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It's More Than 'Provincialism'

It appears more and more likely that Governor Tom McCall will have a major problem on his hands if he continues to push his administrative district plan, not only in Eastern Oregon but elsewhere, as well.

The governor's office has consistently attempted to minimize the opposition to the 14 administrative districts that have been created. However, as the meeting held in Canyon City this week indicates, new and stronger opposition is developing all the time.

Perhaps this development is what Governor McCall had in mind a couple of weeks ago when he told a select group in Portland that Oregonians were too "provincial."

He said the coastal areas don't concern themselves with the problems of the Willamette, that south Oregonians aren't worried about urban problems, and so on.

Although the press accounts of his remarks didn't mention specifically what he saw wrong with Eastern Oregon's "provincialism," there seemed to be the implied suggestion that we, also, are too "provincial."

Governor McCall has been on the defensive regarding his administrative districts ever since he created them. The problem he has refused to face candidly is that they were imperfectly drafted, poorly explained and over-sold and over-promised.

After a period of many months the cliches about "better delivery of services" and all the rest get rather old when measured against actual accomplishment.

Local officials are troubled because they see a tangle of confusion, frustration and wasted effort ahead. Moreover, they fear, with good reason, that the council of governments setup is just the start toward doing away with existing county units of government.

Certainly if the praise heaped on "regional government" at the meeting Governor McCall addressed is any indication, some far-reaching changes in the structure of local government must be in the offing—unless those concerned about local initiative and local responsibility have the gumption to say, "Whoa, There!"

When administrative districts were created, Governor McCall and his aides had arguments for just about everyone. The plan will streamline state services, they said. But then they turned around and said no existing state offices would be moved or abolished.

Districts were necessary to get federal "bloc" grants and, besides, the idea is Uncle Sam's, not Oregon's, they said. But then they boasted elsewhere that Oregon was taking the lead in the program.

The plan will improve governmental coordination to attack key problems and "strengthen local government," they said. But no one has explained how officials in Grant County, for example, are equipped to weigh Arlington's sewer planning, or how Morrow County's officials are able to pass on Mt. Vernon's park plans—two agenda items that came up at the June meeting of the District 12 Council of Governments in Pendleton.

Critics of the COG concept are reminded that the council can't veto local proposals; that its actions are advisory only. If so, it contributes relatively little to proper consideration of public affairs. If, however, a veto comes later—along with a budget, permanent staff and all the other characteristics of regional government—local government is indeed on the way out.

Some have suggested that Baker County Judge Lloyd Rea and his supporters in Baker County are patently political in opposing the McCall plan. Obviously the opposition at this time can embarrass an incumbent governor who, by all indications, faces a tough fight for re-election.

Lloyd Rea, however, has been consistently in opposition to the McCall plan, and it started not last month, but almost before the ink dried on the original McCall executive order.

Election time or not, we think the governor has a lot of explaining to do to the critics of his plan.

Attempting to dismiss their objections with the assertion they are too "provincial" is no way to win friends or influence voters—particularly those in Eastern Oregon.
(FROM BLUE MTN. EAGLE)

BEWARE!

The Mount Vernon (Ohio) News discovered an interesting rebuttal to recent testimony by left-leaning Dr. Margaret Mead advocating the legalizing of marijuana. The Ohio newspaper found "the other side" in a prison newspaper published by the convicts at the Chillicothe Correction Institute. The opposing view was written by an inmate, Herb Watts. He wrote:

"The only qualifications I have is the fact that I have been an addict for 10 years and a drug user for longer than I care to mention. I am not training in psychology, psychiatry, chemistry or medicine, I am not a social worker or a journalist. I am just a junkie with something to say."

"Dr. Mead told a Senate panel that marijuana should be legalized and that 16 should be the minimum age for its use. She said it was considered opinion that marijuana is not harmful."

"Unfortunately, some people are physically and temperamentally susceptible, so that they do not stop with the first experiment, and thus continue smoking, drinking, or taking drugs. This can lead to the three phases of abuse: tolerance, habituation, addiction."

"Dr. Mead is telling us 'pot' is not addictive! Why, then, during the current marijuana famine are all of you little grass smokers so frantic?"

"If they can take it or leave it alone, why this crazy scramble for substitutes? And pretty far out they are, too, from glue and gasoline fumes to catnip."

