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Property Tax Relief . . . For Whom?

Oregon legislators who were so anxious for property tax relief for farmers might well consider the fact that they have opened a Pandora's box of trouble.

It is well and good that one segment of the taxpaying population, the farmers, have been able to win tax deferral on farm property. It stands to reason that other sufferers are going to demand a ride on the same bandwagon. And their complaints may well have some merit.

Farm deferrals were granted because of the continuing increase in the property tax burden for farms. Farmers complained and not without justification, that farm profits were dwindling almost to non-existence and that their requests for farm deferral tax were only fair. It's true — farmers are not making the money they should, many are not making any money and costs of operating farms have gone up by leaps and bounds.

However, there's a fly in the ointment. Now we have the timber deferrals. Lumber prices are down, mills are shutting down or running with one shift instead of two. They, too, deserve a break.

If tax deferrals can be given to farms which are income-producing property and to timber lands which are also income producing property, then next to come up will be . . .

Tax deferrals for homeowners, possessors of non-income producing property. A homeowner has no way of using his home to make money with unless, of course, he wants to get into the rental business.

So the legislators are going to have to listen to another segment of the taxpayers who can say, "If income-producing farm property such as farms (that can earn their taxes) can be granted special tax privileges, why, then, cannot the owner of property which does not produce income be given the same treatment?

Available rentals are at a new low in every town. This possible shuttling of tax burden to income-producing rental property, would be sure to cut down on the already less-than needed rentals.

Rest assured that Oregon homeowners are going to use the farmers' argument. Then if the legislators are to be fair, they will have to grant the same consideration to homeowners. Which destroys the purpose of tax deferral, because the deferral will be given to all taxpayers and we'll be right back where we started.

Public Notices

Your right to know and be informed of the functions of your government are embodied in public notices. In that self-government charges all citizens to be informed, this newspaper urges every citizen to read and study these notices. We strongly advise those citizens, seeking further information to exercise their right of access to public records and public meetings. The Editors.

EXTENSION LONG RANGE PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Youth Committee — Feb. 1, 7:30 p.m. — Lexington School
Family Stability — Feb. 2, 1:30 p.m. — Lexington School
Human Resource Chairmen — Feb. 3, 1:30 p.m. — Vern Evans, Irrigon
Crops Committee — Feb. 8, 7:30 p.m. — First National Bank
Water Resource — Feb. 10, 7:30 p.m. — Bank of Eastern Oregon
Education Committee — Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m. — Lexington School
Consumer Competence — Feb. 19, 1:30 p.m. — Lois Allyn's, Boardman

When Do They Meet?

Following is a list of civic and service organizations of Morrow County showing their regular meeting times. This list will be updated and published periodically. Organizations wishing to be included in this listing should contact the Gazette-Times office. Only those organizations with regular meeting dates will be listed. Special occasions will not be included. Only one listing per organization.

MORROW COUNTY

Morrow County Court	First Wednesday
Morrow County School Board	Third Monday
Morrow County Juvenile Advisory Council	Third Monday
Pioneer Memorial Hospital Board	Third Thursday, 10:00 a.m.
NFO	Last Thursday

HEPPNER

Bookworms	Second & Fourth Tuesday
Golden Age Club	First Tuesday
Hello Heppner	Second Tuesday
Heppner-Morrow Co. Chamber of Commerce	Every Monday
Heppner City Council	First Monday
Heppner Civic League	Third Monday
Heppner Elks Lodge	Every Thursday
Heppner Extension Unit	Second Monday
Heppner Garden Club	Second Monday
Morrow County Jaycees	Every Wednesday
Morrow County Jaycee Wives	Third Thursday
Heppner Legion & Auxiliary	First Monday
Heppner Lodge No. 69 AF & AM	First & Third Tuesday
Heppner Mini-mize Tops Club	Every Tuesday
Heppner Ruth Assembly No. 50 Rainbow Girls	First & Third Monday
Mother's Club	First Monday
Order of Eastern Star	Second Monday
Rhea Creek Grange	Second Friday
Royal Arch Masons	Fourth Wednesday

IONE

Beta Omega of ESA	Second & Fourth Tuesday
Ione City Council	First Tuesday
Ione Garden Club	Second Wednesday
Ione Lion's Club	Second & Fourth Monday
Ione Willows Grange	Sunday after Third Sat. at 12:30 p.m. (Feb. & March)
Ione Women's Fellowship	Fourth Thursday

LEXINGTON

Lexington City Council	First Monday
Lexington Holly Rebekahs	First & Third Thursday

Salem Scene

Vietnam Again Co-Chairs Ways & Means Committee

As Ways & Means goes — so goes the session.

