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Bar Favors Judge Kilkenny

A secret poll of Oregon State Bar members revealed that U. S. District Judge John Kilkenny, Portland, and formerly of Morrow county, is highly favored for appointment as Judge of the U. S. Appeals Court for the 9th District, comprising mainly the 10 western states. An Oregon man is supposed to be chosen for this position.

Many in other walks of life have favored Judge Kilkenny's appointment. It is now clear that he has the clear endorsement of attorneys and fellow jurists. With this strong following, it is to be hoped that he will—at long last—receive the appointment that so many feel he is so highly qualified to perform.

Work 'Em--or Take 'Em Out

Parking meters in Heppner are getting to be a big joke. Few of the natives pay for parking any more, realizing that they will not receive a ticket if they don't. Some business people park all day, generally in front of someone else's business. On Tuesday a transient businessman set up shop on the street to conduct his service work and paid no attention to the meters. The innocent visitor is the only one who pays—not knowing that he won't be fined if he doesn't. Revenue from the meters has nose-dived, and the situation is getting a bit ridiculous. Many of the meters do not work properly. We say again that the meters should either be worked or removed.

Ronny Brisbois Aboard Eldorado

Boatswain's Mate Third Class Ronny L. Brisbois, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brisbois of Spray, is serving aboard the amphibious force flagship USS Eldorado at San Diego, Calif. The Eldorado has recently returned from an eight-month deployment in the Western Pacific. The ship supplied the material and manpower to repaint a school building in Bajah Bajah, Philippines, and donated money to provide tuition and other necessities for deserving Philippine school children.

Visiting Mrs. Ralph Thompson this week is her niece, Mrs. Gail Gronewald of Vancouver, Wn., remembered to friends here as Jean Hays. During the week she has also visited her uncle, Mr. Thompson, while he is under medical care at Pioneer Memorial hospital.

Relatives visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Kolkhorst last week, were his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Kolkhorst from Paradise, Calif. The couple enjoyed a tour of Morrow county and the surrounding areas with their hosts before returning to their home by way of Bend. This was their first trip to Eastern Oregon.

Senator Hatfield Asks Opinions

The attached questionnaire was designed to give Sen. Mark Hatfield a general consensus of the views of Oregon voters on ten of the most significant public issues currently before Congress.

All of the questions raise difficult and profound issues which cannot be finally decided by a simple "yes" or "no" answer. Nevertheless, the response to this inquiry will be helpful to the senator when these issues come before the U. S. Senate for debate.

Senator Hatfield does not send out a poll himself under the franking privilege to all the post office boxholders in the State of Oregon because the Senate is not given the privilege. The House of Representatives has authorized Congressmen to poll constituents by the boxholder method but the senate has not.

Those who cut out the questionnaire, state their preferences and mail to Senator Hatfield will help give the senator the pulse of feelings of the public. Opinions of all—Republicans, Democrats and Independents—are requested.

CUT OUT AND MAIL TO:

Senator Mark O. Hatfield
6327 New Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Hatfield:

Here is my response to your public opinion poll:

- | | Yes | No | ? |
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| 1. Should the temporary federal 10 per cent surtax be continued? | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. Should the Congress abolish the draft and create a volunteer, professional army? | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. Should the nation approve a uniform Presidential primary election? | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4. Should the Congress vote for an anti-ballistic missile (ABM) system? | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 5. Should the Constitution be amended to permit 18-year-olds to vote? | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 6. Should the Congress press for an honorable withdrawal of American troops from Vietnam? | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 7. Should the Congress reduce federal welfare programs? | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 8. Should the Congress cut back foreign aid? | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 9. Should non-elective federal employees be permitted to engage in partisan politics? | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 10. Should the Congress exert more effort to achieve racial integration? | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Name _____ Address _____ Zip _____

TO THE EDITOR

Best Reading

Dear Helen and Wes:
Your paper continues to be the best reading material that comes into our house. We still miss you all!
Two years in Burns now. It is home. Will hate to dig up roots when we have to leave here.

We get over to Bend and Bachelor Butte once in awhile skiing but not like having Arbuckle "at our door."
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Henry
Burns, Ore.

YOUR SENATOR REPORTS...

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

Today we have entered the 60th day... a point at which many claim is the mid-way point of this session. However, as we enter this milestone, we do it on a sorrowful note with

the news of the death of former Governor, Charles A. Sprague. If you will recall, Governor Sprague was Oregon's chief executive from 1939 to 1943. These were trying years for Oregon and for the Nation, for they were the troubled times prior to the Second World War. But, because of his leadership and foresight our state was prepared for any crisis. In his personal and public life he exemplified integrity, intelligence, and industriousness of the highest order. He not only wrote history, but made history every day of his life. It truly can be said about this man, that during his 81 years, greatness walked among us.