"The U. S. and Mexico finally cracked down on the highly profitable smuggling of marijuana. Almost overnight young pot-heads found themselves with nothing to turn to. Cases on the docket prove without a doubt that some of these kids took up 'hash'. Parents, if you hear your kids talking about 'hash' don't be confused into thinking it's the corned-beef variety. They are talking about hashish—the kind smoked in oriental horror tales. Half pound bricks are flooding into the country, to keep your pot-starved youth from climbing the walls. Now, instead of pot parties, the kids throw hash sessions."

Junkie Watts concluded: "To legalize the use of marijuana would be a cardinal sin and an unjust burden for immature American youth."

Young people would be far wiser if they would listen to Herb Watts and not to Margaret Mead.
(COQUILLE VALLEY SENTINEL)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

On your editorial page of last week, according to information received by you, appeared the statement that "a family of four on the Aid for Dependent Children program in Massachusetts enjoys a standard of living \$1275.00 a year higher than a family of the same size supported by an average wage earner. Including fringe benefits . . . the family of four receives the equivalent of \$7,671.55 a year. The average wage earners family gets \$6,396.00 a year." This is not true in Oregon in general. The maximum possible in an Aid for Dependent Children program (two adults and two children over 12) is \$257.00 a month for a total of \$3084.00 if they received assistance for a year. Most typical perhaps is a mother with two children seven thru 12 and a preschooler. She would be eligible for \$213.00 a month or \$2556.00 a year. Essential medical-dental care is provided within the funds available. Abundant foods are available through the county, as to other low income persons, at no cost. In any event it appears the income is a far cry from those quoted for Massachusetts. In fact it is pretty poor pickings. Even an elderly person living alone for instance must exist on \$113.00 a month. Out of this he has to pay for food, shelter, clothing and other incidentals.

There are a few instances where a person receiving assistance may increase his income. In general, an employed ADC recipient may keep the first \$30.00 of his pay and 1/3 of the balance up to the point of becoming ineligible at our standards. Seven percent of families have earnings. All too often there is caustic criticism of the welfare recipient and few to come to its defense. On occasion charges are warranted but they are the exception rather than the rule. No doubt inequities do exist and persist but a better system is yet to be devised.

We would further like to take this opportunity to dispel some of the more commonly believed myths about welfare. One of the most prevalent is that recipients have children to get more money. Financially it wouldn't be much of an inducement. For a family of three to add another child under the age of six would add but one dollar a day. Many persons think that almost all persons receiving public assistance are able bodied and employable. In fact only 13.4% are considered such. Included in this figure are the men who applied because they are unemployed and all mothers receiving AD who do not have preschool children. While they may be considered "employable" many have medical problems or need additional education or training before they can earn enough to support their families. Also many believe that once a family is put on public assistance it stays on indefinitely. Actually an Aid to Dependent Children case involving an unemployed father lasts for an average of six months. While a few families may receive ADC for years, most receive assistance for less than 12 months. Also, payment is based on need. Some persons have free shelter and 24 percent have some income from employment, social security, support payments, and the like. For example, an average family of four that would be entitled to \$224.00 per month at our standards would actually receive but \$165.00 because of income from other sources.

Each county has a public welfare commission consisting of the county court and four members from the public at large. These are civic minded persons who meet monthly, at no compensation, to review the actions taken by the local welfare department. Their views are expressed through the minutes taken at the meetings which are forwarded to the State Public Welfare Division. This and other activities in which they engage relevant to

public assistance and social services assist in forming the policies and regulations that affect the recipient. However, perhaps not well understood is the fact that the federal government virtually dictates many of the do's and don'ts in welfare in order for the state to secure matching money. Obviously this limits both state and local control.

Thank you for printing this. Lowell Chally, Administrator Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler County Public Welfare Commissions

Bainbridge, Maryland
August 23, 1970

Dear Folks:
Well as you can see I made it to Bainbridge. The trip was very exciting plus tiring. When I reached the Recruit Station in Portland, I met two other girls who I was to travel with. One from Coos County and the other from La Grande, no less. We became friends fast until I discovered I was in charge of our records and travel tickets. They were to watch and make sure I didn't lose anything.

Later that night at approximately 12:30 a.m. our plane took off from Portland. It was very new and exciting for us all, as none of us had flown before. But after landing and taking off from Chicago and landing again at Baltimore, Maryland, we became quite used to that sinking and floating feeling.

