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Taxing Trailer Homes

One of the items the next legislature most surely should consider is the part trailer homes pay in support of local schools.

A study completed recently by the Reynolds district indicated that the average home contributed \$400 per year in school taxes. The average trailer contributed \$80. . . in other words, just one-fifth!

Yet, it obviously costs just as much to educate a youngster who comes from a trailer home as it does a youngster who comes from a conventional home.

Reynolds, as of last spring, had 104 youngsters from trailer parks in the district. Present indications are that the number of trailer spaces in the district will be just about doubled in the near future.

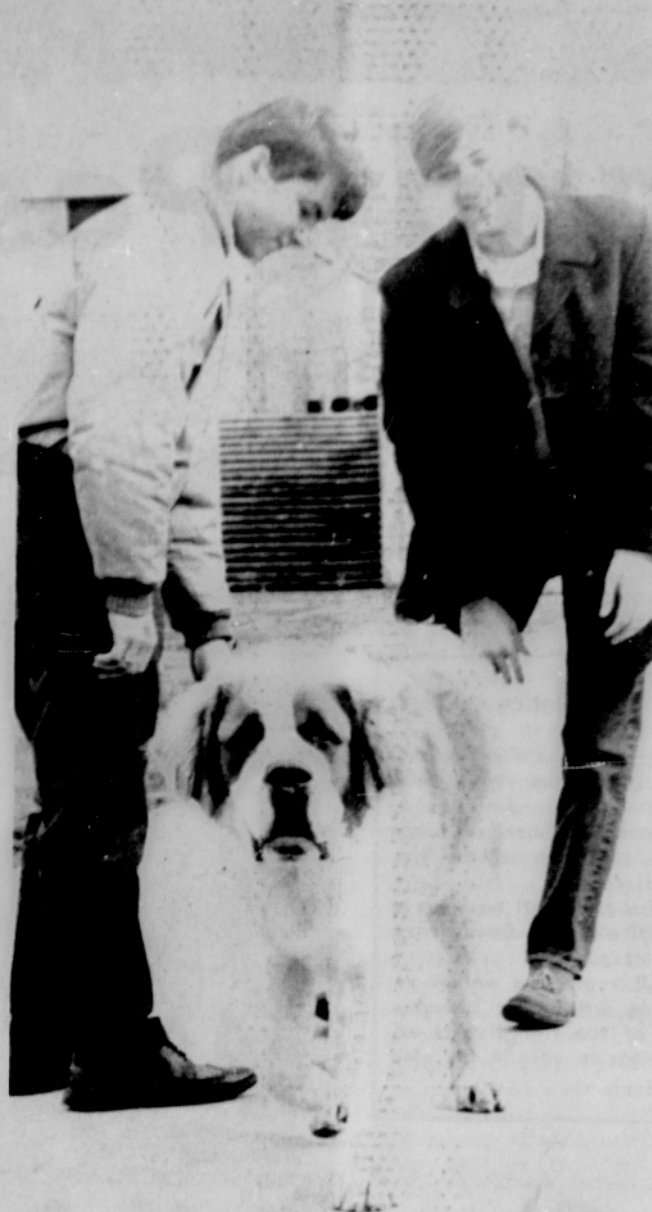
Other districts, particularly Lynch,

also have a sizable number of youngsters whose parents live in trailer parks.

Trailer owners pay no property tax but do pay a state license which is roughly 2 per cent of the value of the trailer. The owner of the property upon which the trailer is located must, of course, pay a tax on the land. This, again in the Reynolds district, averages out to a valuation of about \$7,000 per acre.

A legislative interim committee is studying the apparent tax disparity and may have some recommendations to make.

Obviously, they should. There would be no excuse for soaking trailer owners unduly, but neither is there any excuse for the present 5-1 tax break they get over home owners in educating their children. Everyone should pay alike.



"I'M NOT MUCH of a publicity hound," Barnie says as he saunters down the walk south of the trailer complex at Mt. Hood Community College. Students are very fond of the huge school mascot and take turns taking him home for the week end.

SALEM SCENE

by ERRETT CUTLER

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES SET NEW GROWTH RECORDS

Total local property tax levies in Oregon increased more this year, in dollar amount, than any other single year in state history. Measured in percentages, the increase is the largest in modern Oregon history.