Turning a moment to the business of the Legislature, I would like to reflect back on what has been accomplished during the first half of this session.

EDUCATION

There are indications that the state may improve its support to local school districts to some 30%, thus relieving the tax load on property owners.

A state-wide kindergarten program is in the mill. If implemented, this program would extend educational facilities to an additional 40,000 youngsters. I personally cannot see such a move at this time because of the high property tax that would result.

HIGHWAY SAFETY

In the area of highway safety, the legislature is working on programs to provide annual safety inspection of motor vehicles, driver re-examination, expansion of driver training, emergency roadside medical service, and tighter restrictions on drunken driving.

ANTI-POLLUTION

Steps have been taken to assure us of clean streams and lakes, free from thermal nuclear pollution. We have strengthened

our field burning codes. We have reorganized local sanitary authorities to make them more functional.

CONTROVERSIAL LEGISLATION
Mandatory fluoridation is all but dead. Sex education is receiving a rough go in committee. Gun control received its end by being tabled. It is not the intent of the Legislature to deny these programs to the people, but rather to place the responsibility on the local level where it belongs.

Abortions may become legal under certain situations, if Senate Bill 193 passes. The bill, now in the Senate Judiciary Committee, has a good chance of coming out.

Zoning

The Senate took action to insure that agricultural land stays as such for our future generations by passing a zone-usage bill. The bill would zone counties, through their own direction, to stop the acreage erosion of our agricultural land.

Social Problems

The Legislature is also giving consideration to such social problems as increased crime, rapid urban growth, housing, state-wide transportation, and city annexation. Drug control and its effects on our youth is also receiving close inspection. Both social and law enforcement programs are being developed to combat this problem.

Taxation

We have taken action to encourage homeowners to keep their homes in good condition. This has been done by allowing a tax-break to homeowners that improve their homes. Also, in the area of tax-breaks, farmers who failed to apply for their property tax referrals for 1967 will get a second chance under action taken in the House.

And, lastly, we have taken several steps to achieve property tax relief: the sales tax package, increased state support of welfare, thus relieving the tax burden on property and the possibility of placing more money in the property tax relief fund, trimmed from the General Budget fund.

Although this is an impressive list of accomplishments this is only a brief summary of the over 1,800 pieces of legislation that are before the Assembly this year. It is my hope that the next 60 days will be as productive as the first 60 days.

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

THE TRIP to Coos Bay is a long one, but it can be farther coming home. This is something that follows of seven of the eight participating teams at the A-2 tournament find out, and only a few can go back to their home towns joyfully happy.

This wasn't our year to win, but it was a great achievement to get there. Heppner High, with its little student body of 200, commanded a vast amount of territory in its basketball kingdom—as far north as Enterprise, as far south as Burns, as far east as Vale and as far west as Chenoas (The Dalles). That's more than any other of the state entrants commanded by a long way.

THOSE OF US who stayed home were glad that the games were broadcast and we suffered the same agonies as those who were watching in person. We could hear the cheering section and the band, never letting up in support of the Mustangs, even when the outlook was gloomy indeed.

The announcer said that he had researched the pronunciation of Coach Bob Clough's name and declared that it was pronounced "clow," to rhyme with "glow." He said if he was wrong, he'd head for the hills. We hope he has a nice camping trip in this late winter season.

But Tuesday he came back with "Cluff," and we felt better.

Incidentally, the information in the box scores in this paper for the Dayton game is from the radio broadcast, as we pieced it together. We won't guarantee 100% accuracy.

Mrs. Ed (Rachel) Dick called the Sutherland game box score to us from Coos Bay, and we appreciate her help.

Who knows? If the Mustangs had found themselves in that first quarter against Sutherland, things might have been different. The way they came back against Dayton was reminiscent of the "Clutch Kids" we have seen in action so often, but they just couldn't survive the terrible burden of those fouls!

DEATH of Charles Sprague, publisher of The Oregon Statesman, takes Oregon's foremost elder statesman. He served the state very well as governor but some of his greatest contributions and achievements came later, when he served in the United Nations and other capacities.

Few achieve the almost unanimous respect that Charles Sprague held. He was without peer in Oregon journalism, and whenever he spoke or wrote, everyone heeded.

He had a vast knowledge, born of keen interest on many subjects, and thus, his daily column, "It Seems to Me," had a great following.

Years ago, at a press convention, I somehow found myself seated directly between the late Marshall Dana, then editor of The Oregon Journal, and Gov. Sprague. I felt as if I were between the President of the United States and the King of England.