This corruption of the old political saying sums up the influence exerted on any session of the Oregon Legislature by the Ways & Means Committee. The current 36th session is no exception.

Ways & Means handles the money. It pretty well calls the fiscal shots when it comes to funding functions of state government each biennium.

Co-chairman from the House for the fourth consecutive session is Rep. Stafford Hansell of Umatilla County.

In view of monetary problems generally, Hansell figures Ways & Means is beginning its "toughest" session in recent history. And complicating the vital work of this important body is the fact it's getting off to a late start.

Failure of the Senate to organize quickly means Hansell's Senate counterpart and committee members from the upper chamber were not readily appointed and postponed most of its activity. This state of affairs —added to others regarding the delay, have prompted sharp criticism of the Senate by people in and out of government, including Gov. Tom McCall.

Some critics speculate the delay will extend the length of what is assumed will be an extra long session. No question about it, the delay is costing money — $10,000 to $12,000 a day.

And that bothers Stafford Hansell.

First appointed to the Legislature, he has served in the House of Representatives since 1957. A self-styled "fiscal conservative" Republican from a Democrat county, Hansell's service to Oregon has elevated him to a pinnacle of legislative respect shared by few of his peers.

Hansell's vocational pursuits involve wheat, pens, cattle and hogs.

Reflecting on the fact Hansell enterprises produce pork in quantities matched by few farms nationwide, a veteran lobbyist describes him in a manner that tends to dispel conservative purity:

"He's independent as a hawg on ice!"

The reaction likely is prompted by the fact Hansell often teams up with Democrat Sen. Don Willner of Multnomah County to co-sponsor conservation legislation of a genuinely liberal nature.

Fifty-seven-year-old Hansell's ready response to such comments involves the fact he believes strongly in preserving the natural assets of his native state.

"And besides," he quips—revealing a wit mostly reserved for those closest to him, "that way Willner goes along on some of the more conservative issues."

Hansell wit — as his work, however, is anything but frivolous.

He handles the state's money as seriously as his own. While the Senate voted fruitlessly for a president, Hansell had House members of Ways & Means visiting every state institution within driving distance of Salem. Personal inspection of facilities for the blind, deaf, mentally ill, retarded and so on are a must for the people who decide monetary priorities.

And this session "Staff" Hansell believes will be one in which priorities prevail.

Although he believes Gov. McAlls budget essentially sound, the Ways & Means leader already has rearranged some priorities to "find" perhaps $20 million for Basic School Support to cover the cost of inflation.

Deepest brow furrowing specifics plaguing committee members involve doing their job within the framework of existing revenue. And the fact that revenue may be less than anticipated.

The co-chairman believes revenue estimates from income tax, interest and inheritance and gift taxes may be as much as $10 million too high. He couples this possibility with the economic decline, out-of-hand welfare costs, repayment of $14 million to the Veteran's Loan Fund and needs of higher education and figures the committee already is in a "tough bind."

Philosophically, Hansell would prefer to ease that bind by concentrating on priorities. Unlike some of his fellow legislators, he doesn't consider Federal Revenue Sharing the solution to state fiscal woes.

He counts the federal deficit as a major cause of inflation. And though he believes that deficit can never be erased, he wishes Congress had a balanced budget.

Oregon's Ways & Means Committee must work within those limits. And Stafford Hansell is a big reason the job will be done.

TO THE EDITOR...

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Beard:

We would like to take this method to convey a message of thanks and admiration for your efforts in publishing a fine newspaper with an unbiased opportunity for all to be heard.

We would especially like to thank you for the article on Steve's mission to South America last week.

We enjoy reading the Gazette-Times and have noticed in your articles your quality of concern for your fellow man. This makes our community a better place to live.