These findings, based upon property tax levies in all 36 counties for fiscal year 1968-69, were published last week by Oregon Tax Research (OTRO). If the figures seem disconcerting—particularly in view of the defeat of the 1 1/2 per cent limitation—it is helpful to remember that OTR repeatedly stressed before the election that two-thirds of this year's property tax increase is the result of voters approving levies extending beyond the Constitutional 6 per cent property tax limit.

Now 33 years old, OTR is a highly-respected non-partisan organization which devotes its work to the study of state and local taxes throughout Oregon. Its manager, George J. Annala, served four terms in the State House of Representatives (1955-61), and in the 1967 legislative session was consultant to the Senate Taxation Committee.

According to Annala's compilations, this year's total levies, before any offset from property tax relief programs now operating, total \$410,417, 205. It is a dollar increase of \$54 million over 1967-68.

The average statewide percentage increase, OTR notes, is 15.2 percent, up from a 10.7 per cent increase last year. The previous highest one-year increase was 11.3 per cent in 1964-65, following voters' defeat of an increased personal income tax for property tax relief.

This year's greatest dollar increase is in the most populous counties. The highest percentage increase—28.3 percent, occurred in Clatsop County, with Walla, Lincoln and Crook Counties not far behind. A decrease of 1.4 percent occurred in Jefferson County.

"Possibly most disconcerting," OTR reports, is this year's increase in the average effective tax rate over 1967-68. Although increased true cash value of nearly \$1 billion absorbed "a significant amount" of this year's percentage increase in taxes, the effective tax rate for Oregon still increased nearly 9 percent. Even after property tax relief, the current average rate is 2.42 per cent of true cash value, higher than last year's 2.36 per cent rate even before relief was deducted.

Relief deductions this year total \$22,448,405, leaving a net collectible tax of \$387,927,563. This amount is roughly \$54.9 million higher than in 1967-68. Property tax relief appears in three forms in OTR's report. Senior citizen's homestead exemptions are responsible for

\$2.26 million offset this year. Inventory tax relief of \$3.1 million is down about \$2 million from last year. General property tax relief, including \$6.7 million in cigarette taxes earmarked for this purpose, is up approximately \$800,000.

Annala believes the legislature has its work well cut out for it. Obviously, lawmakers are expected to come up with some answers to "the major problem facing the next session of the legislature." Nearly 300,000 Oregonians voted for the 1 1/2 per cent property tax limitation; no doubt thousands more would have if there had been an alternative method of raising the needed local revenue in the proposal.

Now the ball has been thrown back by voters to the legislature. Any new form of raising revenue to offset property taxes must be approved by the people, however. Because the legislature cannot attach the emergency clause to revenue measures, it either must refer tax reform plans to the voters or expect any measure it approves to be tested by popular referendum.

Ultimately then, again, the people and not the legislature will have the final say. Every voting citizen should bear this in mind, and be prepared to accept constructive ideas the next legislature is hard-pressed to propose. If not, we must be prepared to accept the continuing rise in local property taxes which makes OTR's report such uncomfortable reading.

Flower, Gift Shop Plans Open House

Christmas designs will be on display when the Menlo Park Flowers and Gifts Shop, 12317 N.E. Glisan, holiday open house from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 29 and 30.

Owners of the shop, Tom and Jackie Moore, Rt. 2, Sandy, have assembled an assortment of hand-painted ceramics for the event, Christmas wreaths and swags, painted and flocked arrangements of holiday greens and decorations. Colored trees of a variety shapes and sizes will be featured.

Mrs. Morris recently won the first prize in a Christmas arrangement contest, sponsored by Chase Garden Wholesale Florist during its annual Christmas design school. Refreshment will be served at the open house and a merchandise drawing will be conducted at 5 p.m. Nov. 30.

Navyman Takes Tour Of Japanese Cities

Fireman Apprentice Randall B. Shaw, USN, 18, son of Mrs. Dorothy M. Shaw of Rt. 1, Boring, visited Yokosuka, Japan abroad the attack aircraft carrier USS Constellation.

Constellation arrived in Yokosuka from conducting combat operations

Mt. Hood CC Spurs Plan For Joint UHF TV Channel

Mt. Hood and Portland Community Colleges will co-operatively seek to acquire a license to operate television channel 30, a UHF channel designated for educational television, Dr. Earl L. Klapstein, announced Friday.

Mt. Hood College is the only metropolitan community college currently approved to offer a television broadcasting program, Portland Community College is in the process of developing such a curriculum.

