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A Game With Figures

There is a popular game played by government economists which could be called "Prove How Much More We Have Now."

The way it's played, you take the cost of the item—say, a pair of shoes. Then you figure out how much they cost 30 years ago and how much they cost today. Then you issue a statement telling how many hours it took to earn the pair of shoes 30 years ago, and how much time at the grindstone it takes to earn the same pair of shoes now.

The result is always about the same. It takes a lot less time to earn the shoes today. The formula calls for taking the average hourly salary today compared with the average 30 years ago, and dividing it into the price of the shoes or other commodity.

This is an interesting pastime, which is useful because it can be published to convince American people that they're better off than ever before. And this very well may be true. But the method of reaching the conclusion sometimes leaves a little of the story untold.

It goes something like this, although the figures are not from any statistical compilation—they're just for the sake of example:

A pair of men's shoes cost \$5 in 1930, and the similar product would cost \$22 today. This seems to be quite an increase, but wait.

The average wage in 1930 was something like 40 cents an hour. Today the same workman would be making \$3.50 an hour. So it takes him 6.25 hours to earn the pair of shoes, where in 1930 it would have taken 12.5 hours.

These would be very comforting figures, except for a few small details. The guy who's making the \$3.50 has a few things to think about besides buying shoes. Like federal taxes. And state taxes. And sales taxes. And skyrocketing social security tax (yes, it's a tax). And like compulsory insurance taxes. And like hidden taxes.

Not only that, he's been so successful in improving his position that today's worker is putting in fewer hours. He may work only 37 to 40 hours a week. And if you think those longer paid holidays and a bonus, remember that vacation time usually costs considerably more than at work.

So the next time somebody tells you how much better off you are than before and has figures to prove it, think twice. Dad's 40 cents an hour might have been meager by today's standards, but it somehow was enough so mom could stay home and do the housework and not have to get a job. It may be because the statistics will never show how many free pounds of liver or soup bones the butcher threw in, or how long the corner grocer carried your account, without interest. Or many other things that made life more livable when the economy wasn't so free and easy.

One can't turn back the clock, so maybe it's a good thing the government statisticians have come up with their formula. It make the citizenry more comfortable. And it also provides employment for statisticians.

INFORMATION ABOUT WAGE EARNERS' RIGHTS FROM THE OREGON BUREAU OF LABOR

NORMAN O. NILSEN
COMMISSIONER



Questions and Answers About Wage Earners' Rights

One means by which many Oregonians insure receiving payment of wages owing to them for services rendered or work performed is the statutory system of liens whereby the workman has a hold on property improved by his or her labor.

According to Norman O. Nilsen, the State Labor Commissioner, there is a time limit on how long a worker can exercise a lien in order to obtain money owed by an employer. Each different type of work performed has a different time limit under the statutes.

Nilsen has issued a reminder that all persons filing liens should obtain advice from a competent source.

Here is a question about liens which is one of many often posed to Nilsen and the Bureau of Labor staff, and the appropriate answer.

Question: What are the various types of liens permitted under Oregon's laws?
Answer: Mechanic's lien for construction, alteration or repair of a structure. The time limit on this type of lien varies considerably depending upon whether a person is the original contractor, a subcontractor or an employee.

Farm labor lien for 50 per cent of the value of the crop. Improving town and city lots. Irrigation, cultivation, cleaning and general improvement of land.

Improvements on mining properties. Railroad property improvement. A written notice of this type of lien must be served on an officer of the corporation.

Personal Property (Chattel) lien which can be filed only by the original contractor.

Loggers and Sawmill Workers liens which only can be filed on sawlogs, spars, piles and other timber cut during the preceding six months.

Boat and Vessel Liens filed against the vessel by name. Boat Pullers' and Fishermen's liens. Sheep Herders Liens.

Relatives from Hermiston. Condon and Hardman gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hopper on Saturday, the 25th, for a potluck dinner in honor of Mr. Hopper on his 80th birthday. Friends from Heppner came in the afternoon to wish him many happy returns.

The Rhyming Philosopher

REGENERATION

We never must admit to growing old
Nor recognize we're getting bald or gray,
So long as remedies are being sold
To keep us young until we're called away.

With colored hair or wigs to change our looks,
And undetected artificial teeth,
Though dietitians must derange the cooks,
It's easy to deny that Time's a thief.

