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## YOUR SENATOR REPORTS...

BY KEN JERNSTEDT,  
STATE SENATOR  
18th District, including  
Morrow county



(Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of reports from the State Capitol by Senator Ken Jernstedt of Hood River, who represents the 18th senatorial district in the legislature, including Morrow, Hood River, Gilliam, Sherman, Wasco and Wheeler counties. The report will continue through the legislative session.)

The 1969 session of the Oregon Legislature is off and running, and it is my hope that by the use of this media I can keep the citizens of my district at least partially informed as to what is happening in Salem. The first week was primarily a week of organization. Although we had a pretty good idea of the outcome, it had to be made official as far as the leaders of both bodies are concerned. As you know, Bob Smith of Burns, was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Debbs Potts of Grants Pass was elected President of the Senate. All committee appointments have been made, with a chairman and vice-chairman for each. The committees on which I will be serving this session are: Agriculture, local government, planning and development, and alcoholic control. I am very pleased with these appointments and feel that they give me a good base from which to serve the people of my area. I am especially pleased that I am an agriculturist because of

that industry's extreme importance to the area. I am to be the vice chairman of the alcoholic control committee. This appointment is somewhat important because our area has the only distillery in the State of Oregon.

It has certainly been a different experience this session when I compare it with my indoctrination two years ago as a freshman representative. It helps to know the people one is working with. This time I had previously met every member of the Senate and know most of them pretty well.

Another very helpful feature as far as my work here is concerned is that as a senator I rate an office here in the Capitol. It is much easier to work under these conditions than when everything had to be done on the floor of the House of Representatives with 39 other people trying to do the same thing.

From time to time we will be facing issues you will want to contact me about. It is my sincere hope that you will feel free to do so at any time. If you want to write, just address your letter to me, Ken Jernstedt, State Senate, Salem, Oregon. I can also be reached by phone by calling the State Capitol, 364-2171. My extension is 2806. I will be able to do a better job of carrying out your desires if I know how you are thinking; but I am certain you will agree that it will be impossible to satisfy every person on every issue.

## Chaff and Chatter Wes Sherman

AS JOHN MOREAU of the Blue Mountain Eagle, John Day, says, "Newspapers don't as a rule publish poetry. This is probably because there's less newspaper space than there are amateur poets to fill it."

The Gazette-Times made an exception in taking the works of The Rhyming Philosopher as a weekly feature, and Author Harry Fletcher continues to justify our making the exception. His poems have brought considerable response and interest.

And just as John Moreau did, we're going to make another exception in "swiping" the poem he printed in a recent edition of the Eagle. It was submitted to him by Mrs. Edward Mott of Dayville and came from a publication called The Patriot, published in Adelaide, Australia.

The piece is called "The Delinquents" and it should cause the adult population to pause and do a little introspective thinking:

We read in the papers,  
We hear on the air  
Of killing, stealing,  
And crime everywhere.

We sigh and we say  
As we notice the trend,  
"This young generation;  
Where will it all end?"

But can we be sure  
That it's their fault alone?  
That maybe most of it  
Isn't really our own?

Too much money to spend;  
Too much idle time;  
Too many movies  
Of passion and crime.

Too many books  
Not fit to be read;  
Too much of evil,  
In what they hear said.

Too many children  
Encouraged to roam  
By too many parents  
Who won't stay at home.

Kids don't make the movies,  
They don't write the books,  
That paint a gay picture  
Of gangsters and crooks.

They don't make the liquor,  
They don't run the bars,  
They don't make the laws  
And they don't drive the cars.

They don't make the drugs  
That addle the brain,  
It's all done by older folks  
Greedy for gain.

Thus, in so many cases,  
It must be confessed  
The label "Delinquent"  
Fits older folks best.

REGARDING LAST week's comment that we've offered the snow in Heppner to Al Bunch for his wheat lands, we received a call from the Bunches later in the week saying that they will take delivery June 1. Well, sir, at the rate we're going, we may still have the heaps piled in the center of Main street by that date! The little white furries are still flying today.

street are making it tough on Heppner's time-honored custom of jaywalking. It's hard to climb over the heap in the street.

Notice that we actually have started something of a glacier right here at the corner of Willow and Main. The temperature warms just enough for the pile between Willow and May to melt a little and the water runs out the bottom. Then it freezes. It is building up quite a little ice flow at the end.

Wouldn't be surprised—if the weather holds—that it will eventually move on down to Willow creek and break off into icebergs that will flow down the creek!

