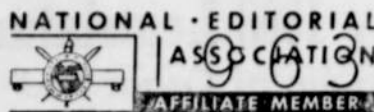


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A 'NO' Vote Indicated

In a statewide election Tuesday, Oct. 15, Oregon voters will determine whether House Bill 1846 passed by the 1963 legislature shall become law.

The bill would increase PERSONAL income taxes an estimated \$49.5 million, CORPORATE excise taxes on income \$700,000 for a total of \$50.2 million for the two-year period.

Of this amount \$15.5 million would go for basic school support, \$18.1 for higher education, \$1.9 for community colleges, \$4.3 for mental institutions, \$2 million for correctional institutions and the balance for other state agencies.

Thus the greater part would go for education, and since the attorney general has ruled that the governor could make no cuts in the \$135 million basic school aid, without legislative approval, any cut would fall on higher education and state agencies.

If the measure is rejected the governor can: (1) make the other cuts, (2) call a special session of the legislature that could find other source of revenue acceptable to the voters, (3) use a combination of cutting and changing tax sources.

We shall oppose the bill and vote "NO" for many reasons, some of which are listed below:

Our Senator Yturri says it is a bad bill; our Representative Bob Smith says it is a bad bill; the governor thought it was bad enough that he let it become effective without his signature. (He has since agreed to head the committee favoring it and it has been reported that he would "stump" the state for it but hasn't.)

Our local school board has taken no stand on the issue and the president of that body says it would cost our district only about \$20,000. (We can live with that.)

Oregon general fund expenditures have almost doubled in eight years. In the two-year period starting with 1955 the figures were \$218 million; two years later were \$278 million (with the following figures each succeeding two years)—\$306 million, \$358 million and for the current period of 1963-65, \$404 million.

Those are our primary reasons for opposing the bill. We can see no stopping place, with the expenditures rising much faster than the number of people who pay the bills. It appears to us that a broader base is needed—be it a sales tax, cigarette tax, property tax, net receipts tax or a combination of two or more of these.

We refuse to swallow the idea the legislature might come up with something worse and we dare not send them back. This appears to us to be a form of blackmail. We are spending the \$300,000 they set up for this special election they apparently expected — \$8,000 per day for their session is "peanuts" compared with the new amount involved.

If we accept this bill for two more years, why would the next session believe we would not go along with the same tax increase on the same basis for another two years? We believe now is the time to act.

FHA Girls to Attend District Convention

Girls from the Nyssa chapter of Future Homemakers of America will leave by bus Saturday for La Grande where they will attend district convention.

Among the 35 members planning to attend will be Miss Lynn Jackson who will participate in the program.

The girls will be accompanied by Mrs. Virginia Steffens, adviser; Mrs. Brig Olsen and Mrs. Wilton Jackson.

RETURNS FROM PORTLAND

Ernie Metcalf, manager of Nyssa Co-op Supply, returned Tuesday from a buying trip to Portland. He was accompanied by Co-op managers from Nampa and New Plymouth. Mrs. Metcalf spent the weekend with her daughter, De'ena in Boise.

VISIT IN COREY HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fanning, Mr. and Mrs. Elmor Trescott of Pomeroy, Wash., are guests this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Corey.

Letters to Editor

Signed letters to the editor are welcomed and will be printed if they do not contain comments of a libelous nature or attacks on religious and racial groups. Publication of the letters does not necessarily signify agreement of this newspaper with opinions expressed.

Dear Editor:

As a card carrying PTA member and citizen of the state of Oregon, I feel I must speak in favor of the yes vote on ballot measure No. 1.

I have heard that some farmers and ranchers are going to vote no because they are angry at the legislators. I wonder if they realize they would be sending the same legislators back to try to do the same job they struggled with for the longest session in history.

The reason it was so long was because for the first time there was no surplus and so many of us wanted things that called for appropriations. I have also heard they don't believe a no vote would affect property taxes. Malheur county stands to lose \$141,529 for the 1963-64 year. It appears to me they are putting their heads in the sand on this point.

