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## Robin Hood or Jesse James?

A recent editorial in the Oregonian came up with some rather startling facts on the Social Security program. It points out how, under the program, the payroll tax, which started at 1%, has climbed to 3 5/8% on the first \$4800 of earnings, or a maximum of \$174 per year. This is matched by the employer, making a total of \$348 per individual per year going into the fund. By 1966-67 the rate will go to 4% percent and in 1968 to 4 5/8%.

Thus, by 1968, \$222 will come out of the paycheck of every person under the program who makes \$4800 per year or more, and the employer must match that with \$222 more.

Should President Kennedy's medicare program go through, another 1/4% would be added, so that in 1968 each person would contribute \$253.50 in taxes, matched by the employer's \$253.50.

Now consider this: An employee-employer contribution of \$500 per year would build up a \$50,000 savings account at 6 per cent compound interest over a 40-year working life, from age 25 to 65. The interest on the \$50,000 at 4 per cent is \$2,000 per year. So a person drawing \$165 per month from Social Security would merely be collecting the interest on his own \$50,000 estate which he has donated to the federal government rather than leaving it to his children.

"That's not Robin Hood lurking in the Potomac Forest, fellow taxpayers," says the Oregonian editorial. "It's Jesse James."

Extending some additional ideas from the daily paper's editorial, we suggest that if you have been under Social Security for say 10 to 20 years, sit down sometime and figure what you and your employer have contributed, adding in the 4% compound interest that you might have received had the money gone into a savings account. The result may surprise you.

While the purpose of Social Security—to provide old-age security and other benefits—is good and noble, the contributor is not merely saving for himself but is getting socked with what amounts to a tax at the same time, and the money is going to the federal coffers.

It's too bad that Social Security is not set up like Oregon's State Industrial Accident plan. An employer may reject the plan, but he must provide other accident insurance.

It may be agreed that it is right to have an enforced savings plan for Social Security, but why not make it possible for the employee-employer to reject the federal Social Security plan provided that they set aside their own fund as a trust account with savings accruing to the employee and his heirs?

This, to be sure, would not provide the federal government with the bonanza from which vast "loans" are made for governmental purposes other than Social Security, but it would stay with the fellow who earned it, supplemented for his benefit by his employer, and the rates would not have to be accelerated so high that, combined with a myriad of other taxes, they pose a real threat to small business today.

The contemplated rate of 4 5/8% that Social Security will eventually exact is enough to make a small businessman, as well as his employee, shake his head with gloom. It is particularly vicious to employers whose type of business makes it necessary to carry a high payroll-to-volume ratio. For instance, a business paying 60% of its volume in payroll would contribute close to 3% of its volume, above the 60%, in Social Security contributions. There probably are thousands of small businesses who do not net 3%.

If the trend continues, one day Jesse James will find that he has few left from whom to plunder.

## TO THE EDITOR...

Dear Wes,

As a member of the Board of Directors of the Blue Mountain Community College, I sincerely enjoyed and appreciated your editorial November 7. We are proud of our faculty and student body and we believe Blue Mountain Community College is serving a real need in this area.

The Board of Directors is concerned about the future of the College because of the loss of state funds for building. We are not certain what course or courses we can follow to replace the leased buildings we are presently using and to provide additional space for increasing enrollments. The Pendleton School District has informed our board that it will need the upper floor of the John Murray Junior High school when our lease expires two years from now. Where the Liberal Arts facilities and library will then be located, is one of the many problems we face.

Generally, the people in the Blue Mountain District have been very generous in their support of their college. The board greatly appreciates the interest and support it has received from them and I am very pleased with the number of students enrolled from Morrow county.

I hope that people from Morrow county will follow your suggestion and visit the college in Pendleton. Thanks again for your informative and accurate coverage of Blue Mountain Community College and its facilities.

Sincerely yours,  
Bob Abrams

## Club Adds Members

A meeting of the Lively Five 4-H club was called to order in regular form. We decided to name a sewing article when answering roll call.