Sincerely,
Paul Warren
Claudine Warren

Dear Mrs. Harnett:

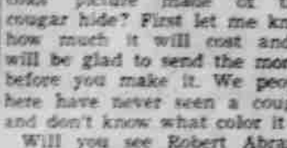
I am a sister of Jeff Walker who died in June and I just want to ask you to do just one thing. Will you please have a color picture made of that cougar hide? First let me know how much it will cost and I will be glad to send the money before you make it. We people here have never seen a cougar and don't know what color it is.

Will you see Robert Abrams who is our lawyer and see if you can have the gun he killed it with and put it in the picture so you can make one picture.

I have a picture of Jeff in color and I want to see if I can get one made using both pictures in one. Then I will have something beautiful for a keepsake.

Hoping to hear from you soon.
Thanks,
Mrs. Mattie Gouch

Pioneer Ponderings



By W. S. CAVERHILL

The Ecologists are Beginning to Swarm

The ecologist, the eager beavers of environment protection, are moving in on us with evangelist zeal. They will bear watching. Their enthusiasm should be tempered by a practical approach. Some of their suggestions are not. But, backed by law and staffed by bright young lawyers and college graduates, for field men, they can become annoying, if they are not practical.

A cordial thank you to Stanley Minor who did a splendid job of typing the Bartholomew history which was recently published in the Gazette-Times.

Nameplate spotted on a speedboat: "Mama's Mink".

Admirer to candidate: "Great speech, Sir—I liked the straightforward way you dodged those issues."

Friend of ours took his son to the barber to get some of that long hair cut off—and he turned out to be the neighbor's kid.

Fender: the only thing that never learns from experience.

An argument is when two people are trying to get in the last word first.

He got that black eye because his wife worked a cross word puzzle. She asked. "What is a three letter word meaning female sheep." He answered "Ewe."

Lawmaker Lists Phone Numbers

State Representative Irvin Mann can be reached at the following numbers while in Salem.

Home phone—378-8921.
Office phone—378-8565.
Legislative information center—378-8551.

Triple Links Meet In Lexington

LEXINGTON — Three Links Club met at the home of Mrs. C. C. Jones for their regular meeting on Thursday afternoon. Fancy work articles were passed out for the members to make in preparation for the next bazaar and food sale. The committee for the next in the series of card parties was appointed, this being Mrs. Joel Engleman and Mrs. Archie Munkers. The next party is the first Saturday in February and will be the fourth in the series. The door prize was won by Mrs. Elda Bloodsworth. Those present were Mrs. Bloodsworth, Mrs. Florence McMillan, Mrs. Irene Pudberg, Mrs. Frank Robinson, Mrs. Annie Keene, Mrs. Ralph Burcham, Mrs. Archie Munkers and the hostess and guest, Mrs. Lonnie McCabe of Ione. Refreshments were served, and it was announced the next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Bloodsworth at which time there will be an election of officers.

Elden Pudberg has been a patient in Pioneer Memorial this last week.

Mrs. Kenneth Klinger and mother, Mrs. Alean Calvin, and Mrs. Irene Pudberg were Pendleton business visitors one day last week.

Mrs. Florence McMillan and Mrs. Vernice Hendrickson were Pendleton visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cool on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Burice O'Brien and Lyn Perkins of Pendleton were recent callers at the home of Mrs. O'Brien's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Majeske.

Marvin Boyd of Manila P. I. and friend Pedro F. Maniano of Angeles City, Philippines were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Ruhl. Mr. Boyd was a former Lexington resident, and was visiting prior to leaving for the Philippines where he is buying a business and will make his home.