The president of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers and chairman of the Citizens' committee for the yes vote, Mrs. Stephen Turel, has stated, "We are not defending the tax bill but are concerned only for Oregon's 450,000 children."

To me it seems the bill contains many items that are much more equalizing than the present law. For instance, under the present law a widow with two children pays more income tax than a man and wife with one child on the same income. The new bill would correct this. It would also equalize the tax paid by capital gains and ordinary income.

The opposition is also saying it would tax those least able to pay. It appears to me the exact opposite is true. It will require a greater number to share in the paying of income taxes, but in many cases it would be \$5 only.

Social security payments are not income for tax purposes and are not to be reported as income. Unemployment compensation payment, workmen's compensation payments for industrial accident, welfare payments and certain retirement pension payments all continue to be treated as they are now.

No one will have to pay a tax on this type of income. Those who make a lot of money would be paying a more equal share percentage-wise to the state of Oregon. Because of the federal deduction the man at the bottom of the totem pole is paying about 2 percent or less of his total income, while the man at the top of the totem pole is also paying 2 percent or less of his income to the state.

Most of the people I have talked to are uninformed on any phase of ballot measure No. 1. I surely hope there will be no uninformed person go to the polls on Oct. 15. And I hope every registered voter gets to the polls.

Will every good Oregon citizen take advantage of their PTA meetings, their lodges and any other source available to them to ask their questions and to speak out pro or con on ballot measure No. 1?

Respectfully, MRS. LESTER CLEAVER Vice President, Region 8 Oregon Congress of PTA

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Negro Vocalist To Appear Sunday At Local Church



MARVIN HONORE ... Distinguished Christian Tenor

Reported to be rapidly coming to the forefront as one of America's truly distinguished Christian soloists is Marvin Honore, a Negro tenor, who will appear at 7:45 Sunday evening, Oct. 13, at Nyssa Church of the Nazarene, is announcement made by Pastor John Bullock.

With an impressive history of musical education and training, he has found time to devote to Christian service. A year was spent working with "Youth for Christ" in the Pacific Northwest, and while in Chicago he carried on a very effective evangelistic ministry among Negro youth of that city.

The Rev. Bullock extends a cordial invitation to the public.

E. Crocker Visits In Four States On Vacation Trip

By Roxy Ritchie

OWYHEE — Mr. and Mrs. Earl Crocker arrived home last week from a three-week trip to Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Colorado to visit relatives. Sunday visitors in the Crocker home were Mr. and Mrs. Duane Fenn and children of Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Day of Adrian, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Stephen and children of California were Oct. 1 evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Day at Lake Owyhee.

Owyhee Garden club will meet at 2 p.m. Oct. 11 in Parma at the home of Mrs. Maudine Evans for a garden tour.

Mr. and Mrs. Werner Peutz and Mrs. Gladys Morfitt were Sunday evening dinner guests in the William Peutz home in observance of the third birthday anniversary of Andy Peutz. Mrs. Amanda Peutz of Payette was a Thursday dinner guest in the William Peutz home.

Mr. and Mrs. Byrd Walters and Eldon Slippy visited Sunday evening in Caldwell at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Fortik and family. They were accompanied by Mrs. Ellis Walters of Nyssa who visited her granddaughter. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Launt and Debbie.

Eldon Slippy returned to school Monday following a two-week absence due to infection of a leg injury received during a football game.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Callahan accompanied Mrs. Richard Callahan and children of McCall Sunday to visit at the Earl Callahan home in Parma. Earl had just returned home from a deer hunting trip at Council with a big buck. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Callahan visited Friday in the Lee Lovitt residence in Parma.

Bishop From India Scheduled to Speak At Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev. Philip Parmar, bishop of Bhagalpur, India, is touring this country and will be in Nyssa Tuesday evening, Oct. 22, at St. Paul's Episcopal church.

According to the Rev. Armand Larive, the bishop, a native of India, will speak at 7:30 p.m. on work of the church in India and also on the country.