### Susan Drake Gets Grant for Training

Susan Drake, daughter of Mrs. Grace Drake, has received a \$50 grant from the Oregon conference of the United Methodist church towards her nursing training, her mother said Monday. Miss Drake is in her second year of training at the University of Oregon Medical School, Portland, after taking two years of work at Oregon State University, the second being in pre-nursing.

The Rev. J. Ross Knotts, pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist church, Medford, is chairman of the committee which made the scholarship award which was recommended by Miss Drake's pastor, the Rev. Melvin Dixon, here.

### Service Held Tuesday For Wilbur T. Tucker

Wilbur Thomas Tucker, formerly of Lexington and Stanfield, died Friday, January 17, at Sunnyside, Wash., where he had lived the past 20 years. He died at the age of 61 of complications from the flu, the same day that funeral services were held here for his mother, Mrs. Mary Tucker Queener.

Services were held at Burns Mortuary chapel in Hermiston on Tuesday afternoon, with the Rev. Earl Soward officiating. Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Tucker was born November 12, 1907, at Lexington and had lived in the area and in Stanfield before moving to Sunnyside. He was a member of the First Christian church at Lexington.

He is survived by four sons, Ronnie, Daniel, William and Timothy, all in Oklahoma; three daughters, Barbara Buck and Mary Mugly, also in Oklahoma, and Sara, Robinson of Vancouver, Wn. Also a brother, Woodrow Tucker of Stanfield, and sisters, Mrs. Hulda Mortimore, Kent, Wn.; Elsie Tucker, Eugene; Irene Atherton, Ontario; Edith Castle, Marysville, Calif.; Wilma Wallace, Pomeroy, Wn., and five grandchildren.

### Former Lone Teacher Dies in Silverton

Funeral services for Mrs. Joseph (Clara Mabel) Mason, 73, died Monday, January 13, at Bates Southgate Chapel in Portland, with burial following at Willamette National cemetery in Portland.

Mrs. Mason died in a Silverton hospital on Wednesday, January 8.

Born near Beardan, Wash., June 12, 1895, she was the daughter of Antone and Mae Egler. Her parents and brothers, Arthur and Joseph Egler, preceded her in death.

Mrs. Mason was a teacher in the lone school in 1921-1922. She was married to Joseph Mason of lone on May 22, 1922, and they made their home in Prineville. For the past three years she had resided at the Benedictine Center in Mt. Angel, Ore.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph of Prineville; one son, Joseph, Jr., of Portland; two daughters, Mrs. Helen Duffy of Salem, Mrs. Lurline Saunders of Eugene, and eight grandchildren.

Mrs. Jim Lovgren motored to Portland on Monday where she expects to remain for some time. She entered Good Samaritan hospital Tuesday for major surgery, and expects to be a patient there for about ten days.

### PROPERTY TAX FAX

If you have a question concerning real or personal property please state the facts as briefly as possible and mail it to Mrs. Joyce Ritch, Morrow county special assessor.

### QUESTION: What determines the value of the railroad passing through our town and how is this value added to the tax roll?

ANSWER: All utilities (this includes railroads, telephone companies, pipeline companies, electrical companies and others of a like nature) are appraised by the State Tax Commission on operating property only. This value is then prorated to the various taxing districts within which the utility operates. On railroads this is done by miles of main line and spur line. On electrical companies it is done by wire miles. Other companies utilize some similar denomination. Non-operating property is appraised by the County Assessor. This generally consists of leased land or buildings and land.

The State Tax Commission certifies the market value of each utility to the County Assessor and he adds the utility value in each taxing district to the values for real and personal property. The total combined values are used to determine the tax rate for each district.

### The Rhyming Philosopher PROPHECY

WELL, NOW THAT OUR FLYERS HAVE CIRCLED THE MOON,  
IT WON'T BE MUCH LONGER TIL OTHERS LAND  
AND BUILD US A TOWN BY SOME LUNAR LAGOON,  
IMPELLED BY BIG BUSINESS AND PUBLIC DEMAND.

IT'S EASY TO SEE WHAT THE NEXT STEP WILL BE,  
SINCE OTHER EXPLORERS ARE ON THE SAME QUEST:  
ANOTHER GREAT CITY, PERHAPS TWO OR THREE,  
WILL RISE, AND THE RACE WILL GO ON, AS YOU'VE GUESSED.

FROM THERE THEY'LL BE SHOOTING FOR VENUS AND MARS  
AND FRANCHISE THE GREYHOUNDS TO TOUR OUTER SPACE  
AND COLONIZE MANY MORE PLANETS AND STARS:  
THE ONLY HOPE LEFT FOR THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE.

