

On The Campaign Trail



HARL HAAS, Democratic candidate for governor, and present Multnomah county district attorney, stopped by the News office Monday evening following a coffee hour at the Jim Vincent residence, to "get acquainted" and discuss a few of the issues, including Highway 101 construction and locating new industry in urban areas. At left is John Gervais, who is in charge of advance scheduling and press conferences. Haas was on a campaign tour of the coast area.

New Dog Law Noted

A new law is now in effect concerning dogs which provides that if the dog's owner or keeper is found guilty of having a dog which is considered a public nuisance he may be fined up to \$50.00, according to information from Sheriff Allen Boice.

The law, contained in House Bill 2783, states that a dog is a public nuisance if it: 1. Bites any person. 2. Habitually chases vehicles or persons. 3. Damages or destroys private property. 4. Scatters garbage. 5. Habitually trespasses on private property. 6. Disturbs any person by frequent or prolonged noises. 7. Is a female in heat and running at large. 8. Is any dog running at large.

A dog violating one of these provisions may be impounded or its owner or keeper cited into court where, if found guilty, he may be fined a maximum of \$50.00.

If the animal is impounded it will be held a minimum of five days before being destroyed or disposed of in some other manner. If the owner comes to redeem the animal he will be charged a fee of \$5.00 plus the costs of keeping the animal in impoundment. The fee for each impoundment after the first will be \$10.00.

In addition, ORS 609.140 states that the owner of any livestock damaged or killed by a dog shall have cause for action against the owner of the dog in the amount of double the full cost of the damages incurred.

Forestry Funds Are Increased

Funds that the Congress added to the President's budget for Forest Service programs and activities this year in Oregon and Washington have been approved for expenditure beginning March 1.

The Forest Service in Portland said the funds total \$5,356,000 -- \$3,603,000 for National Forest programs and projects and \$1,753,000 for research.

Special Districts Vote Same Time

All Special Districts, not just Port and School Districts, will hold their annual election for board members on Tuesday, May 7, 1974, Curry county clerk B.I. Mather said today.

An exception, however, he noted, would be when a particular district might hold an election to approve its budget sooner than May 7. Then it must hold the board member (or members) election at the time of that election.

Boosters Will Meet Monday

The Pacific Boosters Club will meet at Pacific high school next Monday, February 25, at 8 p.m., president Jack Lenox said today.

A major item of business will be election of officers, Lenox said. Refreshments will be served.

Coykendall Rites Held

Donald Coykendall, Gold Beach, power use advisor for Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative since 1965, died Monday, February 11, in a Portland hospital. He had been in ill health for the past seven months.

Prior to joining the Co-op, where he had been Community and Public Relations Manager, Coykendall had served as Curry county treasurer, and was a former Gold Beach newspaper man.

He was born August 31, 1916, at Chicago, Illinois.

Memorial services were held February 11, at 4 p.m. in the chapel of Pegg, Paxson & Springer Funeral Home of Beaverton. The services were conducted by Dr. Sydney Walker of Portland, who had been pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Gold Beach 17 years ago.

Survivors include his wife, Frances, Gold Beach; son, Robert L. Coykendall, Yuba City, Calif.; daughter, Carol A. Smith, Aloha, Oregon; mother, Ellen Coykendall, La Porte, Indiana; sister, Edith Coffeen, La Porte; brothers, Vernon Coykendall and Lewis Kendall, both of San Francisco.

Private committal was in River View Abbey, Portland. The family suggests that any remembrances be contributions to the Curry Public Library, Gold Beach, or to the American Cancer Society.

Crab Feed is Saturday

Port Orford Lodge No. 170, A.F. & A.M., will hold a crab feed at the lodge hall on Saturday, February 23, at 6:30 p.m. All Masons are invited.

School Tax Levy Up Only \$36,668

Even though the 1974-75 School District 2CJ budget proposal reflects an increase in requirements of \$147,300 (from \$930,542 last year to \$1,077,842 this year) district taxpayers will only be asked to foot \$36,668.66 more than they approved for the current budget. Last year voters approved \$556,827 above the six per cent limitation, the 1974-75 budget requests \$593,496.