We have two new members, Jeannine Hunt and Dixie Peck. We will fine our club members 5 cents if they have an unexcused absence.

Our next meeting will be November 23 at Jill Padberg's home.  
Christine Munkers, reporter

## Club Reorganizes

Hoof and Horn Livestock 4-H club had a reorganization meeting September 21 at the home of Marcel Jones. Completion cards were filled out for the year. Officers were elected. These are Steve Pettyjohn, president; Alfred Drake, vice president; Teresa Harshman, secretary; Sue Greenup, recreation leader, and Kit Anderson, sergeant-at-arms.

At the meeting October 23 Dean Graves took over as leader. Larry Pettyjohn was elected news reporter. We discussed taking a tour December 7 through Feedville and C&B feedlot. We had a movie about raising and cutting sheep. We will meet November 24 at the home of Doug Drake.

Larry Pettyjohn, reporter

## HEC Cancels Meeting

The regular meeting of the Rhea Creek Home Economics club, scheduled for Thursday, November 21, has been cancelled. It has been announced. It is expected that the December meeting will be held on the regularly scheduled third Thursday.

# Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

WEDNESDAY headline: "Madame Nhu Blasts U. S." Is that something huh?

WINTER surely must be here. Claude Cox says that he has closed up his mountain cabin and is settling down in the valley. When you can keep him away from his favorite haunt, it must be as cold as Pride of Oregon ice cream in the mountains.

VALE'S VIKINGS have an elegant way of easing Heppner's disappointment in losing the western division football title of the Greater Oregon league. The eastern pennant winners beat the western division champ, Burns, only 46-0, Saturday. That's convincing enough. This could be you!

HEPPNER'S Explorer Scouts are hoping to spur public interest in the local Scouting program and add something for their post fund at a forthcoming "Record Hop" featuring latest dance music and a KUBE disc jockey on Friday night, November 22, at the Legion hall.

Scouting has had its ups and downs here, but the leaders, including Paul Warren, who is in charge of the post, have some new vim and vigor to put into it. They deserve good public support.

Everyone short of wooden-legged editors is invited to come out and have a good time.

IT WAS quite fitting that the special session of the legislature convened on Veteran's Day. It was much more appropriate to assemble then and take

a few minutes out in fitting memorial to the men who served their country than to declare a holiday.

Holidays, which were set aside to commemorate certain events, have in many instances become times when one may cast cares aside and pursue pleasures with never a thought to the intention of the holiday. So the purpose tends to become a mockery.

We can't help but note with some cynicism how much "patriotic" a good many of us are when Veteran's Day falls on Monday (making it possible for a 2 or 3-day holiday) than we are when it comes in mid-week. In the latter case we often decide not to close our businesses.

If this community prefers to observe Veteran's Day, and schools are even let out for the occasion, let's have some fitting program or observance that at least acknowledges the purpose.

THIS BRINGS up a related subject. Doesn't it seem a little archaic that we still shut down all public offices on election days? In the old days this might have been done to hold shootings and riots at a minimum, but we should be more civilized than that now.

Take the recent special state election: Here we were voting on a measure that involved a severe financial crisis for the state. So what did we do? Give all state, county and local officials a day off at a cost of many thousands of dollars while we devoted a day to voting. This, by the way, was a task that required a voter about one second to make an X.

It's the law—to close up public offices on election day—but it could stand some study.

Such pseudo holidays only work additional hardships on those who don't get the same days off.

## Fergusons Called By Pair of Deaths

Mr. and Mrs. Gene E. Ferguson and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson returned Tuesday evening from southern Oregon where they attended funeral services Monday, November 11, for a sister-in-law, Mrs. Ollin (Pearl) Ferguson, 63. Services were in Gold Beach where she made her home.

Mrs. Ferguson's death followed only two weeks the death of Otis T. Ferguson, 87, of Langlois, father of Gene and Raymond Ferguson. He had been a rancher in the Langlois area for many years after leaving Heppner in 1940. He had farming interests here from 1917 to 1939, and was a partner in Ferguson Motor Co. from 1926 to 1940.

