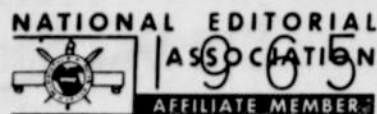


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Salem Scene

by Robert L. Darnedde

"What's going to happen to taxes" is perhaps the greatest concern of most citizens when the Oregon Legislature is in session.

Since all revenue measures must originate in the House of Representatives, Salem Scene called this week on House Taxation committee chairman Edward Branchfield (R-Medford) to determine just what may happen to taxes during the 1965 legislative session.

Rep. Branchfield, whose likable smile helps make him one of the friendliest legislators at the statehouse, said that "property tax relief is number one on the agenda and the most urgent concern of members on the House Taxation committee."

He said several property tax relief proposals have been suggested, but no public hearings have been held on any proposal. The attitude of the legislature, however, would indicate "some form of property tax relief is likely to come from this session."

Branchfield also indicated the personal property tax on inventories may either be repealed or reduced. "The whole problem here," he asserted, "is where to get funds to offset the lost revenues from the inventory tax and how to distribute these funds back to local taxing districts on an equitable basis."

Capital gains treatment on individual and corporate income is also another important tax matter, and "it is almost assured of being revised to follow the federal law," he declared.

He said the taxation committee has taken a dim view of adding any new exemptions to the state's tax structure. "Too many exemptions erode the property and income tax base, thus throwing the burden on those taxpayers who must continue to make up the difference in lost revenue."

Branchfield said emphasis will be placed on limiting charitable property tax exemptions to truly charitable causes.

Under the tent of new revenue measures, Branchfield said two cigarette tax bills have been introduced with income from both tied to particular uses. He said no hearings have been held on either bill, but it is likely that one may be passed out for floor consideration. One of these measures calls for a referral to the people, while the other does not.

Branchfield noted that much of the committee's time has been devoted to tax orientation, since only one member—Rep. Sidney Bazett (R-Grants Pass)—of the 11-member committee served on the taxation committee during the 1963 session.

The Medford statesman, who also serves on the House Education committee, commented on the largest bill introduced to date (HB 1020). The 264-page bill, titled Education and humorously referred to as "Big Ed," is primarily a housekeeping measure which improves the language and many definitions in present education statutes.

Branchfield said the state's "education statutes have never been overhauled since Oregon

ALTAR SOCIETY CIRCLES SLATE MEXICAN DINNER

A general meeting of all circles of St. Bridget's Altar society was held Feb. 4 in the Catholic parish hall. Following a 1:30 luncheon, the business session was held, at which time plans were made for a Mexican dinner to be served March 28 at El Sombrero cafe.

MRS. LAWRENCE HOSTS WSCS GENERAL MEETING

"Hearing God Speak Through the Bible" was topic of the program presented by Mrs. W. W. Foster and Mrs. Raymond Sager during the general meeting of the Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The session was held Feb. 4 at the home of Mrs. Ralph A. Lawrence. Refreshments were served to the 15 members in attendance by Mrs. Irma Meyers and Mr. Arie Bakker.

Adrian Community Church News

Thirteen young people of Adrian Community church were in charge of the Sunday morning service and newly elected elders were installed following a sermon by the Rev. Elmer Rosenkilde.

Mrs. Dick Krieger and Carl Lee Hill are new elders. M. O. Judd, Ira Price, Sr., and Wilson Witt were re-installed.

Women's association meeting will be held this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Irvin Topliff.

Members of the session will meet at 8 o'clock this evening in the W. E. Piercy home.

IT'S YOUR LAW

By Oregon State Bar

A Taxpayer's Mistake

John bought a house in 1950. He recorded the deed to the property in the county recorder's office immediately.

The next year the county sent the real estate tax statement to the former owner of the land, who threw it away. John didn't pay any taxes that year. The same thing happened each year for the next five years. John got no tax statements and paid no taxes.

In 1956 the county sold John's property at a tax foreclosure sale.

One day a man came to the door, introduced himself as Walter and told John he would have to move out of the house as Walter owned it. John was furious. He insisted, "You can't do this to me!"

Do you think John is right? Does he own the house or does Walter?

The answer is that John had better start looking for another place to live. A landowner is presumed to know that if he does not pay the taxes on his land, he will lose the land for unpaid taxes.

