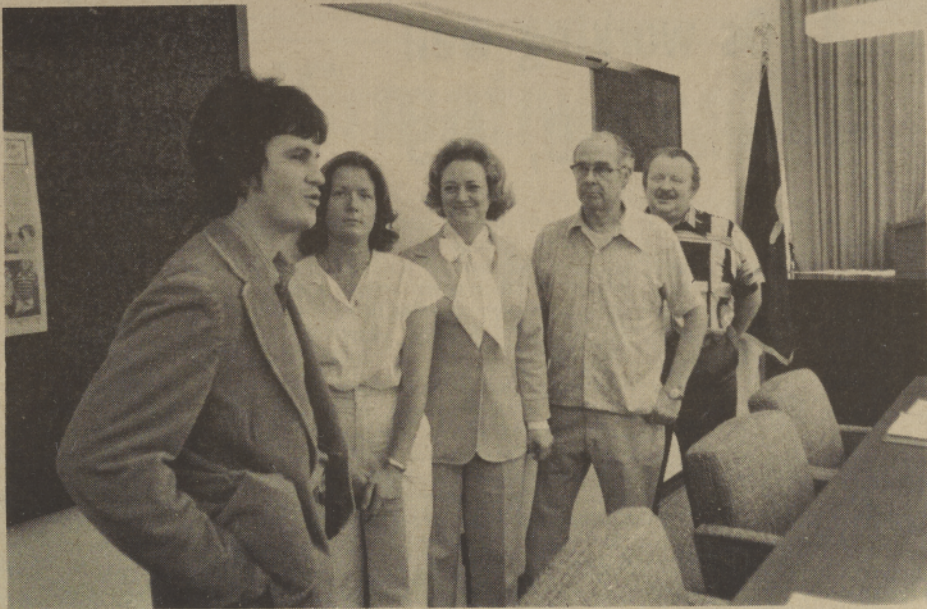


Since '13'

- JUNE 29**... State maintenance workers in several California locations walk off the job to demonstrate against Proposition 13 and the effects it would have on the cost of living raises.
- JUNE 29**... California Supreme Court agrees to hear three challenges to Jarvis-Gann Amendment, but refuses to delay implementation. August 11 set for hearing arguments.
- JUNE 29**... Wacker Siltronics plant slated to be built in Portland delayed because prospective purchasers of a city bond issue shied away from bidding.
- JUNE 29**... Oregon Legislative Revenue Office estimates business would receive substantially more tax relief than would individual homeowners through passage of the Whittenburg Amendment.
- JUNE 30**... San Francisco taxpayers mount recall effort for Mayor George Moscone and 11 city supervisors because of the way they handled cutbacks imposed by Proposition 13.
- JULY 1**... Idaho measure setting one percent limit on property taxes assured of place on ballot.
- JULY 6**... Oregon Governor Bob Straub orders hiring and travel freeze.
- JULY 6**... California Governor Jerry Brown vetoes any cost of living increases for state employees before signing state budget. Local government increases already denied by provisions of legislation to bail-out local governments with state surplus.
- JULY 7**... Oregon petition drive passes 200,000 signature mark -- more than three times the number needed.
- JULY 10**... Jim Whittenburg, sponsor of Oregon property tax limitation measure, says he would be willing to withhold filing of required financial disclosure statement if the Oregon Legislature held special session and drew up an acceptable alternative measure.
- JULY 11**... State Rep. Bob Vian, and State Sen. Walt Brown ask for special session of Oregon Legislature to deal with property tax limitation proposal. Most state officials cool to idea, say more information needed.
- JULY 12**... Secretary of State Norma Paulus says she will seek prosecution of Whittenburg if he refused to file expenditure report by August 4 as required.
- JULY 12**... Two Washington legislators file initiatives to state legislature to place six percent annual growth limit on property taxes and tie tax and spending growth to growth in personal income.
- JULY 12**... Mt. Hood Community College directors cut \$2.5 million from proposed budget and cut 102 teaching and maintenance positions following third defeat of proposed 1978-79 budget.
- JULY 14**... Victor Atiyeh, Republican candidate for governor, says "In my heart I like the idea," (property tax limitation), but that his mind says "No" to the idea. Atiyeh announces he will take a "yes" or "no" stand later in the campaign. Governor Bob Straub has said he opposes the Whittenburg Amendment.
- JULY 15**... House Minority Leader Roger Martin and Stafford Hansell, former state representative and former head of the Executive Department, announced as leaders of Oregon anti-property tax limitation effort. OSEA listed as participant.
- JULY 18**... Whittenburg files statement of contributions and expenditures showing a deficit of \$2,463.
- JULY 19**... Retired Salem railroad conductor Jack Barnes, announces legal challenge to Whittenburg Amendment because of an apparent technical flaw.



