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Today's kids carve the crazy faces in pumpkins for a fun treat on Halloween. They set the lighted jack o'lanterns outside their doors or use them as centerpiece at parties. But it didn't used to be that way... no siree.

Yasee... in the good old days it was the adults who were the face carvers... and for reasons other than fun. Back in the days when goblins walked at night and there were no lighted roads people were afraid to go out after dark. Nobody believed for a minute that a mere human was any kind of a match for ghost or goblin.

Then someone had the bright idea of carrying a lighted face so frightening that no creature of darkness would approach the person who carried it. Thus was the jack o'lantern born. The more fierce the face, obviously the better it was to ward off the evil spirits. And the light inside, sometimes a bright coal, more often a candle, not only helped frighten the goblins but also, providently, lighted the way.

It is not known at what period in history jack o'lanterns changed hands... from adults to children... but it was probably after ghosts and goblins were recognized for what they are and highways began sporting lights or, at least, police protection.

And all that is just a little reminder that next Monday night is the night for trick or treatin'... or the annual goodie graft... however you look at it, in either case it'll pay to have plenty of treats on hand.

It'll more than pay to have a generous quantity of coins on hand, as well, for Battle Rock eighth grade youngsters when they make the rounds for UNICEF. Proceeds from this cause are to help the unfortunate children around the world... and worthy of any amount you can give.

Mrs. Harry (Mary) Price is the new keeper of the front office for the NEWS... replacing Mrs. Ken (Dorothy) Brannan, who is now in the office at WSP. Mrs. Price, with 24 years civil service behind her, will handle classified advertising, subscriptions, billing, proof-reading, customer relations... and many other routine duties.

Grade school principal Jerry Mock fetched me a copy of his hometown newspaper, the Emmons County Record, Linton, North Dakota, last week that carried an editorial reprint from N. D. paper... which I think is worthy of being repeated in every paper.

Titled "I Didn't Have A Very Happy Childhood Either," the column went on to say:

"But nobody worried very much about it. I was too busy, I guess... cutting lawns, shoveling snow, running errands, delivering packages for ten cents, selling newspapers, doing house cleaning for my mother, and going to school. I passed my grades, too. If I didn't, I'd have had the hide strapped off me."

"No one concerned himself about my amusements, either. What fun we had, we made. But if we did any damage like breaking a window in a ball game, we paid by working it out."

"We never heard these modern phrases like 'standard of living,' 'subsistence level,' 'minimum requirements.' Our standard of living was whatever my father (and after I was about twelve, my father and I) earned. I don't suppose people 'understood' me and if I said so, my mother would have asked, 'Why should they?' and certainly no one ever gave a thought to my 'problems.' They were mine, weren't they? Mine to solve. Why should I expect anyone else to bother?"

CURRY COUNTY LOCKSMITH

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ROY H. TAYLOR
 Port Orford

roots campaign could elect Dr. Blake by write-in on Nov. 8. Dr. Blake's true position about education is much closer to that expressed by various education committees on which I serve, than his primary campaign revealed. Clearly, many who had reservations in May might now vote for him, if they knew the facts.

Dr. Blake is very much concerned with putting quality into education, as opposed to Dr. Minear's efforts to maintain status quo, which attitude never had greater potential for ruining the nation's future. Specifically, Dr. Blake sees three areas where education needs improving:

1. Motivation, all down the line: legislators, administrators, teachers and students. Legislators, concerned with votes, measure education by how much of our money "they" can appropriate to education, with little concern for the actual improvement thus bought. Administrators worry more about qualifying for federal and other moneys than doing the best for education. Teachers, rather than striving to do a better teaching job. Students work for grades, rather than to learn their subjects.

2. Lack of contact with reality: education is too imbued; as a result, subject matter taught is not related to the realities students need.

3. Lack of communication, both vertical (between administrative levels, federal, state and local) and horizontal (between different subjects, which are treated as piecemeal teaching problems, rather than as essential parts of an overall education).

