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WHAT TO DO?

The average voter, in a state of bewilderment over the homestead exemption amendment, doesn't know just what to do about it. If he listens to one very active group, known as the Home Owners' League of Florida, he is impressed with the idea that unless he votes for the amendment he will forthwith lose his home to tax deed shysters, his furniture to the installment collector and his second-hand car to the finance company.

If, on the other hand, he votes for the amendment, another very influential crowd known as the All Florida Protective Association, tells him that all is lost, and the very day he votes for the amendment he had better prepare to go on the government relief rolls—if, indeed, he has been fortunate enough thus far to escape that unhappy condition.

In cases where such extreme claims are made, it is usually a very good thing for Mr. Voter to draw the curtain aside and take a peek backstage to see just what makes the show tick, or click.

It is common knowledge that adoption of the amendment will force a sales tax on the people of Florida. The Home Owners' League is mailing out literature to show that a sales tax "works smoothly" and "nobody feels the burden." Just how they would separate the public from some several millions of dollars a year without pain is not explained.

There is also a generous sprinkling of politicians very actively supporting the homestead exemption amendment, for the very good reason that it is calculated to be a popular piece of legislation with the masses, and if there is one side the politicians want to be on, it is on the side with the masses. Some prospective candidates for governor are even now stumping the state for the amendment. One almost brings tears with his vibrant plea to lift the burden of taxation from the "tired and stooped shoulders of your loving wife." Save the vine-covered cottage—that little spot called home—where the little woman waits patiently for you, and the children play round the doorstep! A little slow music professor, while all join in singing, "Home, Sweet Home."

That makes a swell campaign speech, and the appeal to sentiment will get many a vote, but it does not give one fact; your taxes should be shifted from real estate to biscuits and bacon, and in this day of hard realities, facts are what most of us want to hear. The politician has little to say about a sales tax. He is not ready yet to paint that part of the picture. That will come later in the day. Just now he would like for you to vote for the amendment.

Going over to the opposition camp, we find a group of very successful business men, many of them heads of large corporations. Their fight on the amendment is primarily a fight against the sales tax. The wholesale and retail merchants of the state are said to be backing this opposition and they are willing to spend a considerable sum of money to prevent the saddling of a sales tax upon their businesses. And why not?

Summing up, we have one group supporting the amendment primarily because it makes good political thunder. There are, undoubtedly, many honest converts to the cause, but chiefly, we should say, the political angle is uppermost in the minds of the most ardent supporters. While the

other group is fighting for self-preservation—against a sales tax.

In our view, the amendment should not have been offered—eliminating as it does some 35 percent of the taxable value from the books—without a definite plan for replacing the lost revenue through some other form of taxation. As the matter now stands you are asked to cut off certain taxes without knowing what form of substitute taxation will be imposed. That, however, is not difficult to guess. It will undoubtedly be some form of sales tax.

CYRIL BALDWIN FOR STATE TREASURER

The Okeechobee News of last week contained the following complimentary mention of Cyril Baldwin of Avon Park and his forthcoming candidacy for the office of State Treasurer. Mr. Baldwin was in Arcadia the last of the week and stated that he was receiving promises of support from all sections of the state and was satisfied that when it came time to formally enter the contest he would launch his candidacy with a nice line of support. The Okeechobee News says:

"Cyril Baldwin, tax collector of Highlands County, has announced his candidacy for State Treasurer against W. V. Knott, present state treasurer. Mr. Baldwin is a very able man with a very large acquaintance in Florida and especially in South Florida. His candidacy is liable to cause Mr. Knott some bad dreams. It will be a real race between Baldwin and Knott."—Arcadia Arcadian.

THE WAY OF THE ASSESSOR—

My jazz-time harp is gray with dust
Behind the old settee;
The wires are covered thick with rust
And all are out of key;

The spider weaves his deadly trap
To gnaw the flies and things
And makes pretense to take a nap
Amid its venomous strings.

No more I play accompaniment
To voice that flits and cracks,
For all my energies are bent
On making up the tax.

Once on a time, my heart was gay
And smiles o'erspread my face,
But that was ere that fateful day
I won that voting race;

For all I hear today is grief,
Of starving kids—and worse—
From Mass who pray for tax relief
And Dada who rave and curse.

Full well I know each grumbling kick
For a bond for a bond
To pave some pasture lot with brick
Or drain some sloppy pond;

And I, with these sinful guys
Who brought this trouble on
And tried to make with gauzy lies
Each goose look like a swan.

