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A Negative Tax Approach

The completely negative thinking of the leadership of the referendum on the legislature's income tax increase is shown in the press reports of the interview with J. Francyl Howard, Albany weekly newspaper publisher, when he arrived in Salem to present the petitions, bearing more than 55,000 names calling for the election on October 15.

Perhaps it would be complimentary to describe the effort as leadership when it merely capitalized upon popular resentment against taxes in any form and took advantage of the idea that government costs too much.

The Associated Press quotes Howard as stating that if the people reject the tax bill he hopes the governor would cut spending. But he is reported to have said that he does not want education cut.

Paul W. Harvey Jr., the Associated Press reporter, who is a veteran in state affairs and knows some of the facts of life about state government and financing took advantage of his by-line to add the comment:

"Education gets \$234 million from the general fund in this biennium, and all other state agencies get \$170 million.

"So what Howard is advocating is that \$6 million be cut from the \$170 million.

"State fiscal experts say a program like that would cripple every state agency."

Probing further in Howard's ideas of where cuts may be made Howard told reporters that he would like to see the game commission cut.

Here again he ignored the fact that the game commission is financed by hunting and fishing licenses and does not receive support from the general fund of the state.

The further extent of Howard's program was objection to expenditure of \$500,000 for purchase of additional property on the capitol mall for future building sites for state buildings and opposition to hiring of additional case workers for the welfare commission.

Welfare is a popular topic for those who would criticize areas of public expenditure. There are plenty of cases where the criticism is justified but case worker efficiency backed by a policy of careful supervision resulted in Washington county receiving a \$50,496 refund from the State Public Welfare Commission from the year 1962-63 fiscal year representing the difference between the amount originally paid to the state as the county's share of welfare costs and what was expended.

Supervision of welfare through case workers may be expensive but it guards against abuse and is one hope for working toward reduction of perpetual relief clients.

The case with which the referendum petition signatures were obtained leads to the fear that the referendum will succeed. However, this will not remove the fact that the substitute program for operation of the state and maintenance of education is pretty thin and entirely lacking in a constructive program to the problem of financing state government.

—Washington County News-Times, Forest Grove

Water for the New School

Through cooperation between the City of Heppner and the Morrow County school district, plans are being worked out to bring a better water supply to the new Heppner High school which is now served directly by only a 2-inch line feeding off a 4-inch main that comes up the Morgan street extension.

While the present supply may be sufficient for the domestic needs of the school, it is insufficient for fire protection and for sprinkling that is so necessary in preventing erosion of the soil moved in excavation around the school.

It seems a little difficult to find out just what the plans were for water supply to the new school, but as construction neared completion it became apparent that there is not enough water service.

There is only one fire hydrant close to the school—that some 165 feet from the building and located part way up the hill on the Morgan street extension. It is fed by the 4-inch main. In case of a major fire, the department would have some long runs to get an adequate supply of water. The prospect is a little frightening and it is imperative that the situation be remedied soon.

This is a matter upon which the city is working now, and the water committee will have a proposal or proposals to present soon. One plan would be to tie a 6-inch main into two existing 4-inch mains by a "Y", and another would be to run from another 4-inch main to reach the north end of the school.

City Superintendent Vic Groshens has pointed out that ultimately the city will have to face up to the problem of bringing a better supply of water to the entire north end of the city and suggests that the best answer might be that of running an 8-inch main from the reservoir around the hills on the west side of the city to the school, then tying in to make a circulatory system with existing lines below to give better service to homes there.

This, it is recognized, would be a major project, and one that would cause some head scratching to finance. Fire Chief Ruggles points out that extensive preliminary planning would have to be done in order that developments, which may spring up along the hill do not eventually locate directly over the pipeline.

For the present, it is urgent that adequate water supply be brought to the school. It makes one shudder to think what would happen if a major fire broke out in the costly new building in the middle of a night.

Incidentally, it is good to note the cooperation between the city and district on this problem, each recognizing the need and working together. Supt. Wayne Brubacher at through the most recent council meeting in order that he could discuss the problem with them. Too often in the past a disparity has been noticed in actions of the respective bodies simply because neither one attended, nor was represented at, meetings of the other.