Some have blamed teacher tenure for most of these problems. Dr. Blake does not view tenure as a basic obstacle; he believes most teachers would rather do a better teaching job than waste time with "Mickey Mouse" courses to qualify for their needed pay raise.

The motivations in point 1 would improve automatically if defects 2 and 3 were corrected. This is Dr. Blake's aim, particularly with reference to relating teacher training to these realistic objectives, without adding further—and apparently endless—expense to the taxpayer.

If Dr. Blake's position makes sense to you, why not write in his name in the space below Dr. Minear's on the Nov. 8 ballot?

NORMAN H. CROWHURST
 Gold Beach, Oregon

To The Editor:

Nearly 10 years ago, certain industrial interests attempted to establish a pulp mill in the Rogue River Basin. This was several years before the production of wood chips in Curry County. Today, practically every mill operates a chipping plant, and with portable chippers nearly ready for use in the woods, chip production is on the increase.

Curry County is one of the fast-disappearing areas blessed with natural cleanliness, and Bob Straub's record in the fight against pollution is our guarantee that he will help us keep our heritage of pure water and clean air.

We are sure that the paper industry will again attempt to establish a pulp mill utilizing water from the Rogue River. Curry County will suffer un-

AMY

By Jack Tippit



told damage by the pollution from a pulp mill, and we need Bob Straub on our side of any pollution fight.

In 1959, the State Water Resources Board said: "Recreation, in particular the tourist industry, ranks high in the Rogue River Basin. Recreational attractions are many, and the Rogue River is world famous as a fishing stream."

Elect Bob Straub as governor and get the help we need in the fight against pollution in our County.

Very truly yours,
 B. L. JACKSON
 BETTY J. MORGAN

To The Editor:

Do you want more taxes? If not, then don't listen to the candidate who comes out with tax gimmicks like the \$2500 credit homes, but does not remove the 6% limitation (automatic increase), which in a few years will find taxes on our homes higher than ever; who never states he is for a limitation, who appears to favor the 6% automatic increase used by most taxing units, increasing your taxes without your vote.

Tom McCall is on record as follows: "The people have a right to vote on tax matters and how their tax dollars are to be spent."

"No candidate or official worth his salt could mistake the urgency of the home-owners drive for local tax relief... and the earliest order of the legislative business at Salem in 1967 should be the referral to the people at a February special election of a tax measure to do the job." City Club, Oct. 7.

"Certainly it is obvious to everyone... throughout Oregon that the people want property tax relief. Whether or not I become Governor, I shall pledge to work towards reasonable, orderly tax revision that includes property tax relief in 1967." Tax Study Committee, July 27, 1966.

"Limitation of one type or another exists in 43 states, and if Oregon adopts one IT MUST NOT BE SUBJECT TO ESCALATION (automatic increases)." Eugene, Sept. 23.

"The people have unmistakably called for a limit on property taxes." Tax Study Committee, July 27, 1966.

Tom McCall has pledged himself to work for property tax relief, and a reasonable limitation that is not subject to increase unless voted by the people.

We know that Tom McCall is honest and a man of his word, so let's put him to work and get

the job of limiting property taxes done.

A. F. GLIDEMEISTER, Pres.
 Oregon Home Owners Assn., Inc.

TO THE EDITOR

May we again take this opportunity to say a word of support for Ray Keen as a candidate for the office of Curry County Treasurer.

For over twenty-five years Ray was secretary-treasurer for our company. He was always fair and reliable, and contributed much to the success of our operation. His sense of integrity has won him the admiration and respect of all who have dealt with him.

We are confident that the voters could not find a better person for County Treasurer.

Kerber Logging Co., Inc.
 by Homer Kerber

TO THE EDITOR

I realize "That fools step in where angels fear to tread," yet I have a firm belief that figures have no value unless they give answers.

In comparing our tax statement with the accompanying tax summary, I found they did not correspond, then checking both against the published budget, I became more confused.

