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There was an old woman who lived in a shoe.
She had so many children her welfare check came to \$8,472.

Report from Ken Jernstedt

The major topic around the capitol this week was the defeat of the proposed tax measure and the need to begin work immediately on another plan.

Leaders of the legislature have pledged their support to work for a viable property tax relief program. We do not view the rejection of Ballot Measure Number One as a message against property tax relief, since a great many people voted for this issue.

We have always held this as the number one priority of this session and plan to keep the legislature going until a solution is reached. It is time for both sides to come together immediately to develop a mutually acceptable alternative to the defeated plan. Having been in communication with the offices of the President of the Senate and the Governor, we are confident that agreement on a new plan for Oregon will be quickly reached.

Various approaches have been discussed in reaching a solution to the tax problem. Included in possible alternatives is the Legislative Interim Committee's Tax Proposal. The basic thrust of the interim proposal is to shift from a tax on property value to taxes on ability to pay. The plan just defeated attempted this, but much faster and more far reaching. It will not shift the tax burden from commercial taxpayers to residential taxpayers as the result of any readjustment of revenue sources.

The plan creates a \$5,000 homestead exemption applicable to all property tax levies. It also establishes a renter relief program similar to the current homeowners' property tax relief program. Under the Interim Plan, there will be a slight increase in the personal income tax and the corporate taxes. Other monies to fund the program will come from the state's General fund and from some revenue sharing funds if needed but they are not considered necessary. All of this will result in slightly over 50 percent state support of our schools.

In the proposed method of distribution of the money, a tier concept of equalization is employed. Through local option, each district would elect its level of expenditure beyond the level financed by the state basic grant. Equalization dollars made available at each tier level would be distributed in such manner that those districts receiving state equalization funds would be able to raise the same number of dollars from the local property tax at approximately the same rate.

It strives to maintain local financing responsibility for capital outlay, program level and program improvement. Local responsibility and control of primary and secondary education is maintained under this proposal.

This proposal departs from the Governor's program in that (1) no statewide ad valorem property tax is mandated, (2) 50 percent or a percentage slightly more, support of school operational costs is funded from state revenues instead of 95 percent as recommended in the McCall Plan, (3) all real property bears a proportionate share of the load of the school tax burden and (4) local control is maintained.

Another program which was presented to the House Revenue Committee is known as the Hansell-Newbury School Finance and Tax Program. This program is a variation of the Interim Committee's Tax Plan.

It will take time to work out an equitable plan but all of us here are pledged to property tax relief and we will work to bring it about!

REMEMBER THIS? REMINISCENCE!

55 YEARS AGO.....1918

Morrow County has passed the hundred thousand dollar mark in the campaign to raise its quota of \$142,000 in the Third Liberty Loan Drive. Figures available to date show that Lexington, Ione, Cecil, Lena and Pine City as well as Irrigon have all exceeded their quota.

Sunday, April 7, the Church of Christ of Ione was the scene of a pretty wedding, when Miss Etta Barlow became the bride of Lee Howell.

An intrepid young hunter is master Johnnie Turner, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Turner of Heppner and Sand Hollow. During the past week this ten year old lad came across a coyote den and proceeded to cross-section the affair with a shovel. Out of a total of eight pups, he succeeded in bagging five, the other three and the old mother coyote getting away.

A sheepherder for R. F. Wigglesworth has subscribed for \$3500 worth of Liberty Bonds. We did not learn his name. This man had been loaning his money out in the past with uncertain security and a great deal of worry, so he just decided he would let Uncle Sam have the use of it and thereby do away with the "worry".

37 YEARS AGO.....1936

Twenty-six members of the local school band will be escorted to Corvallis this evening and tomorrow by a large contingent of parents and friends, and Saturday morning between 8 and 10 o'clock will appear in the class D state school band contest. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Buhman departed for Corvallis yesterday evening. Mr. Buhman, the director, to make final arrangements for the appearance.

The forest service telephone line is completed from the summit of Willow Creek to the Cleveland ranch. The work is being done under the supervision of Joe Swendig and is a part of the relief program, being carried out through ERA.

The local sheriff's office recently received payment of Union Pacific railroad taxes for the year of \$59,431. All taxes levied against the company's property in Oregon for 1936, totaling \$1,036,514.13, have been paid, the company reports.

The stock farmers of North Morrow County have been strongly reminded of the need of soil erosion control. Devastating winds have swept many fields of the north county, virtually taking the grain out by the roots. Aside from the discomfort and inconvenience occasioned folks of the section, the actual property loss has been large.

