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OEA Says Property Limitation Tax Would Cripple Schools

"The Oregon Education Association, representing over 20,000 educators will not stand still and allow the electorate to vote on a property tax limitation next November without a chance vote on a new tax," according to Cecil Posey, OEA executive secretary. "Passage of a 1 1/2 per cent or 1 percent property tax limitation would cripple Oregon schools and reduce funds available to schools by as much as 50 percent in many school districts. Oregon educators want no part of this fiscal irresponsibility," Posey said.

Chances are very good that OEA's Representative Council which meets in Portland, March 1 and 2, will pass a resolution to initiate a 3% sales tax. The sales tax if approved by the voters in November would reduce property taxes and also produce 100 million dollars for Oregon schools.

Earlier this month the Board of Trustees directed the OEA Legislative Commission to prepare a 3% sales tax proposal for consideration by Representative Council. A preliminary survey of OEA members indicated that of all the new tax proposals a 3% sales tax would be the one most accepted by educators.

Posey indicated that educators in Oregon are interested in a realistic approach to Oregon's tax problems. "There probably will be several new tax proposals along with property tax limitations on the November ballot," he said. There is talk by responsible citizens of initiating a 2% transaction tax that would raise \$120,000,000 annually for schools. Our organization is also considering initiating a constitutional amendment that would remove the emergency clause restriction on legislated

tax matters.

OEA has always responded to the needs of schools, Posey emphasized. "We initiated the first state school fund voted by the people in 1942. OEA carried the main load in the passage of the Basic School Fund in 1946. We initiated a successful constitutional change in 1948 when all citizens were given the right to vote in school elections. We spearheaded a successful referendum vote by the people in 1950 to increase state school funds and in 1958, OEA initiated a constitutional change allowing teachers to serve in the legislature," Posey said.

"It appears that 1968 will witness one of the greatest battles at the ballot box ever seen in Oregon. This illustrates the need for a unified effort on the part of educators to solve Oregon's public school and property tax dilemma," he added.



All-Star Trip Won By Sandy Bowler

Sandy's top bowler, Ruby Langlois, realized a long time dream Sunday when she placed second in the hard fought Oregon All-Star match game bowling championships and earned a trip to the National All-Star tournament to be held at Long Island, N. Y. in May.

It was the first time Ruby had reached the finals in five attempts, and she gave it all she had. Two of her games were the highest rolled in the course of the tournament. The first, a whopping 256, came on Saturday when she needed it badly and helped to move her from ninth to first place for the final

12 game round on Sunday. The second, a whopping 257 near the close of Sunday's sets, came after she had lost four previous games and had slipped back to sixth place.

After that, Mrs. Langlois wouldn't take "No" for an answer, and continued to gain pinfall over her opponents with her steady stroking on the outside board.

Helen Weyand, first place winner, is a teammate of the Sandy star's on the ABC Bowling Supply squad and, joining them in Long Island for the All-Star event, will be another ABC teammate, Gloria Bouvia, last year's National Champion.

New Law Affects Woodland Owners

Clackamas County woodland owners would be interested in a new law affecting their woodlands, reports county agent Clayton Wills. The 1967 legislature made changes in the Western Oregon Timber Tax Act as it affects the ad valorem valuation of taxation of private forest lands. This change in the law made it possible for forest land to be taxed at a lower rate, even though it has a higher market value for other purposes. The land owner must make application to the county assessor to see if his land qualifies for this special treatment.

The purpose of the new legislation is to enable land owners to raise timber as a crop. Under the current ad valorem taxing program, many land owners have felt they have had to sell the timber prematurely. As a matter of fact, many thousands of acres of young timber less than 35 years of age have

Estacada Church Bills Crusade

"A Formula for Happiness" will be the theme of an evangelistic crusade to begin Feb. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Seventh-day Adventist church located at N. W. Broadway and Second St. in Estacada. Services will be held every Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights through March 15.