I saw the rainbow's gaudy strand,
Like Noah did of old,
And thought I'd only reach my hand
To find the Pot of Gold;

But now the debts made in the boom
Cry out to be reduced—
A doleful flock that brings us gloom
When they come home to roost.

We are too easy to forego
That age-old advice
That those who fling the flighty toe
Must pay the piper's price;

And those who romp in Folly's race
And sneer at ethics sound
Are sure to wear a bitter face
When pay-day comes around.

No more I warble lightsome songs
As I was wont of yore;
I hearken to the yeoman's wrongs
And hear him cuss and roar.

The "hinder boys" who helped to sink
Our ship have vanished all,
And left us stay-at-homes to drink
The wormwood and the gall.

The poor assessor's innards swell
With anguish dire and sore
To hear the poor taxpayer tell
The "annals of the poor";

And all the burden of their sin
They make the taxman bear
And rap him with a rolling-pin
Or croak him with a chair.

Until this tax assessing's done
I'll have no heart to sing
Such songs as "Johnny Git Yer Gun"
Or do the "Highland Flings";

For I'm not one to talk too strong
But like to stick to facts,
But when folks see me come along
They grab the battleaxe.

"SHOBE, Lake Wales."
(Copied from Tampa Tribune)

than any state in the union since 1920 with the exception of California, most of which is due to its legislative history, its constitution and the conservatism of its citizens.

"Florida has the same soil, climate, natural resources and geographical position it always had, and any reasonably informed person can never be pessimistic about it," said Colonel Knight.

"Since the boom, the cities and counties have reduced their public debt over \$20,000,000. The indebtedness due the banks in the form of loans and discounts have been deflated from \$50,000,000 to approximately \$30,000,000. Private debts created during the boom on account of real estate transactions have been deflated at least 50 per-

cent. All the state needs now is to be let alone."

"Tarzan and Mate" Coming to Avon

Johnny Weismuller, the greatest of all Tarzans, comes to the Avon theatre on Thursday and Friday of next week in his latest picture, "Tarzan and His Mate." The picture is said to be the most thrilling of its kind yet made. Two thousands of dollars. In addition to the picture, Weismuller is joined by Maureen O'Sullivan, Neil Hamilton and Paul Cavanaugh are featured. This is a picture that young and old alike will enjoy.

PERSONALS

Mrs. W. H. Yates and Mrs. May Garber were Tampa visitors Monday.

Dr. J. W. Chandler was a business visitor in Lakeland Wednesday.

Mrs. Carry Louise Collins left Saturday to visit relatives in Indiana.

Mrs. Olive E. Anderson went to a Lake Wales hospital Monday for treatment.

S. E. Booth and E. T. Young were business visitors in Deland Wednesday.

Corbett and Sidney Howell of Miami have been visiting here this week.

Mrs. John Bozeman of Sebring was the guest of Mrs. Doris Bradbury Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lanier motored to Jacksonville Tuesday on business.

Miss Rose Abramson and Mrs. F. M. Wolf spent Tuesday in Tampa on business.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Helms left Monday for Orlando to visit Mr. and Mrs. Helms.

Mrs. N. A. Barrington was a business visitor in Fort Meade Friday.

J. C. Camper and Ott Ford were business visitors in Tampa Thursday.

Miss Carlotta Patterson and Stuart Thayer were visiting in Tampa Thursday.

Mrs. Tressie Albritton of Tampa is the guest of her sister, Mrs. L. D. McGiboney.

H. Friedlander and Hugh Ross of Lake Wales were business visitors here Tuesday.

Mrs. Lula Bass is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Joe Lander, at Raiford this week.

T. A. McNicholas and Col. F. N. K. Bailey were business visitors in Tampa Wednesday.

Robert McGiboney of Greensburg, Ga., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. McGiboney.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hart and Miss Tommy Calender spent Sunday at Crescent Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Davis spent Sunday in Lake Placid visiting Mr. and Mrs. James Davis.

C. H. Purdee, Miss Lucille Saggus and Zula Mand Ford were visiting in Sebring Saturday.

Miss Inez Dawson spent the week end in Tampa and St. Petersburg.

Mrs. S. E. Booth and daughter Carmen spent Friday in Frost-proof visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Mitchell of Jasper was visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Hansen Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bass of Wauchole were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Hansen Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry McFerrin left Tuesday for Clermont where they will make their home.

Mrs. M. P. Skipper and Mrs. C. P. Cape of Lake Placid were business visitors here Wednesday.

E. E. Wells of Deland and son Edgar of New York have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wells.

Mrs. Saggus and Miss Katherine Saggus were visiting in Miami and West Palm Beach Sunday.