1 YEAR AGO.....1972

Navy Petty Officer Second Class Stephen R. Lindstrom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Lindstrom of Ione, has been nominated for "Sailor of the Year" for Service Force U. S. Atlantic Fleet by the Navy Cargo Handling and Port Group, Williamsburg, Va.

Ralph I. Thompson, 87 years of age, passed away at a Pendleton hospital, Sunday, April 9.

William (Bill) Sherman received a unanimous recommendation for a local preacher's license from the Charge Conference of the Heppner Methodist Church following his preaching there on Palm Sunday.

The third of the Family Life series will present for thinking and sharing an awareness of four tasks around which personality development evolves. They are relationships to opposite sex, relationships to parents, relationships to peer group and choosing a life work.

With Jack Sumner

Oregon's voters have spoken. Governor McCall's Property Tax Relief and School Finance Plan is a dead issue.

Respecting the wishes of the voters, the Legislature is back at the drawing board. We're seeking a new tax relief plan, and this time every legislator has the advantage of at least knowing what Oregonians don't want.

You have made it clear to all that the Legislature must find an appropriate and acceptable alternative to the McCall Plan. And with 90 senators and representatives, we certainly won't face a shortage of alternative proposals.

But any new tax relief plan will still have to gain the support of a majority of Legislators.

Gratefully, despite the often bitter debate over the McCall Plan, the attitude in Salem this week seemed to indicate a serious determination to get down to business. There's been none of the bickering and carping that interfered with legislative activities in recent weeks.

I have reason to believe that the House of Representatives will appoint a special Blue Ribbon Committee for the sole purpose of exploring many alternatives to offer tax relief. By careful consideration of different proposals, not just one as in the case of the McCall Plan, this committee could offer one to meet this end. What kinds of alternatives will they explore?

Most observers feel the eventual proposal will include one or more of the following elements:

-A homestead and farmstead property tax exemption of up to \$15,000. This exemption would, in effect, remove that amount of the assessed valuation of your home or farm from property tax liability.

-Extension of low-income homeowner relief, passed in the 1971 Legislature, to include renters.

-Additional relief to provide help to middle-income homeowners and renters.

-A limitation on the total property taxes that could be levied on a home.

-An increase in the level of state support through the Basic School Support Fund, at least for the next two years.

While I can't predict the final outcome, I believe this session will not adjourn until a majority of legislators are convinced we've offered the people the best solution possible under the circumstances.

This week the House sessions and committees are now back on the original schedule. Following a report of the House Committees, The Ways and Means Committee increased the budget for the State Treasurer in order to automate investment procedures and thus to eventually increase revenues. The Committee also directed a study to consolidate accounting records of the Treasurer and the Executive Department. In other action, the Committee recommended passage of HB 2074, increasing the forest products harvest tax from 6 cents to 7 cents per thousand board feet.

The Rules Committee heard favorable testimony on HB 3114 which requires the licensing of auto mechanics. A Special Bureau of Automotive Repair would be created to license and to investigate and prosecute consumer complaints. An amendment establishing a test for repairmen is being prepared. One protection envisioned by the bill is that all services costing more than \$50 would be estimated in advance on paper and all work certified in writing. The bill is modeled after the California statute.

The Education Committee has been unable to hold a fullscale work session for several weeks due to conflicting business of the House. They have heard extensive testimony, however, on HB 2464, relating to Intermediate Education Districts, and HB 2801, amending electrical safety law. The first bill establishes fifteen new IEDs by eliminating single-county districts. The purpose of the bill is to make the regions large enough to support useful services and to divide the State into more rational geographic units. HB 2801 makes it possible for students to practice electrical installations as part of career education programs.

The Transportation Committee may substantially alter two bills. HB 2908 may be amended to require that motor vehicle headlights be kept "on" at all times as a safety measure but will not be amended to require installation of automatic "turn on" devices. HB 2962 establishes an Abandoned Vehicle Disposal Account, to be funded by a \$1 increase in title fees, as part of a comprehensive program to solve the abandoned vehicle problem.

The Committee on Environment and Land Use has brought completed HB 77, the revised environmental law, back to committee in order to add the substance of HB 2436, which conforms Oregon water pollution law to the 1972 Amendments to federal law. Under this section of the law the Legislature must review all rules promulgated by the Environmental Quality Commission to enforce federal law. The Committee has given do-pass recommendations to HB 2809, requiring the setting of safety standards for the evacuation of thermal plants and nuclear installations, and HB 2282, prohibiting the use of off-road vehicles on public lands except where permitted. This is the prohibition of use of snow mobiles bill.

