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## This Is a Farmer

This is not the first time this column has appeared in print and it probably won't be the last, either. The author is unknown, but apparently he knew his subject well.

Farmers are found in fields plowing up, seeding down, returning from, planting to, fertilizing with, spraying for and harvesting it. Wives help them, little boys follow them, the Agriculture Department confuses them, city relatives visit them, salesmen detain them, meals wait for them, weather can delay them but it takes Heaven to stop them.

When your car stalls along the way, a farmer is a considerate, courteous, inexpensive road service. When a farmer's wife suggests he buy a new suit, he can quote from memory every expense involved in operating the farm last year, plus the added expense he is certain will crop up this year. Or else he assumes the role of the indignant shopper, impressing upon everyone within earshot the pounds of pork he must produce in order to pay for a suit at today's prices.

A farmer is a paradox — he is an "overalled" executive with his home his office; a scientist using fertilizer attachments; a purchasing agent in an old straw hat; a personnel director with grease under his finger nails; a dietician with a passion for alfalfa, animals and antibiotics; a production expert faced with a surplus; and a manager battling a price-cost squeeze. He manages more capital than most of the businessmen in town. Noon auctions, his neighbors Saturday nights in town, his shirt collar unbuttoned, and above all a good soaking rain in August.

He is not much for droughts, ditches, throughways, experts, weeds, the eight-hour day, helping with the housework or grasshoppers.

Nobody else is so far from the telephone or so close to God. Nobody else gets so much satisfaction out of modern plumbing, favorable weather and good ice cream.

Nobody else can remove all those things from his pockets and on washday still have overlooked: five "steeples," one cotter key, a rusty spike, three grains of corn, the stub end of a lead pencil, a square tape, a $4.98 pocket watch and a cupful of chaff in each trouser cuff.

A farmer is both Faith and Fatalist — he must have faith to continually meet the challenges of his capacities amid an ever-present possibility than an act of God (a late spring, an early frost, tornado, flood, drought) can bring his business to a standstill. You can reduce his acreage but you can't restrain his ambition.

Might as well put up with him — he is your friend, your competitor, your customer, your source of food and fiber, and self-reliant young citizens to help replenish your cities.

He is your countryman — a denim-dressed, business-wise, fast-growing statesman of stature. And when he comes in at noon having spent the energy of his hopes and dreams, he can be recharged anew with the magic words: "The Market's Up."

## The Coming of Spring

Coincidentally, the arrival of Spring on March 21 also marks the opening of National Wildlife Week. The deer, the birds—all of the kingdom of the wild—will be adding to the cheer and liveliness of Spring.

The wild have no way of knowing that man is pausing for a moment with the opening of a new season to pay respect to nature's creatures who, for uncounted thousands of years, have lived in harmony with their surroundings—the mountains, plains, forests and streams. Only man, by his numbers and his thoughtlessness, has come in conflict with nature—a fact that he is only now discovering.

As we enter Spring and look with renewed appreciation on the beauty of the land, there is no better way to show that appreciation than in observance of National Wildlife Week. A statement of the National Wildlife Federation is particularly timely: "In order to preserve the American way of life . . . we must first preserve America itself . . ."

## PROPERTY TAX FAX

If you have a question concerning real or personal property please state all the facts as briefly as possible and mail it to your COUNTY ASSESSOR Joyce Ritch, under the name "PROPERTY TAX FAX". Please ask only one question per sheet. Then watch this column for the answer.

QUESTION:

**I just purchased some real property on which there was a lien for delinquent personal property taxes charged against it on the roll as provided by ORS 311.645. Will I have to pay these delinquent personal property taxes.**

ANSWER:

Yes. ORS 311.405 provides that tax liens shall not be voided or impaired. It further provides that property which has been transferred either by gift or sale does not defeat the lien against that property for taxes. This would include the lien for personal property taxes which have been charged against a particular piece of real property.

## Pulpit Exchange

There will be a pulpit exchange this Sunday at Valley and Hope Lutheran Churches. Pastor Sam Goldenman of Hermiston will preach at Hope at 9 a.m. and at Valley at 11 a.m. Pastor Rudy Mensch will be at Trinity Lutheran in Hermiston for the 11 o'clock worship service. Pastor Mensch will talk on "Love Makes Freedom".

