



Salem Scene

By Everett E. Cutter

HOUSE TAXATION GROUP STUDIES TWO MAIN PLANS

Some wags here suggest that the reason recordings are made of committee meetings is so that each successive legislature can haul out the tapes and not have to discuss the same old issues.

But while problems often tend to be the same and proposed answers may sound familiar, the legislative process is far from instant replay. One big difference this year is that Oregonians almost certainly can expect to vote on that foremost issue of legislative and public concern: tax reform.

Four main ideas have been put before the House Committee on Taxation according to its chairman, Rep. Floyd H. (Hank) Hart, R-Medford. Only two, however, have been presented in bill form, and they are getting most consideration now.

The two packages have been introduced in the House, where revenue measures originate, one at the request of Gov. Tom McCall and the other by Rep. Joe Rogers, R-Independence.

Both have that ring of familiarity. The governor's plan is very similar to the property tax relief bill which was defeated by one Senate vote in 1967. Rep. Rogers' is virtually the same as legislation he introduced in the regular session two years ago.

Both plans would limit local property tax growth. Then they propose to reduce property taxes by about 25 to 30 per cent through raising state aid to local school districts to 50 per cent of their operation costs. This goal, Rep. Hart notes, would require about \$100 million annually in additional revenue to the state.

Gov. McCall's plan would raise such an amount through a 3 per cent retail sales tax and 16 2/3 per cent increase in corporate taxes. Rep. Rogers' package would give the people a choice between a 3 per cent sales tax or increased income tax--an increase which would amount to about 60 per cent.

"Our job in committee is to come up with what we think is best and most equitable for everybody," says Chairman Hart. Public hearing sessions are being extended since weather snowed out the committee's plans to travel for hearings to several communities around the state.

Leadership still wants to get a proposal out soon, Rep. Hart says, but decisions will not be made until the bulk of testimony is taken. Both the Senate president and House speaker aim for a special election in the spring, "to give the legislature direction while still in session," according to Rep. Hart.

There still is some question of Constitutionality concerning Rep. Rogers' bill, and it is being investigated by the committee chairman says. It involves the wording of proposed ballot language, which offers a choice instead of a specific yes or no vote on the revenue portion. "The Rogers' plan would give the voters two questions," explains Rep. Hart, "one allows them to adopt a new property tax limit and relief program; the other asks whether the first should be funded by an income tax increase or sales tax."

Perhaps more troubling is the possibility that either of the revenue programs could be adopted by a minority vote. According to the bill, the one receiving the most votes would become law.

But if a significant number of voters left the ballot square blank, for example, a remaining split of 40 per cent--30 per cent would allow a revenue measure to be instigated at the will of only 40 per cent of the people. (This would be valid only if the portion calling for the relief program received a majority vote.)

Rep. Hart, 37-year-old Medford insurance man named "most promising freshman legislator" two years ago by The Oregonian, believes either the governor's program or Rep. Rogers' would pass the full House. Probably Gov. McCall's package stands a better chance in the Senate, he concedes. Asked about the anti-sales

APPLE VALLEY ITEMS

BY FRANCES SMALLEY

APPLE VALLEY - Duane Wilson of Portland was a Jan. 31 guest in the Helen Wilson home. He and Marvin Jackson arrived home recently from a trip to British Honduras, Central America where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Gary Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pitman announce the marriage of their grandson, Kirby Pitman Jr., of Dallas, Texas to Ann Gowan from Scotland. The rites were performed in the Sacred Heart Cathedral at Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Henshaw were Feb. 2 dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Smalley. Later they visited with Elsie Robinson and Anna Boston who are in Malheur Memorial hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dibble visited on the afternoon of Feb. 2 with Mr. and Mrs. Ted Alloway at Nampa.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Seward and Gary were Feb. 2 dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Nelson in Big Bend. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hobson were evening visitors in the Seward home.

Mrs. Kenneth Saunders and Mrs. Joe Kellogg visited on the afternoon of Feb. 2 with Mr. and Mrs. Drexel Heater.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rucker were among officers of Roswell Baptist church who were Jan. 31 evening dinner guests of the Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Slatter at Roswell.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Crosswhite and daughter of Payette were Feb. 2 evening guests of Mrs. Martha Norland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Honey of Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Porter and family of Baker were Feb. 2 evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Honey.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dibble were members of a girls' trio from Northwest Nazarene college in Nampa. They are Debra and Darlene Hibbard and Ann Martin.

Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Kellogg, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kellogg were Feb. 1 dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Saunders. They were celebrating a birthday anniversary for Larry Saunders.

Roy Rucker and Gary attended a recent men's fellowship dinner at the King's Table in Boise.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Fritts visited Feb. 2 with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crosswhite in Caldwell.

Mrs. Lulu Standall visited on the afternoon of Feb. 2 with Minnie Baker at Caldwell.

AHS CALENDAR

TODAY - 10 a.m. FFA Parliamentary and Public speaking contest at Nyssa.
Feb. 7 - 6:45 p.m. Basketball Greenleaf at Adrian.
Feb. 8 - 10 a.m. Jr. Hi. Basketball at Homedale.
Feb. 8 - 6:45 p.m. Basketball at Wilder.

CLUB NEWS

MERRY MIXERS

Nine members of the Merry Mixers 4-H club met Jan. 21 in the home economics room of the Adrian High school.

The meeting was called to order by President Debra Bowers, with the roll called by Beth Zueger. Lynne Witty was named song and game leader and took over her duties at this meeting.