State Grange Lecturers School

Mrs. Willard French, Mrs. Berl Akers and Mrs. C. C. Jones attended the State Grange Lecturer's school held at Tillicum Grange on Monday, Jan. 25. There were 50 people present for the dinner served at noon, with grange members present from Wallowa, Malheur, Umatilla, Baker and Morrow Counties. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Margaret Rice, State Lecturer, who gave instructions on the work of the lecturer and passed out printed materials to be used in planning the programs for the year. A recording was heard from Mr. Fitzgerald, the editor of the Grange Bulletin on news to be written, and how for presentation through the Bulletin, and a recording from Dr. Jacobs who spoke on Medic Alert Program, what it stands for and the benefits derived from belonging. The group suggested bracelets be purchased and worn by members, having ailments such as diabetes, epilepsy, heart conditions, etc., so that in case of an emergency, they can be treated correctly. Ted Sims, the State Master spoke on the ritualistic work of the Grange and why it is important. Other state officers present were State Master Ted Sims, and Mrs. Sims, State Deputy Bob Coble and Mrs. Coble, State Flora Glenna Belle Lewis, State Ceres Ethel Huffman, State Executive Committee member and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Wyckoff.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Yocom, Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards were Portland visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Papineau and family were visitors in Orchard, Wn. Sunday.

Ridin' High

Robin Severinsen, born in Heppner in 1953, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. "Doc" Severinsen of Branchville, N. J. and granddaughter of Mrs. Ora Evans and the late Harold Evans won first place in Horsemanship, (18 and under) at the All American Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, Ohio in November. The class consisted of over 70 AQHA youth activity members from all over the United States.

Robin was riding her mare, Dudes' Dream, out of Blondy's Dude. She also won 6th in Reining Out of over 70 entries.

For the next two weeks Robin is showing her mare on the "Gold Coast Circuit" in Florida. She plans to show the mare this season toward High Point Youth of the Nation.

TWO MEETINGS HELD

The Ione Trail Riders have had two more meetings. The first meeting was at Dr. Norene's animal hospital. He showed us how he puts bones into casts and equipment he uses for operations.

The second meeting we had our Christmas party at Donna Peterson's. We have more members, Pam and Melanie, Archie Ball. We now have 12 members.

Rene Flack, reporter

Kirk Horn Tells Drug Story

Kirk Horn had some quieting as well as disquieting words on the drug situation as he spoke to the Heppner Soroptimist Club Thursday noon at the Wagon Wheel.

It was good to hear that about 80 percent of the experimenters who try marijuana never go on to try anything else and kick the habit on their own. It was reassuring to hear him say that about 10% who go on to LSD kick that as easily as kicking the marijuana. Very few go on to heroin or the hard drugs. They are usually the people with psychological problems.

According to information he gained at the State developed work shop held in Pendleton, he said that a tolerance can be built up for LSD. So it takes more to get high, then a barbituate to calm down, then up and then down about three times and they kick it.

He said "I think it's like alcohol, it's part of our society". He did say that he thought it would slow down in the colleges.

There are three categories: drug use, all of us might be hooked on aspirin, nicotine or alcohol; misuse of drugs and third, abuse.

A food for thought: 56 per cent of the drugs used are borrowed. Drugs in a situational type, are used to help better to do a job as opposed to trying to get away from it all.

Kids will spend 200,000 hours before the boob tube and watch society "pop a pill" to relax, to improve their status in society, to become popular, to be happy "a better living through Chemistry".

Kids will be kids. He recalled in his younger days when they were experimenting, the thing to do was to swallow gold fish alive, then smoking and drinking.

Narcotics are pain killers. Marijuana and LSD hallucinators. He said the reason for the psychedelic colors, the loud music and the weird lighting is to produce a "better trip". The best deterrent to using marijuana is a bad trip. He told of an experience with a young girl on drugs at one of the national parks where he was working last summer. He urged anyone finding themselves in a similar situation to "keep it quiet". Anyone on drugs is usually agreeable. Keep it dark, and quiet. When she thought the "sky was falling on her", he told her "these are clouds, they're beautiful, beautiful clouds." He has learned since that she kicked the habit.

Valerie Boyer read her prize winning paragraphs on Citizenship. She was one of the Senior girls who were guests at the luncheon. Other girls were Marcia Young and Kathy Sweeney. Mrs. Mel Boyer, Valerie's mother, was also a guest as was Helen Becker, visiting dietitian from La Grande to Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

New members Mrs. Allen Hughes, Mrs. Mike Gray and Mrs. Clayton Sweek met with Mrs. Smith, president and Mrs. Howard Pettyjohn for in-service training on Soroptimists.