This first Sunday night's subject will be "How to Have a Happy Home" with a film in color titled "The Secret of Happy Marriage". Feb. 6, will be "Hidden Treasures for the Family and You" including another film with the same title. Feb. 8, "The Family's Greatest Need," followed by another color film on the subject.

Each Friday evening a short film series on how to stop smoking will be shown followed by another series on weight control. Also a question and answer period will be conducted every Friday night.

Pastors Floyd Matula and James Fell, both Bible teachers at Portland Union Academy in Portland, will direct a sing-song and a children's story, and youth from this same school will render special music each night.

Ira D. Follett, local pastor, will conduct a Bible marking study each evening. Nursery care will be provided for pre-school children while their parents attend the services. For those desiring to attend who may need transportation, call 630-5651.

Letters to Editor

To the Editor:

I am not a resident of Oregon but live in Rancho Cordova, California. We are a small community of about 25,000 people.

I recently received a letter in behalf of my community. The letter was one of thanks and of appreciation for some cookies. The recipient of these cookies was Sp/4 Marvin A. Rollins, who claims Sandy, Oregon as his home. Marvin Rollins is a young man Oregon can be proud of. He wrote his letter in behalf of the men in his troop. In part his letter said:

"This proves to me that there are many people in the United States that still care for the men serving in the Republic of Viet-Nam" and continued to say, how much both he and his men of the 170th Assault Helicopter Company, enjoyed our communities home made cookies. He also added at the end of his letter "Your efforts to make us more comfortable are in the highest traditions of the United States of America."

May I say for my community, that we are proud to know our efforts went to a young man like Marvin Rollins. We accomplished what we wanted to and that was, to let our men know that we at home still care about our men serving in our country's Armed Forces. We sent them 119 cases of cookies made by both women in church groups, public schools, and our high school girls, and scouts.

The Boeing Company has been recruiting engineers graduating at the end of 1967 from universities in Australia and New Zealand. This is to fill a U.S. shortage of engineers for the company's expansion in Seattle.

The soldier's address is: Sp/4 Marvin A. Rollins RA 19845843 170th Aslt. Hel. Co. APO 96318 San Francisco, California Yours truly, Mrs. Darrilyn Oliver

P.S. He would like more mail.

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Column Comments

By A. Zundel

The vigor of Clackamas County economy and, for that matter, the entire state depends on a healthy forestry and agricultural industry.

These giants are Number one and two industries in the state, employing more people than any other industry in Oregon. Because of their size and diversity, they affect indirectly the prosperity of everyone in Oregon.

Both forestry and agriculture have advanced their technology tremendously under the American free enterprise system. Both industries have developed cultural practices, product-handling practices, methods of processing, new product development, packaging and marketing, far in advance of any other nation. Competition has largely been within America, between companies, or one

growing area against another. This situation seems to be changing and in both industries concern is being expressed regarding competition from foreign countries.

Both industries have thrived on competition in the past, but everyone was operating under the same rules and similar conditions. Producers in other countries do not operate under the same conditions. For example, in American agriculture, it requires 40-60 percent of the value of most crops just to pay harvest costs. This contrasts with countries like Mexico where harvest and processing labor is cheap, which results in a lower product cost as it enters the market. Last year, about 68 million pounds of strawberries entered the U.S. from Mexico. The fact that they enter shows Mexican ability to produce strawberries at low cost, possibly mainly

because of cheap labor. How can Willamette Valley strawberry growers compete? Many feel that mechanization will be the answer. (Strawberry picking machines are under development, but are years away from picking the strawberry crop in the Willamette Valley.)

Last spring I had the opportunity to visit a broker in San Francisco who buys processed foods and deals heavily in Northwest green beans. During our visit the broker became excited about the prospects of buying canned green beans from Formosa. His excitement stemmed from the cheap price being quoted but, as the story developed, another point emerged. It really wasn't Formosa's idea to begin growing snap beans. It seems an enterprising American originated the idea. It isn't Formosan technology which developed the cultural practices, machinery and processing know-how, again it was mostly American. Their beans are real and if the law of supply and demand works, then as they import snap beans this will reduce the amount of snap beans produced in the U.S. In every corner of the world, producers and manufacturers are ready and eager to ship to the U.S. in exchange for the dollar. Their eagerness must surely prove the old saying, "Charity begins at home!"