Mrs. Marguerite Keptel of St. Petersburg is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. George Scott McKnight.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones and daughter Betty were visiting in Lake Wales Sunday afternoon.

Miss Betty Brooks spent an enjoyable week end the guest of Miss Sally Moore at Lake Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Collins and Mrs. B. Y. Vergruff of Chicago have been visiting here this week.

Mrs. J. D. Raab is expected home today from Grand Rapids, Mich., where she has been visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Smith and baby daughter, Marlene, moved this week to the Hobbs apartment.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Smith have arrived from Ashland, Wis., to spend the winter at their home here.

Mrs. George Scott McKnight and Miss Marjorie McKnight were visiting in Haines City Monday, the guests of relatives.

Mrs. George Scott McKnight and her guest, Miss Marguerite Keptel of St. Petersburg spent Monday in Haines City.

C. H. Walker, president of the Avon Florida Citrus Corporation, left on Monday for New York, where he goes on business.

Mrs. D. V. Rouse is the guest of Mrs. A. M. Morgan this week and is preparing to move her furniture to Orlando where she is residing.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo Weisheyer and family have moved to town to their home on Winthrop street after spending the summer on Lake Viola.

Dr. George Brunet of Tampa and Mr. and Mrs. Harris Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Murback of Bradenton spent the weekend with Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Able.

E. P. Loomis has returned from a visit in Tennessee and Alabama with friends and relatives. His nephew returned with him and will attend school here this winter.

Bernard Boky who has been in the employ of his uncle, Alfred Englemann, here for the past two years has left to join his mother in Detroit, Mich., for future residence.

C. L. "Chick" Barrington of Lake City spent Saturday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Barrington. Mr. Barrington is relief manager with the Western Union Telegraph Co.

Rev. Charles E. Deware, pastor of the Nazarene church at Orlando and his wife and baby Charles were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Werber and Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Dunn the past few days.

Mrs. H. A. Latham returned Wednesday from a 10 day trip through the southern states, including Texas and Oklahoma. At Dallas, Texas, she attended a meeting of the Woodman Circle, honoring Mrs. D. A. Lalley, head of the order. She also visited with relatives in Oklahoma.

Father and Mrs. Harcourt Johnson left on Wednesday for a brief visit to Nashville, Tenn., where Fr. Johnson will consult his specialist and be overhauled before the work of the winter season begins. Fr. Johnson will be away two Sundays and the Lay Reader will conduct services during his absence.

Registration—Adult 11; juvenile, 7; total 18.

We have bought for our boys and girls 64 new books and they are now on the shelves ready for circulation.

1—Irving Brown, Romya Road.
1—Sherley Watkins, Georgia Finks Herself.

3—Femberton Gintner, Mystery Series.
2—Carolyn Wells.

3—Carl H. Claudy, Mystery Series.
3—James H. Foster, Adventure Series.

3—Garis, Rocket Riders.
3—Eugene Martin, Randy Stars.

4—Virginia Fairfax, Mystery Series.
4—Harriet Pyne Grove, Betty Lee Series.

3—Harold M. Sherman.
9—Janet D. Wheeler, Billie Bradley Series.

3—Carolyn Keene, Mystery Series.

NEXT WEEK is National Pharmacy Week

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Your druggist has invested more than money in his business... he is investing his life. He has studied diligently to learn the fundamentals of pharmacy and chemistry.

Your druggist has served his apprenticeship, long hours... small wages... hard work. Today he stands before you a "finished product" in the scheme of life and business. Your druggist is in business not alone to supply your occasional needs in drugs and medicines... not alone to carefully compound

the prescription as it is written by your doctor... not alone to supply you with medicinal necessities which frequently necessitate calling upon him in the middle of the night. He is in business representing an honorable profession to serve you with all drug store requirements.

While your druggist is glad to be of service on emergency purchases, he wants to be your regular service station and deserves your confidence and support.

Give your druggist a break... he deserves it. A lifetime of study, careful attention to business, investment frequently beyond his personal ability, a great desire to serve and please on the moment and per-actually, a real man at heart, a student in the mind, a courageous individual who is embarked on the sea of business... he deserves your support now, tomorrow, every day. Give him a greater share of your business and as you do he will be the better able to serve you and yours.

Don't be misled by self-diagnosis and medication. See your doctor and your dentist at frequent intervals.

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15—Roy Rockwood, Bomba, the Jungle Boy (Adventure).

Especially submitted, BLANCHE G. WILLIAMS, Librarian.

Ship's Odometer
The ship's log is an instrument towed by the vessel by which the distance sailed is ascertained. In steam vessels the distance traveled is determined by the drive of the engine.

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