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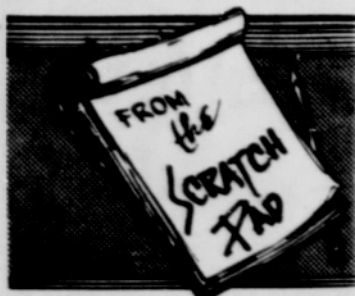
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Skipper Doug Orton and his crew of Purple Pirates deserve nothing but plaudits this week after wrapping up the first half league championship Friday night when they scuttled the Cougars from Illinois Valley at Cave Junction. In reviewing the first half of league play it would appear safe to say that the mighty Bucs will repeat their performance in the second half. It has been my experience, however, that there just ain't no clinches in this ol' world 'cept death and taxes, as they say... so there'll be no predictions to that extent. I think, tho, that it would be safe to say that the Pirates are full of the fighting spirit and determination and ability that could award them with the season crown... and a good crack at state laurels.

The Curry County Sheriff's office held a big "to do" at the new jail in Gold Beach Sunday, complete with guided tours, coffee and cookies. But he plumb forgot to tell us about the event. Gold Beach knew it... Brookings knew it... but we didn't know it. 'Course maybe if we could afford to hire a "foreign" correspondent we would have been tipped off. Or maybe the sheriff is gonna offer north Curry residents a special tour of the \$492,992.33 facility.

There may be sad news today for beekeepers. According to a news release from the State Dept. of Agriculture, the product of the busy little honeybee is now being threatened by an imitation product... and in fact that such a product has already appeared on the market in the east... which causes concern among beekeepers that the imitation might do to honey what margarine did to butter.

If you are the least bit worried about the status of rare and endangered wildlife, the January issue of the Oregon Game Commission Bulletin is devoted entirely to these species. If you would like a copy of the bulletin, just drop a note to the Game Commission, P.O. Box 3503, Portland 97208. The bulletins will be distributed free of charge as long as the supply lasts.

Jason Boe, president of the State Senate, in his column, "From the Podium," had this to say about the federal sharing program:

SAM NOT RICH UNCLE
 "This realization is being brought home especially hard recently because of the federal revenue sharing program. We had been looking forward to this new money to help relieve the burden on property tax payers and to help pay for vital state services. "Now that the first revenue sharing checks have arrived, we are deeply disappointed. Not only is it \$48 million less than expected, but the federal government is slashing categorical grants to Oregon for the biennium by \$88 million. In essence, picking one of our pockets to put money in the other."

We owe a big hand to the boys from the National Guard for their efforts on city park improvements. They plan to be back next month for another two-day session, then again in August, says Lt. Bob Elliott. 'Tis a real boon to the project.

ADVERTISING PAYS

LETTERS to the Editor

TO THE EDITOR:

I've seen it all now! Just finished reading the Feb. issue of "Ruralite" and the front page of this paper, Feb. 1 issue, both including the big fuss about President Nixon's handling of the REA loan situation. I want to tell you I am very angry.

I personally blame the American voters with lack of foresight in re-electing the man... but with a landslide as well? I can't help feeling that Pres. Nixon thinks he has been given your go-ahead to do just any old thing he wants to.

I feel it is the responsibility of every American who cast a vote for him to do the letter writing about the REA issue... and only you know who you are.

I've written my letters, but of course I've opposed him for years; and you all know I actively campaigned for his opponent in the recent election.

Get busy Americans. This is your country and supposedly your representative form of government. Sincerely In Peace, Marge Fisher

TO THE EDITOR:

There was a letter to you in last week's issue of the News in regards to vitamins no longer being for sale over the counter.

We were unaware that such a bill had been signed and we were wondering if you could, as a public service, print the text of this bill, or if it is too lengthy, epitomize the text in such a way that we may gain an understanding of said bill. It would be much appreciated. Thank you, Mrs. Richard F. Cook

(Kneeland King... where are you now that we need you? We asked Mr. King for a copy of the "vitamin bill" but he didn't have one. He did say he would try to run a copy down for us. In the meantime we talked to the local druggist and he had this to say about the matter... he has heard some talk to the effect of curtailing over-the-counter sale of vitamins, the primary purpose of which would be to keep people from excessive use of vitamins, in effect an effort to keep people from harming themselves, by

surance.

But, no matter how fortunate most may be, even they find their health and life itself dependent upon certain regulatory functions performed by Human Resources pertaining to the water they drink, the food they eat in restaurants and myriad taken-for-granted function performed in their behalf.

Awareness of all these functions will become painfully acute in the weeks to come as legislators ponder what to fund and what must be dropped or funded at a level lower than Human Resources desires.

When they look closely at the \$772 million budget proposal, they quickly discover only one-third would be provided by the state. The remaining two-thirds is supposed to come from Washington, D.C.

That may be where the rub comes. Recent cuts in some people programs have attracted attention due to presidential impoundment of authorized funds. Human Resources already has lost some anticipated federal money during this fiscal year.

