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"OK, Paul, get your head out of the sand and tell us why there was no story in last week's News about the school election?"

"What'd ya say? I can't hear too well... I've got this sand in my ears and..."

No sir... there's no excuse for not running the school election story (I should really say there was no reason)... except I just plain forgot to remember it until it was too late... like after the paper is on the press. And at that point it's REALLY too late.

I could blame my forgetfulness on a number of things... like the state election on property tax relief being that week... all the extra work required in final make-up of the Fabulous Fifty... and a whole lot of other work facing us at this extra busy time of the year. And it would all be true. But not a one of any excuses I offer would make anybody feel any different about the fact the story didn't appear, would it? (No, Paul, it wouldn't.)

Omission of the school election story, and the subsequent number of phone calls to us, and the scoops, does point out maybe that readers do not pay enough attention to the public notices (under Legal Notice) that appear in the News.

The notice of the election did appear, as required by law, in two issues of the News: April 12 and 19. Legal Notices are for your protection... and laws require that they be either published or posted in specific areas (when there is no newspaper serving an area). Readers can be assured of one thing... nobody was trying to keep the election a secret... it was simply one of those unfortunate mishaps that do occur now and then.

The layman had just enjoyed a delicious dinner of fish and chips at a monastery, and wanted to "compliment the chef." He went into the kitchen and spoke to one of the men wearing the habit of the order.

"I want to compliment you on the delicious meal! Are you the fish friar?"

The man of cloth replied, "No, sir; I'm the chip monk."

Mrs. Beth Newkirk brought me the following article from her home town paper, "The Staples (Minn.) World." The author is not known but the message should be clear enough... concerning right of abortion.

DIARY OF AN UNBORN CHILD

Oct. 5—Today my life began. My parents do not know it yet. I am as small as a seed of an apple, but it is I already. And I am to be a girl. I shall have blonde hair and azure eyes. Just about everything is settled, too, even the fact that I shall love flowers.

Oct. 19—Some say that I am not a real person yet, that only my mother exists. But I am a real person, just as a small crumb of bread is yet truly bread. My mother is and I am.

Oct. 23—My mouth is just beginning to open now. Just think, in a year or so I shall be laughing and later talking. I know that my first word shall be—Mama.

Oct. 25—My heart began to beat today all by itself. From now on I shall gently beat for the rest of my life without ever stopping to rest! And after many years it will tire. It will stop and then I shall



Salem Scene

by Jack Zimmerman

Eastern Oregon Lawmaker Plays Unique Salem Role

True to tradition, a bipartisan minority is making its presence felt during the current session of the Legislature in Salem.

That minority is the dwindling band of lawmakers whose constituents populate more than half the state's 36 counties and as much as three-fourths of its land area. Comprising only one-sixth of the 90 men and women serving this session, the five Senators and 10 Representatives that make up this minority are best known as the Eastern Oregon delegation.

They are the Legislators who travel the greatest distance to deliberate in Salem. And though they seldom commute between the Capital City and their homes once the session starts, they're probably better known back home than their Western Oregon counterparts.

Because of the special demands of their minority status they often emerge from a session among the best known statewide.

Lawmakers from the so-called sunny side of the mountains tend to have several things in common. There is an all-male contingent. Each tends to remain in office as long as he desires to serve. And, often as not, they tend to win nomination by both parties at election time.

The Eastern Oregon Legislator doesn't necessarily come to Salem with a chip on his shoulder. But his attitude reflects an offense calculated to camouflage what is traditionally a defensive stance.

The combination of factors motivating him to seek office in the first place and to remain in office second, quite often propels him to positions of leadership... sometimes implied and other times official. This tendency toward leadership evolves from a man-among-men situation and has little to do with politics. Eastern Oregon lawmakers quite often become Senate Presidents

die.

Nov. 2—I am growing a bit every day. My arms and legs are beginning to take shape. But I have to wait a long time yet before these little legs will raise me to my mother's arms; before these little arms will be able to gather flowers and embrace my father.

Nov. 12—Tiny fingers are beginning to form on my hands. Funny how small they are! I shall be able to stroke my mother's hair with them. And I shall take her hair to my mouth and she will probably say, "Oh, no, no, dear..."

Nov. 20—It wasn't until today that the doctor told Mom that I am living here under her heart. Oh, how happy she must be! Are you happy, Mom?

Nov. 25—My mom and dad are probably thinking about a name for me. But they don't even know that I am a girl. They are probably saying Andy. But I want to be called Cathy. I am getting so big already.