## Pioneer Ponderings

By W. S. CAVERHILL

### Are You One Of Us?

Are you one of us who were startled by the news that national economy has broken through the digit barrier and is now floundering around in the trillions bracket with our dollars. Our concern was whether we have end room in the Arabic System for further expansion in the tabulation of our GNP, in dollars. A search for information reveals that we have plenty of room, yet, the designers of the decimal system provided for that. Our position and room for expansion is as follows—$1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 decillion and there is more room to the right if we need it.

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Servicemen with emergencies, people caught in violent disasters look to Red Cross for help. Red Cross belongs to everyone . . . Our Red Cross is people helping people . . . everywhere . . . won't you help too.

**Don Helliker and Cliff Aldrich** came in Tuesday morning with a paper sack full of ancient newspapers. The newspapers are dated back into 1888 and 1889. They are extremely delicate and nearly disintegrated. We'll try to report on their contents from time to time before Don turns them over to the museum. Don and Cliff are remodelling the old Kelly place up Willow Creek owned by Kenny Cuthforth. The old papers were found in door casings.

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**Wanted — Please return articles** borrowed from the American Legion Hall kitchen at Heppner. Can be left at the G-T.

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**Feller told me there ain't no** such thing as something for nothing. But Jim Farley is going to give away ten bucks cash to the individual coming closest to guessing the price of a Venture 4-door sedan, trim rings, rocker moldings, radio, heater, white wall tires. Deadline for the guessing is 5 p.m. March 11. (Gee whiz, that's today).

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**Cover picture and illustrated** feature story this month in the Rurolite Magazine is of Dee and Lowell Gribble and the Ultrasonic Predictable Maintenance, Inc.

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**Celia Currin, of the Pendleton** Currins who are well known here, has been appointed the first woman editor in the history of the Harvard Business School paper, the Harbus.

This gifted writer started writing for the E-O when she was in the eighth grade.

We happily add our three cheers.

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**The annual College Rodeo** which is to be held here at the Morrow County Fairgrounds arena, is to be an event of May 21-22-23. The stock contractor for the big show will be "The Flying Five" of Davenport, Wn.

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**It's really to be a top of the** mornin' to you next Wednesday, all day, March 17. If the date means nothing to you, your education has been sadly and tragically neglected! In any event, it's a day when all good Irishmen adopt their friends of every kind of nationality into their fold to celebrate a wonderful day.

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**The new Coast-to-Coast Store** grand opening will be soon. A new sign has been erected and the inside dressed up so you'll never know the place.

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**If some politicians would** walk straight, they'd run better.

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**Having a big family is a good** way to make sure there'll always be someone around to answer the telephone . . . and forget the message.

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**Indecision: when the young-**ster who worked all winter to buy a gift for his girl realizes he has just the right amount for a catcher's mitt.

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**Cars are definitely getting** bigger . . . wait till you see the new model with the walk-in glove compartment.

## Entries Asked for State Father Contest

All youth and adult organizations are being asked to submit entries for the 1971 Father of the Year program, sponsored by the Oregon CowBelles and the Oregon Beef Council, according to Jane Lyons, State Chairman.

Any group can obtain applications from Mrs. Ned Clark or their county extension office, Mrs. Lyons stated. She went on to say that this program has met with approval throughout the State of Oregon and the selections made in the past years have truly been outstanding. The state winner will receive an all-expense trip to Portland, press conferences, TV appearances, $100 worth of Beef Certificates, and in addition will be hosted by a number of Portland's civic clubs. Plus $25 cash to club who submitted winning entry.

## Spray Dance, Pie Social March 19

A Community Sing and Pie Social followed by a dance will be held March 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Spray gymnasium. A drawing will be held for a Polaroid Camera that evening. Music for the dance will be furnished by a local teenage group. Money collected will go to the outdoor playground fund.

Admission for the evening will be 50c a person or $1.00 a family.

FRANK TURNER, oldest member of the Heppner Elks Lodge.

## Salem Scene

### Mounting Cost of Welfare Seid Evolutionary Process

Early weeks of this dollar-short 56th Legislative Assembly have been punctuated by a variety of suggestions—each purporting to "solve" the fiscal crisis.

From his seat as co-chairman of Joint Ways & Means Committee, Sen. Berkeley (Bud) Lent (D-Portland) is biding his time.

Lent, along with House counterpart, Rep. Stafford Hansell (R-Hermiston), and the 12-member committee have final say when it comes to financing state government during the coming biennium.

Ways & Means isn't noted for acting with dispatch. In fact, its deliberations in behalf of a balanced budget pretty well dictate the session's length and the amount of legislation passed.