Pres. Richard Nixon's new budget seeks further economies and additional funding cuts are expected. Right now no one really knows how much federal money will be available for Oregon's Human Resources budget. Some other budgets are in the same boat. There's talk in Congress about over riding the vetoes. There's talk of legislation to release impounded funds. But no one really knows what will happen, or -- and more importantly perhaps -- when.

The work of the Oregon Legislature traditionally and practically revolves pretty much around the disposition of funds to finance the operation of state government.

Human Resources is a big department. It gets most of its money from the Federal Government. It's doubtful anyone will expect the state to pick up all the possible slack created by federal cutbacks.

But the Oregon Legislature -- and the public for the first time perhaps will have a better idea of what they'll be doing without when funding finally is provided for people services in the next two years.

over-doses of certain vitamins... or from taking vitamins in lieu of a prescribed medicine. However, the druggist says he has not received any order to date that would change present laws governing the sale of vitamins, etc.)

Coast Guard Cuts Slated

The President's 1974 budget includes a request for \$760 million in budget authority for the Coast Guard. This is approximately \$68.5 million less than in 1973 when some \$66 million was included for the second new polar ice-breaker.

To allow for the expansion of maritime safety and environmental protection programs, there are some reductions in older, obsolete programs. By June 1974 three ocean stations in the Atlantic and one in the Pacific will be phased out and some old Coast Guard cutters will be decommissioned. Some overseas LORAN-A stations will be shut down and 15 coastal rescue stations will be closed. The identification of units affected and the timing of these moves has not yet been fully determined. Further details will be provided when available.

Oregon Today

BY

DON S. WILLNER

What will be the hottest issues of the 1973 Legislature? Which bills will fill the large basement hearing room of the State Capitol with 500 to 1,000 citizens?

In 1971 the largest crowds turned out to oppose fluoridation of water and to urge restrictions on nuclear power plants. At the 1969 session, attendance records were probably set by persons who wanted to protect public access to the beaches and by groups for and against the bill liberalizing abortion. In terms of single hearing, the record in 1969 may have been set by proponents of the bill to provide the first increase in the level of welfare benefits in 14 years.

Each of these issues was highly emotional. In most cases the persons who came to the hearing were angry at what they thought was an attempt to deprive them of their rights. The controversies over nuclear power and fluoridation of water turn on issues of human safety. The 1969 controversy over abortion pitted strongly held religious convictions against the then only emerging movement for women's rights. Sometimes attendance at the hearings was produced by a major citizen effort, such as the coalition that put almost 1,000 people in the room in 1969 to plead for an increase in welfare benefits. Some issues were fanned into the white heat of controversy by the media. Matt Kramer, late Salem correspondent for the Associated Press, is chiefly responsible for igniting public concern with the beach controversy, aided by editorial after editorial on KGW-TV's evening news.

Legislators concerned with such overwhelming problems as taxes, the level of educational support of governmental reform understand that such issues, though of critical importance, do not generate a public outcry one way or the other. During the height of the 1969 controversy over the sales tax I received only a few dozen letters on the subject, compared to many hundreds on the more explosive, more personal issues. It is often hard to tell in advance which issue will catch fire. In 1969 the beach bill was around the legislature for some time before public interest suddenly developed. On the other hand, everyone in the session knew that the abortion bill controversy was going to be front and center throughout the session.

So far this session the biggest crowds have turned out for the ratification hearings on the amendment to the United States Constitution providing equal rights for women. There has also been major attention and interest focused on the bill to establish statewide land use planning. At both these hearings people have been angry and have felt threatened, which are the basic ingredients for issues that fill the State Capitol. But the 1973 session has been underway less than a month, and the big fights are still ahead.

County Plans Road Vacation

The Board of Curry County Commissioners has approved a resolution to start proceedings to vacate a portion of the old abandoned Chetco to Ellensburg county road lying within Sections 24 and 25, T 40 S, R 14 W and Section 19, T 40 S, R 13 W. A hearing date is set for March 7, 1973, 1:30 p.m., in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

The Board entered into an agreement with Leonard Blondell for a stockpile site for a period of 10 years, expiring on Feb. 6, 1983. The Board also approved reclassification of Tax Lots 300, 302, 303 and 399, Map 36-14-12, from F-G to R-A as recommended by the County Planning Commission.

The following personnel changes were approved: Two new job classifications were added to the County Salary Schedule, Chief Road Accountant and Equipment Clerk; James and Gail Wahl were hired to fill the position vacated by Mabel Holt. They will each draw one-half of the regular salary as psychologists. Howard Wallace was hired as extra help in the Road Dept.

A renewal license was approved for Willie T. Smith of Denmark for his auto wrecking business.

Licenses Up On Vehicles

The Oregon Motor Vehicles Division licensed more than 1,710,000 vehicles last year, an increase of 3 1/2 per cent over 1971.

Chester W. Ott, administrator, says increases were recorded in the number of passenger cars, motorcycles, motor homes, campers and travel trailers, but there were decreases in trucks, buses and trailers.

The year-end summary shows that the state now has 1,379,598 passenger vehicles registered. The figure is a 5.3 per cent increase over 1971. Motorcycle registrations increased 51 1/2 per cent with 73,230 now licensed in the state. Substantial increases also were recorded for recreational vehicles in the state -- motor homes increased nearly 59 per cent, campers 10 per cent and travel trailers 13 per cent.

