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The High Cost of Security

In all the discussion about Medicare, probably few have thought about an angle that Scott Lamb, information director of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation, brings up in the column he writes, "Farm Bureau Furrow."

"To anyone who wonders why many farmers are opposed to increasing social security taxes to pay for medical care, one of the answers can be found in the boost in the tax rate for self-employed persons," he writes.

He points out that under the proposed legislation, the farmer would pay \$301.60 in 1965, and \$379.60 in 1968 and afterward, compared with the \$259.20 he pays now. The 1968 payment is based on a rate of 7.3 per cent on a maximum earnings base of \$5200, compared with the current \$4800 base.

This means that some farmers would pay more social security taxes than they pay federal income taxes, thus placing an additional burden on a group already saddled with an ever-increasing property tax.

"A look at the property tax bill many farmers pay over and above production expenses of planting and harvesting a crop makes it look as if they are working mostly for the tax collector," he adds.

Social security tax rate for the self-employed has risen six times since 1953. Lamb points out, and when it rises to 6.9 per cent in 1968 (if Medicare does not pass), the rate will have increased 207 per cent! The increase to 7.3 per cent if the bill passes would mean an additional 17 per cent rise.

"Nothing but public opinion can stop the rate from being increased either before or after 1968, but public opinion has not proved much of a safeguard up till now. The Social Security Act of 1935 has been amended 65 times and one Congress passed 17 of these amendments," he states.

Farmers and self-employed persons pay their social security taxes in a lump sum at the end of the year, a considerably tougher blow than the relatively painless method experienced by the wage-earner who pays through deduction from his regular salary.

"A farmer netting \$5000 income is often hard pressed to pay \$260-\$300 under the current rate, let alone \$379.60 five years hence," Lamb concludes.

It can be added to Lamb's arguments that small business is in a similar plight, or worse. An establishment which employs a small crew not only has to match the employees' deductions for social security, but the owners also have to pay the full share of self-employment tax on social security for themselves, which is in a lump sum, just like farmers pay. They, too, are burdened with all manner of taxes, and many find that they work all year without realizing as much as a wage-earner.

The idea of social security is good, but with the increasing burden that it has imposed, and is continuing to impose, by accelerating the payment rate, it is making the cost of retirement security too high. It does not seem reasonable that these increases are necessary or just. The whole social security program needs thorough investigation and scrutiny.

This paper agrees with Lamb, too, in his thinking that "Medicare offers little in return to those who would pay into it for several years. Private insurance groups can do a better job of providing health insurance for the aged, and those who cannot afford needed medical care have benefited greatly from the Kerr-Mills law of 1960."

There is a definite threat in this socialistic governmental trend to provide mandatory safeguards and security to the extent that many will be burdened through youth and maturity almost beyond their capacity to assume.

As Campaign Time Approaches

Primary election is nearly three months away (May 15), but already there is evidence of lively interest on the local scene as well as in state and national contests.

At this writing the county judge position has attracted five candidates, including the incumbent, Judge Oscar Peterson. Three are Republicans and two are Democrats, and there have been rumors of more yet to file. Whether they will, remains to be seen.

It is probably reasonable to remind Gazette-Times readers that this paper will endeavor to treat all candidates impartially in its news columns. All those who have already contacted us have been advised that we want to print information on their backgrounds, qualifications and platforms, and their statements are welcome.

The paper will not perpetuate any petty arguments which the campaign may evoke in any race or issue. Letters to the editor, however, are welcome if they are constructive, free from abuse and libelous comments, and are properly signed by the writer. No anonymous letters will be published. Preferences will be given to those of less than 300 words. Space is not always available for those running longer.

While the editors seldom support any local candidate over another in the editorial columns, they naturally have the right to do so if the conviction is felt deeply enough.

A slate of several candidates for each office is a healthy condition for a democracy, and those who file are commended for their interest in government.

Seniors Receive 'Month' Honors

Four Heppner High school seniors have been chosen for Boy and Girl of the Month honors for January and February.

Selected on the basis of Leadership in January were classmates, Gail Hoskins and Lee Padberg. Besides holding responsible offices in their class, they have been active leaders in outside activities connected with their school.

For February, Jennifer Brindle and Kenny Wright were chosen on the basis of Sportsmanship. Both display sportsmanship in athletic and pep club events in which they participate, and have held responsible offices in their class and school, particularly in FHA and FFA.

Journalism Students Attend Press Clinic

Staff members from the journalism department of Heppner High school were scheduled to leave Pasco, Wn., on the Northern Pacific early this morning (Thursday) for Seattle, where they will participate in the All-Coast Press Clinic at the University of Washington on Friday and Saturday.

