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OSEA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MORT SHAPIRO'S response to how one Oregon newspaper proposes to pay for property tax relief. Here's a hint: It's out of the pockets of state employees! The "Executive Notes" column can be found on page 10.

ABOUT THE WORK PERFORMED BY CALLAHAN Center employees. These Workers' Comp employees try to restore injured workers from head to toe to prepare them for another job. There's a story and photos on pages 4 and 5.

THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT regarding work loads in Adult and Family Services. Several OSEA members and staffers have been trying to find ways to reduce overwhelming Assistance caseloads for over 18 months. Now a management-labor committee has been set up to prepare justification to take to the next legislative session to show why the work load standard should be reduced. That committee will need your help. Its membership and more about it is explained on page 2.

WHY QUALITY HEALTH CARE should be a right of all Americans. In a "Consumer Notes" column on page 13, OSEA Employee Representative Roger Yockey discusses some of the issues surrounding the establishment of a system of national health care in the United States. His facts confirm some of your worst suspicions about medicine in America and provide some surprises.

TWO EDITORIALS regarding the property tax revolt and the mood which surrounds it as well as enjoy Phil Feherenbacher's cartoon on page 16. Vernon Jordan, writing in Newsweek, argues that there is more to what's happening now than just a desire for lower property taxes. Also, renters seem to be the "Forgotten Americans" in the whole controversy.

"THE GRIEVANCE FILE" on page 3. The Highway Division continues to play the role of the state's No. 1 labor outlaw. However, OSEA reps have had some success resolving grievances in that agency. Still, your support of fellow members is needed to insure that the contracts' provisions are followed in spirit and letter. Also, on that page, find the cartoon drawing by OSEA member Mike Harr; he has another one on page 6.

ALL ABOUT BALLOT MEASURE 6. This issue of The OSEA News has seven pages dealing exclusively with Ballot Measure 6, its predecessors and successors, and the way it will affect YOU. Over the past several days, the members of the legislature -- joined by OSEA and other interested parties -- have studied the workings of the measure in depth and have begun a special session to develop an alternative to present to the voters on Nov. 7.

A lesson in limitation



*Members of the OSEA Board, rank and file and staff
joined both houses of the legislature on a recent Saturday
to learn of the limits of measure Ballot Measure 6.*

See stories and photos on pages 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.