

State school officials support tax measure

The board of directors of the Oregon School Boards Association, representing 345 local school districts, has gone on record in support of the five cents per pack cigarette tax at the Jan. 18 special election.

Passage of the measure would bring in an estimated \$17.2 million and avoid the possibility of cutting general fund appropriations by 2 per cent—in the case of basic school support, \$4 million—as threatened by the special session of the state legislature.

"We cannot stand any cuts in an already meager state school aid budget. Any revenue loss would be passed on to Oregon citizens in the form of increased property taxes," Robert Ridgley, Association president and chairman of the Portland School Board, explained in announcing the OSBA stand.

"If the cigarette tax increase measure is defeated and the 2 per cent cuts take place, the \$4 million loss in basic school support would mean an approximate \$8 loss per pupil to each local school district in the state," Ridgley emphasized.

"At a time when school districts throughout the state are faced with fiscal crises, we can't expect Oregonians to make up this difference, and our local schools surely cannot suffer further retrenchment in programs," Ridgley added.

Pointing out that the Oregon School Boards Association has long pushed for alternative school financing programs to relieve the property tax burden, Ridgley observed that the passage of the cigarette tax increase "would at least help us hold the line until meaningful school support changes are approved."

Hergerts buy new business

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Hergert are the new owners of Shorty's Corner Texaco Service Station, Garage and Grocery east of Sandy.

The Hergerts are well known in the Gresham-Sandy area where Hergert and his sons have built a number of custom homes. They also have had previous experience in the garage and service station business.

They are looking forward to serving the people of the area in their convenient facilities. A grand opening will be announced later.

Al Thomas of Marcus Realty handled the transaction.



THE SANDY city crew has been busy during the past week installing the sewer line to the apartments on Third St. which were recently completed. The street has

been closed or down to one lane of traffic during the work. Here the pipe is being installed by a worker.

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PGE planning '80 million construction budget in 1972

Directors of Portland General Electric company have approved a record construction budget for 1972, of which \$6.1 million is for environmental protection or enhancement.

Capital construction costs on the PGE system are estimated at \$80 million, of which \$44 million will go into the Trojan nuclear plant. Construction expenditures estimated at \$6,148,900 are scheduled for "the environment" in 1972.

In discussing the specific projects involved in the environmental package, PGE president Frank M. Warren said, "The largest single item is about \$2.6 million for continued construction of the cooling tower at Trojan. Total cost of the cooling tower will be about \$7.7 million." Other large items on the list include residential underground (the portion in excess of overhead costs), landscaping of substations, a fish hatchery at the Round Butte hydroelectric project, and increased costs of chipping trees and brush cut during right-of-way preparation as compared to burning.

Recreation areas, at Trojan and other PGE parks and campgrounds, will take some \$200,000 of the total; cost differences between standard overhead construction with crossarms as compared to more expensive short brackets, the so-called "twig" construction, will cost about

\$250,000 more.

"We anticipate a 7-per cent increase in our power load in 1972," Warren said. "Basic causes of increased demands are a growing population, change of living and working habits, and the additional requirements for energy by commercial and industrial customers." Concerning his company's environmental costs, Warren said, "Some of these expenditures we are required to make, some are own choices; but either way those extra costs will be reflected in our cost of doing business and eventually in the cost of our product, which is electricity."

Thermal and hydroelectric generating plants are scheduled for capital ex-

penditures of \$44.7 million with, as mentioned, Trojan responsible for nearly \$44 million.

As much money will be spent on underground distribution lines as on overhead.

A half million dollars will go into special projects, planning and designing a new corporate headquarters, a western division headquarters, and a service center at Newberg.

Five new substations will be built and 18 will be upgraded, expanded or completed during the year at a total cost of \$4.5 million.

Transmission lines, including costs of a line from Trojan to Harborton substation north of Linnton and various others across the PGE system, will cost \$5.5 million.