If the same spirit is reflected throughout the county, it will go a long way towards better understanding and mutual accomplishment.

Skating Rink Gets Good Start

It was a pleasure and a joy to see the Morrow County Roller Rink get off to such a good start over the week-end, and the management is to be congratulated for getting the new recreational facility under way.

Although the operators are new at managing a rink, it is obvious that they are earnestly seeking to do a good job of it. The place is well staffed. Those who came "just to watch" noticed that while nothing was left undone to permit those participating to have a good time, nothing in the way of "monkeyshines" was tolerated that might cause accidents or impair the fun for all.

It wasn't an easy job handling the very large crowd that attended the opening, and the staff was kept busy. Another interesting thing was the number of adults who donned skates



LOOKING FOR all the world like a sidlined cowboy is Barney Malcom, an enthusiastic spectator at the horse show recently. Barney has been hobbling on crutches for a few weeks after suffering a fall from a gondola rafter car at his sawmill. This didn't keep him away from rodeo events, however. (G-T Photo)

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

HAIL TO the Soroptimist club for their grand achievement in Pendleton's Dressup parade! They didn't really send the float over with the thought of winning a prize, but did it principally to repay in kind for the thoughtfulness of our neighboring cities in entering the Rodeo parade.

Some skeptics said that competition was too keen—that although the Soroptimist float was good, it would not make the grade in the judging. But it surely did! It took first in the service division, and the Heppner businesswomen are to be congratulated.

IT WASN'T an easy job getting the float over Mrs. Jewel Hager, club president, and members of her family worked hard to get the job done. Club members helped cover the delicate float with plastic—double wrapped, in fact—but the trip to Pendleton took about four hours at a speed of some 15 to 20 miles per hour at best.

Even after the parade, troubles were not over. They had a flat tire on the trailer which had carried the float en route home. They went to work and disassembled it after the parade was over, delaying their arrival back home until 1:30 a.m. They had been too tired to stay to hear the results of the judging and did not know that they had won a prize until the East Oregonian came out next day.

BUT OUR gals weren't the only ones who had adventures in attaining fame. The Prosser float, sweepstakes winner, had as its moving spirit Phil Blakney, formerly of Heppner. It had a little light plant on it, we understand, but ran out of gas in the middle of the route. They had to refuel, and spectators watched Phil running along beside trying to start the motor by pulling a cord as the float continued on down the street.

Phil, whose community service here is still recognized with appreciation, is to be congratulated, too on his good work at Prosser. We wouldn't want to lose his successor, Jim Myers, but wish we had him back in some other business.

GIL LUJAN finished his 13th year as a ranger at Yellowstone Park this summer and came back for his school teaching job at Lone High school as brown as a real brown Indian. He says that although he enjoys the summer work at Yellowstone, he would much rather be in the classroom in the winter. A ranger staff is maintained at the park in the winter, but it gets mighty cold and the snow gets mighty deep.

He has an interesting variety of work as a ranger, sometimes circulating around crowds around Old Faithful, sometimes out on highway patrol on the park road system, and sometimes on duty on horseback. They get an occasional hardened criminal in the park, and this patrol duty can become a rather lonesome job in view of the fact that the rangers are not armed. However, a great deal of respect is shown for a ranger's uniform because most lawbreakers know that they are flirting with a federal offense if they bring harm to one wearing that uniform. Probably most troublesome on the patrol duty is the guy out for a

good time who imbibes too much and runs wild on the highway, perhaps at speeds up to 100 m.p.h., Gil says. But don't let this frighten you away—they probably aren't even as frequent as those on highways anywhere else.

This summer brought real big crowds to the park, Gil says, seemingly more than ever. He figures a lot of people came out to the fair last year, stopped only briefly in the park, then came back this year for a better look.

