a group of persons who would otherwise be able to claim the dependent contributed more than half, any member of the group who contributed at least 10% may claim the dependent if all others who contributed 10% or more have signed a declaration that they will not claim the deduction.)

- 3. Not file a joint return with her husband (or his wife).
4. Be either a citizen of the U. S. or a resident of the U. S., Canada, Mexico, Canal Zone, Panama, or (in some cases) the Philippines.
5. Live with you (absence while attending school does not interfere) or be a close relative as defined in the tax instructions or be a cousin receiving institutional care for a mental or physical disability who lived with you before going to the institution.

Children and Disabled Dependents

Don't forget that a baby born anytime up to midnight December 31 counts as a full exemption.

A new feature this year is a deduction of as much as \$600 for care of a dependent while the breadwinner is working. This deduction is available to mothers, widowers, divorced and legally separated persons, who are allowed to deduct expenses up to \$600 for the care of a son, daughter, stepson or stepdaughter under 12 (or any dependent who is mentally or physically incapacitated).

A working wife is entitled to this deduction if her husband is physically or mentally incapable of providing support. Where the husband is not disabled, the working wife may also take a deduction if a joint return is filed, except that the \$600 limit is reduced by the amount the couple's gross income exceeds \$4,500.

Additional Information

Be sure to read the official instructions. You can also get help from the Internal Revenue Service, which urges you to consult only qualified advisers.

Next article: Tax Eased on Dividends and Retirement Income.

CHURCH NOTES

COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH
Vernon L. Taylor, Minister

9:45 a.m., Sunday school for all ages.
11:00 a.m., Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m., Family Fellowship, including Methodist Youth Fellowship.

4:00 p.m., Wednesday, church school for children, 4 years through sixth grade.
8:00 p.m., Wednesday, midweek meeting for youth and adults.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Fifth Street and Park Ave.
John L. Briebl, Pastor

SUNDAY:
10 a.m.—Sunday school.
11 a.m.—Divine worship.
FRIDAY:
8 p.m.—Lenten services.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
The Rev. Carl H. Gross, Ph. D.

SUNDAY:
9:30 a.m., Sunday school.
7 p.m., Evensong
Holy Communion, First Sundays, 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY:
9-11 a.m. Kindergarten.
7:30, YPF.

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
M. J. Duncan, Pastor

10 a.m.—Sunday school.
11 a.m.—Morning worship.
8 p.m.—Evening worship.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer service.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Rev. A. F. Stubblefield, Pastor
South 2nd and Reece Ave.

SUNDAY—
9:45 a.m.— Sunday school.
11:00 a.m.— Morning worship.
7:00 p.m.— Young People's service.
8:00 p.m.— Evangelistic service.
WEDNESDAY—
8:00 p.m.— Prayer service.

L. D. S. FIRST WARD
Charles Mann, Bishop

9:15 a.m.—Priesthood meeting.
10:30 a.m.—Sunday school.
8:00 p.m.—Sacrament meeting.
Tuesday, 2 p.m.—Relief society.
Wednesday, 4 p.m.—Primary;
7:30 p.m.—M. I. A.

L. D. S. SECOND WARD
Lloyd Lewis, Bishop

Sunday
Priesthood meeting, 9:15 a.m.
Sunday school, 10:30 a.m.
Sacrament meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday
Relief society (sewing day, 2nd Tues.) 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday
Primary, 4 p.m.
M.I.A., 8 p.m.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST
H. H. Powell, Minister
Res. 414 Ennis Phone 3384

Bible school—10 a.m.
Worship and Communion—11 a.m.
Mid-week service—8 p.m.
C.Y.F., Sunday evening—7 o'clock.
Evening services—8 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Parma, Idaho—McConnel Ave.
Rev. Hale Miller, Minister
P. O. Box 454

10 a.m.—Bible study.
11 a.m.—Morning worship.
8 p.m.—Sunday evening service.

ADRIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH
(United Presbyterian)
Henry E. Moore, Pastor

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11 a.m.—Morning worship.
11 a.m.—Junior church.