SOME WON'T LIVE TO SEE IT SINCE LIFE HERE IS SHORT,  
BUT THAT'S NOT THE ALL OR THE END OF THE ROPE,  
FOR MANY ACHIEVEMENTS, AT PRESENT UNTHOUGHT,  
AWAIT US AND PROMISE UNLIMITED SCOPE.

FOR INSTANCE, WHEN SPACE IS OUR DOMAIN TO ROAM,  
SOME BRAIN WILL COME UP WITH SOLUTIONS FOR PEACE  
AND MAYBE CAN CLEAN UP THE MESS HERE AT HOME;  
OR IS THAT TOO MUCH TO EXPECT FROM OUR POLICE?

HARRY W. FLETCHER

## School Bells

By RON DANIELS  
Superintendent,  
Morrow County Schools

### FREE LUNCH POLICY

The State Department of Education has required all Oregon School Districts to adopt a policy for determining the eligibility of students who qualify for free lunches. This policy had to be adopted by February 1, 1969, in order for a school district to participate in the national school lunch program. I thought the policy might be of interest to the patrons of the school district so I have repeated it here for your information.

### FREE AND REDUCED PRICE STUDENT LUNCHES

The Morrow County School District R-1 has adopted the following policies and procedures in determining the eligibility for free and reduced price lunches under the policy criteria herein established:

- a. Family income is not to exceed \$2,400 except that an additional \$500 can be earned for each additional child residing at home. Total income for eligible families should not exceed \$4,000 in any circumstances.
- b. Principals have the authority to authorize free or reduced price lunches to students whose family income exceeds the established criteria if they feel that other circumstances merit special consideration.
- c. The charge for reduced

price lunches is not to exceed 10¢ per pupil for each meal.

2. Any appeal on decisions made by the principal will be made to the superintendent. The superintendent will confer with the building principal and render the final decision.

3. Principals will determine which children are eligible as early in the year as possible. This should be done by conferring with the teaching staff and the county welfare agency.

4. Pupils determined to be eligible for free or reduced lunches are to be issued lunch tickets in the same manner as the other pupils. This is to be handled in such a way that overt identification of these pupils is avoided.

5. Pupils receiving free lunches are not required to work for their lunches, but may be permitted to do so if non-needy children also work to earn their lunches.

The directors feel that this policy confirms the district philosophy that each youngster needs a well-rounded, balanced, wholesome lunch which will provide one-third of the daily nutritional needs of the youngster. Any student who is unable or whose parents or guardians are unable to purchase said lunch will be provided with a free meal under the criteria established in this policy.

### COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

#### Coming Events

HEPPNER BASKETBALL  
Friday, Jan. 24, Enterprise, there  
Friday, Jan. 31, Wahtonka, there. League game.  
Sat., Feb. 1, DeSales, here. Support the Mustangs!

GRADE SCHOOL—  
Saturday, Jan. 25, Condon, here, 1:30 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 31, Arlington, here, 2 p.m.

ELEMENTARY PTA  
Rescheduled meeting, Wed., Feb. 5, 7:30 p.m.  
Film and panel discussion on "Sex, the Moral Dilemma." High school students and parents welcome

POMONA GRANGE  
Saturday, Jan. 25, 10:30 a.m. Willows Grange Hall, lone. Dinner at noon.  
Pictures by Mr. and Mrs. Dick Krebs, 2 p.m.

VALENTINE CARD PARTY  
By Sans Souci Rebekah Lodge Saturday, Feb. 15, 8 p.m., IOOF Hall  
Bridge, Pinochle, Refreshments  
Public invited

ELKS FEED, DANCE  
Crab Feed, from 5:00 p.m. Sat., Jan. 25  
Dance following, music by The Cimarrons

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### Ponderings

By W. S. CAVERHILL

#### Goose Pimples or Gout?

This is the time of year when the taxpayers experience the annual attack of goose pimples or gout, depending upon their financial position. The boys in crop production plagued by rising taxes, and increased wages got a chill from property taxes in November that conditioned them for an attack of goose pimples between now and April 15. Only the more affluent can afford gout. I don't know who they are, but there must be some who wouldn't tolerate it. They are the guys whose feet should be hurting then. I don't see much serious intent to curb inflation. Too many people like it too well and plug for annual increases by negotiation or strike. So we'll just have to struggle along, the poor man with their pimples and the fat cats with their gout.

#### Rodeo Dinner Off

A dinner that had been scheduled for Saturday evening, January 25, for volunteer helpers at the 1968 rodeo has been postponed indefinitely, Charley Daly, rodeo committee chairman, states. The scheduled time is in conflict with the Elks' crab feed and dance, he said. The rodeo dinner is given by the committee to thank the non-paid help for their work.

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