The balance of the budget, \$484,345, will be from other resources, figures for which were not available until the first of this week, according to School Supt. Stewart Smith.

Many of the revenue sources show increases, Smith pointed out, which is the reason local taxpayers will not have to pick up the total tab for the reflected budget increase. As examples, he cited increases in Federal Forest Fees, from \$64,502 to \$94,285; Basic School Support, from \$111,662 to \$174,454; plus other smaller increases in several categories. Total additional receipts amount to \$110,631 from all resources.

The next meeting of the budget committee will be at 8 p.m. Monday, March 11, at Pacific high school.

Engineers Date Meet

Discussion of the critical shoaling problem in the harbor dominated the Tuesday night meeting of the Port Commission but no solutions were reached. Port president Leo Phillips did announce, however, that the Army Corps of Engineers had called him to arrange a meeting with the Commission for Thursday, March 14, to discuss the situation.

Phillips also said that application forms have been submitted for emergency disaster funds to remove sand washed in from the January storms and to replace some piling that had been damaged.

The Port announced that applications are being taken for the position of harbor master, to replace Jerry Bailey, who said he was forced to resign the position because of health. Applications may be made to Phillips at the Port Orford drug.

In a special city council-port commission meeting following the regular port meeting, the city agreed to pay a sum of \$6,000 to the port as their share of the port sewer project. The matter of hookup fees was tabled until engineer Dick Nored has an opportunity to check EPA criteria concerning the matter.

The port approved payment of bills in the amount of \$16,114.44.

Board, Water Group Meets

In regular business the Curry County Board of Commissioners hired Harry Mock as relief jailer and communications officer, and approved an order to reclassify Michael Schneider to Appraiser II. He is employed in the Assessor's office.

The Board met last week with the Executive Board from the Langlois Water Corporation in regards to upgrading their water system; and with State Industrial Accident Commission representatives.

At a meeting of the Road Dept., it was reported that the crew is removing slides in the Agness area, surveying road damage caused by flooding, and continuing regular maintenance.

Commissioner Glen Hale was designated to be signatory on all papers pertaining to the RSVP program.

Unemployment Claims Increase

Unemployment was up in Curry county in January compared both to the previous month and the previous year according to figures prepared by the state employment department.

There were 323 new and reopened claims in January compared to 257 in December and 195 in Jan., 1973.

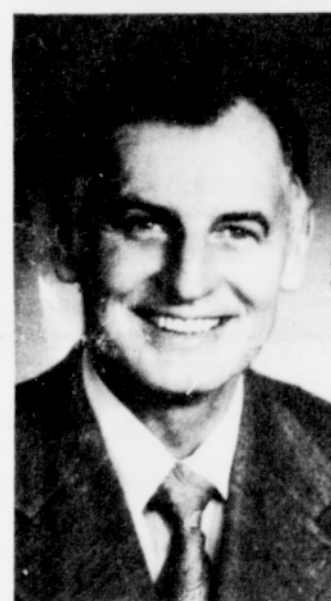
Weeks of unemployment claimed were 1764 compared to 1443 in December and 1306 in January, 1973.

At month's end there were 502 active claims compared to 442 in December and 365 in January, 1973.



ROCK TRUCKS were moving again this week as contractor nears completion of new parking areas at local port. Truck is unloading rock here between cannery and dock approach.

Dement To Run



Sam Dement, Coos and Curry counties rancher, announced Wednesday that he will file for the District 48 Legislative seat. Dement, Republican and former State Senator representing Coos and Curry counties, will seek the house seat now held by Ed Stevenson, Coquille.

Dement, long active in community affairs, is a past president of the Coos County Fair Association, past president of both the Coos County Livestock Association and Western Oregon Livestock Association. He is presently on the board of directors of Oregon Agribusiness Council, a member of the OSU Sea Grant Advisory Committee, on the OSU Agricultural Research Foundation Committee, a member of the District BLM Advisory Committee and the State O&C Advisory Committee.

While in the state senate, Dement served as Chairman of the Agriculture Committee, was vice-chairman of Consumer Affairs and Labor and Industries Committees. He also served on Elections, Highways, Health and Welfare, Fish and Game committees plus Education and Taxation interim committees.