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Methodist Church News

Jesus says: "Come, Follow Me!"

Today, Thursday, the WSCS Circles meet at 2:00 o'clock. Circle 1 with Mrs. Grover Lytle, No. 2 with Mrs. Melvin Spitze and No. 3 with Mrs. Ava Broughton.

Starting last week, and planned to continue through Easter, the commission on evangelism with the help of the spiritual life committee of the WSCS, is sponsoring a series of prayer groups at various homes at 10:00 in the morning.

The second annual preaching mission starts next Sunday. This is to be a "Week of Dedication" with interesting speakers and inspiring messages. Let's make these pre-lenten services a real time of dedication, cooperation and enjoyment.

Sunday Feb. 20, Rev. Don Nothourf of Baker will speak on "The Jericho Road" at 11:00. His evening message will be: "These Things Shall Be."

Monday evening, Feb. 21, Rev. Henry Gernhart, La Grande, a former minister of the Nyssa

CATHOLIC CHURCH
Park Avenue and Third Street
Rembert Ahles, O.F.M.

Mass—Sunday at 8 and 10 a.m. and daily at 8 a.m.
Saturday, 10 a.m.—Catechism classes.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Robert Jackson, Pastor
414 Good Avenue

10 a.m.—Sunday school.
11 p.m.—Morning worship.
7 p.m.—N.Y.P.S. and Junior meetings.
7:45 p.m.—Evangelistic service.

OWYHEE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Rev. Kenneth Himple, Pastor
Phone 2737

10 a.m.—Sunday school.
11 a.m.—Morning worship service.
7 p.m.—Young people's meeting.
8 p.m.—Evening worship.

BRETHREN CHRISTIAN CENTER MISSION
East 2nd and Ehrgood

10 a.m.—Sunday school.
11 a.m.—Morning worship.
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic service.

church, will speak on, "Cross Over the Bridge."

Tuesday evening, Feb. 22, Rev. Charles Easley, Payette, will have as his topic: "It Makes Sense."

Wednesday evening, Feb. 23, the last of the series, there will be a message by Rev. Dr. Dallas McNeil, Nampa, "The Go in the Gospel."

During this time the Rev. Vernon Taylor preaches at Boise, Nampa, Baker and La Grande.

Children's church school, Wednesday, Feb. 23 at 4:00 o'clock.

During lent the Church is planning "Six Weeks for God" with programs of prayer and meditation, Bible reading by everyone and visitation of all members, with particular emphasis on the Sunday evening services, at which time there will be special programs. This series will start with the Teenettes girl choir from Boise First church on Feb. 27 and will end with the film "John Wesley," on April 3, Palm Sunday.

Notes From The Nyssa Faith Lutheran Church

Beginning Friday Feb. 25, the Faith Lutheran church will hold Lenten services each Friday evening at 8 p. m. General theme throughout the Lenten season will be "Facing the Cross."

Family night was held at the Lutheran church Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Deward Benedict and Mr. and Mrs. William Miller were in charge.

A trip was taken via colored slides to all the mission churches of the Northwestern district of the American Lutheran church. Following a period of fun, chili, chocolate milk and coffee were served. Approximately 65 persons attended the evening of fellowship.

Wesleyan Service Guild meets with Mrs. Frances Bates, 8:00 p. m. Feb. 28. Mrs. Teague will have charge of the program and Mrs. Copeland the devotions.

Advertisement for First National Bank of Portland, NYSSA BRANCH. Includes text: "If you need money... a low-cost First National personal loan is as easy as this..." and illustrations of people using bank services.

Large advertisement for SAFECO insurance. Features the slogan "CUT COSTS! ON YOUR AUTO INSURANCE" and "SAVE WITH SAFECO". Includes text about insurance benefits and the SAFECO logo.

Advertisement for Peterson Furniture Co. featuring "Bright New Exciting Inlaid Linoleum Floors Can Be Yours For Only \$11.95 Average Size Bathroom". Includes text about the quality of the floors and contact information for Peterson Furniture Co.