Sen. Lent isn't holding things up. He isn't using his power post to delay the Assembly. On the contrary, he's known among lawmakers as one of the most energetic. But he's thorough. He's seasoned. He wants facts. And he wants actions of Ways & Means to reflect what could be called the "evolution of civilization."

A lawyer who studies higher mathematics for recreation, Bud Lent possesses one of the Legislature's most well-ordered minds. When it comes to spending state money, he wants a precise set of priorities.

His present thinking goes this way: "When it comes to finance, we have two primary responsibilities — governance and culture."

Governance is the day-to-day operation of state government: courts, agencies, etc. Culture involves responsibility for the evolution of our civilized society.

Financing governance is relatively simple. But when money is scarce, the cultural aspect becomes exceedingly complex. Sen. Lent is looking for cultural priorities. When they're established the money will be allocated. The budget will balance. And the lawmaking process will shortly thereafter cease until January, 1973.

Lent places the "cultural responsibilities" facing Ways & Means in three basic categories: 1. Free primary and secondary education. 2. Higher education at low student cost. 3. Food, clothing and shelter for those unable to fend for themselves —welfare.

At 49, Bud Lent served three terms in the House before ascending to the Senate in 1967. A Democrat with strong labor ties, he readily identifies with his party's liberal element. And though a staunch supporter of welfare, he hasn't assigned that cultural responsibility top priority — yet.

He's waiting for conclusion of an Executive Department $45,000 welfare study. The comprehensive probe of Oregon public assistance will reveal "eligibility" of current aid recipients.

Similar studies have been conducted in other states. Some find only 2% of welfare recipients unqualified for assistance. Nevada found 22% had no business receiving aid.

"If our study shows only 1% or 2% ineligible it would cost more to remove them than is practical," Lent said.

"But if it shows 10% ineligibility, removal of those people from welfare rolls could mean a $450,000 monthly saving to Oregon and a like amount to the Federal Government. Together, that's a saving of maybe $18 million in the next biennium.

"And if the results are like Nevada's . . ."

The study won't provide the clear-cut priority mandate Lent wants. But it likely will influence his present thinking.

"People of Oregon can't help but benefit," he said. "Many of welfare's strongest critics believe the rolls are shot through with a bunch of chiselers. I don't believe that's true.

"If the study shows a high rate of legitimate ineligibles, I might have to rearrange my thinking," he went on. "If it doesn't, someone else is going to have to rearrange his."

Bud Lent sees the cultural evolution like this: Primitive society abandoned its sick and aged. When nomads settled and began working the land, families assumed responsibility for those formerly forsaken. In more recent times private charity helped shoulder the burden.

Social reforms of the 1930s saw government join in the care of those unable—for one reason or another, to care for themselves. And government assistance has increased ever since.

Lent wants Oregon to be honest in its apparent desire to assist the helpless.

"If we mean what it looks like we mean, let's do the job right," he declares. "Let's provide adequate diet, clothing and housing—not just subsistence.

"If we don't, then the program should fall by the wayside."

His logic is controlled by the fact there isn't enough money to go around for all three—free primary and secondary education, subsidized higher education and adequate welfare.

Americans, Lent believes, have already established basic education as their most firm public responsibility. Right now he believes subsidized higher education does not have the same commitment; is more of a luxury.

That would give welfare a higher priority.

The mind of Sen. Lent is still open. It will never close completely. There's an evolutionary process involved. But it will focus sharply when results of the Executive Department's public assistance investigation are announced.

## Ione Gets Trimmed

The Ione Garden Club over a period of years, has planted over 100 trees in the City Park and up and down Main Street and other streets throughout the town. They have planted Dolgo crab, Red Veined Crab, Blue Ash, Thunderbird Plum, Skyline locust and black locust to name part of the shade and ornamental trees.

They held their annual trimming party last week. Ed Cutting, Roy W. Lindstrom and Fredrick Martin did the high-up trimming. They were assisted by Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Van Hubbard, Mrs. Harold Huber, Mrs. Gar Swanson and Mrs. Lee Pettyjohn who helped with the lower pruning and picking up.

The group enjoyed a potluck luncheon at the home of Mrs. Vida Helliker. Joining them for lunch were Mrs. Edith Nicholson and Mrs. Blaine Chapel.

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Are you moving? Subscribers are reminded to notify The Gazette-Times of new addresses, and please include your old address.

