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PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

Local property taxes may no longer bring the bulk of school support in California, as the result of a 6-1 state supreme court decision which declared the manner in which schools receive more than half of their funds discriminates against the poor.

The ruling says local property taxes, which supply 56 percent of school costs, "discriminates against the poor because it makes the quality of a child's education a function of the wealth of his parents and neighbors."

Sort of a strange approach but our courts have been making some strange rulings for quite a few years. The California ruling could have implications in Oregon, which also relies upon local property taxes for schools. Our neighbor to the south is now studying additional sales taxes, higher income taxes or a statewide property tax for school income.

If the ruling holds up, it will mean state control of schools with little local influence. And if it comes to Oregon, you will have a far different tax system than you have today. Just another instance of community control being relegated to big government.

(From Prineville Cen, Oregonian)

DEAR LETTER EDITOR:

State Federation of Humane Societies held their Annual Meeting, at Pasco, President Joseph Q. Betzenendorfer Jr. conducted a most informative, interesting and educational two day meeting.

American Assn. of Denver had Field Consultant Richard N. Denny show a first hand movie of the seal slaughter on the Pribiloff Islands to promote fur business because he says, "It's one business that is self sustaining, from the financial stand point."

He reminded us the seal harvest must go on and not be controlled by emotional people! He must be in cahoots with Am Landers who says "It's stupid and emotional not to wear fur so long as it is not on the endangered list."

I could not refrain from putting in a plug to promote artificial fur business, since it can and will abolish much brutal cruelty in all forms of trapping of wild animals other than seals. A good example of needless cruelty is the recent article stating Oregon State College is now raising mink in cold - completely dark rooms to obtain certain color lines and save food bills by being able to slaughter at an earlier date.

The Richland Kennel Club showed a well trained Dalmatian dog and what the force of a choke chain could do - Much coughing and choking exhibited in between demands of the trainer.

Some interested person at the meeting wanted to know how to break a dog from carrying rocks in its mouth. The Kennel Club trainer's helper said, "TAPE A ROCK IT ITS MOUTH FOR 2 HOURS!" No one questioned my answer when I informed the group, in no uncertain terms, "THAT WAS AGAINST THE LAW TO TIE ANY DOG'S MOUTH SHUT".

A wonder Guard Dog Demonstration was put on by two Policemen with a large police type dog. They emphasized all training was done with nothing but kindness and compassion for the animal.

To my shock and horror a film on research was shown by biologist James Beamer of Battell Northwest. The sales talk was clean cages-good food to cover up for animals' torment and torture. But no way to cover up the waste in tax funds for repeat experiments. He showed a helpless dog in a gruesome plastic type holding device with a smoking mask on, so they can study the effects of smoking on the lungs. As if these smoke - to - death researchers didn't know the effects of smoking on people's lungs as well as animals. This smoking-to-death of helpless animals has been going on, the records tell us, since in the nineteenth centuries. I reminded him of this fact and he said "Well, we are still studying and trying to come up with a proper smoking mask for the dogs."

No forced smoking of animals could in any way be comparable to human smoking and they know it. It's high time we reminded our Legislators that our tax dol-

lars go to help the sick, diseased and dying people rather than still studying harder ways to kill off more of man's best friends, the dogs.

An interesting photo showed a research goal that had made it to the top rail of escape the torment tortures.

A small sized new breed of pig was shown with a wire contraption inserted in its blood smeared chest cavity to produce the heat equivalent of a 60 watt light globe. One pig was presented a birthday party, cake and all because it had put up with this device for two years - longer than any other had been able to tolerate and live.

Representative Doris Johnson reported that the promotion of horse and dog racing helps to lower taxes.

Cock and dog fights are carried on under cover, and to try to halt illegal cock fights it was suggested perhaps they could get a bill through to make it illegal to raise game chickens.

Sure glad Dott Krebs was not there to censor my 300 feet of posters and wall plaques that I designed for the lone Earth Day Program to exhibit cruel, barbaric use of 1080 traps, pollution and other animal injustices. The display hung on the Banquet Room Walls, for the two day meetings of the humane Groups gathered for the four States Convention.

Civilized Nations do not sanction or condone cruelty to animals! It's time we stopped looking the other way and pretending the evils do not exist.

Sincerely,
Lois Winchester

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Stuart Johnson

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Life insurance now in force: \$ 19,968,043,000
Assets at December 31, 1971: \$ 3,874,400,000

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General Manager Allen Nistad of Kinzua Corp. told of his company's new veneer plant providing 70 new jobs and eventually over double that. But, he said, there's no rental housing available. Cong. Ullman said some Federal housing money is available under different programs.

Helen Dyer sent us this: To some women, marriage is like a drug. They end up taking one dope after another.

Mrs. W.R. Smith of Hamilton, Mont. sent a clipping from their local newspaper telling of the arrest of a LETTER TO THE EDITOR To the Editor,

I am writing this letter in hopes that when everyone is finished reading it they will be angry enough to take time to consider how they would like such a thing to happen to them if they were opening a new business or should I say trying to open a new business?

One month ago the owners of Cal's Cafe submitted their application for a dispenser's license so they could open up the now empty room in the rear of the cafe for a lounge, and put this space back there to use again. The Liquor Commission denied their appeal as they felt the community wasn't large enough to warrant the business.

Cal's petitioned again this month, this time they took numerous letters written by merchants and concerned citizens, also a petition signed by hundreds supporting Cal's efforts. Judge Jones was also present in their behalf, voicing his approval and to assure the commission there definitely was need for the business.

The Liquor Commission again denied their appeal for the license for the same insane reasons!