Services were held at the First Christian church in North Bend on Monday, October 28. He died October 22 at the Bandon hospital where he had been a patient.

Survivors include his wife, Wilametta of Bandon; one daughter, Mrs. Vida Estelle of Medford; three sons, Ollin of Gold Beach, Gene E. and Raymond, Heppner; one sister, Mrs. Letha Hatfield of Kansas; one brother, Homer of California; 11 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

## Tabor Shows Gains, According to Letter

Word received this week by Mrs. Frank Adkins from Mrs. Roy Tabor in Rochester, Minn., tells of some improvement in the condition of her husband, under treatment in Rochester Methodist hospital, Worrall Building, Rochester. "He's had one x-ray treatment on his neck and seven on his stomach and will get treatments every day for a month," she writes.

"He's improving, although weak and has no appetite, and has lost 49 lbs. Today he sat up in a chair and walked out to the lobby. Karen and Allen (his children) got to see their daddy. It would cost \$6 a day to send Junior and Brenda to school in Rochester, so they are staying with Roy's sister in Spring Valley. Roy's parents live on a farm at Spring Valley."

Mrs. Tabor and two younger children live with her sister-in-law at 2321 14th Ave., N. W. in Rochester.

Need extra cash? Sell unused items around your place with a Gazette-Times classified ad.

## Extension Studies Home Management

Ione Extension Unit met November 7 at the home of Mrs. Jim Pettyjohn. The project, led by Mrs. Pettyjohn, emphasized the need for using good management to bring about a relaxed holiday season for the entire family. Rather than leave events to chance, she pointed out how a homemaker can guide others of the family in best use of skills, time, money, energy and know-how. In this program, entitled "Twelve Days of Christmas," members learned five steps toward making a wise decision regarding pressing problems.

A business meeting was conducted by vice chairman Louise Keene. Those present were Mrs. E. M. Baker, Mrs. L. A. McCabe, Mrs. Bryce Keene, Mrs. Wilbur Siegal, Mrs. Emma Breshears and Mrs. Pettyjohn.

## Knitters Set Goals

The Knifty Knitters opened their meeting with the flag salute and the 4-H pledge. We set the goals for our club. The rest of the meeting was a work meeting.

Jill Padberg, reporter

## Couples Hear Talk By Everest Climber

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Abrams were in Portland Saturday and Sunday on business and also to attend a meeting at the Sheraton Hotel of the Mazama Climbing club, of which Mr. Abrams is a member.

Guest speaker was Luther Jerstad, one of the members of the American expedition who climbed to the summit of Mt. Everest. His descriptive talk held much interest for those who attended. Also attending the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jepsen of Iona.

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## COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

### Coming Events

BAND PARENTS MEETING  
Monday, Nov. 1, 7:00 p.m.  
Junior High School band room.

WCS SILVER TEA  
Methodist Church parlors  
Saturday, Nov. 23, 2 to 4 p.m.  
Public invited.

DEGREE OF HONOR  
PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION  
Family Thanksgiving dinner  
Saturday, Nov. 16, 6:30 p.m.  
Heppner Christian church  
Turkey and rolls furnished

BASKETBALL GAME  
Harlem Clowns vs. Morrow All-Stars  
Monday, November 18  
Sponsored by High School Lettermen's club.  
Tickets now on sale. Adults \$1.50, Students \$1, Children 50c.

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## Engine trouble, and not a service station in sight

It was such a tiny speck on the ocean that our tanker almost missed it!

Far out in the Sulu Sea, beyond the direct ship lanes, the little *Ermedita* ran into trouble: a shattered crankshaft. The captain and some of the crewmen left in small boats for help—but help never came.

Seven days had gone by. There was no radio, just a white flag fluttering from the mast. Not a ship had passed. Supplies were running low. And hope, too.

Aboard our tanker, outbound to Sumatra, a lookout thought he saw a flash of white on the far horizon. The captain altered his course to investigate.

They found seven shocked, tired men, took them aboard, gave them medical care, and towed their stricken vessel to the Philippines, saving their means of livelihood.

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