Klapstein said that the co-operative arrangement was proposed to Portland and Clackamas Community Colleges, by Mt. Hood College last week. He stated, "the presidents of the three institutions met this week, Portland Community College agree to participate, Clackamas Community College has not made a final decision. The two colleges will proceed with the necessary legal and regulatory steps in the preparation of an application, Clackamas Community College may become a partner in the agreement right up to the application filing date.

The original proposal developed by MHCC calls for a central transmission point with linkage to the participating campuses. The two-college transmission point with linkage to the participating campuses. The two-college agreement has the support of both college boards of education. The Boards of the three colleges have indicated enthusiastic support for this cooperative arrangement, and are encouraging their Presidents in their efforts to develop other cooperative educational programs for the metropolitan area. It is believed that with better educational programs in highly specialized fields, substantial tax savings can result in cooperative action.

Milk Marketing Hearing Set

Proposals to establish a new federal milk marketing order for parts of Oregon and Washington will be considered at a public hearing Dec. 3 at 9:30 a.m. in the Cosmopolitan Motor hotel in Portland.

The hearing is held at the request of the seven Oregon dairy farmer cooperative associations.

Community College's new and experienced President, Dr. Gene Voris, the harnessing of metropolitan potential in community college education has become challenging, fascinating, and pleasurable.

Arnie Heuchert, MHCC director of technical and professional programs, said it was the belief of Mt. Hood personnel that "the public could better be served through a co-operative arrangement rather than by having each college attempt to provide such service individually."

Currently, MHCC has an on-campus television facility under construction, Tom Holmes, MHCC Mass Communications division chairman, reported that the college has for sometime been working closely with representatives of commercial radio and television stations in the metropolitan area. The campus facility now under construction is designed for training students in television production.

The college has been developing its radio and television program since 1966.

Eric Zulauf and Mickey Lane of Boring are among residents taking classes at Mt. Hood Community college.



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FREEDOM OF RELIGION WEEK

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LETTERS ToThe EDITOR

Ed's Note: Hoodland residents Claude Gudge and Jack Fahie are on an extended tour of the Orient and South Seas. Claude is keeping friends up-to-date on their progress and experiences by sending letters to this column.

To the Editor:

Manila P.R.
Nov. 16,

Not much of great importance has been happening we decided to stay a few more days in the P.R. (Republic of the Philippines.) After chasing all over town to immigration departments of consular affairs, we finally got a waiver of visa and an extension of 59 days. So we'll stay another week or two.

Wednesday night we did the town's seamier night spots with Tony Laich of the peace corps. Thursday I took one of the Peace Corps boys out to dinner at a native restaurant. Not sure just what we had, but it was very good - and dinner and tip for 2 of us came to 7 1/2 pesos. (\$1.90 U.S.)

Friday Tony picked us up in a peace corps jeep and we went to Imus, Cavite for peace corps movies of results and experiments in the rice paddies. Got some great shots of native houses, workers, etc, and the Carabao. Then to the International Rice Research Institute, which is sponsored by Carnegie Institute and the Ford foundation. This is in a beautiful location in the hills south of Manila and is worked by a combination of peace corps volunteers of all nations. There are hundreds of acres of experimental rice paddies. It was great, but 5 hours in the back of a jeep over those roads, leave a little to be desired.

Saturday Tony and a group from peace corps came to the hotel and just showed color movies of Hoodland and of Viet Nam. The boys enjoyed pictures from home.

Sunday the Schaffers took all their family, 2 boys and 2 girls (13 - 19 years of age), and Jack and me - to Pansanjan Falls. This is a resort area near Los Banos Hot Springs. Two natives took 2 tourists in a long narrow (very tippy boats - they pushed and paddled about 1 1/2 hours up a narrow, rocky gorge very similar to Oncontia Gorge on the Columbia River. Then there is a swimming hole at the base of the falls. Then a 45 minute river run down to the resort area. Very thrilling and spectacular, and pretty wet from waves splashing in the boat from the rapids. Also a few places where the canyon walls drip. Had dinner there - chicken adobo - pancit canton - rice - shrimp - all very native and very good.

Then back to the hotel and went down to see "the Graduate." When down town at night, we act very circumspect and try to get a "Golden" cab home. In some cabs you could end up in any dark alley.

