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## Limitation Measure Coming Up

Supporters of the proposed measure that would limit property taxes in the State of Oregon to 1 1/4% of market value have obtained sufficient signatures on petitions to get the matter placed on the general election ballot. This is true even though the figure of 58,000 signatures which were originally thought to be required may be raised. At last report the petitioners had their 58,000 "good" signatures plus some 16,000 that had not been checked.

This is a proposal that is tempting to the harassed property owner. There is no denying that the property taxpayer is overburdened, but the measure coming up should be given thorough study before a person makes the decision to put his X in the square in front of it.

Many good thinkers on tax matters — and among them some in sympathy with some plan for limitation — believe that this proposal is poorly written and will result in chaos. It is pretty well ascertained that it will cut revenue to Oregon taxing districts by some \$100,000,000. It makes no provision for replacing these funds, and should it pass, the legislature will have the matter dropped in its lap.

The burdened taxpayer may say, "Good. Let's cut the bill by \$100 million." But when this takes off some public services that may come close to him, such as road improvement past his farm or some other service that he considers essential, he may not feel quite so good about it.

In some taxing districts in the state, the full amount of the 1 1/4% limitation may be required to pay their debt service, leaving them nothing to operate county, city, schools, and other agencies.

In cases where the combined budgets of the taxing agencies in a district exceed the 1 1/4% limitation, the bill provides that the State Tax Commission must work out changes in the budgets to get the total within the limitation. What a difficult and arbitrary chore that will be! They may find themselves in a position of determining, for instance, whether a city needs a new swimming pool more than the school district needs a hot lunch program; or that the county should cut its road oiling program rather than curtail funds needed for improvements by a port district.

And when the State Commission steps in, what happens to local control—where the people in the district decide what they want?

Many farm organizations have gone on record as being opposed to this measure, and the farmer is No. 1 on the list of those needing property tax relief, as we view it. Orville Cutsforth, speaking to the Chamber of Commerce Monday, said that he expects to vote against it even though there is dire need for relief. He pointed out that California property taxpayers are in an equally bad dilemma. In one instance cited, a 49-year-old house was taxed \$300 in 1963 and \$1700 in 1964. Indeed, this is brutal!

We don't have room in this issue of the paper to expound fully on the matter but intend to carry ensuing articles on the matter. It's a matter for serious consideration.

## Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

**KEEP OREGON GREEN** organization has been distributing place mats for various dinners to promote the cause of fire prevention. These mats have a map of Oregon printed on them with interesting detail on the state's industries, history and recreation. At the top is a list of governors. Frank Turner, scrutinizing these, came up with the interesting fact that Sheriff Clarence Bauman has been in office here through the administrations of 11 of the governors.

Sheriff Bauman apparently took office in 1929, at the time I. L. Patterson was governor. Others in order were A. W. Norblad, Julius L. Meier, Charles H. Martin, Charles A. Sprague, Earl Snell, John Hall, Douglas McKay, Paul Patterson, Elmo Smith, Robert D. Holmes, and the present governor, Mark Hatfield.

**IT APPEARS THAT** we goofed last week in writing of the location where Pat Brindle took the fall that resulted in her broken hip. It was at the Catholic church rather than in the mortuary where she was answering the phone and looking after the household while the Sweeneys were in Corvallis to the free throw tournament where their son was a participant. Hope that's correct now. In either place she was in good hands!

**AROUND THE TOWN:** The Rev. Melvin Dixon preaching Sunday with one lens gone from his glasses. Jean Ball, just back from Yellowstone, emptying a crammed mailbox in the post office. Harold Beggs, new principal of Lone High school, stranded at the school board meeting in Lexington with the keys to his pickup in the car that his wife was driving. Earl Ayres with a broad smile on receiving word that he has won a trip to the Caribbean in a Mercury sales contest. Chief of Police Dean Gilman pointing out the amount of litter on sidewalks following the Bazaar, coming on the heels of the announcement of the proposed new litter ordinance.

**Organized confusion** of Boy Scouts preparing to depart for Wallowa Lake Sunday. **JACK POWELL**, our former colleague at The Stayton Mail, recently wrote a ballad on the draft card burners, paraphrasing the popular song, "Ballad of the Green Berets". He used it in his "Jottings" column and next week was chastised in a letter to the editor by a reader who took him to task for belittling the youths' right to protest.

We're with Jack. You can judge for yourself. Here's his

## TO THE EDITOR...

Dear Wes:  
 The enclosed article is a reprint from "Christian Economics," a small paper printed by the Christian Freedom Foundation, Inc. in New York. Although we may not agree with all the points that Dr. Dodson makes we should seriously consider all the implications of our nation's trend toward socialism.