We squeeze in tighter girdles to suppress
Reluctant tummies for a slimmer girth;
And exercise to gain more suppleness,
But mostly to prolong our stay on earth.

But comes a time we're face to face with truth:
There's no such thing as everlasting youth!
But just suppose the scientists succeed
In keeping bodies constantly renewed
With hearts and lungs, as doctors have conceived,
Would then life's span approach infinity?
But one more answer scientists must give:
Where in the world would all these people live?

HARRY W. FLETCHER

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:
It is with mixed emotion that we work to prepare this particular issue of the paper.

We feel sadness in the realization that with this issue we will be saying goodbye to someone very important to us in many ways. One who has won our deep respect and admiration. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to have worked with Wes and Helen Sherman through the years that they had jointly published the Gazette-Times, and it has been equally important to us that we were able to help in some measure when suddenly the tremendous responsibility was left to Helen to carry on. We feel that she has done an outstanding job in maintaining a fine paper that everyone can be proud of.

We will miss her as we have missed each one of her fine family as they have each gone out into the world to make their own success in life.

We look forward with anticipation to our association with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Heard and are confident that they will be successful also in promoting strength and security to the communities in the county.

So at this time we want to say thank you Helen for all the good memories and we wish you the very best in the many years ahead.

Arnold Raymond
Reggie Pascal
Dale Cooper

To the Editor:

October makes us think, among other things, of Halloween, October 31, which has been declared national UNICEF Day by the President of the United States.

On that day several million children will become partners in an international program of assistance to needy children in other parts of the world by ringing doorbells to "Trick or Treat for UNICEF."

A word or two might be addressed to the adults of the community so that they understand more fully what this appeal for pennies, nickels, and dimes represents. The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) now in its 23rd year acts to stimulate and assist governments to plan for their future generations by serving their children now. UNICEF aids nearly 500 projects in 119 countries in the fields of health, nutrition, education and family welfare.

The form of UNICEF aid is not in cash but in supplies, equipment, training, fellowships and technical advice so that child-centered programs can be undertaken and implemented by the assisted countries themselves.

Several basic principles underlie this work. The United Nations Children's Fund is non-political and takes no sides in political disputes. It believes that a hungry or sick child should be cared for without regard to the ideology of his government. Moreover, a country must request UNICEF assistance on a program and commit itself to contribute from its own resources an average of two and one-half times the amount

UNICEF can commit toward carrying out the work. All governments are convinced that one of their greatest resources is the children, and that strong, healthy, educated youth are the insurance of good citizens for the future.

The Halloween collections sponsored by the U. S. Committee for UNICEF are an important source of income for the children's fund, raising \$3 million in 1968 and UNICEF greeting cards sales are another valuable contribution. In Oregon our children collected in pennies \$31,707.01. The growing support of American citizens for these programs and thus for UNICEF is abundant testimony that we intend to play our responsible part in meeting the needs of the world today and tomorrow.

Mrs. Karlin M. Capper-Johnson
State Representative for Oregon
US Committee for UNICEF
704 Oregon Bank Building
Portland 97204.

MEETING CALENDAR

Monday, November 3—
Chamber of Commerce, noon,
Wagon Wheel
American Legion and Auxiliary,
7:30 p.m., Legion Hall
City Council, 8:00 p.m., City Hall
Tuesday, November 4—
AF & AM No. 69, 8:00 p.m.,
Masonic Hall
St. Patrick's Altar Society, 8:00
p.m.
Golden Age Club, 7:00 p.m.,
Episcopal Parish Hall, Pot
Lunch Dinner
Evening Extension Unit, 7:30
p.m., Neighborhood Center
Wranglers, 8:00 p.m., Fair Dormitory
Wednesday, November 5—
Willow Lodge, 8:00 p.m., IOOF
Hall
County Court, 10:00 a.m.
Jaycees, 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 6—
Holly Rebekah Lodge, 8:00 p.m.
Soroptimists, 12:00, Wagon
Wheel
Friday, November 7—
Sans Souci Rebekah Lodge No.
33, 8:00 p.m., IOOF Hall

Ione Extension Unit Organized

A Home Extension unit has recently been formed in Ione and Mrs. Van Hubbard was elected chairman of the new group. Other officers are Mrs. Darrell James, vice-chairman; and Mrs. Adon Hamlett, secretary.