Dement was born in Myrtle Point on Sept. 23, 1920, attended schools there and graduated from Oregon State University in the School of Agriculture. He served four years in the U. S. Army during World War II. He and his wife "Dottie" have two daughters and one granddaughter.

Rotary Week Is Honored

Port Orford Rotary Club president Al Steinmetz said today that Port Orford Mayor Leon White has proclaimed February 23-28 as Rotary Week as local Rotarians celebrate the February 23, 1905, birthday of the founding of the organization. The local club was chartered on April 30, 1954, and is one of 15,865 clubs in 150 countries with a total membership of 744,500.

Packwood Mulls Plan To Assist Taxpayer

Senator Bob Packwood (R-Ore) suggested today that one way to reduce the impact of inflation on the taxpayers might be to allow personal income tax deductions to rise with the annual rate of inflation, thus protecting the taxpayer from being pushed into a higher tax bracket by income increases that merely reflect inflation.

In a luncheon speech before the Rotary Club at Jot's Resort, Packwood said that galloping inflation ironically has spawned a tax windfall of about \$4 billion annually for the federal government largely because of inflation adjusters built into labor contracts or other employment agreements.

"It simply seems unfair that, under the present law, the government benefits from the inflation it has perpetrated," Packwood said.

Packwood, who is a member of the Senate Finance Committee, explained that under his idea, the present personal exemption of \$750 and the standard deduction of \$2,000 would be multiplied by the annual percentage of inflation and increased accordingly.

For example, in calendar year 1973, he said, the inflation rate was figured at eight per cent. "If the tax inflation adjuster plan were in effect today, the personal exemption would be \$810 instead of the statutory \$750. Likewise, the percentage standard deduction would increase from \$2,000 to \$2,160," he said.

Under Packwood's plan the tax inflation adjuster would be progressive, ranging from a 31.4 per cent reduction in taxes in the lowest income tax bracket

and a two-tenths per cent reduction for those in the highest.

A similar tax plan was put into effect in Canada for 1973 tax returns, and Packwood said he wanted to look into this system more thoroughly before proposing a bill.

"A basic problem that will have to be worked out is that we would not be providing any relief to the 14 to 15 million persons who do not earn enough to be taxed -- yet they are perhaps the hardest hit by inflation," he said.

"On the other hand, persons in the middle income tax brackets who bear the brunt of government taxes will be helped -- and in terms of simplification, I would estimate about 1.6 million of the 29 million taxpayers who presently itemize would choose to use the percentage standard deduction."

"All facets considered, the government would have to forego about \$2.7 billion in tax money it now so quietly robs from the taxpayers from inflation," Packwood said.

"Flood Pay" Filing Near

The Employment Division reminds residents of the 17 counties declared major disaster areas by Governor McCall and the President in January, who may have been put out of work due to the storms and flooding which began Jan. 14, that they have until March 1 to file for Disaster Unemployment Assistance.

Governor McCall announced on Jan. 30 that those residents of the 17 disaster counties (namely, Benton, Clackamas, Columbia, Coos, Curry, Douglas, Hood River, Jackson, Josephine, Lane, Lincoln, Marion, Polk, Tillamook, Wasco, Washington and Yamhill) who were put out of work due to the January storms and flooding had 30 days to file for unemployment benefits as spelled out in the Disaster Relief Act of 1970. All 17 counties were earlier declared major disaster areas by the President.

Those who feel they may be eligible for disaster unemployment assistance should contact their nearest Employment Division office on or before March 1, 1974 regarding the filing of a claim.

Individuals may be eligible even though they were working at the time of the floods in occupations not covered by regular unemployment insurance, or in self-employment. The Employment Division states. Those eligible may receive benefits ranging from \$49 to \$76 per week of unemployment.



SKIPPER Lawrence D. Hull, on voyage to his home at Seattle, took refuge in local harbor during first of the week storm... and found enough water for moorage and a mighty cold swim. The swim occurred when he attempted to leave the vessel and row his skiff to the beach. About midway, a wave caught the

craft and capsized it, forcing Hull to hang on and swim it in to the beach. He requested assistance from the Port in hoisting the craft from the harbor and loading it aboard a truck, but was informed Port facilities couldn't handle the 26-foot sailing vessel.