My tax statement showed a tax for Hospital. I believed the hospital money came from the General Fund and checking the published budget again I found items "Transfer to aid from the general fund." Now back to the tax statement, it seems the hospital millage was not on its own but had been milked from the various schools, ports and ceme-

teries and apparently with different sized milking machines. In checking tax statements from different code areas it appears that different millage rates were used, in fact some had not been milked at all but conformed with the tax summary.

Now if it was necessary to tax for Hospital, I believe a uniform millage rate should have been used. In figuring the difference between the Hospital estimated income and estimated expenditures as shown in the published budget, I do not arrive at the same figure arrived at by the milking process.

I spent some time in the court house and it appears that the usual procedure was followed, i.e. budget board to assessing board arriving at the needed money; this then turned over to the assessor, who arrived at the needed millage for each code area, then making his tax summary for use with tax statements.

Somewhere between here and the tax statements, it seems someone made drastic changes. Now the questions:

Why does the tax statement not conform to the tax summary?

Who gave orders to change the taxing status?

Why weren't all tax code areas taxed equally?

Will the schools, ports, cemeteries and so forth come out short at the end of their tax year? Please somebody give me the answer for I am confused—or am I?

Norman Chenoweth
 Gold Beach

Halloween Safety Warning To Parents

It's up to the parents of youthful trick or treaters to make certain that their children can see and be seen while participating in Halloween activities, warns Don Costa, director of safety for the Allstate Insurance Companies.

Too often children's Halloween costumes are made of dark-colored material which increases their chances of not being seen by drivers as they cross streets at night, he pointed out.

"However, parents can help insure their children's safety by making or purchasing costumes that are basically light in color. The addition of white or yellow stripes or polka dots

or other reflective colors to children's costumes will enable them to be seen by drivers after dark. A white bag for their treat goodies should be given them to carry.

"Parents should also instruct their children to remove their Halloween costume masks when crossing streets to avoid having their vision obstructed, and remind the youngsters to cross only at intersections or pedestrian crossings.

"Drivers should also take extra caution on Halloween by driving no faster than 20 miles an hour in residential areas," Costa urged.

"Although drivers always should be on the lookout for children, the added hazard of children crossing streets at night in dark costumes, wearing masks, and caught up in the excitement of the holiday, increases the danger of them being hit by a car."

Costa also expressed the hope that news media, police and civic groups would use these suggestions in their promotion of Halloween activities.

Remember your PTA, it needs you.

COURAGE, MARK?

Reprinted from Oct. 6 Ore. Journal

The Dove Still Ducks

Oregon's two candidates for governor, Robert Straub and Tom McCall, will argue issues to face Friday in a televised joint appearance before the Portland City Club.

How different from the attitude of Gov. Mark Hatfield, who wants to be elected to the United States Senate. The governor's billboards literally dozens of invitations to challenge, face to face, the view of his opponent, Rep. Robert Duncan, that the present course of the U. S. in Vietnam is grim but necessary. The governor doesn't even talk much about Vietnam any more.

Paid by the Committee for an Informed Electorate,
 Thomas R. Mahoney,
 Oregon Bank Bldg., Portland

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FRED C. THOM
DEMOCRAT
FOR
CURRY COUNTY
SHERIFF

I have spent twenty years of my life as a Sheriff's Officer and County Sheriff. From 1955 to 1962 I was the Chief Deputy Sheriff for Curry County. I have also served as a Civil Defense Director. For the past three years I have been a member of the Gold Beach Police Department. I know that, if I am elected, I can give the people of Curry County a Sheriff's office they can be proud of.

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RE-ELECT CURRY COUNTY COMMISSIONER RYCE WILSON

Democrat



"Qualified by a wide background of years of experience in logging, lumbering, road construction, farming, and business administration.

As your county commissioner for the past four years, I have taken an active part in the county road department and all other phases of the county government.

I have tried to be fair and impartial, deciding each issue on its own merits.