In this situation John knew he wasn't paying the taxes on the land but he reasoned, incorrectly, that it wasn't his fault that the county didn't bill him for the taxes. John had the duty of seeing to it that the taxes were paid and he cannot get his land back by blaming the county.

A person who knows he has not received a tax statement for property he owns has a duty to investigate and find out why he is not being billed for the taxes. Because John failed to see to it that the taxes were paid on his land, he lost the property for unpaid taxes.

(Oregon lawyers offer this column as a public service.)

became a state" and the bill does the revision by putting things together which logically should be together, in addition to setting up a cross reference.

He said he wasn't sure whether the bill was referred to as "Big Ed" because it was a large education bill or because he, personally, was chairman of the Education Interim subcommittee which did the statute revising.

California Pastor To Hold Services At Nazarene Church



THE REV. C. B. COX of Up-land, Calif., will hold evangelistic services from Feb. 18 to 28 at Nyssa Church of the Nazarene, located at South Fifth street and Good avenue. Pastor Bullock announces that the special services will begin at 7:45 each evening, except Saturdays, and invites everyone to attend.

VISITS ELGAN COUPLE

Mrs. Edith Hammon visited Monday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Elgan.

METHODIST WSCS CIRCLES PLAN THURSDAY MEETINGS

Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service circles will meet at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, Feb. 18, in various homes. Mrs. Dale Garrison will host the Lowry circle meeting. Members of the Thelma Case group will meet with Mrs. Duane Holcomb while Mrs. William Poppe will entertain women of the Marcia Ball circle.

Members of the evening circle will meet at 8 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Don Oldemeyer.

All members are asked to take their Bibles.

ATTEND NAMPA MEETING

The Rev. and Mrs. John Bullock, Mr. and Mrs. Don Wilson attended a Nazarene Sunday school meeting in Nampa Monday evening. Dr. Munger, noted Sunday school worker who recently completed a world tour, was guest speaker.

Pastor Bullock reports that the Nyssa Sunday school, under Wilson's leadership, has been rated second in the district for enrollment and attendance increase. It is topped only by the Nampa First church.

VISIT IN LA GRANDE

Dr. and Mrs. K. A. Danford and David were weekend visitors of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Danford and Kirby in La Grande.

Congo Missionary to Speak at Local Church During World Outreach Study



DEAN B. CORNWELL
... Plans Sunday Talk

Dean B. Cornwell, missionary to the Republic of Congo for the Christian churches (Disciples of Christ), will be guest speaker during the 7 o'clock Sunday evening service at Nyssa Christian church, according to Pastor Wallace Prowell.

The Cornwells are stationed at Bolenge and he is engaged in education work, evangelistic

counseling and the maintenance of missionary property. Since 1956, Mr. and Mrs. Cornwell have served as missionaries with the United Christian Missionary society, a major agency of the Christian churches.

Cornwell was born in North Platte, Neb., and was graduated from high school there. He received a bachelor of arts degree at Phillips university in Enid, Okla., and a bachelor of divinity degree from the Graduate seminary at Phillips, attended Oklahoma A & M, Yale university and Kennedy School of Missions at Hartford, Conn.

The visiting missionary is speaking at the local church in conjunction with the School of World Outreach which is currently being conducted. Classes for all ages are held from 6 to 7 o'clock Sunday evenings.

Instructors are Mrs. Don Weaver, pre-school; Mrs. Bill Hamilton, primary; Mrs. Don Strickland, junior; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sisson, junior high; the Rev. Prowell, high school; Bill Spittler, adult.

The Rev. Prowell and his congregation extend an invitation to the public to attend this Sunday evening service and outreach classes.



Boy Scout Week

IT'S A FAST CHANGING WORLD...

(With Changes in Ideals and Thinking)

BUT SOME THINGS DON'T CHANGE

... LIKE THESE ...

SCOUT LAWS

A Scout Is Trustworthy
 A Scout Is Loyal
 A Scout Is Helpful
 A Scout Is Friendly
 A Scout Is Courteous
 A Scout Is Kind
 A Scout Is Obedient
 A Scout Is Cheerful
 A Scout Is Thrifty
 A Scout Is Brave
 A Scout Is Clean
 A Scout Is Reverent

SCOUT OATH

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 To do my duty to God and my country
 and
 To obey the Scout Laws;
 To help other people at all times;
 To keep myself physically strong,
 mentally awake, and morally
 straight.



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