

Treated at Hospital

Mrs. Frank (Hazel) Hamlin is receiving medical care at Pioneer Memorial hospital for painful injuries which she suffered in a fall last Friday evening while at work at Hamlin's Sport Shop, which she operates with her husband, Frank Mrs. Hamlin suffered a broken arm, sprained ankle and cuts, and was taken to the hospital where she will remain for several days.

Visiting Mrs. Allen Johnston for two days last week were her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ted McDaid from Tigard. Prior to returning to their home the couple traveled to Pendleton and Pilot Rock, where they stopped for a visit with two of Mrs. Johnston's sisters.

**SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS
Heppner Elementary and
High Schools**

Monday, April 7 — Pork and gravy over mashed potatoes, tomatoes, rolls, milk, cake with topping.
Tuesday, April 8 — Grade School—Sloppy Joes, corn, Jell-O salad, milk, Grahams. High School—Fried chicken, corn, hot bread, Jell-O salad, milk, Grahams.
Wednesday, April 9 — Chili, cornbread and honey, carrot and celery sticks, milk, gingerbread with topping.
Thursday, April 10—Meat loaf, potatoes, green beans, rolls, fruit, milk.
Friday, April 11 — Toasted cheese sandwiches, corn chowder, beets, milk, pudding with topping.

**Condon Man Named
As Mann Assistant**

Rep. Irvin Mann, Jr. (R) Stanfield, chairman of the House Elections Committee announced this week the appointment of David L. Magee, of Condon, a political science major at the University of Oregon as his special administrative assistant for higher education affairs. Magee will receive his degree in political science in June and plans to return to the University to earn his Master's degree next fall.

Chosen for Position

Marsha Lovgren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Lovgren, will leave by plane from Pendleton on Saturday, April 12, for Washington, D. C., where she will begin training for a government office position on the following Monday. Marsha graduated in February from Weaver Airline Personnel School in Kansas City, Mo., where she studied following her graduation from Heppner High school. She was one of five girls chosen for the job position from a total of 30 girls who competed by taking extensive examinations at the personnel school.

**Mann
to
Man**



By REP. IRVIN MANN, Jr.

House Bill 1002, a complete reform of Oregon's death tax structure, has been passed by the House and sent to the Senate. This bill taxes property at the same rate regardless of the relationship of the inheritor. It taxes the estate rather than the inheritor, it allows a marital deduction (assuming that a wife has helped her husband throughout their married life and is entitled to ownership of half his property), and it grants a basic exemption on estates of \$60,000 rather than the present out-moded \$15,000. The Oregon Wheat League, The Farm Bureau, the Oregon Cattlemen's Assn., the Bar Assn., and the Governors Commission on the Status of Women joined forces in aiding me in beating back a determined effort by the state treasurer, who administers the death tax, to defeat this bill. In the treasurer's efforts to defeat the bill, (and all the reforms in the second paragraph

are changes from our present law) some serious deficiencies in the administration of the death tax laws in this state surfaced. The treasurer is now intensifying his efforts to defeat the bill in the Senate. It was determined that the treasurer did not have sufficient data of past estates settled to give the tax committee any reliable information at all as to the possible fiscal impact of the bill. He was able to tell us about the federal statistics and the California statistics but nothing about the Oregon statistics. This caused the committee to provide that the bill should go into effect July 1, 1971, so that data could be compiled by competent authority in the meantime to enable the 1971 legislature to devise rates on an intelligent basis, and caused me to determine that the administration of the death tax should be in the State Tax Commission, which despite having faults, keeps meticulous and readily available statistics.