Making the trip, with their advisor, Mrs. Roy Kirk, are Dale Vance, Martha Peterson, Gail Hoskins and Dick Struckmeier, seniors; Greg Pierce, Anita Groves, Judy Smith and Diane Warren, juniors.

They expect to have the chance to do some sightseeing in Seattle before the two-day conference, and to see the Broadway play, "You Take Her, She's Mine," while there.

One-Shot Roscoe

As Told By
ORVILLE W. CUTSFORTH

(Editor's Note: This is another anecdote in a series concerning the late Roscoe Cox, Morrow county outdoorsman.)

A year later the distillers were captured and the bunch of whiskey confiscated. The officers waited until fall and caught them coming out with it.

Of course, Roscoe was lurking along, watching the procedure as some times he would.

He would just leave the sheep and go over to see what was going on over at this moonshine still. Here the officers had these boys and their whiskey. The whiskey was in gallon jugs under a spruce tree.

The moonshiners spotted Roscoe standing there and they engaged the officers in conversation. Roscoe slipped up to the tree and talked to the boys and then he went around to the other side of the tree. He picked up these gallon jugs, boosted them into the tree, threaded a branch through each jug handle and there they hung.

To us who know him, old Pete Slavin was 7-foot 2-inches tall. Pete enjoyed watching the situation and what was going on, so Pete just walked up and being 7 feet he pulled the jugs off of the limbs where Roscoe had put them on and threaded them on to higher limbs on this spruce as high as he could reach which was about nine feet off the ground.

Then the moonshiners quit talking to the officers and they turned around, and the country was empty. No liquor, no place for it to have gone. Roscoe and Pete Slavin stood there. They couldn't conceal 20 some jugs of whiskey in their clothing. Roscoe just grinned with a twinkle in his eye and the officers had lost their evidence and they never found it. That 20 gallons of whiskey made up some for the 80 gallons he had lost the year before.

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

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

REMEMBER the days when, if you wanted breakfast food, you would go to the store and buy oatmeal, corn flakes or shredded wheat? Now it's Trix, Chex, Cheerios, Wheaties, Frosted Flakes, Crispy Critters, Rice Krispies, Cocoa Puffs, Puffed Wheat, Puffed Rice, Grape Nuts, Wheat Flakes, Life, Hi-Pro, Special K, Alpha-Bits, Kix, Pep, and so on, ad infinitum.

A market today probably has more different breakfast foods on its shelves today than it had total items 50 years ago. It must be enough to send a grocer to the bughouse.

Was tickled at Inez Meador the other day. While she was shopping in Central, her little daughter was pleading for her to buy breakfast food.

"No breakfast food!" she exclaimed. Then, turning to us in passing she said, "I cleaned out the cupboard the other day and found 34 boxes of opened breakfast foods!"

That would strike a chord in any modern family where the kids are lured by television advertising.

But, Inez, just think what you can get with all those box tops!

WE'VE SAID it before and we'll probably say it again. There is a real rebirth of interest in drama at Heppner High school, which is quite a thing in this day of athletic emphasis and a tribute again to the instructor, Mrs. Janet Groves.

The size of the audience at the one-act plays shows that the public is finding this out and liking what they see.

It is remarkable what the high school students can do under proper direction. The one-act plays were not only excellent, but they are bringing out talents in the youngsters and developing confidence that will be valuable to them throughout their lives.

There were many fine actors in the plays, as another story in this paper tells, but we thought the performance of Nancy Cleveland as the old spinster in the play, "Beyond the Door," was one of the very best jobs we have ever seen by a high school actor or actress. It was a very difficult part for a young lady, but she carried it off

superbly, never losing character and maintaining the subdued cracked voice of an elderly lady throughout.

IT HAD TO COME sometime and maybe Buick has started it. For years, autos have been getting lower and lower (to the ground) while becoming higher and higher (in price). It got to the place that an old guy with a stiff back could hardly fold himself through the door of a modern auto, and if you happened to drive across the yellow line on a highway, you'd scrape the transmission.

But just being announced is the new Buick Skylark line of wagons that, mind you, features an elevated roof in the rear, just like a Domeliner bus of train.

This is kind of an encouraging development to those of us who are classified as tall stiff squares of the old school. Since cars have gotten about as low to the road as they can get, maybe they will have to start going upward again to get some "revolutionary new" for upcoming models.

ON SUNDAY a skier went up the tow rope every nine seconds at Arbuckle Mountain, according to Orville Cutsforth who was operating the tow and timed the intervals. This means that the recreation spot is getting more and more popular with people coming in from the outside in increasing numbers.

Recreation is one of the greatest talking points for the southern end of Morrow county, and what this band of people is doing at Arbuckle is benefitting the whole county. Everyone should do everything he can to boost this club, which has financing problems and other difficulties that require some real zeal and dedication to overcome.