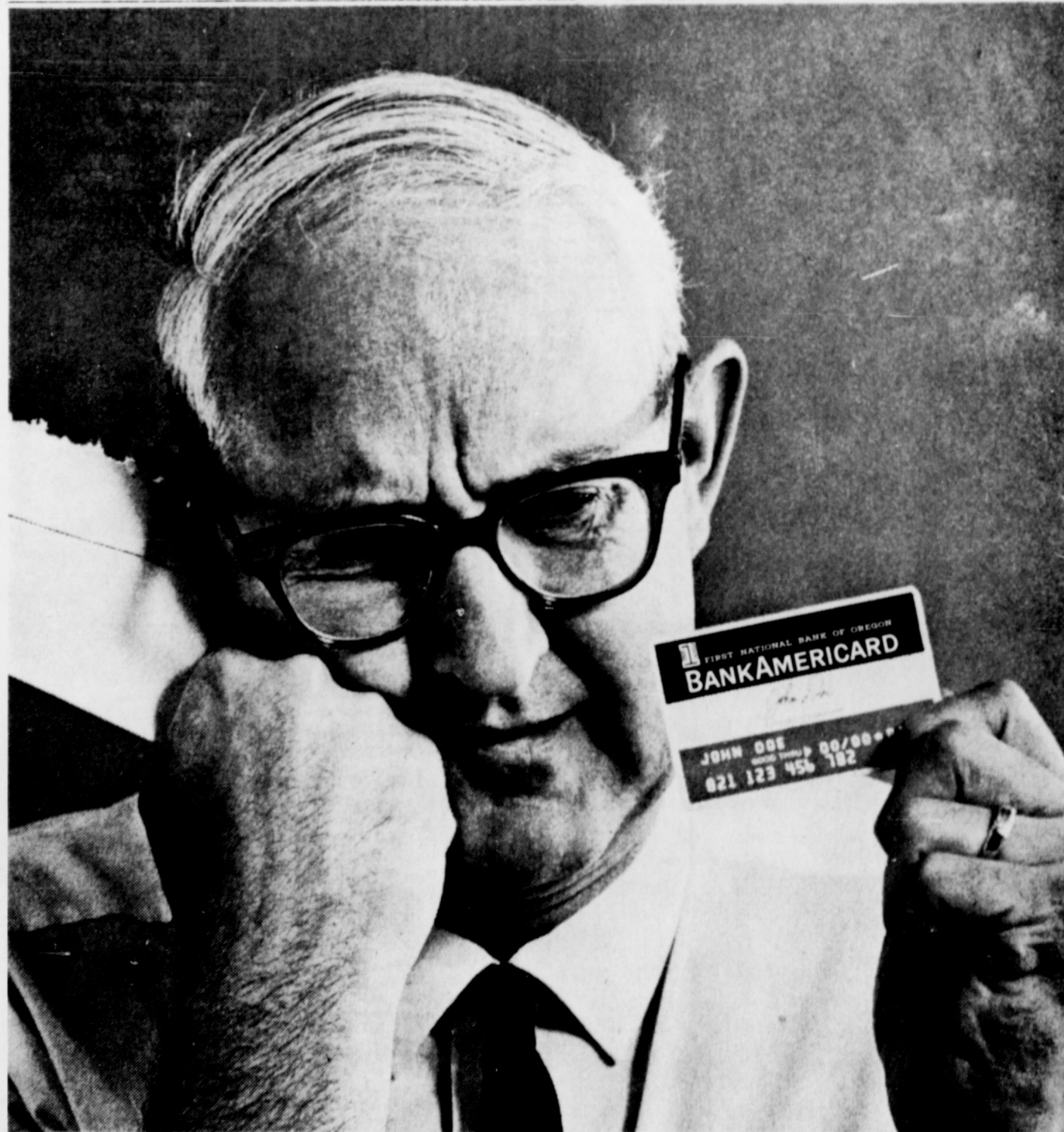
If elected, I will continue to work for the best interests of all the people of Curry County.

I would welcome your checking my record.

I will appreciate your vote.

RE-ELECT RYCE WILSON

Pd. Pol. A.d. Ryce Wilson, Siles, Oregon



Just another credit card?

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