Monday we loafed in the sun at the pool most of the day. (Jack and I are both getting very tanned.) Jack took Tessie to dinner and Tony and I went

native. On 8 pesos (\$2.00) per day those peace corps volunteers really have to live native to even exist. This 8 pesos includes room, food, and all other costs. - So Tony and I took a jeepney for 2 1/2¢ by bus downtown to see "Igorota" a well photographed story of the aborigine near Baguio. This is a mountainous, isolated area north of Manila (6-7 hours by bus) where Tony & Mike Gudge were stationed at one time. Incidentally - these natives still are head hunters during April & May (they prefer caucasians) so tourists do not frequent this area during this time. - So, after the movie, back by bus to the Golden Nugget for a nightcap, and to bed.

The weather here ranges from a night coolness of 75 degrees to a day heat of 85 degrees - lucky it is winter and cool. So we are happy to have an air conditioned room and Art's 2 cars have an air conditioning for these trips.

There is an interesting political and economic situation here concerning the Philippine Republic (PRE) and the Malasia Republic (MR) - It seems many years ago, a Malasian Rajah married a Philippine princess. He gave her about 1/3 of the island of Borneo as a wedding present. So for many years the MR has rented this area back from the PR. Seems like this would be tacit acceptance of the situation. Now they have decided that this is all wrong, and that the MR really owns it after all. So both countries have withdrawn their embassies and are issuing dire threats. The street boys have talk of when they will "go to war". But there is too much economy involved to have a war.

Guess they got the idea from all the U.S. bases we used to own--which we now lease because we can't "offend minority groups."

Guess that's all for this week. Looks as if we'll still be here a while, they still have all our passports and visus "somewhere" at the Philippine embassy.

All's well and we're having a great time. Until next week, (in Tagalog) Gusto Kita makita so isang lingo.

Claude & Jack

To the Editor:

For the handicapped men and women of Goodwill Industries, Thanksgiving is a very special holiday. Without the assistance of the public, including the news media, many Goodwill workers might not need a day of rest, for they would have no jobs. They might not have a traditional turkey dinner in this land of plenty, for they would have no money to spend. Public support of Goodwill in the form of repairable clothing, household goods and money for capital needs, provided benefits for Goodwill's disabled folk. Benefits that include evaluation, job training, placement, and paid employment were made possible.

The fine support of the community has given Goodwill's people other blessings, the more spiritual kind . . . such as self-respect, dignity, self-

support, independence and a feeling of being useful members of society.

At this special Thanksgiving season Goodwill Industries adds to its blessings, the generosity of the public. To all . . . Goodwill says: "It's Thanks-for-Giving time and we thank you for giving."

Very sincerely yours,
Marion C. Smith
Executive Director
Portland



The current MHCC Children's Theatre play RUMPELSTILSKIN has now been presented to more than 2,000 children and adults according to Dave Spooner, director of the Children's Theatre Group. Grade School children from Reynolds and Rockwood district have been bused to the campus for performances. After each performance the cast takes their bow and the enters the audience to talk with the children.

The cast has performed in the David Douglas district on November 18, and Parkrose November 26. Other performances will be at Lynch Terrace School on November 28.

STUDENTS PARTICIPATE

Three MHCC students will participate in a panel discussion on KATU Televisions "College Opinion" program regarding continuation or abolishment of the electoral college. The students appearing will be Ron Fernstadt, Ferris Top, and Pat Torelle. The program will be video taped for viewing on Channel 2 December 22 at 3 p.m., according to Ray Nelson, Speech instructor.

KLAPSTEIN SPEAKS

Dr. Earl Klapstein, college president, was the keynote speaker for the Sandy Union High School National Honor Society installation ceremony held Friday, November 22, at 2 p.m. He spoke to students regarding their role in society. Students need to help bring about change in society, but they should work in a responsible way, Klapstein told the high school students and their parents.

CHRISTMAS ART SHOW

A Christmas Art Show opened Monday at Mt. Hood Community College. The exhibit includes window paintings, mobiles, paintings, sculpture, Christmas crafts, and other art work pertaining to Christmas are featured. For more information about the Christmas Art Show contact the college at 665-1131, extension 262.

FEDERATION BILLS

RUMMAGE SALE

Mrs. Dorothy McNair is chairman and Mrs. Lois Armstrong co-chairmen for a Nov. 30 rummage sale at Rockwood Grange Hall, S.E. 183rd and Stark. Sponsors of the sale are members of the Federation of Veterans' Affairs.

Getting up early in the morning is merely a question of mind over mattress.