The report also shows that Oregon has 4,679 snowmobiles. Last year was the first year these off-highway units were required to be registered.

Ott said revenue received from registration of all types of vehicles totaled \$22,896,058.

Here is the list of vehicles licensed: passenger cars, 1,379,598; buses, 812; trucks, 50,608; farm vehicles, 27,686; light trailers, 26,740; heavy trailers, 17,213; for rent trailers, 3,596; fixed loads, 4,584; motorcycles, 73,230; motor homes, 6,557; campers, 38,193; travel trailers, 69,079; mobile homes (new or transfer of ownership only), 3,537; snowmobiles, 4,679; new publicly owned vehicles, 3,907.

MOTHER AT GRADUATION

Marguerite Wilson attended the graduation of her son, Milt, from basic training at Ft. Ord, Calif., on Jan. 26. Milt earned a marksmanship medal for rifle fire and an expert rating for grenades. She was accompanied on the trip by Mavis Platt of Bandon, who visited her son, William, who is stationed with the military police at Ft. Ord.

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NEWS FROM COOS-CURRY LEGISLATORS
 Sen. Jack Ripper
 Rep. Ed Stevenson
 Rep. Bill Grannell

Visitors to the Legislature during these early weeks may find themselves watching the House or Senate sessions from the gallery, and wonder at the seeming lack of activity that is showing.

The truth is that in every nook and cranny of the continually remodeled Capitol there is a meeting room, and in that room activity is going on -- and lots of it.

Each day is busy, filled with committee hearings, work sessions on bills, discussions with people from the district, and the daily sessions of the Senate and the House. And each day the pace becomes faster as hundreds of bills begin rolling through the long process of government.

In addition, all legislators find themselves buried in paperwork. Along with all of the bills and regular correspondence, we receive reports from nearly all state agencies plus numerous reports from the Governor and other officials. Some of these reports are several hundred pages. Legislators should have a course in speed reading.

The committees are the real nerve center of the governmental process, the place where the greatest work is being done. Committee meetings are open to the public, and testimony is heard from anyone who wants to appear.

Senate Bill 100, the controversial land use bill, is the subject of the most mail, most discussion, and most emotion of any bill introduced thus far. The Environment and Land Use committee of which Sen. Ripper is a member, has divided into two sub-committees to hear special aspects of the bill. Amendments, substitute proposals, and reconsideration of critical areas are under study, and many changes will certainly be made before the bill comes to a vote.

Twice this week the Coos-Curry delegation has met with other coastal legislators and representatives of OCC&DC to discuss some positive approaches to coping with SB100.

Sen. Jack Ripper and Rep. Paul Hanneman from the north coast, have joined together in a bi-partisan effort to offer some constructive solutions for the problems of financing the needed water and sewer services by state grants. These grants would be made from funds already available for bonding purposes to help cities develop these services which are demanded by the state. Sen. Ripper and Rep. Hanneman reason that if the state considers these areas of high tourist concentration as critical concern to the state, needing state planning and control, then the state should help pay for the additional expense of the tourist influx, rather than expect individual communities to pick up the tab.

Rep. Grannell reports that the House Transportation Committee this week discussed a proposed bonding program designed to bring a number of highways up to standard. Included would be sections of Hwy. 101 from North Bend to Reedsport, and general improvement and widening along Highways 35 and 42. The Highway Department pointed out that it would cost in excess of \$2 billion to bring all Oregon highways up to current safety standards. Rep. Grannell would appreciate comments on this proposed highway bonding program.

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In State and Federal Affairs, Rep. Grannell was critical of the proposed State Building program and suggested that two proposed laboratory buildings be combined into one laboratory building which could provide lab services to all State agencies, rather than duplicating effort in separate facilities for Highway Department and Department of Environmental Quality. Also included is a proposal for a Governor's Mansion at a projected cost of \$250,000. Rep. Grannell again requests opinions on such expenditures.

The Labor and Industrial Relations Committee is rolling up its sleeves and introducing a Public Employees Bargaining Law that would entitle all Public Employees the right of collective bargaining.

Rep. Ed Stevenson toured the Trojan Nuclear power plant near St. Helens with the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources. The trip was made in a National Guard helicopter, which was a new experience for him. They talked also with fishermen on the Columbia River and exchanged views of the fisheries industry.

The Agriculture Committee has also been considering a bill to protect livestock owners from non-payment by purchasers and other bills to reduce livestock thefts.

In Business and Consumer Affairs Committee, Rep. Stevenson has heard testimony on unit pricing of foods, and on dating of perishable foods.

A special Committee on Professional Responsibility has just been appointed, with Sen. Ripper as co-chairman, with House member Rep. Bob Ingalls. This joint committee will hear and formulate legislation on ethics of press and legislature, shield laws, and open public meetings proposals. The committee will meet each Monday, 7 p.m. and is open to the public for testimony.

Coming up during the next week in Ways and Means will be

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