From Baltimore, (we took a taxi to the bus depot), we traveled by Greyhound to Perryville. We then had to call Bainbridge for a ride, but those phones! I must admit, it seemed like another country to me everyone is led to believe. There when those phones wouldn't work as proper Oregon pay phones usually do. Very maddening! But we made it with the aid of a young sailor in a pickup. Very nice! Three girls from Oregon and one from Washington crowded in that vehicle. Plus the driver of course.

It's now my third day. Bainbridge is really not as bad as are rules, as there must be with a large bunch of people. Our company has 69 girls in it and we are Company No. 5. Our CC (Company Commander) is Chief Zarilli. She is Italian and quite a character.

We have two C.A.'s (Company Aides.) Both are very sweet and contrary to most beliefs, they have great senses of humor. They can tell us what we're doing wrong enough to make us ashamed and the next minute were laughing at a joke of C.A. Ross'.

Shirley, Jan and I (from Oregon) have found only one girl who traveled farther than we. She is from Hawaii and is ever so sweet and cute. All the girls are nice. There are a few wise birds who seem to be here only for boy watching. I'm afraid they won't last long. We can neither look nor speak to a male species until our first leave, the sixth week. This is really kind of hard, considering they eat at the same mess hall. But if you concentrate on being friends with your shipmates it isn't so hard. Plus the food is great! And there's so much of it. Some of the girls have already gained weight.

Well, I will close now as I want to make sure my locker is squared away. Please give this address to anyone interested in writing long letters to a WAVE. S. R. Bailey, Teresa Ellen (D803920W) (USN) Co. 5 Recruit Training Command (Women), U. S. Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Maryland 21905.

Thank you and may God Bless.
Love,
Teresa Bailey

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DIVIDEND CHECK for \$2,238.00 from the State Accident Insurance Fund is presented to Judge Paul Jones from Robert Runion, Pendleton. This is the 1968-69 dividend and is proof of the excellent safety record for county employees. The county paid \$5,163 in premiums during the same year and had only \$47 in claim costs. Mr. Runion, the Customer Service Representative is a graduate of Heppner High School. While he was here he also presented a dividend check of \$623 to the Pioneer Memorial Hospital. Judge Jones said the money would go into the general fund and the road fund. He said, "I am extremely proud of the county's safety record."

CHUCK WAGON

Well, sir, the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo is now history. As time goes on we may comment on various things we may have missed in many of the wonderful things noted during the splendid fair. We would like to congratulate the Morrow County folks on their many and varied talents shown in the displays.

We surely did a double-take when we saw Bruce Bothwell's giant English walnuts. Never have we seen such big ones.

We can't think of anything more appropriate than a big fat display of handsome Irish potatoes by a handsome Irishman, Phil Higgins.

Paintings and drawings and photographs drew me back time and again for more looks.

Dave Kircher displayed something new to me: tiny, delicate purple potatoes.

Our pumpkins and squash need some kind of hurry-up job or else we'd have to delay the Fair as our stuff is still green! Someone did enter squash and the two sugar pumpkins to remind us that fall is just about here.

We were at a table Sunday at the Wranglers' Cowboy Breakfast with Kenny Turner. Somehow the talk turned to cigarette smoking, a habit the ole editor, deep down, will probably never get over. Kenny made a comment that was most interesting: It's almost worth quitting just to start up again!

(After eating or a cup of coffee, I'd give a lot for a smoke, fatal or not!)

A cordial gastronomic Thank You to the good folks of the Morrow County Wranglers for preparing a real breakfast feast. And another Thank You to the members of All Saints' Episcopal Church who served that delightful barbecued Morrow County beef. It's great fun to eat outside. My only regret is that these meals only occur once a year. Anyone who missed these meals may want to make a date for 1971.

Many thanks to Vi and Conley Lanham for having us down to the golf course for a steak barbecue and thanks to the other golfers for putting up with us eating duffers. They have lots of fun at Willow Creek Country Club. If you want to play golf, just ask Dr. Ed Schafitz or the other golfers.

There are a great many photos of the big Fair and Rodeo, and we'll probably lack room to run them all at once. So, keep watching this little newspaper for more pictures and items.

There will be no Chamber of Commerce meeting next Monday because of the Labor Day holiday.

"Remember," said the mama whale, "It's only when you get to the top and start blowing off steam that people begin throwing harpoons at you."

