

Hannah Eldredge born

David and Jan Eldredge of Brightwood recently announced the birth their daughter, Hannah Jane. She was born Jan. 11 in Forest Grove. She weighed eight pounds and 10 ounces, and was 21 inches long. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gower of Fresno, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Eldredge of Pleasanton, Calif.

Students on honor roll

About 300 persons were on the honor roll for the winter term at Western Oregon State College. A grade point average of 3.5 to 3.99 is required, as well as a load of at least 12 credit hours. Lauri McDonald of Borning and Lisa Raenell Holliday of Eagle Creek were included in that group.

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Economic slump traced to 1960s

Although the immediate causes of Oregon's financial woes can be found in the economic slump of the past two years, the roots of the problem trace back to the late 1960s, says an Oregon State University extension expert on state and local taxation.

"From 1967 through 1973, Oregon had a moderately growing economy that created a pattern of expectations in regard to state tax revenues that people had little reason to assume would change," said Bruce Weber, an economist for the OSU extension community development program.

During those years, personal income in Oregon grew at an annual rate of more than 11 percent, employment

at 3 percent and population at 2 percent. The state's general fund shared in the prosperity, thanks to its heavy reliance on personal income taxes.

"When you look at the history of those years, the first thing you notice is that the state was conservative in its revenue projections," Weber said. "The state always took in more money from tax collections than it thought it would."

As a result of these unanticipated revenues, the state treasury ended each biennium with more money on hand than expected. Even though the planned ending balances were reasonable and prudent, the actual ending balances—the money left after all the state's bills had been

paid—were considerably higher.

These ending balances ranged from a low of \$18 million in 1971 to highs of \$200 million in 1975 and \$271 million in 1979.

"You could call it an embarrassment of riches and it occurred every biennium," Weber said.

The Legislature responded to the favorable revenue situation during this period by increasing the payments from the state general fund to local governments and to tax relief.

During the 1969-79 decade, general fund support for local government and tax relief rose from 39 percent in 1969 to 48 percent in the 1977-79 biennium.

In 1979, the Legislature faced a

growing taxpayer's revolt, inspired primarily by Proposition 13 in California.

When the 1979 Legislature convened, there had been a decade of moderate economic growth, a history of conservative revenue projections, a substantial and increasing ending balance in the general fund, and a trend toward increasing state expenditures for local government aid and tax relief.

Aid to local governments and tax relief combined to take 55 percent of the state general fund budgeted for the 1979-81 biennium. In addition, the state police and state parks, which had been financed by the state highway fund, were switched to the general fund.

"Based on the previous decade when actual revenues always exceeded projected revenues, the Legislature felt safe in making these expenditures. No one had any reason to expect economic conditions would change so drastically," Weber said.

In 1979, however, the growth rate of personal income dropped sharply. Total employment in Oregon actually declined in 1980.

Swayze, Coombs to marry

Jo and Les Swayze of Troutdale recently announced the engagement of their daughter, Michele Delynn Swayze, to Tod Edward Coombs.

Coombs, son of Lynn and Don Coombs, Sandy, is a 1979 graduate of Sandy Union High School. Swayze is a 1981 graduate of Columbia High School.

Coombs is currently serving in the United States Air Force. Swayze is a sales clerk at Meier & Frank, at the Clackamas Town Center.

A wedding date has not yet been set.

Booklet on rivers available

A reference booklet, "River Information Digest," providing brief information on western whitewater boating rivers, is available from the Bureau of Land Management's Oregon State Office, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, 97208.

The 65-page booklet provides references on where to find additional information as well as including brief descriptions of popular boating rivers throughout the West.

The publication was prepared as a public service by the Intagency Whitewater Committee.

Landfill owner awarded

Jack W. Parker, owner of Rossman's Landfill in Oregon City and a Lake Oswego resident, was nominated for a national award by Clackamas County last week.

Parker's contribution to converting a pollution liability into a new energy and revenue resource was cited in the county's nomination of him for the first "Good Neighbor Award" from the National Association of Counties (NACo).

The award program is part of the association's "alliance for business and counties," and is intended to recognize the contributions that private individuals or organizations make to local government, according to Ardis Stevenson, assistant director of the county's Department of Environmental Services.

In addition to owning and operating Rossman's Landfill, Parker is president of Clackamas Energy Conservation Co.

Colleges' affects studied

Mt. Hood Community College has been chosen to coordinate a study of the economic impact that Oregon's community colleges have on the state.

They are also to study the economic impact that each community college has on its own district.

The study, to be conducted by the college's research office, will be completed by the end of March with the major part of the data being collected this week.

Dr. Mike Stevenson, director of the MHCC research office, said, "This study's definition of economic impact is the additional money in circulation within the state or colleges' districts due to the existence of the local community colleges."

The study will examine the economic impact from July 1, 1980, to June 30, 1981. The total impact for any college will include the direct and indirect economic effect an institution generates.

"The direct impact is the sum of appropriate institutional staff and student expenditures. The indirect impact is the product of the direct impact times a multiplier that represents the way in which the initial expenditures are spent and respent by others in the state or districts."

Stevenson emphasizes that "at all times during this study it is crucial to remember that the community college's purpose is educational and social, not economic."

ESD clinic is set

Parent involvement in the schools will be the topic of a workshop titled "What is Expected of the Home and School in 1982?" sponsored by Clackamas Education Service District (ESD) and Oregon City School District.

The workshop will be presented by Pat Koppman, a national consultant in parent involvement in the schools. She will speak on topics such as "establishing cooperation between home and school, ways to share home-school learning responsibilities, and parents as partners in the education process."

The workshop is designed for anyone involved in

the public schools from professional educators to parents and school board members.

It will be of special interest to anyone working with Title I, talented and gifted, and special education programs.

The workshop will be offered Feb. 2 between 7 and 8 p.m. and will be followed by a question and answer period. It will be held at Barclay Elementary School at the corner of 12th and Madison Streets in Oregon City.

To register, call Mitzi Kennedy, Extension 235, Clackamas ESD, 635-4341, 221-0116 or 266-1723.

Agricultural income is up

With the help of the U.S. census figures, the USDA crop reporting service, farmers, food processors and others, the Clackamas County extension service has prepared the 1981 gross agricultural income from Clackamas County farms.

Average production, yields and prices are used in this report, but farmers must exceed "average" in order to survive the increasing costs of capital, labor, equipment and supplies, according to Clayton Wills, extension agent.

He said that there was about a six percent hike in 1981 production costs.

Crop	1980 Actual	1981 Estimate
Horticultural, specialty	\$43,671,000	\$48,118,000
Farm forestry	6,880,000	8,430,000
Field crops	10,476,000	9,927,000
Livestock, dairy	19,610,000	16,128,000
Poultry	17,143,000	24,992,000
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