Very truly yours,  
 Gene Pierce

### TRANQUILIZING THE POOR

Dr. Dan Dodson, Director of New York University Center for Human Relations, has this to say about the war on poverty: "The war on poverty is designed to tranquilize the poor, not to uplift them. Such programs have been used throughout history to quiet internal tensions, but ultimately have exhausted resources and caused the downfall of civilization." This needs to be said over and over until the American people are fully aware of the profound significance. We know that the war on poverty has furnished cushy jobs for a lot of politicians and their friends. It is not so clear that its benefits to the worthy poor have been noticeable.

Concerning the campaign to put the direction of this program into the hands of the poor themselves, there are no doubt many who do not deserve the poverty from which they suffer, but generally speaking the poor have not demonstrated the capacity to direct a program of this kind wisely and successfully. For that matter, who has? With all due allowance for exceptional cases, it nevertheless is generally true that, if they had the wisdom and training necessary to direct the program, they would not long be poor. Should these people however worthy and intelligent have access to the public purse? How long would you remain solvent if others had a signature on your bank account?

And now New York State (soon to be followed by other

states, no doubt) has set up a Medicare of its own to supplement the Federal program. It is expected to help about seven million New Yorkers buy glasses, false teeth, pay optometrists, pediatricists and health needs. It will help nearly one-half of the citizens of New York State, of course at the expense of the other half.

This extra drain added to other welfare payments will pull an increasing number of the self-supporting people down into the ranks of the dependents. The number of receivers will increase while the numbers of payers will decline. In the end there will be only receivers with nothing to receive. Poverty will be universal, politicians will have nothing with which to buy votes and tyrants will rule. Voluntary charity is the only way to meet need without destroying freedom, free government and prosperity.

**House guests the past week** of Mr. and Mrs. Don Turner at their ranch home have been the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Charles C. Griffin and three children of Oxnard, Calif. Mrs. Griffin is a cousin of Mrs. Turner and her husband is pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Oxnard. The children are continuing their visit here while the parents travel to Victoria, B. C.

**Elmer Ball left last Tuesday** in company with his daughter, Mrs. Ed Bates, to make his home indefinitely with her at Madera, Calif. During recent months he had lived here with his son and family. Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ball, Mrs. Bates had visited at the Ball home for two weeks prior to their leaving.

**Miss Sally Cohn of New York** came Wednesday, July 6, to visit with her father and step-mother, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cohn and brother Phillip Cohn and family in Hermiston. She left Wednesday.

Army Pvt. Gene E. Hunt, son of Mrs. Reeta M. Hinton, Monument, completed advanced armor training at Fort Hood, Texas, July 1. During the eight-week course, he was trained to drive and maintain the Army's M-60 tank and fire its 105-millimeter gun.

## COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

### Coming Events

**ELKS DANCE**  
 Saturday, July 16  
 Western Style, live music in lounge, 9:30 p.m. — 1:30 a.m.

**IOOF-REBEKAH**  
 Annual picnic, members, families, friends  
 McNary Park  
 Sunday, July 17, noon potluck

**PRINCESS DANCE**  
 For Princess Mardee Childers of Boardman  
 Saturday, July 16, 9:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.  
 Music by The Taynes of Pendleton.

**CHURCH PICNIC**  
 Methodist Church Picnic  
 Sunday, July 24, Courthouse Park  
 Family potluck at noon, bring your friends.

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### STUB

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### SPECIAL OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT FOR THE FORMATION OF THE BOARDMAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT

To be held in the Boardman City Hall on Friday, July 22, 1966 from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

MARK A CROSS (X) OR CHECK MARK (✓) IN THE VOTING SQUARE BETWEEN THE NUMBER AND ANSWER VOTED FOR

"Shall that portion of Morrow County, State of Oregon, described as:

Beginning at a point in the Columbia River where the Oregon-Washington State Boundary Line and the Morrow-Gilliam County Boundary Line intersect; thence South to the Southwest corner of Section 19, Township 4 North, Range 23, E.W.M.; thence East to the Southwest corner of Section 19, Township 4 North, Range 26, E.W.M.; thence North to the Oregon-Washington State Boundary Line; thence Westerly down stream along the Oregon-Washington State Boundary Line to the point of beginning.

be established as the Boardman Park and Recreation District?"

51  I vote in favor of the creation of the Boardman Park and Recreation District.

52  I vote against the creation of the Boardman Park and Recreation District.

#### FOR ELECTION OF DIRECTORS FOR THE BOARDMAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT.

Mark a Cross (X) or check mark (✓) in the voting square between the number and name of each candidate voted for.

#### FOR DIRECTORS OF THE BOARDMAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT. Vote for Five.

- 12  Arthur Allen
- 13  Harold Baker
- 14  Dean King
- 15  Emmett McKenzie
- 16  Robert Sicard

# DANCE



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**MARDEE**  
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