Dec. 24—I wonder if Mom hears the whispering of my heart? Some children come in to the world a little sick. And then the delicate hands of the doctor perform miracles to bring them to health. But my heart is strong and healthy. It beats so evenly... up-tup-tup... you'll have a healthy little daughter, Mom!

Dec. 28—Today my mother killed me.

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Hey, don't forget the big annual Sports Award Banquet to be held at the Masonic hall next Wednesday night at 7 p.m. You'll see Pacific athletes being honored (girls, too) and hear three of OSU's top mat men tell it like it is.

and Speakers of the House. But they seldom attain the office of governor, no matter how much legislative power they acquire.

His minority status is particularly galling to the Eastern Oregon Legislator... who may represent an area larger than several states. But the one-man one-vote principle means the disparity between numbers of Legislators from east and west of the mountains will continue as long as the population congregates in the west.

Multnomah county, one of the smallest in land area, sends eight Senators and 16 Representatives to Salem.

It is obvious then, that if east-of-the-mountain lawmakers want something special for their constituents, they just about have to present a solid front. And they have to be particularly persuasive.

Historically, one would have to say this minority has been effective. It has helped achieve many concessions for Eastern Oregon... although some also favor residents of rural Western Oregon, too. Most concessions involve land and are granted in the form of deferments, assessment methods and exemptions.

But other exceptions often are won... such as the one-time exemption from day-light time for Ontario and the present session is considering a bill that would provide some sort of bonus for medical doctors willing to practice east of the mountains.

Even a cursory knowledge of Eastern Oregon makes plain the special treatment its residents seek at Salem. Tied almost irrevocably to a rural economy, its people are influenced greatly by two factors over which they have no control. The first is weather... essential to their crops and livestock. And the second is the price their products bring in the marketplace.

As with most rural populations these factors tend to produce people quite different from those who live in urban regions. They tend to favor things the way they are... especially when it comes to government. And if they can't keep government the way it is, then they'd just as soon have less of it.

Solid opposition to the McColl school tax proposal is a case in point this session. One Eastern Oregon county trounced it more soundly than any before in the memory of old-timers. Regional governmental concepts haven't met with much success east of the mountains. Zoning also is about as popular as a fence on open rangeland.

Environmental issues aren't nearly as popular because the wide open spaces abound and look like they'll last forever. Attempts to discourage immigration of new people and industry are particularly difficult for the east-Oregonian to accept.

He has spent his lifetime watching young people grow up and leave for lucrative jobs elsewhere. He has seen employment decline and knows technological progress is all that manages to preserve his economic status quo. And he sorely resents the attitude of some outsiders... that Eastern Oregon is important mostly as an outdoor playground for the Willamette Valley and California.

His feelings reach a boiling point on occasion. Such as the time Walla Walla County threatened to secede if someone on the other side of the hill didn't start paying attention to Eastern Oregon needs.

Under these circumstances, it wouldn't be surprising if Legislators from that neck of the woods displayed a tendency to hinder the legislative process. And it's a particular tribute to those who do serve from Eastern Oregon that this is not the case. In fact quite the opposite occurs.

One might say Eastern Oregon lawmakers are that tempering ingredient of the legis-



dellenback Report

BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHN DELLENBACK

CONGRESS GIVES PRESIDENT ANOTHER YEAR TO STOP INFLATION

On April 30 of this year President Nixon's authority to control wages and prices was scheduled to expire. On the very eve of that expiration, both the House of Representatives and the Senate of the United States passed the Economic Stabilization Act and in so doing agreed to extend the President's authority for one year, through April 1974.

I have mixed feelings regarding wage and price controls. I have reluctantly concluded that our present situation demands some present controls. Any such controls, however, I am convinced, must be only of a temporary nature. I want to be dead sure that once inflation is under control and our international monetary position strengthened, all mechanisms established to regulate our economy are disbanded. In this context, I reluctantly voted for the extension of the Economic Stabilization Act.

The House of Representatives had originally acted on this legislation Monday, April 16. Due to a number of objectionable provisions contained in the bill as reported by the House Banking and Currency Committee, the committee bill was not considered, but a substitute measure was adopted providing for a simple one-year extension of the old law giving the President certain basic authority.

In the Senate certain amendments were added to the House version, making it necessary to send the legislation to a House-Senate Conference to resolve differences between the two versions. About half of the Senate amendments were accepted during Conference and about half deleted. Then the House adopted the Conference Report and sent the legislation along to President Nixon.

At the time of the vote on the Conference Report, it was correctly observed on the Floor of the House that my colleagues and I really had no responsible choice but to vote "Aye." If the House had not passed the Report that afternoon, there was the possibility of mass confusion across the land. The President's authority would have expired that night and all existing wage-price guidelines would have been without effect, making possible any number of abuses and inequities. The House vote was 267 in favor, 155 opposed.