## TO THE EDITOR. . .

To the editor and
others it may concern:

Several weeks ago I noted that the county school board had not renewed the teaching contract of Mr. Jack Loyd. So far, I have not read any reasons for this action or seen any comment about it.

Surely each member of the board is better acquainted professionally with Mr. Loyd than I; surely each of these men has visited his classroom and felt its climate, has observed the feelings of respect the students there have for their teacher and his concern and respect for them. Each visitor has appreciated the amount of real learning which takes place there. (If some board member could not visit Mr. Loyd's room then they surely listened carefully when he was called to testify on his own behalf after his principal suggested that his contract not be renewed, because our honorable school board members would not cut a teacher's throat just because one new, young administrator suggested it.)

I have had the pleasure of visiting in Mr. Jack Loyd's classroom at several different times. I definitely felt his real concern for the behavioral and intellectual growth of "his kids." In fact, after my first visit, when I accompanied a former teacher, Mr. David Ratts of the World Book Company, I declared I could certainly learn a lot about teaching from Mr. Loyd; and my friend Dave, who visits hundreds of classrooms, agreed and added, "Yes, he is unusual; he is a real teacher."

Recently, I have visited with several intelligent Ione area parents about Mr. Loyd. They said, "We are so glad our children were in his class." Several others pointed out, "He didn't teach just to make money—we know he really wanted to help children." Several Ione High School graduates stated that he was their best teacher.

Morrow County needs talented, experienced teachers. My husband Bill says that continued school board performances such as this can only lead to the possible further degeneration of our schools.

Mr. Jack Loyd is far above being an average teacher. He has filled a big job for many years and has discharged the heavy responsibility honorably. Have you tried teaching sixth graders the whole bit—English, mathematics, science, geography, history, physical education, and deportment?

All of Morrow County will suffer if Mr. Jack Loyd no longer teaches here.

Justine P. Weatherford

P.S. If I'd written this letter it would have been considerably rougher.

W. W. "Bill" Weatherford

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Flora Mabel Chaffee to Dee Cox, Jr. and Gaetta M. Cox, Lot 1, Block 3, Days Addition to City of Heppner.

William E. Nelson and Elaine M. Nelson to Stanley M. Rauch and Janis L. Rauch, Lot 4, Second Addition to City of Boardman.

## Art to Be Exhibited At Upcoming Sale

Ever been to a Renaissance Fair? Ever mingled through booths of wares and handicraft displayed?

If not, you may have a chance this spring at the Heppner Civic League's Arts and Crafts exhibit, April 2, 3.

As a special feature, this year the League is adding the Art Show to their Annual Rummage Sale. Local residents are encouraged to participate.

If you are interested in photography, ceramics, painting or handicrafts and would like to display your work, please call Judy Laughlin at 676-9781.

## Art Show At Kahlotus, Wn.

An art show is scheduled for March 27, starting at 10 a.m. at Kahlotus, Wash. high school. It is both for showing and selling. Entries from everywhere are desired.

Anyone interested in entering is asked to send $1 to Paul Thompson at Kahlotus, Wash. 99335.

While in Kahlotus, visitors who enjoy antiques and interesting pioneer objects may enjoy looking in at Tom's Tavern there.

## COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

MARCH 11
Ione PTA at 8:00 p.m.
MARCH 12

Soroptimist Food Sale At Evans Lumber Yard, 10:00 a.m.

MARCH 15
Morrow Co. Arm of the Natl Assn. to Keep and Bear Arms at Lexington Grange Hall at 8:00 p.m.

MARCH 16
Hello Heppner at Neighborhood Center, 7:30 p.m.

MARCH 17
Morrow County Junior Rodeo Assn. at Gail McCarty home, 7:00 p.m.

MARCH 17
St. Patrick's Card Party at Parish Hall

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## School Lunch Menus

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**SCHOOL HOT LUNCH MENU**

Monday, March 15 — Sloppy Joe, homemade bun, spinach, carrot and celery sticks, fruit cobbler and milk.

Tuesday, March 16 — Mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cabbage salad, fruit, cookies, rolls, milk.

Wednesday, March 17—Hamburgers, homemade bun, buttered corn, pickles, potato chips, apple crisp, milk.

Thursday, March 18 — Chili beans, lettuce vegetable salad, French bread, butter, cake and fruit, milk.

Friday, March 19 — Tomato soup, toasted cheese sandwiches, cabbage salad, fruit, milk.

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