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Snowmobiles endanger historic camping site

Historians trying to save the Barlow Trail met this week to discuss possible snowmobile hazards to Summit Meadow. Present at the meeting were Mrs. Clare Belsher, Barlow Trail historian, and Charles Hogan, owner of Summit Meadow which was one of the historic campsites on the Barlow Road.

Concern for the old campsite stems from a recently published book recommending a snowmobile trail which opens on an area immediately adjacent to Summit Meadow. While the meadow is private property, says Hogan, there is nothing to keep the snowmobiles out of the historic site once they come into the nearby

area. When the snow level gets down to about two feet historians fear the snow vehicles will damage the old fire pits, pioneer graves and wagon ruts at the site. Hogan says he would like to see snowmobiles eliminated from the entire Trillium Lake area and its use limited to skiers and snow shoers.

Racey reading available even to early settlers

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is another in a series of articles written by E.L. (Roy) Meyers who hit a treasure of historical papers which were left by Philip Foster, one of the pioneers of the Barlow Trail.

By E.L. (ROY) MEYERS
With all the talk and pages of printed warnings about the demoralizing effect upon our young people, with sexy movies and TV westerns, a look back 117 years gives perspective one can't ignore.

Guess maybe this modern age is not so bad after all.

In 1855 Philip Foster, an early day pioneer, operated a general store at Eagle Creek which was the only store between the Clackamas River and Independence, Mo. He received a letter enclosing "John Stratman's Mammoth Catalogue of Cheap Publications of 1854," address Washington and Sansome Streets in San Francisco.

Here, so the letter states, was a chance of a lifetime for Foster to get wealthy taking orders for books for which he was receive 15 per cent commission.

Nothing could be found among the Foster store accounts to indicate that he availed himself of the opportunity. If you have wondered what choice literature some of the pioneers read we are here listing a few Philip had marked for what purpose we do not know, we list them herewith:

- "Claude & the Abbess; or a Night in the Nunnery" - 25 cents.
- "The Ladies Guide to True Politeness & Perfect Manners" - \$1.50.
- "Will Terril; or Adventures of a Gentleman Born in a Cellar" - 25 cents.
- "The Unfortunate Maid; or The Miser's Fate" - 25 cents.
- "The Gambler's League; or the Trials of a Country Maid" - 25 cents.
- "The Flower of the Forest; or the Discarded Daughter" - 25 cents.
- "Claude in a Convent; or The Nuns & the Highwayman" - 25 cents.
- "The Quadroon; or a Lover's Adventures in Louisiana" - \$1.50.

There must have been some wild women in those days, as witness the following titles: "The Bandit of the Ocean; or The Female Privateer" - 25 cents.

"Adventures of Margaret Catchpole the Female Horse Thief" - 25 cents.

"The Wild Huntress; or Love in the Wilderness" - \$1.50.

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The original "Catalogue" reposes among the "Philip Foster Historical Papers" in the Oregon Historical Society.

Obituary

Bessie Lindstrom

Bessie M. Lindstrom, 83, Mt. Angel, Ore., died in the Silverton hospital on Jan. 5. She was born in Dakota Territory, N.Dak. on July 13, 1889. She was married to Oscar Lindstrom. They had resided in the Mt. Angel Towers, Mt. Angel for the past 1 1/2 years. She is survived by her husband; son, Merle Rolofson of Cheshire, Ore.; two daughters, Mrs. Marian Mann of Government Camp and Mrs. Coral Wilson of Pittsburg, Cal.; three sisters, Mrs. Robert Larson of Mt. Angel Towers, Mrs. Nettie Earring of Mt. Vernon, Wash., Mrs. Elma Sartor of Mt. Angel Towers; and one brother, David Ostby of Minn. Private services were held Monday, Jan. 10, at 2 p.m. at Unger Funeral Chapel, Mt. Angel, with Rev. David Barnett, officiating.



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