I have been and remain troubled over the continued high rate of inflation in our economy as well as the kind of inequities which have been involved in our present system of controls. One of the major reasons for my reservations concerning controls is the inability of any government agency to administer a wage-price control program completely equitably. There exists too great an opportunity for injustice in striking the balance between wages and prices in the varied economic situations which form the U.S. economy.

I am deeply concerned about the Administration efforts to control our inflation-prone economy, and I have communicated that concern to the White House. In a letter I signed along with several of my colleagues, we urged that the President use his authority under the Act to demonstrate forcefully that his "commitment to restrain the inflationary pressures that still run rampant through our economy has not, and will not, falter."

Most Americans, I think, join me in the hope that this nation will move as rapidly as possible toward a controls-free economy. Experience has shown us, however, that it takes decisive affirmative action along a broad economic front in order to effect a meaningful impact on our economy. The President has been given the latitude he needs to take such action, to put the brakes on inflation -- now we must all be ready to help make that action effective.

Legislative Log

NEWS FROM COOS-CURRY LEGISLATORS

Sen. Jack Ripper

Rep. Ed Stevenson

Rep. Bill Grannell

The Legislative week has been one of tension and some frustration, of shifting gears and changing direction in the effort to find the right road toward the ultimate goal of property tax relief. Though the voters of our district endorse the McColl tax plan, it went down to defeat statewide. As the dust settles, a number of alternate proposals are being studied, which may achieve some relief for homeowners but probably would not go far toward solving the financial problems of Oregon Schools.

The Democratic majority in the legislature accepted the change of control at the November election as a mandate from the people to do something to change the direction of taxes to relieve the home owner of the increasing burden of school costs, to take the load off the middle and low income citizens who have been picking up the tab for state government.

Their first effort failed, but good planning put the proposal to the vote of the people in time that alternate methods of tax relief can be found before the session adjourns. Sen. Ripper, Rep. Stevenson, and Rep. Grannell all pledge to work toward that end in the remaining weeks of the Legislative session.

A number of interesting and extremely crucial bills have come up which affect the people and businesses of our area. One bill which passed the House this week affects the homeowner who remodels and

improves his home, and who in the past has been penalized in the past for his efforts by seeing his taxes go up as a result. The House bill encourages homeowners by reversing this unfair raise in property taxes.

Rep. Grannell was successful in getting the Mass Transit bill returned to the Transportation committee for the purpose of adding a local option

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MARGARET ARMSTRONG

Funeral services will be held at Bandon Chapel of Coos Mortuaries at 10 a.m. Friday, May 11, for Margaret Armstrong, who died May 8 in Bandon.

amendment to that bill. The proposal for 8% of motor vehicle registration monies to be used for Mass Transit has been opposed by most downstate legislators. Grannell's amendment would allow any county, by local option, to share in this 8% for use in their county for any transportation needs.

As sponsors of the 50-mile Fisheries Conservation zone legislators are dismayed by the action of the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources committee who, in a work session, amended the bill to include a 200-mile limit. This enlarged jurisdiction would make the law unenforceable, and was added to the original bill as a move to kill the bill, according to Sen. Ripper. This move also sent the bill to Ways and Means committee for funding, and the sponsors feel that it will have a rough time in that committee. Rep. Grannell has stated. Bumble Bee Seafoods, a Hawaii based cannery which operates in off-shore waters along both North and South America, is the principal opponent to this bill which is designed to protect American fish resources from depletion by foreign fleets.

The minimum wage bill was heard on the House floor this week, and would have increased minimum wage from \$1.25 to \$1.75 an hour by 1975. The House voted to refer the bill back to committee because of objection to inclusion of agricultural piece workers, such as berry pickers.

It is expected that the minimum wage bill will pass the House if this change is made and agricultural piece workers are removed.

Rep. Stevenson reports that Consumer and Business Affairs committee has been working on the Revised Banking Code, and expects that bill to be ready for the House floor this week.

A bill that had been referred to as "disastrous to the tourist industry" was tabled in committee this week through the efforts of Sen. Jack Ripper, who spoke in opposition to the measure. The bill would have prohibited tourist advertising promotions in any media in any other state. Sen. Ripper pointed out the financial contribution to Oregon's economy made by tourists, the need for diversified non-polluting service industries, and the numbers of people employed in tourist related industries. With depletion of forest resources, Sen. Ripper pointed out, the State should look to this type of tourist promotion, and should work to increase out-of-state advertising rather than decrease it.

She was born March 12, 1882, Park Mausoleum in Coos Bay, in Scotland.