HEPPNER LEATHER LUMPERS

"Leather Lumpers" is the name chosen by the new 4-H leather group. Taught by Mrs. McRoberts, the new club's second meeting was held Jan. 20 at the McRoberts residence. The elected officers are., President David McLaughlin, vice president, Jerry Gentry, secretary, Rita McRoberts. At this meeting Mrs. McRoberts showed the different kinds of leather dyes. Projects will be started soon so yo still have time to join.

Edited by Scott McEwen

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School Lunch Menus

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Heppner Elementary and High Schools
SCHOOL HOT LUNCH MENU

Monday, Feb. 1 — Sloppy Joe, homemade bun, spinach, celery stix, Jell-o fruit salad, butter, milk.

Tuesday, Feb. 2—Chili, cornbread, lettuce wedge, frosted cake, fruit, butter, milk.

Wednesday, Feb. 3 — Rice, ground beef gravy, cabbage vegetable salad, rolls, fruit crisp, milk.

Thursday, Feb. 4—Hot dogs, buns, green beans, carrot & celery stix, fruit & cookies, milk.

Friday, Feb. 5—Macaroni and cheese, Harvard beets, lettuce salad, upside-down cake, rolls, milk.

Ione Choir Has Surprise Party

By EVA HAMLETT

IONE — Mrs. Paul Pettyjohn, Sr. was suddenly surprised on Wednesday evening, Jan. 20 following the United Church of Christ choir practice. The members brought cake and coffee to show they had missed her following her surgery. Members present were Darrell and Anna Lee James, Rev. and Mary Arthur, Helen and Fred Martin, Tanya Tucker, Mary Holtz, Frances Smouse, Helen Nelson, Diane Kincaid, Don Bristow and Paul Pettyjohn, Sr. Young ladies enjoying the festivities were Mary and Margaret Kincaid, Kim, Kelly and Kris Pettyjohn.

The Ione grade school gym is open from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon for Ione Junior high and high school students only. If any parents or adults are interested in helping chaperone these young people on a Sunday afternoon, please call Eva Hamlett.

Mrs. Skip Pettyjohn spent several days last week in Pendleton sitting with her uncle who is a patient in the hospital following eye surgery.

Pedro Buffet

Bailey's Tavern will hold a Pedro Buffet next Sunday, Jan. 31 at 6:30 p.m. Cost is $1.75 each and everyone is welcome. This is the end of the Pedro tournament and winners will be announced at that time.

The Ione City TV Co-op will hold its 16th annual meeting at the Legion Hall at 8:00 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1. President and two directors will be elected. Bill Rietmann's term as president, and Ed Bristow and Howard Crowell's director terms all expire. Door prizes of six months, four months and two months free television will be awarded. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Coming Events

Jan. 29—Jr. High Basketball at Umatilla, 1:30 p.m.

Jan. 29—Riverside High School at Ione, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 30—Ione High School at Cascade Locks, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 31—United Church of Christ Annual Meeting with potluck dinner following morning service.

Hospital Board Elects

Clarence Rosewall was re-elected chairman of the Pioneer Memorial Hospital board at the annual meeting Jan. 21. Mrs. Verner Troedson was elected vicec hairman and Harriet Evans, secretary.

Has Surgery

Mrs. Alan Martin underwent major surgery Jan. 18 in Pendleton. She returned to her home in Heppner on Sunday. She is still confined to her bed most of the time.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

FEB. 1
Family Potluck at 7:00
Legion & Auxiliary meetings follow

FEB. 2
Golden Age Club Potluck 7:00 p.m. at Episcopal Parish Hall

FEB. 6 & 7
Movie — Psycho, 7:30 p.m., Feb. 6, 2:00 p.m., on Feb. 7 Heppner High. Admission $1.00

JAN. 29
American Legion and Auxiliary District Meeting at Legion Hall at 8:00 p.m.

JAN. 30
Jaycee-Legion and Friend Dance 9:00 to ?
No Admission charged
Music by Roy Quackenbush

JAN. 30
Pomona Grange at Ione, 10:30
Program at 1:30 p.m. Public invited

JAN. 28
Traveling Bake Sale in Ione beginning at 1:30 p.m. Sponsored by Ione American Legion and Auxiliary.

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