

**Help At Installation**

Two important people who assisted at the joint installation of officers for Sans Souci Rebekeh Lodge and Willows Lodge, IOOF, were Mrs. Letha Archer, who served as Grand Installing Treasurer, and Theresa Wright, daughter of the ascending noble grand of Sans Souci, Mrs. Ed La Trace. Theresa was one of the members of the Order of Rainbow for Girls who served the dinner.

**Salem Scene**  
by Everett E. Cutler

**House Speaker Seeks Vote on Tax Reform**

Providing freedom of choice on local tax problems is the goal of F. F. (Monte) Montgomery, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and he aims for referral to Oregon voters of a tax reform package—including a sales tax—while the 1967 legislature still is in session.

Interviewed last week, the Eugene Republican was emphatic on one point:

"We don't need additional money to run state government; we can continue and even accelerate existing programs. I want to keep pounding this and funding this, and I want to divorce state tax problems from local tax problems."

Speaker Montgomery's "Freedom of Choice" proposal would allow citizens to choose between no change in local taxation or accepting alternative revenue sources to provide property tax cuts.

Alternatives would consist mainly of a three per cent state sales tax, excluding food and drugs, and a corporate income tax increase, with a provision to limit property taxes for school purposes. Unlike Gov. McCall, Rep. Montgomery does not believe the people will approve an income tax hike. And, unlike the governor, he does not believe corporation income and excise taxes should be raised two per cent.

"I don't believe \$16 million can be cut from state programs without severe damage to programs long since requested and approved by the people," says Rep. Montgomery, referring to Gov. McCall's budget proposals.

"And I don't believe the people want an increase in their income tax, as they have demonstrated three times in 15 years, twice in the last eight. We haven't in 20 years had the opportunity to vote on a sales tax in the same manner as the cigarette tax last May."

Rep. Montgomery, a lanky Eugene insurance man now serving his second term as the leading House officer, makes it clear he is not a sales tax advocate. Income tax is the best method,

he maintains, "but after two tries in my short tenure, I'm prepared to try something else."

At any rate, something must be done for those who seek property tax cuts, and he feels the Senate will share this feeling. He expresses confidence in legislative referral and getting the measure on the ballot during the current session. The package, he predicts, will appear on the ballot in title form, or outline; if approved, the legislature will implement the various proposals and smooth the way for property tax reduction.

Rep. Montgomery also foresees continuation of some state-level programs to relieve property taxes. Inventory tax relief must come, for example, and he anticipates no problem in the appropriation of state funds earmarked for this purpose. He also will support a gasoline tax increase if revenue is tagged to go back to cities and counties.

Air and water quality, rated by legislators as the state's number two problem area, is viewed as a real dilemma by Speaker Montgomery. A good first step, he feels, would be to strengthen the State Sanitary Authority by providing it with funds and staff equal to its statutory responsibility.

But there is no consensus, no place to find answers, he feels. In seeking to purify the air in particular, the federal answer is to appropriate money, he says; often the only answer is to shut down offending operations.

"Yet the biggest offender is the automobile. I've been to many meetings and we conclude we have a problem, but I'm looking for someone with the answers, and I'm not sure there is any such person."

Unemployment compensation legislation will loom large this session, and Rep. Montgomery looks for some changes. He opposes tying benefits to a percentage of the state's average weekly wage, which he believes would relinquish legislative responsibility for setting dollar amounts. But Republicans are unanimous in supporting a ten percent increase in benefits this year, and in revising benefit schedules and rates to "more adequately reward those good employer-employee relationships."

Rep. Montgomery anticipates this session will last no longer than in 1965, and hopefully not as long. Part of the reason lies in the go-ahead signal he has given his appointed committee chairmen. Instead of waiting for bills or someone to present a problem, committees have been instructed to look ahead 20 to 30 years and draw up legislation now to meet future state needs.

"I'm very proud of this constructive step forward," the House Speaker reports. "Committee chairmen are initiating and innovating on their own, headlining problem areas and then having people in to testify."

"We want to be responsive to the people, but we also have the responsibility to lead."

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**County Schools' Clinics Slated**

The first of the Morrow County School immunization clinics will be held at Heppner Grade school on Tuesday, January 31, at 9:00 a.m. with a clinic immediately following at the Heppner High school.

The clinic will be under the direction of Morrow County Health Department officer, Dr. L. D. Tibbles, and Mrs. Lowell Chally, R.N.

The schedule for the first clinic in Morrow County schools is announced as follows: Tuesday, January 31, Heppner Grade school at 9:00 a.m. at the elementary school building; Heppner High school to follow at the high school. (Parents of afternoon kindergarten children who are to receive injections are requested to bring the child to the Heppner Grade school at 9:00 a.m. the morning of the clinic.)

Thursday, Feb. 2, 9:00 a.m., lone Grade and High Schools at lone Grade school.

Thursday, Feb. 9, 9:00 a.m., Boardman Grade school and Riverside High school at Boardman.

Thursday, Feb. 9, 10:30 a.m., A. C. Houghton Elementary school at Irrigon.

Latest recommendations for boosters, according to the Oregon State Board of Health, is every four years following each completed series of successful vaccination.

**SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS**

Heppner High School and Heppner Elementary School

January 27—February 2  
January 27—Tuna casserole, hot mixed vegetables, biscuits, milk, fresh fruit.

January 30—Sweet potato, marshmallow casserole, lunch meat sandwiches, cottage cheese and peaches, cake, milk.

January 31—Spanish rice, spinach, Waldorf salad, bread and butter, milk, raisin cake.

February 1—Chili con carne, cabbage salad, hot rolls, butter, apricots, milk.

February 2—Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, celery and carrot sticks, bread and butter, fruit jello.



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Sacrament Service, 11:30 a.m.

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Morning worship, 11:00 a.m.  
Family Night Services, Sunday, 7:00 p.m.  
Christian Women's Fellowship, third Tuesday.

**ST. WILLIAMS (Ione); Sunday**  
Masses, 9:15 a.m.  
Confessions, St. Patrick's Sat. 7-8 p.m.

**Bergstroms Parents Of Second Daughter**

Mr. and Mrs. Elwayne Bergstrom are parents of a baby daughter, Kelli Jean, born Sunday, January 15, at St. Anthony hospital in Pendleton and weighing 7 lb., 9 oz. She joins a sister, Cindi, at home.

Kelli's maternal grandparents are Mrs. Marion Hutchcraft and Ray Herr, both of Monrovia, Calif. A great-grandmother, Mrs. Augusta Bernard also lives in Monrovia. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Albert Conner of Heppner.

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