



MRS. BETTY Hartman, editor of Centennial publication, holds letter she received this week from subscriber Leo Troutman of Temple, Pa., who wrote requesting a copy of book, "Sandy Pioneers, Early Settlers, and Barlow Road Days."

(Post photo)

Legislators organize to fight McCall's school tax plan

The formal fight against Gov. Tom McCall's controversial school finance and property tax plan has started.

A bi-partisan group of Republican and Democratic legislators in a Salem press conference came out swinging against the plan in round one of a fight to be decided in a special state-wide election May 1.

Speaking as co-chairmen of Legislators for Responsible Tax Relief, were Sen. Vern Cook, D-Troutdale and Rep. Stafford Hansell, R-Hermiston. Also three local legislators Sen. Ken Jernstedt and Rep. Paul Walden and Jack Sumner were listed in legislators fighting the McCall tax plan.

Addressing reporters, Cook said, "Since legislative referral of the governor's tax plan, it has become apparent to us that there is a great mass of misinformation about the proposal, most of which is being disseminated by its supporters."

Joining Cook, Hansell charged that, "The proponents of the plan have embarked on a collision course with chaos." Cook told reporters that, "The people should not be asked to buy any program as important as this one on faith. They are entitled not just to some of the facts, those which make the plan look good and to lots of expensive opinions about the prospects between now and the year 2000, but to all of the facts wars and all."

Legislators for Responsible Tax Relief would act as a "truth squad," he said, going out to tell the voters about these various complexities of the bill, what it would and would not do.

"There are three primary areas in the plan which the people must specifically know about," said Cook.

"These are technical provisions of the bill; the actual content and effect of the proposed school distribution formula; and the actual impact of the shifts in taxation, not on an average individual basis but upon the basis of where one resides, how much one earns and what the valuation of his property holding area."

"Under HB 2004 we don't know how near the poor districts can be brought to the wealthy high spending districts. We don't know how many small school districts will be wiped out or consolidated. We don't know whether even the current tax program will be adequate to supply the money appropriated to support this plan."

Cook also took to task the plan's proposed income tax increase. "We know there will be a 32 per cent average income tax rate increase. We are quite certain income tax revenues over the next two years will increase by over 53 per cent. There will be a business tax of 1 per cent on most businesses and 2 per cent on really successful businesses. We know there will be savings of over three million dollars in taxes by 55 of Oregon's largest corporations."

"We don't know what the actual tax changes, up or down, will be for all classes of individuals because of the lack of information from the Dept. of

Revenue, other statistical data of income, size of family property ownership of individual and place of residence.

"We don't even know exactly what the bill will do in every case. That's what we don't know. We do know this is a bad bill and should be defeated."

Listing the goals of Legislators for Responsible Tax Relief, Hansell said the group:

1. Was determined to adopt reasonable tax relief program this legislative session.
2. Believed schools should receive at least 50 per cent of their total support for operating costs from state revenue.
3. Believed that the existing low income homeowner's property tax relief program should be improved and expanded during this legislative session to reach more of those Oregonians in need, including low income renters.
4. Was opposed to the state-wide property tax.

Plenty ahead for 4-Her's

What's ahead for teenagers in 4-H? Plenty, says H. Joe Myers, assistant director of 4-H and Youth, Oregon State University Extension Service.

For the first time, Myers explained, older 4-Hers will have their own statewide advisory committee to develop programs that are appealing to teenage members. Although Oregon has a record 43,000 members enrolled in 4-H clubs, Myers said, we'd like to counter the trend away from 4-H during those early high school years. There are so many other demands and activities competing for a teenager's time, he added, that it becomes a real challenge to develop a meaningful program. At a recent organizational meeting, he said, four immediate goals were noted: 1) identify needs of older youth members, 2) establish a program to meet those needs, 3) evaluate the existing 4-H program, and 4) assign priorities to new program efforts.

The recently appointed committee is made up of ten youth members, three leaders and three county extension agents. Duane Johnson, OSU extension 4-H and Youth specialist, will act as consultant.

Micky Elliott Jasper, one of the youth members, has recently returned from the Regional 4-H Leader's Forum in Albuquerque, New Mexico, said Myers, where she participated in workshops geared to teenage-program development.

Duane Johnson has been invited to attend a 10 day workshop on teen programs at the National 4-H Center in Washington, D.C., sponsored by the Kellogg Foundation.

These two people will be able to bring us ideas that other states have successfully developed, explained Myers.

One out of every 10 girls in the U.S. becomes a mother before the age of 18.

Post cartoonist reaches finals for Spur Award

The Western Writers of America have named "Nez Perce Buffalo Horse" by Viola author William Sanderson as one of three finalists for the Best Western Novel for Young Readers. Selection of the Spur Award winner will be made at the Western Writers' annual conference to be held at Olympia, Wash. in July.

"Buffalo Horse," published by the Caxton Printers Ltd.,

was reviewed in the Sandy Post last fall after it was released. Author Sanderson, better known to Post readers as cartoonist "Old Bill," combines his interests in Nez Perce history with his equestrian expertise in this book.

A sequel to an earlier work, "Horses Are for Warriors," the new book continues the saga of the Nez Perce tribe's gradual changes in culture due to its

acquisition of horses.

"Buffalo Horse" is the story of 14 year old Young Wolf, who grows to manhood in the course of his adventures. During a perilous, but necessary journey on his Appaloosa stallion "Warrior's Son"; he learns to face challenges, and conquer danger, in the tradition of a true brave.

"Horses are for Warriors," published in 1964, was named

one of the best of the decade by Western Brand Books of Chicago. It is being considered

for filming as a movie.

Sanderson, 70, is retired from the Army Corps of Engineers,

and has a small ranch in Viola. His cartoons appear in the Post weekly, and in other publications. He is embarking on his second term teaching a cartooning class through Community School program in Sandy.

A son, Bill Sanderson of Portland, is also a cartoonist. His cartoons are featured nightly on KGW-TV's "Northwest Tonight" on channel 8.

Students hold art fair here

Art students at Sandy High will stage an art fair the week of April 16-20. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day, visitors may view samples of ceramics, oil paintings, silkscreen, leather,

work, macrame, drawing, candles, and other crafts. The show will extend until 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday of that week.

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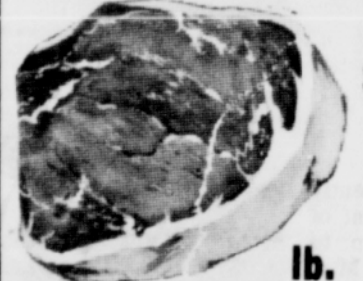
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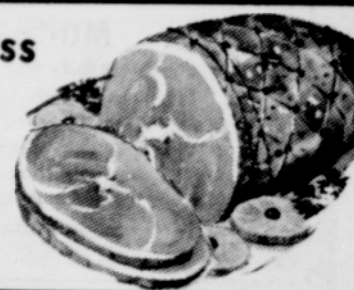
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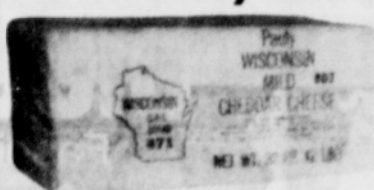
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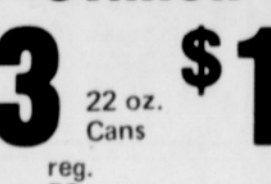
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