Area home agent Molly Saul and Extension aide Birdine Tullis held a meeting at the home of Mrs. Norman Nelson for the purpose of explaining the Home Economics Extension program and the procedure for forming a unit. Included in the program was a presentation of a lesson on freezing main dishes, given by Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Ron Umbarger.

The new group will meet every third Tuesday in members' homes. There has not been an Extension unit in the Ione area for over six years.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER
Lexington IOOF Hall
Saturday, Nov. 1, 5:30-7:00
p.m.
Series Card Party following,
8 p.m.
Sponsored by Holly Rebekah
Lodge

RAINBOW GIRLS
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Sunday morning, Nov. 12,
Heppner Masonic Hall
Eastern Star and Masonic
guests and friends invited

GOLDEN AGE CLUB
Tuesday, Nov. 4, 7:00 p.m.
Episcopal Parish Hall
Potluck dinner and social
hour
Guests welcome

FOOTBALL GAMES
Heppner vs. Madras, here,
Friday, Oct. 31, 8 p.m.
Homecoming game, dance
following
Ione vs. Weston at Ione, Sat.,
Nov. 1, 2:30 p.m.

EVENING UNIT
OF HOME EXTENSION
Tuesday, Nov. 4, 7:30 p.m.
Heppner Neighborhood Center
Lesson on "New Paint Products"

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PROUD OWNER of a new Model 788 Remington rifle is Ron Palmer (left), winner of the Morrow County Jaycee Big Buck contest. Presenting him the rifle and certificate is Pat Wanser, chairman. Palmer shot his big 4-point on Caplignar above the Glavey ranch at the end of the day's drive last Wednesday afternoon. It dressed out at 172 lbs. (G-T Photo).

Invitation Extended To OES Reception

Ruth Chapter No. 32, Order of the Eastern Star, will honor its distinguished member, Mrs. Dick (Virginia) Wilkinson at a public reception Saturday evening, November 1. Mrs. Wilkinson will be honored in her present state office, Grand Conductress of the Grand Chapter of Oregon.

The reception will be held in the Heppner High school gymnasium starting at 8:00 p.m., with neighboring chapters, friends and relatives invited to attend. Mrs. Larry Prock, worthy matron, is in charge of arrangements.

Members of Ruth Assembly, Order of Rainbow for Girls, will serve a pancake breakfast for visiting guests, as well as local members and friends, Sunday morning, November 2 in the Masonic hall. Anyone who wishes to attend will be welcomed.

Ritchie Services Held in Prineville

Edgar Alonzo (Lonnie) Ritchie, 76, passed away in a rest home in Bend on October 24, after a long illness.

Ritchie was born in Rose Hill, Va., on March 15, 1893, the son of John H. and Lydia Ball Ritchie. He is survived by his wife, May, whom he married in 1931, brothers Wayland (Larry) and Irvin, sisters Mrs. Lynn (Edna) Wilcox and Mrs. Robert (Dona) Allstott and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held in Prineville on October 27.

Wool Entries Close At Saturday Deadline

The deadline for "Make it Yourself with Wool" entries is November 1, for those entries that are mailed. Late entry may be made by contacting Mrs. Robert Hoskins at 989-9443. First prize in the Junior and Senior sections is an all expense trip to Portland for the finals on December 4 and 5.

Local competition will be held November 22 at the Hermiton Elks Club. Entry forms are available from Home Extension offices in the four counties, Gilliam, Wheeler, Morrow and Umatilla in the district, and at Burnham's in Hermiston and the Bon Marche in Pendleton.

The "Make it Yourself with Wool" contest is sponsored by the Oregon Wool Growers Auxiliary and Mrs. Hoskins is chairman of the project.

Arbogasts Have Son

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Arbogast became parents of a son at Good Shepherd hospital in Hermiston on September 14, weighing 7 lb., 15 1/2 oz. He has been named Ty Alan, and joins two sisters, Mary and Ellen. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Taylor of Milton-Freewater and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Arbogast of Ukiah, and P. L. Taylor of Walla Walla is his great-grandfather.

Rene's Beauty Shop

Now open in Tum-A-Lum Building.

Six days a week. Phone 676-9282.

Jo Simmons will be working there starting November 4. Jan Stroeber will work November 1.



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\$1.10

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