AND, BY THE WAY, what a fine gesture and nice surprise it was when the high school student council told the Chamber of Commerce that the high school students are offering to stage a Cleanup day for the city: Who could turn down an offer like that and who would want to?

This is a real nice turn of events for those who claim that modern youth only wants to get and never to give.

This is a wonderful idea, and it should make the whole town proud of its high school students.

Kinzua News

The Camp 5 Women's club had its regular card party Monday evening at the Frank Ferrel home with Mrs. Ferrel as hostess to the group. Special guests were Carol Gerard and Virginia Sitton. High for the evening was won by Carol Gerard, low by May James, and floating by Joan Michel and Carol Norris. Grand high for the series was won by Jean Medlock with second high going to Ann Bastian. Others enjoying the evening were Marie Hulett, Marie Rhoton, Signe Anderson, and Barbara Mortimore.

Mrs. Frank Ferrel, Mrs. Slim Rhoton, and Mrs. Ralph James were in Condon Wednesday for medical care for Mrs. James.

Mrs. and Mrs. Bob Kyle were business visitors to Madras and Redmond Saturday.

Mrs. Frank Ferrel and Mrs. Earl Norris went to Portland Monday to spend several days on business and shopping. While there Mrs. Ferrel will visit with the Burton Nelson family and Mrs. Norris will go to Lake Oswego to visit her sister, Mrs. W. A. Carpenter.

Public Notices

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Plaintiff, vs. THE RIVERVIEW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION OF BOARDMAN, OREGON, et al, Defendants.

CIVIL NO. 63-543 NOTICE

TO: Unknown Owners and Unknown Kin: You and each of you are hereby notified that a complaint and petition for removal of remains has heretofore been filed in the office of the Clerk of the above entitled Court for the taking of a fee simple title, subject, however, to existing easements for public roads and highways, for public utilities, for railroads, and pipelines, in and to the land designated as Tract 2600-C, for use in connection with the establishment of the John Day Lock and Dam Project, situate in Morrow County, Oregon, and to provide for the removal and reinterment of the remains of certain deceased persons buried in said land, and described as follows:

A tract of land lying in Government Lot 1, Section 9, Township 4 North, Range 25 East of the Willamette Meridian, Morrow County, State of Oregon.

The authority for the taking is: Act of April 24, 1888 (25 Stat. 94, 33 U.S.C. 591); Act of March 1, 1917 (39 Stat. 948, 33 U.S.C. 701); Act of May 17, 1950 (Public Law 516, 81st Congress); Section 5 of the River and Harbor Act approved July 18, 1918 (40 Stat. 911, 33 U.S.C. 594); Section 6 of the Flood Control Act approved August 18, 1941 (55 Stat. 650, 33 U.S.C. 701c-2); Act of October 24, 1962 (Public Law 87-880).

You are further notified that if you have any objection or defense to the taking of your property or the removal and reinterment of bodies from the land pursuant to the Government's plan, a copy of which plan is on file with the Clerk of the above Court, you are required to serve upon plaintiff's attorneys at the address herein designated within twenty days after the date of the last publication of this notice, an answer designating the property in which you claim to have an interest, stating the nature and extent of the interest claimed, and stating all your objections and defenses to the taking of your property or the reinterment of bodies. A failure so to serve an answer shall constitute a waiver of all defenses and objections not so presented. You are further notified that if you have no objection or defense to the taking of your property or the reinterment of bodies, you may serve upon plaintiff's attorneys a notice of appearance designating the property in which you claim to be inter-

ested, and thereafter you shall receive notice of all proceedings affecting the said property.

You are further notified that trial by jury of the issue of just compensation is demanded by plaintiff. At the trial of the issue of just compensation whether or not you have previously appeared or answered, you may present evidence as to the amount of compensation to be paid for the property and you may share in the distribution of the award.

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON FINAL ACCOUNT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Hershul Luverne Townsend, Administrator of the Estate of Mancell Luverne Townsend, Deceased, has filed his Final Account and Report in the administration of the estate; that the County Judge has appointed Friday, the 21st day of February, 1964, at the hour of 10:00 A. M. as the time and the County Court Room in the County Court House in Heppner, Morrow County, Oregon, as the place where all objections and exceptions to said Final Account and Report will be heard and the settlement of the estate made.

HERSHUL LUVERNE TOWNSEND
Administrator of the Estate of Mancell Luverne Townsend, Deceased.

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January 23, 30, 1964; February 6, 13, 20, 1964.

NOTICE OF BUDGET MESSAGE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, Budget Officer for the Ione-Lexington Cemetery Maintenance District shall present the Budget Message for the 1964-65 Fiscal Year for said District to the Budget Committee on the 2nd day of March, 1964, at the hour of 7:30 p.m. Oregon Standard Time at the American Legion Hall in Ione, Oregon. Any person may discuss proposed programs with the Budget Committee of said District at that time.