Swearing in

District 11 Director Russ Heinemann congratulates Department of Education Chapter officers following swearing-in ceremony. They are Carrie Willard, secretary; Jeanette Hill, president; Ray Laux, vice-president, and Dick Weed, treasurer.

'Douple-digit' inflation beginning to erode dollar

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AGE) - The Consumer Price Index rose 0.9 per cent in May -- the fourth consecutive month of "double-digit" inflation -- eroding the 1967 dollar to 51.68 cents.

Food prices, still the biggest element in the sharp increase, slowed slightly from April, but other prices picked up the slack, suggesting that inflation is now spreading into nonfood sectors of the economy and that inflation may not abate as soon as the Carter Administration had predicted. Goods and services other than food rose at 0.8 per cent in May, only a shade less than the total index increase of 0.9 per cent.

The U.S. Labor Department reported that the CPI reached 193.3, meaning that goods and services costing \$100 in base year 1967 cost \$193.30 in May.

The May increase whittled away at consumers' purchasing

power, reducing it 1.3 per cent or 15.6 per cent at a seasonally-adjusted annual rate. It was the second-largest such decline this year.

Buying power of an average hour's pay is no greater now than it was in 1972, government records show. Wage rates have risen about 50 per cent in that period, but workers have nothing to show for the increase.

May's 0.9 per cent increase in the CPI translates into an annual inflation rate of 11.9 per cent. Over the first five months of the year, the index has risen at an annual rate of 10.2 per cent.

Food prices increased a seasonally-adjusted 1.5 per cent in May after rising 1.8 per cent in April.

In other broad categories, prices for the month rose 1 per cent for housing, 0.6 per cent for

clothing, 0.7 per cent for transportation, 0.6 per cent for medical care, 0.2 per cent for entertainment and 0.4 per cent for other goods and services.

The increase for housing included big rises for electricity, gas and such home ownership costs as financing, taxes and insurance. Home repair and maintenance costs moderated, rent rose about the same as in recent months.

Written explanation needed

CORVALLIS -- It is fundamental that if performance is deficient, an employee should receive a thoughtful explanation of what is wrong in time to make some improvement -- and that statement should be in writing. Not only is it fundamental, the central agreement says it must be this way.

In the absence of any written report of work deficiencies, performance appraisal grades of 4 or 5 are not allowed, according to Article 38 of the central contract.

When Edwina Prouty, an OSEA member in the Oregon State University School of Education, received such a performance appraisal, she came to OSEA Employee Representative Maria Steinhauer for help filing a grievance. The grievance went to the level of OSU president Robert MacVicar. MacVicar said in a June 21 letter to Steinhauer, "I have directed that the performance appraisal in question be withdrawn and have also asked (Education School dean Sylvia) Tucker and (personnel director Gene) Todd to remove all copies of the appraisal from the files and destroy them."

Grievance administration, arbitration are topics

EUGENE -- Grievance administration and arbitration will be the main topics of discussion at a workshop at the University of Oregon Sunday, July 30 through Wednesday, August 2.

The workshop, which is being held in Henderson Hall in the Bean dormitory complex, is sponsored by the Labor Education and Research Center (LERC) and is open to any interested person but is aimed at public employees.

Assisting with the workshop will be representatives of OSEA, the U.S. Department of Labor, the Oregon Employment Relations Board, the Oregon Department of Education, the LERC staff, Clatsop Community College and several public employee unions in the state, according to Emory Via, director of LERC.

Registration for the workshop, including all

materials, lodging and meals in University of Oregon dormitories, costs \$50 and should be received by July 24. In addition, participants will be able to obtain two hours of graduate-level credit by registering with UO Division of Continuing Education at the beginning of the workshop. The cost for DCE credit is \$30.

Check-in for the workshop will begin at 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 30, followed by dinner at 5:30 p.m. and the first session starting at 7 p.m. A no-host social hour will be held starting at 9 p.m. Sessions on the following days will begin at 9 a.m.

Persons wishing to register or obtain additional information may contact the Labor Education and Research Center, 154 Prince Lucien Campbell Hall, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon 97403 or phone 686-5054.