A politician divides his time running for office and running for cover.

Cocktail party host: "Are you enjoying yourself?"
Guest: "I feel a lot more like I do now than I did when I came in."

In the Favorite Food Dinners division, winners of a steak dinner from the G-T are Marianne Pettyjohn (senior), Pam Schmeder (intermediate) and Kathleen Evans (junior).

Anyone who hasn't seen a petition lately just hasn't been

FOODS

Tricks for Treats. All were given Exhibitor Ribbons.

Easy Meals A
Becky Stillman, Champion;
Nola Steers, Res. Champion.
BLUE—Doreen Flack, Carol McElligott.

RED—Donna Palmer, Dawn Peterson, Donna Raymond, Carmen Clow, Jan Peterson.
WHITE—Debra Palmer, Debbie Holland, Laurie Childers, Diana Raymond.

Easy Meals B
Natalie Tews, white.

Easy Meals C
BLUE—Karen Winter, Greta LaBlanc.
RED—Kathleen Evans.

Food Adventures A
Pam Schmeder, Champion;
Chris Evans, Res. Champion.
BLUE—Kathleen McElligott.
RED—Barbara McCarl, Carlita Marquardt, Joan McElligott.

Food Adventures B
WHITE—Joyce Marquardt, Anita Davidson.

Foods IV
Marianne Pettyjohn, Champion.
BLUE—Kay Bergstrom, Kathy Gilbert.
RED—Kathy Marshall, Lori Bergstrom.

Foods V
RED—Sandi Carlson, Shauna Bergstrom.

Outdoor Cookery I
Deeno Leighton, Champion;
Don Leighton, Res. Champion.
Cake Decorating
Danette Leighton, Champion.
BLUE—Debra Huwe.
RED—Pam Schmeder.

Ione United Church Changes Time

Services for the Ione United Church of Christ will be changing earlier than planned this year. Starting this Sunday, services will begin at 11:15 rather than 9:45. Sunday School will start September 13.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ferguson last weekend were Virginia Meck and Virginia Logue of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Lund of Port Orchard, Wn. On Saturday before the rodeo, the folks had a potluck picnic up at the Charlie Heards place on Chase Street.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Morrow County People Invited to attend—
Umatilla County Assn. Retarded Children
Sept. 8, 8:00 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church, Pendleton

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL OPENING GAMES
Heppner vs. Grant Union, here, Friday, Sept. 11, 8:00 p.m.
Ione vs. Concordia, here, Sat., Sept. 12, 1:30 p.m.

HEPPNER RAINBOW INSTALLATION
Worthy Advisor Elect Karen Cox
Sept. 13, Sunday, 2:00 p.m.
Heppner Masonic Lodge

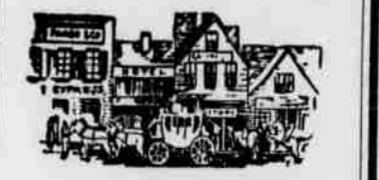
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Pendleton Round-Up Dress-Up Parade
Sept. 12

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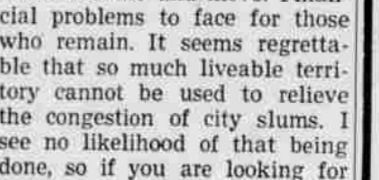
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Pioneer Ponderings



By W. S. CAVERHILL

If You Are Looking For Room Come to Eastern Oregon. There is a lot of it here and gradually increasing. Several Eastern Oregon Counties have lost population in the last ten years. That leaves more fresh air to breathe and more financial problems to face for those who remain. It seems regrettable that so much liveable territory cannot be used to relieve the congestion of city slums. I see no likelihood of that being done, so if you are looking for room for a vacation, Eastern Oregon has it.



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DICK'S BARBER SHOP—Dick Robison

NOTICE!

DUE TO INCREASES IN COST OF LIVING AND SUPPLIES, OUR PRICES WILL INCREASE AS OF SEPT. 1, TO THE SCHEDULE BELOW. THIS IS THE FIRST INCREASE IN MORE THAN FOUR YEARS. THE LAST INCREASE WAS JULY 5, 1966.

HAIRCUTS \$2.50
HAIRCUTS, Grade School and Under, Weekdays 2.00
SHAVE 2.00
SHAMPOO 2.00

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