Dated this 20th day of February, 1964.

Carl Troedson
Budget Officer, Ione-Lexington Cemetery Maintenance District
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\$589,000 Lost In Grants at OSU

Federal construction grants totaling \$589,222 have had to be relinquished by Oregon State University because of cuts in Oregon higher education budgets and building programs, President James H. Jensen has announced.

The money had been awarded to, or earmarked for, OSU to help in construction of an addition to the biological sciences building, Cordley Hall.

One grant for \$227,700 had been awarded to the OSU Department of Microbiology last fall by the National Science Foundation. Another for \$301,488 had been promised that department by the U. S. Public Health Service, along with a \$60,034 grant to the Department of Fish and Game Management.

The grants were based on the usual condition, however, that state funds would be available on a matching basis. Because the state funds are not available, the grants will be lost.

The new addition would have been used by the Departments of Microbiology (formerly the Department of Bacteriology) and Fish and Game Management—two of the most seriously crowded departments on campus, it was noted. It had been hoped that construction on the addition could be started next year.

A delay of from two to five years is now seen by university officials.

The awarding of the large grants to the university represents a significant tribute to the work of the staff in the Department of Microbiology, President Jensen observed. The grants are made only after careful inspection visits by NSF and Public Health leaders to determine merit of the science program and need for improved facilities.

The need is unquestionably great, Jensen noted. The Department of Microbiology, for example, is presently housed in 50-year-old Agriculture Hall. Several pieces of new, valuable research equipment had to be installed in the halls of the building because of lack of office, classroom and laboratory space, he said.

Prindle Chairman Of Logging Contest

Milo Prindle, logging superintendent for Kinzua Corporation, is in charge of a contest, "What's Needed in Logging," that will be a feature of the Oregon Logging conference to be held in Eugene February 27, 28 and 29.

Cash awards are being offered the loggers for their best suggestions on "What's Needed in Logging."

Theme of this 26th annual conference is "What's in Store for '64?'" H. Ladd Plumley, chairman of the board of the United States Chamber of Commerce will be keynote speaker Thursday morning, and Bruce Blew of Medford is in charge of the program.

Plumley will speak on "The Risk Takers' Dilemma." Thursday afternoon Paul Ehinger of Edward Hines Lumber Co., Westfir, will lead a panel on new ideas in logging, and Friday's meeting will discuss business management, banking for the logger, insurance and bonds, labor management and personnel.

Loggig in recreational areas will be a topic for a panel of loggers, government representatives and the public.

Registration and entertainment start Wednesday evening with no-host dinner dancing at the Eugene Hotel. Ladies luncheon and fashion show will be Thursday noon.

First National Notes 99 Years Of Steady Growth

History was noted recently at First National Bank of Oregon's annual meeting in Portland as shareholders reviewed the bank's 99 years of growth crowned by the numerous achievements of the past year.

Among the principal items of business at the meeting were the election of directors and the vote approving a 20 per cent stock dividend, Ralph J. Voss, president of the statewide banking system, announced.

The stock dividend will result in transfer of \$4.5 million from undivided profits to the capital account. Total capital funds will be increased to \$60 million, which will raise First National's lending limit to \$6 million to any one borrower, Voss explained.

The dividend of 361,800 shares was recommended by the board of directors in November and will be payable on February 19 to shareholders of record at the close of business on Tuesday. At the close of 1963, First National counted approximately 3000 Oregon shareholders, 80 per cent of the total listed, he noted.

Immediately following the shareholders meeting, the directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of 50c per share payable April 1 on the increased number of shares.

In his message to the stockholders, Voss noted new records established in loans and deposits and near-record earnings.

Voss disclosed that for the first time interest paid on savings and other time deposits was the bank's largest item of expense, up 9.8 per cent to a total of \$16,510,783. This figure exceeds any interest total paid by any other financial institution in the state.



Coming Events

HEPPNER HIGH BASKETBALL
Heppner vs. Pilot Rock.
Heppner High gym.
Friday, February 21
Jayvee 6:15, Varsity 8:00
The last home game of the season.
Support the Mustangs!

MEDICAL SELF-HELP

Feb. 24—Rhea Creek Grange hall. 7:30 p.m.
"Food and Water," "Hygiene, Sanitation and Vermin Control," Esther Kirmis, instructor.

MOSAIC WORKSHOP

Feb. 24—Lexington school, 10:30 a.m. Bring base for project tile, tile cutter, glue and a brush.

FOOD SALE

Heppner Extension Unit Friday, Feb. 21—1:00 p.m. Red and White Grocery.

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