A local competitor was present to oppose granting a license to Cal's.

Regardless how small a community may be competition is what encourages each merchant to put forth their best efforts to accommodate each and every customer. Monopoly over a business in a community can be more detrimental to that business than competition when they come to take their customers for granted, which more often than not happens.

Twenty years prior to closure last year Cal's was licensed to dispense liquor. Upon opening under new management, it is necessary to regain a new license.

If in the past there was enough business for two lounges, there should be no question as to whether there is now, with the ever growing population. We must learn to compromise-not monopolize.

Therefore, I encourage everyone to voice their approval of the license by way of letter to the Oregon State Liquor Control Commission. It will cost only time and eight cents and I think it's a good, worthwhile investment for the community.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Dale Adlard

fugitive by Sheriff's deputies there. Her husband, Walt Smith is now a Sheriff's deputy and was among those making the recent arrest. Deputy Smith was formerly a minister from 1959-1963 serving the Lexington Christian Church. They moved to Jasper, Ore. for several years and then from 1966 to 1969 served the Hamilton, Mont. Christian Church. He is now the civil deputy sheriff and is in charge of the jail, the prisoners, and the ambulance. The fugitive, Curtis P. Viall, was high on the F.B.I. wanted list, and Deputy Smith was responsible for his capture as his car license caught his eye as it happens to be identical to his account number at a local bank.

The Morrow County Jaycees have received some buttons to sell for the Centennial. They read: "I'm growing a beard for the Heppner Centennial." Pictured is a smiling gent lathering his whiskery mug. Anyone interested in obtaining one of the buttons had better hurry, as there are only a few



Alena Anderson unwraps her new silver tray as David Mann and Kathryn Hoskins look on admiringly.

Teachers given "fond farewell"

Teachers of Heppner Elementary School gathered before the end of school to have a fun-farewell party for three of their teachers: for Alena Anderson who is retiring, for Kathryn Hoskins who is taking a year's leave of absence and for David Mann who is leaving the system to return to the east coast.

The potluck supper tables were colorful with flowers and place cards. The program was refreshing. Dennis Cass sang several numbers, accompanied by Per Walthinsen, Dorcas Stewart surprised everyone with a jolly skit, Principal Don Cole had nice things to say about each one leaving.

Mrs. Anderson comes from a pioneer family. Her parents, the Lawrence Reddings settled in the 8-mile district where Alena went to school, later went back to teach there and taught her little brother. Her only other teaching out of the county was at Athena.

She was greeted with a resounding ovation and was presented with a silver tray.

row county, died at the home here Tues. afternoon following a lingering illness. She was the widow of Judge Alta G. Bartholomew, county judge from 1869-1904.

Heppner's top students, Valerie Boyer and Bruce Marquardt, were named as valedictorian and salutatorian last week by Principal Jim Bier.

Police reported Fri. that the body of another beef animal had been found shot on the Don Bennett's ranch. This one could have been shot from the road and probably by a 22 Hornet. It apparently had been shot two or three days before it was discovered.

EFFECTIVE MAY 16, all letters deposited in the post office must bear postage at the rate of 8 cents per ounce or fraction thereof if intended for surface transportation. The airmail rate goes to 11 cents per ounce or fraction thereof.

Henry E. Peterson of Ione was named Father of the Year in a recent contest.

BERTHA LOVGREN of Portland was honored on her 83rd birthday by a surprise party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Way of The Dalles. Present were Erma Keithley, Gladys Alderman, Della Scribner, Vada DeMoss, Joyce Lovgren, Jeannette Lovgren, Donna Peterson, Yvonne Lovgren, Terri Lovgren and son, Michael, Eleanor Bailey, Roberta Garrison, Betty Way and Jesse Lovgren.

MR. AND MRS. GLEN BAILEY and Ricky of Hoquiam, Wa. stopped here to visit his grandmother Mrs. Mary Bailey last weekend. They had been on a 3-weeks vacation trip to the Southwest.

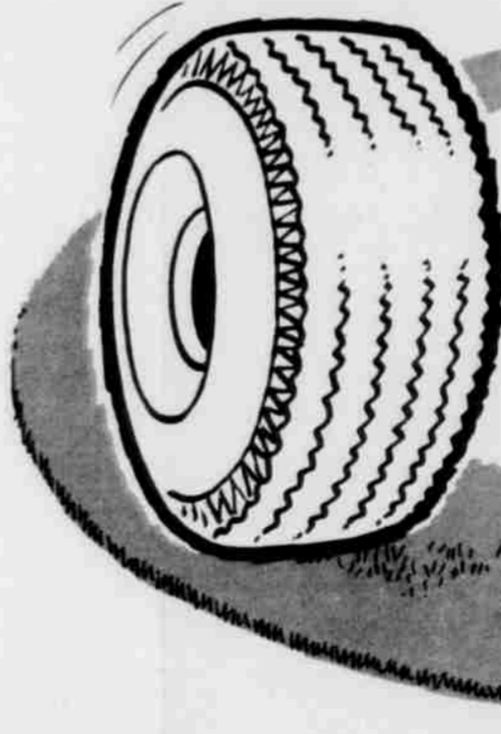
COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

- June 1 Junior High Awards assembly, Grade School, 1:00 June 3 Ione Church Auction & Barbeque. All Day, Willows Grange Hall.
- June 4 Oregon Wheat League Show, The Dalles, June 4-7 June 5 New business, Heppner Laundromat, opens at 9:00 a.m. June 6 Golden Age Club, pot-luck dinner, Elks Temple, 6:30 June 7 W.S.C.S. at Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m. Union Stock Show, at Union, June 7-10

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