WE'VE ALWAYS been something of a Doubting Thomas when it comes to water witching, but we've seen so many people who have undying faith in this phenomenon and we've seen "witchers" predictions come true so often, that they have about converted us. For instance, the new city well was "witched" and came in with a good supply of water, just as predicted.

In the same category is this matter of cloud seeding to hasten rain. Along with others, we've been kind of skeptical about it, but Ken Kamerer, as reported elsewhere in this paper, comes up with some pretty good proof that the boys in the north end of the county are getting some real results. After eight years of work on the project, they can make some convincing talk on it.

At any rate, it is interesting and intriguing. Man seems to be making more and more progress in discovering Mother Nature's secrets and turning them to his own ends. We're so far behind and so ignorant that we hadn't even realized that it is not done by airplane anymore but is done from generators on the ground!

IRA BARNETT of Portland, who subscribes to the Gazette-Times, says that he doesn't feel so far away from home Morrow county any more. The mail carrier tells him that someone just a couple of blocks from him also takes the Gazette-Times. Ira says that he has not found out who it is, but he does recognize that the paper gets around.

AS OUR former colleague at the Stayton Mail, Jack Powell, points out in his weekly column, the auto dealer in Portland who advertised so widely and loudly last week that he is "bombasting" the car market really put his foot in his mouth, so to speak.

Jack, a former compatriot of Ed Dick, Howard Cleveland, Francis Nickerson and others from the Heppner area at the U of O, requires his readers to look up the word, but we'll spare the trouble.

As a verb, "bombast" means to pad or stuff, or to inflate. As an adjective, high sounding or inflated; and as a noun, figuratively, high sounding words, inflated style, language too pretentious for the occasion.

This company's ad writer better use his dictionary before they become too bombastic.

Check your local fire laws first before burning any trash or stubble field. Each year careless burning has started several forest and grassland fires. Protect your home and your community by obeying the fire laws. Keep Oregon Green.

and got on the floor, showing that it is fun not only for the kids but for adults who are young in heart as well.

Since the two men back of the rink, Glen Ward and Shorty Hudson, were also the mainstays of the regular weekly American Legion movies, it is likely that the motion pictures will fall by the wayside unless some other volunteers step forward to start them again.

However, in watching the kids at the rink and the obvious fun they were having, for the time being at least it could well be that their reaction would be "Who needs movies?" And parents might well agree that they would prefer having their youngsters skating than going to the movies.

Board Liberalizes Hunts on Upland Birds, Waterfowl

A 90-day waterfowl hunt and a liberalized season for upland bird gunners tells the story of the game commission's action when it set the bird hunting regulations for the 1963 season.

A straight 90-day season beginning at 1 p.m., October 8 and extending through January 5 was set for waterfowl hunters with a general bag limit of 4 ducks daily, 8 in possession. A bonus of 2 mallards in the daily bag and 4 mallards in possession will be allowed in counties bordering the Columbia and Snake river areas. These counties include Baker, Gilliam, Malheur, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa and Wasco counties. The bag limit on ducks will allow not more than 2 wood ducks in the daily bag or in possession, and 1 hooded merganser in the daily bag, 2 in possession. There will be no open season on redheads or canvasbacks.

The goose bag limit is identical to last year with three per day and 6 in possession. The daily bag may be increased to six providing 3 or more are snow geese. The possession remains the same. One Ross's goose will be allowed in the daily bag or possession this year.

The black brant season was set for November 18 through January 31, with a daily bag and possession limit of 3 birds.

Upland bird gunners will have a pheasant season beginning at 8 a.m., October 12 and extending through November 24 in all areas of the state except Malheur county. A seed harvesting problem here influenced the commission to delay the opening until October 26. The general bag limit was set at 3 cock pheasants per day and 12 in possession. In Malheur county the bag limit was upped to 4 cock pheasants per day, 12 in possession. Also one hen pheasant will be allowed in the possession limit in Malheur county from November 16 through 24.

The general quail season will run concurrent with the pheasant season state-wide, with the bag limit set for 10 quail per day in the aggregate, 20 in possession. In addition, quail gunners will be allowed an extended season in eastern Oregon from November 25 through December 31 under the same bag limit regulations. There will be no open season on bobwhite quail.