When we left the Salem area (Stavton, Dallas) to come to Heppner, one of the first to send us a nice letter to wish us success was Charles Sprague.

We have often thought that if every man in government had the wisdom, the depth, the sincerity, the character and purposefulness of Gov. Sprague, this nation would far more nearly achieve its ideals.

VIC GROSHENS and his city crew deserve hearty praise on their good work in cleaning the downtown streets. When the snow melts, an aftermath of fine gravel, dirt, dust and assorted debris is left. Snow looks clean and pure, but it leaves a mess.

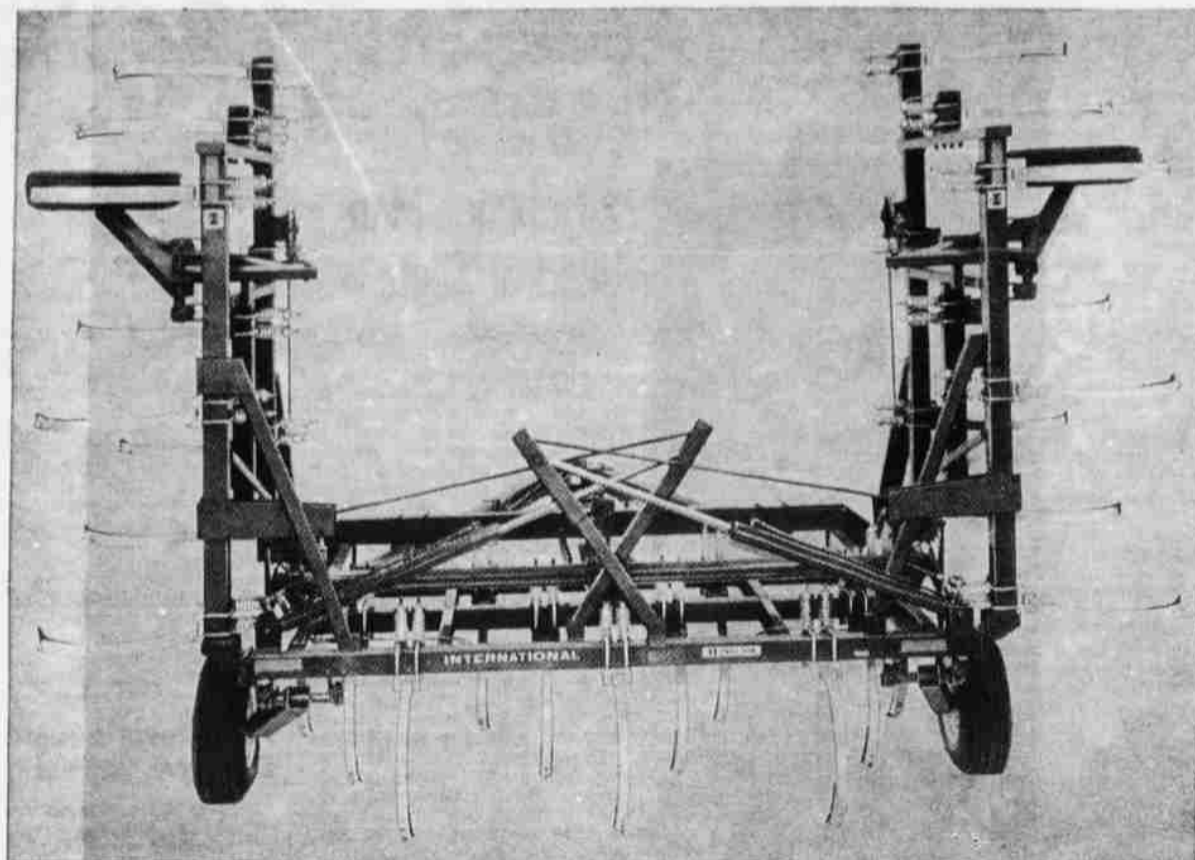
Not having a power street sweeper, Vic and crew pitched in and did the street sweeping the hard way—with stiff fibre brooms. The plan was to wash the streets after the accumulation of gravel and dirt was gone, but maybe the rain came along to help them.

Perhaps the job isn't completed yet, but it certainly makes an improvement in the appearance of our town.

AFTER OPERATION EGGDROP was over the other day (see story elsewhere in this paper) Jack Sumner wandered around to see if he could find any packages that the kids had failed to find. He located several.

One was a one gallon can with a lid on it. When he picked it up, he thought it looked familiar, so he opened the lid. It was the survival kit from his airplane!

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