His diocese in India covers a large amount of territory where work is carried on among primitive tribes in rural areas and in cities among college students and railway workers.

It is not often that Nyssans have an opportunity to hear a missionary bishop, a native of India as well, and anyone interested is cordially invited, the Rev. Larive stated.

Gordon Capps of Ontario, recent lay delegate to the Anglican congress held in Toronto during August, will show slides of the recent congress following Bishop Parmar's talk.

There will be an intermission between the two presentations and refreshments of coffee and doughnuts will be served.

MISSIONARY TO SPEAK AT NAZARENE CHURCH

Ivis Hopper of Council will be guest speaker Sunday morning at the local Church of the Nazarene, according to an announcement by Pastor John Bullock. Miss Hopper recently returned from Africa where she served two terms as a missionary.

Showing of Billy Graham Films Set Monday by Nyssa Ministerial Group

Evangelist Billy Graham's newest feature motion picture, "Touch of Brass," will be shown at 8 o'clock Monday evening, Oct. 14, in the Nyssa high school cafeteria.

The film, in which Evangelist Graham addresses the generation growing up in the shadow of the atomic cloud, is being sponsored by the Nyssa Ministerial association.

Graham's producing organization, World Wide Pictures, took its sound-color cameras to the homes and factories in Manchester, England, where the story of a working man's family actually took place. The dramatic cast was drawn from the locale itself, resulting in a ring of authenticity rarely seen on the motion picture screen. The film was directed by Dick Ross and runs the emotional gamut including something for every age group.

Other Entertainment Planned

Scheduled with the dramatic feature is a musical featurette, "To God the Glory," which features the talent and artistry of the Billy Graham platform team: Cliff Barrows, song leader and master of ceremonies; George Beverly Shea, internationally known base baritone soloist; Tedd Smith and Don Hustad at piano and organ; and the voices of the Christianaires Choir.

A unique highlight is a "Sing Along" segment in which the audience participates as Cliff Barrows conducts.

The two motion pictures provide a full evening of inspiration and spiritual challenge blended in a most unusual manner.



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK — OCT. 6-12



Fire is a menace—a menace to the lives of those you hold dear—also a menace to your home and to your place of business. Fire lurks in litter and rubbish, in oily painty rags, in overheated furnaces, unchecked electrical systems... Fire threatens wherever there is carelessness. The best way to Prevent Fires is never let them start.

Make Every Week Fire Prevention Week.

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OFFICIAL BALLOT

Special Election for State of Oregon To be held on Tuesday, October 15, 1963

Mark a Cross (X) or a Check (✓) in the Voting Square After the Word "Yes" or After the Word "No".

REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY REFERENDUM PETITION

Title and Statement of Purpose

1. PERSONAL AND CORPORATION INCOME TAX BILL—Purpose: To increase state revenues. Abolishes federal tax deduction. Lowers personal tax rates. Provides minimum tax. Increases corporation rates. Effective on or after January 1, 1963. ESTIMATE OF FINANCIAL EFFECTS: If Ballot Measure 1 (Chapter 627, Oregon Laws 1963) is approved by the voters, it is estimated that the increase in state revenue over that which would be provided by existing law from personal income taxes will amount to about \$24,750,000 per year or \$49,500,000 for the biennium and the increase from corporate excise taxes on income will amount to about \$350,000 per year or \$700,000 for the biennium, based on present levels of income. The Ballot Measure also authorizes a possible "speed-up" of personal income tax payments withheld by employers that would permit an increase in 1963-1965 revenues by \$14,000,000, without increasing the tax liability of the personal income tax payer.

YES [ ]
NO [ ]

If Ballot Measure 1 is defeated, expenditures in the 1963-1965 biennium will need to be reduced by approximately \$60 million below the level of appropriations made by the 1963 Legislature, or other revenues must be sought, or some combination of revenue increase and expenditure reduction totalling approximately \$60 million must be made in accord with the requirements of Article IX and XI of the Constitution of Oregon.