A 10 year resident of Port Orford, Mrs. Armstrong is survived by her son George Armstrong of Port Orford; two granddaughters, Mrs. Gerald Sort, Port Orford, and Mrs. Arthur Graham of North Bend; several nieces and nephews in Scotland.

Fr. Wil Augsburg will officiate and private entombment will be at Sunset Memorial



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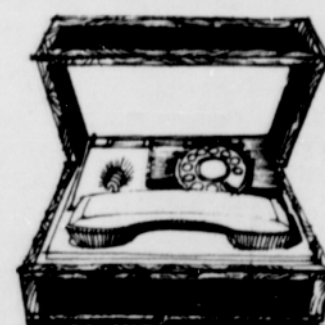
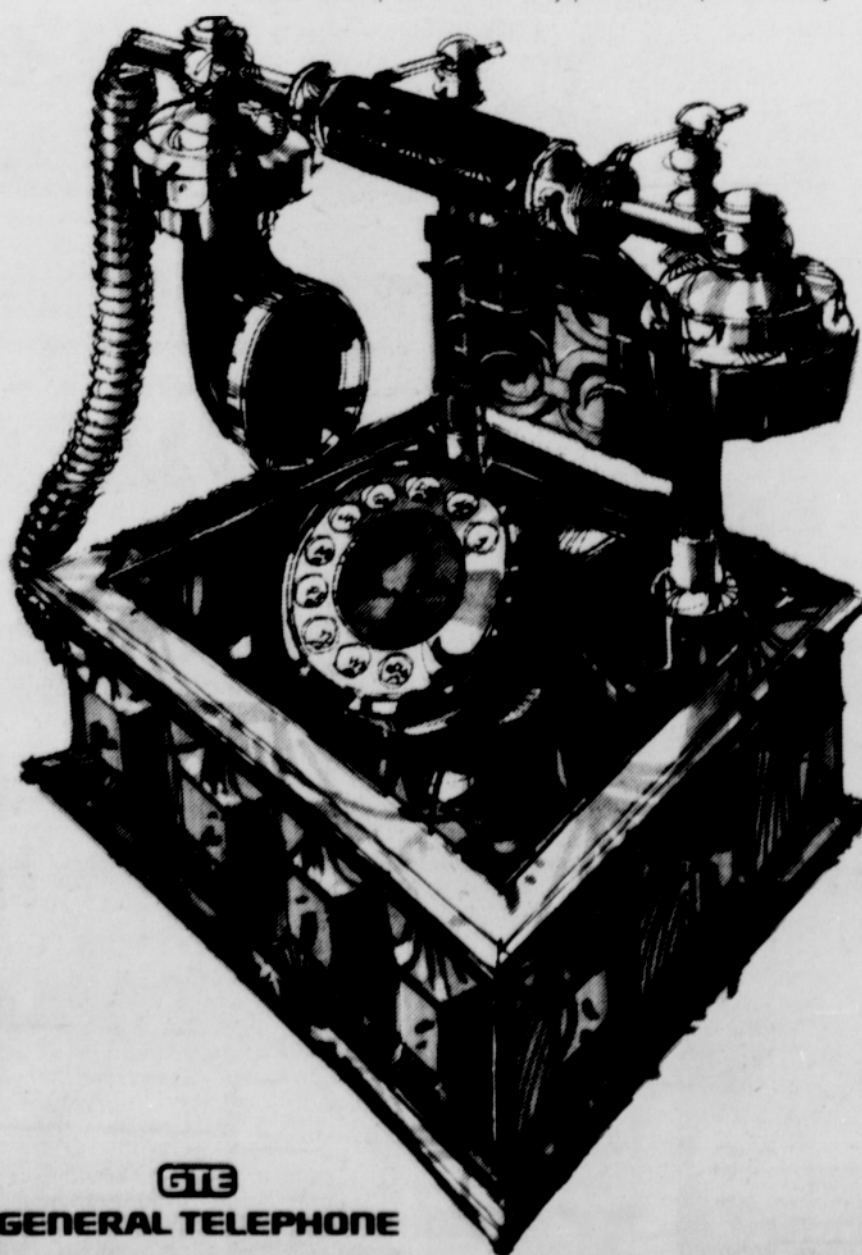
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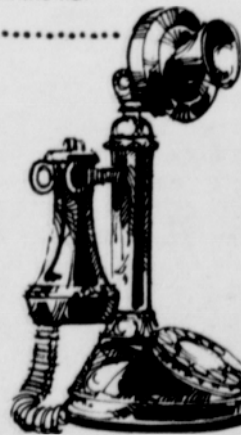
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