Chukar hunters were allowed a long season and an increase in the bag and possession limits over last year. The Hungarian partridge season will also run concurrently with the chukar hunts. For these birds the season runs from September 7 straight through to December 31. The bag limit was set at 8 birds per day in the aggregate, 16 in possession.

Previously, the commission established seasons for sage grouse, blue and ruffed grouse, band-tailed pigeons and mourn-

TO THE EDITOR. . .

Dear Mr. Sherman:

You no doubt have heard me express on numerous occasions how much my family and I enjoy our new life in Heppner and Morrow county.

After seeing the whole page of "Welcome Teachers" by 38 Morrow county business places in last week's Gazette-Times, I felt that such fine gesture could not go unanswered.

It is with sincere appreciation and thanks that I accept on behalf of the entire faculty the cordial welcome and good wishes for 1963-64.

You can be assured that we are looking forward to becoming acquainted with the fine patrons of our respective communities.

None appreciate more than school personnel the vital necessity of cooperation, understanding and mutual respect in bringing about the best in both the school and community.

All of us are looking forward to helping make Morrow County a wonderful place in which to live and raise our children.

Very sincerely yours,
The Teachers in Morrow County School District R-1
by Wayne A. Brubacher, Superintendent

Team Wins Third At State Fair

Morrow county's dairy judging team won third in the 4-H competition at the State Fair on the closing day of the fair in Salem, placing behind Multnomah county's team, which won first, and Benton county in second.

Showing of the Morrow team was considered excellent in view of the fact they were participating against some 30 other teams with about 150 4-H youths taking part. Joe Hay, Morrow county agent, said.

On the team were Sue Ellen Greenup, Maureen Doherty and Martha Doherty, all of Heppner. Contestants judged and placed classes of Ayrshire, Holstein, Jersey and Guernsey cows.

Other late fair results showed that Tim Tullis of Lone won a red award in intermediate western horsemanship, 4-H, and Judy Sherer, Lone, won a red award in senior Western horsemanship.

The mourning dove hunt will extend from September 1 through 30, bag and possession limit of 10 and 20; band-tailed pigeon, September 1 through 30, bag and possession limit of 8 and 8; blue and ruffed grouse from September 7 through 22 in eastern Oregon and September 7 through 15 in western Oregon, bag and possession limit of 3 and 6; and the sage grouse hunt from September 7 through 15 in Harney and that part of Malheur county south of highway 20, bag limit and possession limit of 3 and 2.

Pendleton Street Show to be Tops

The Main Street show during the Pendleton Round-Up is going to be one of the best in years. This is the comment of Paul Mytinger, chairman of the Main Street Cowboys. There will be some dozen different events going on on Main street the nights of Friday and Saturday, September 13 and 14, he states.

Included in the nightly shows will be lots of clowns who do magic with balloons, ride unicycles, cry and laugh. There will be a medicine show with Dr. Horace Droppins peddling his famous "Wonder Elixir Snake Oil," rides in horse drawn carriages with "the fringe on top," a mayor's horseshoe pitching showdown, pony rides, amusement rides and stage coach rides.

All Main Street entertainment is free of charge with the exception of the amusements rides, according to Mytinger. There will be two performances nightly for Round-Up guests.



COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Coming Events

MORROW COUNTY ROLLER SKATING RINK

Fair Pavilion, Heppner
Open Fridays and Saturdays,
7 to 10 p.m.; Sundays, 2 to 5 p.m.

Admission: 50c person
Rental Skates: 25c pair—
Season tickets on sale—
12 skates, \$5; 25 skates, \$10

HEPPNER HIGH FOOTBALL
Heppner vs. Enterprise, at Enterprise,
Friday, Sept. 13, 8 p.m.
Support the Mustangs!

PTA TEACHERS' RECEPTION
Wednesday, Sept. 18, 8 p.m.
Teachers, School Board Members, special guests.
New Heppner-Lexington High school housewarming.

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