**YOUR
SENATOR
REPORTS...**

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

It is commonly felt that big news in government is something to fear and mistrust. People fear it because they do not understand its operation nor its goals of providing service to its constituents. They mistrust it because of its sometimes awkward pace in attacking our complex problems. As a result, people for years have cried out for modernization, reduction of red tape, a reduction of size and the possibility of making the government function more like a business. Because of the increasing demands on government, especially state government, to provide more and more services to more and more people, it would be impossible to conceive of a shrinking in size and scope. But, there is work afoot to streamline state government, reduce red tape and to make it more functional to handle the growing and rapidly developing problems. This move into the future is being accomplished by reorganization measures, suggested by the governor, and being considered by the 1969 Legislature. The first step was taken this week by the Senate, when it passed and sent to the House, a measure that would transform the Executive branch into the management agency of state government. This would be done by creating a coordinated but flexible central management pool of specialists to bring about more effective management of the affairs of the state government and its interaction with local and federal agencies. To achieve this improvement, the proposed reorganization consolidates the Department of Commerce, the personnel management functions of Civil Service Commission and the Public Employees' Retirement System as an allied function. It would also include the Department of Emergency Services. It is felt that the mixing of management, planning, finance and personnel capabilities would broaden the scope of resources of the Executive Department in their decision making and problems solving process. This approach is akin to the team approach used in business. Not only would this change bring about a reduction in duplication of effort, on the parts of various portions of government, thus reducing complicated red tape and slowness in reaction to problems, but it would also facilitate the smooth input of federal funds into our reach nearly \$600 million this year. Bill Would Aid Elderly A bill to extend property tax relief to persons living in retirement homes was introduced this week. It would give relief to those people, in the same way it is given to low income people over the age of 65, who live in their own homes. This will aid the non-profit retirement homes in meeting with the growing expenses of operation. The inventory tax will be phased out if a bill in the House Taxation Committee passes this session. The measure calls for the repeal of this tax at a rate of 5% a year. Proponents of the measure claim that new business, generated from the removal of this tax, would make up for the lost revenue. Friday morning we received the sad, although not entirely unexpected news, of the passing of our former President, Dwight D. Eisenhower, who has been suffering from a prolonged illness. He was 78 years old. We all join in expressing our sincere sympathy to the Eisenhower family, and we join in mourning with the nation for the loss of a national hero and leader. In addition to General Eisenhower's success in leadership, he was a staunch and persistent advocate of public participation in government. Characterizing this is a line from a speech he made in October, 1949 in New York, "Our American heritage is threatened as much by our indifference as it is by the most powerful foreign threat. The future of the Republic is in the hands of the American voter." Eisenhower left a heritage of lessons we all could wisely heed.

Larry Cook Better

Larry Cook is feeling better and showing good improvement in Pioneer Memorial hospital this week after suffering what was diagnosed as a slight coronary attack about 10 days ago. He had a previous slight attack during January when he over-exerted shoveling snow. Mrs. Cook said that indications are that he will be out of the hospital soon.

Dahill Promoted

Howard W. Dahill, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Dahill, Monument, was promoted to Army staff sergeant February 26, near Pleiku, Vietnam, where he is a survey section chief in the 4th Infantry Division, the Army news center reports.

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Future Role of Electric Cooperatives

The great majority of the American people support the idea of the desirability of electric cooperatives within the framework of the electric power system in the United States. In all, 73 per cent feel that rural electric systems should continue; only 13 per cent believe they should be eventually taken over by private companies.

Obviously, this attitude stems in large part from the favorable opinion that consumers hold of the cooperative concept. It appears also to stem from a feeling that there is no real need to change the status quo. There is a general feeling that the rural electric cooperatives have been quite successful in electrifying rural areas and apparently consumers believe that there is little reason to change a successful formula.

Support for the cooperative concept extends directly to support for the method of financing the co-ops through government loans at reduced rates. While the great majority are not aware of this method, when it is explained, 76 per cent of the American public express support for it; only 10 per cent opposed.

Acceptance of the status quo is perhaps most clearly evident with reference to the involvement of government in other aspects of the power industry. The Pacific Northwest river development and other projects of this type, once a focal point for controversy, are now generally accepted: 84 per cent say they feel the government should continue to develop such facilities and generate electric power through them. And 71 per cent believe that the facilities that are developed should remain under government control.

Even greater support is expressed for government involvement in the development of rivers for such purposes as water supply, recreation, flood control and pollution control. Ninety-one per cent express approval for government initiative in this area.

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