Part of the current economic problems of the forestry industry is closely tied to import-export laws. The agricultural industry is in one sense more diversified in that the loss of a few thousand acres of strawberries or bush beans may be offset by growth in another crop. However, the over-all effect of imports on local production of agricultural products is of concern to agricultural leaders.

Although import-export laws may seem remote, they are important to each of us because of their effect on forestry and agricultural industries. These two industries must continue to grow to insure a strong, sound economy for Clackamas County.

Clay Myers Campaigns In Gresham Territory

Clay Myers, G.O.P. Secretary of State, did some campaigning in his race for reelection in East Multnomah county yesterday, Wednesday.

He met Electronic Specialty employees as they came to work, lectured to seniors at Reynolds high at 10:30 a.m.; lunched with the Rotary; made it to Mt. Hood Community college at 2 p.m.; shook hands with the afternoon shift at Reynolds Metals plant, and ended the day with a taped interview with Vern Cook, Gresham attorney and Demo State Senator.

Sally's Alley News From Eagle Creek

by SALLY SEYMOUR

Have some horsey news for all you equestrian enthusiasts in Eagle Creek and elsewhere.

It seems we have a celebrity in the neighborhood. Jim Inman and Dave Woodcock of Bar 2 arena, attended a rodeo at Canby last weekend. Jim and John Rosbrook of Beaver City, proceeded to win first average in the team tying event with the spectacular time of 30.3 seconds on three steers. They won this in competition with 76 other teams from three states. Pretty good.

Bar 2 arena has open roping every Friday night and those roping last week were, J. D. Smith, Vancouver, Wash., Guy Buswell, Sandy, Dick Woodcock, Jr., Eagle Creek, Claude Inman, Sandy, Dave Woodcock, Bar 2, and Jim Inman, Bar 2.

The teams competing in ribbon-roping were Guy and Diane Buswell, Dick Woodcock Jr., and Shirleen, J. D. Smith and Mrs. Smith, Jim Inman and Mary Ann Johnson, Claude Inman and Stumble-foot Seymour. For those who wonder, ribbon-roping consists of a cowboy who ropes the calf and a girl who runs madly out, gloms the stubborn ribbon off the tail of a squirming calf, and races for the finish line.

This is usually lots of fun unless a good roper ends up with a slow runner who falls flat on her face right in front of the finish line, thus ruining his chances of winning, or he might end up with a girl who is rather squeamish about grabbing the tail of an untrained calf. Ugh.

All kidding aside, we had lots of fun so come on up some Friday and join in, but wear

gloves just in case.

Anyone interested in joining a riding club that will have something of interest for the whole family, be sure and call Bar 2 arena. The number is 630-4496. Meeting and riding dates will be announced later.

The Barton store was robbed Sunday night by two hold-up men. They just walked in the store and held a gun on clerk, Carol Gardner, and asked for the money. She gave it to them and they walked out again.

A passing motorist stopped at Wyatt's Tuesday evening and informed them that their chimney was on fire. They called the Boring fire dept., and the truck stationed in Eagle Creek was first on the scene. No damage was done by the fire, but the firemen cleaned their chimney out for them afterward.

It certainly is nice to know that we have a fire truck in Eagle Creek when we need it fast. A big vote of thanks to our hard-working volunteers.

If you live on Weber road or thereabouts and heard any strange noises Monday night, it was either a stray herd of horses, or the herd of kids after them.

The new owners of the Thronsen place moved their horses in early. The horses proceeded to find an open gate and tear around the countryside, four mares and a stallion. The good Samaritans who rounded them up were the Joneses, mother and girls, the Trainer kids, the Thronsen's, and assorted other teen-agers. Thanks are due to their quick action to avert trouble.

Rose Westerman is home from the hospital and would appreciate visitors. That's all for this week.

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