Mrs. Ada Hamilton is co-leader of the club, with Mrs. Goldie Roberts, and was present for this meeting. New books and supplies were distributed. The group plans to make soup at the next meeting. - Mary J. Carroll, reporter.

STITCH & SEW CLUB

Second-year members of the Stitch & Sew 4-H sewing club held their first meeting Dec. 2 in the home of Mrs. Kenneth Price.

Among officers elected for the coming year are Mary Watts, president; Joy Cameron, vice president; and Sherri Price, secretary.

At two previous December meetings, the group held their Christmas party and also learned to hem tea towels.

Fourth meeting of the club was held Jan. 14 in the Price home where nine members took their stamped tea towels for embroidery work. - Tina Hamilton, reporter.

KITCHEN QUEENS

Second meeting of the Kitchen Queens 4-H cooking club was held Jan. 27 at the home of Mrs. Lester Cleaver, leader. The nine members present made applesauce cookies.

At the first meeting on Jan. 13, LaDawn Bair was elected president; Gail Cleaver, vice president; Stacy Glenn, secretary; Christine Cleaver, song and game leader; and Julie Garner, news reporter.

Record books were distributed and Mrs. Cleaver served refreshments to the seven members present. - Julie Garner, reporter.

SNIPPY SEWERS

The Snippy Sewers 4-H club, with seven members, was organized Jan. 22. Leader is Mrs. Wilma Powell, with Jan Powell serving as junior leader.

Officers elected for the coming year are Gay Bennett, President; Lori Powell, vice president; Donna Walker, secretary.

SUNSET VALLEY ACTIVITIES

BY MARTHA LORENSEN - PHONE 372-2186

SUNSET VALLEY - Mrs. Harriet Turner of Owyhee Junction was a Feb. 1 guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Lorenson.

Mr. and Mrs. Elver Nielsen visited Jan. 29 with Mrs. Effie Nielsen at St. Luke's hospital in Boise. She returned home Jan. 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Nielsen were Feb. 1 evening guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Nielsen at Ontario. Mr. and Mrs. Homer Whitman and daughter of Emmett were Feb. 2 evening guests at the Elver Nielsen home.

Mrs. Adah Schweizer, president of the Malheur County Cowbelles, attended the Jan. 18-25 National Cattlemen's convention at Honolulu, Hawaii.

Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Astoreca and family visited Jan. 26 with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lenon at Boise. On Jan. 30 they attended the funeral rites of Astoreca's sister, Mrs. Carmen Funk. Dale Funk, the deceased's husband, returned with the Astorecas to spend the night. The trio visited Jan. 30 with the Duane Smith family and on Jan. 31 with Mr. and Mrs. Don Hatch and family.

Others who attended the funeral rites of Mrs. Funk were another brother, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Asumendi and family and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lorenson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gordon and children were Feb. 2 guests of Mr. and Mrs. Magnus Ekanger, treasurer; Regina Sillonis, news reporter. Prior to adjournment, needed supplies were distributed to club members. - Regina Sillonis, reporter.

GERM PATROL

On Feb. 4, members of the GERM Patrol 4-H club held their first meeting for 1968. Sammy Hartley, vice president, led the group in the 4-H pledge, and roll call was answered by the students telling of their favorite desserts.

Howard Lowe, game leader, selected and led the playing of a game, followed by President Betty Lassiter turning the meeting over to the group's teacher, Mrs. Jan Wilson, who presented a study on healthful foods. - Tammy Bartron, reporter.



Nyssa Observes

Protest Rally

According to a report received at the Gate City Journal from Mrs. Raymond Sager, about 1,300 Japanese labor union members and students held a rally and marched in the streets to protest the U. S. nuclear submarine Plunger's arrival at Yokosuka for a four day visit to give its 109 man crew a rest and take on supplies. No violence was reported.

Lt. J.G. Harlan Sager, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sager of Nyssa is among the men of this sub.

Speech Students To Attend Meet

On February 22, members of speech classes I and II will travel to Kuna for a SRV Declaration contest. Mr. Don Bates, NHS speech instructor, will accompany the group.

SRV Declaration is a festival which gives students experience in speech and reading events. 'Mimsy Were the Borogoves', a one-act play, is now being prepared for presentation by a group of speech students.

Selection of participants for the event has not been completed. - NHS Bulldog.

visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Dennis and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Parker visited Feb. 2 with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Parker and Kim at Ontario.

Mrs. Carl Hopper of Ontario spent the weekend with her sisters, Linda and Jean while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. David (Junior) Matthews, spent Feb. 1-2 visiting his mother, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Magden at Mt. Home.

David and Douglas Looney of Ontario were Feb. 1 overnight guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Looney. After returning the twins to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Looney, the Bill Looneys were dinner guests of another son, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Looney and Craig.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Looney of Boise were Jan. 31 overnight guests of his mother, Mrs. Marjorie Looney.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Mackey and Rhonda of Nyssa, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lovitt and sons were Feb. 2 evening dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Mackey in observance of Mrs. Mackey's birthday anniversary.

ADRIAN NEWS

BY PAULINE MACKAY - PHONE 372-2724

ADRIAN - LaNae Hammon of Ontario spent the weekend of Feb. 1-2 visiting at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Bowers and family. Another sister, Mrs. Roger Baker visited Feb. 2 in the Bowers' home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilson and family of Roswell visited Feb. 2 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Bowers and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Patterson and daughter of Ontario were Feb. 2 evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Willis. Mr. and Mrs. Jim McCulloch and daughter, Mrs. Billy Willis of Boise were Feb. 2 afternoon visitors at the Willis home. The Willis couple spent the evening of Feb. 1

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