Two bills affecting the composition of the Port of Portland Commission were heard by the State and Federal Committee. HB 2355 would add four members representing the public, and would require that these public members have an interest in conservation. The Committee also heard testimony in support of HB 2930, which would prohibit discrimination on sexual orientation. HB 2280, establishing an independent ombudsman, was given a do-pass recommendation.

The Human Resources Committee held a public hearing on HB 2432, which would remove welfare's lien rights in personal injury cases where the injured recipient has received compensation in court. The Committee plans a work session May 9 on the House bills concerning relatives' responsibility. It will also hear HB 2871, appropriating \$400,000 for demonstration projects for health care programs for low-income people.

You can contact me by writing Rep. Jack Sumner Room 18-H Capitol Building, Salem Oregon 97310 or phone 378-8817.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

WARRANTY DEEDS

Cam, Darrold-Beulah I. to Morris, Herman M-Clara M. - Fr. Sec. 35 T5N R26.
Phillips, Hugh Raymond to Phillips, Chester-Lorrie L. - Descr. 1r Fr. Lot 2 Bk 2 W Sec. 25 T5N R26.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hager this week is Mrs. Hager's sister, Carol Akers of Milton-Freewater. She will leave next weekend to go to Seattle to take her State Board beauticians exam. She took her training in Walla Walla. Mrs. Hager is also a beautician and well remembers the quilts she had before she went to take her state board exams.

Before returning home, they visited The Sequoia's and Wm. Randolph Heast's castle. Mrs. Lehner will be visiting in Heppner with the McQuarries for about a week.

McQUARRIES HOME FROM CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. Clint McQuarrie took a two-week trip recently to California. They picked up Marie's mother, Mrs. M. C. Lehner of Missoula, Montana in Portland and visited their son, Dan, there. Then they journeyed to Roseburg to visit their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Ruhl and Dana and Rich. From Roseburg they set out for Lindsay, Calif. to attend the 90th birthday party of Marie's aunt, Mrs. Euphemia Jackson formerly of Hermiston. There were about 35 relatives there to help celebrate, including the Bill Jacksons from Baker.

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GONTY'S

Morrow County Pomona Grange

POMONA GRANGE ACTS ON RESOLUTION. Pomona Grange met on Sat. at Rhea Creek Grange hall with Master Barton Clark in the chair. Resolutions were read: (1) Settling of estates. (2) Snake River Mountain Lands. (3) Highway repairs. (4) Grange initiatory degrees. All resolutions were acted on.

Adrian Bechtold reported on the McCall Tax plan. Reports were heard from W.A.C. chairman Flossie Ball, and Dorris Graves, Pomona Lecturer. County Deputy Berl Akers gave a report on the Deputy School in Portland, and explained the deputy reports.

Harold Kerr talked on the new grass controls - and gave dates of planned meetings, and Morrow Co. experimental plots between Wasco and Heppner. Visitation is planned for May 11 at Rhea Creek with Willows program, and refreshments Greenfield. Pomona Grange will meet at Greenfield with an evening meeting June 30 and 6:30 dinner.

BICYCLE RIDERS WARNING

HEPPNER ORDINANCES SPECIFICALLY PROHIBIT riding or parking bicycles on Main Street Sidewalks between Baltimore and May. Bicycles should not be ridden or parked on ANY sidewalk in a manner to obstruct the SAFE passage of any person. OFFENDERS' BICYCLES WILL BE IMPOUNDED. As a safety measure it is suggested that riders push their bicycles on Main Street and on any sidewalk where there are pedestrians. SERIOUS ACCIDENTS HAVE BEEN NARROWLY AVOIDED IN RECENT DAYS. Bicycle riders on streets and highways are subject to traffic regulations.

HEPPNER POLICE DEPT.

DOG OWNERS NOTICE! HEPPNER ORDINANCE NO. 310

It shall be unlawful for any person to permit any dog of which they are the owner, or have control of, to run at large upon any street, alley or public property unless the same is under the control of some responsible person. Punishable by fine from \$5.00 to \$50.00 or by imprisonment from 2 to 25 days.

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Joint Vacation Bible School Plans

"Reach Out With Jesus" is the theme for this year's Vacation Bible School sponsored by the Methodist, Lutheran and Episcopal Churches in Heppner. Dates have been set at June 18 through 22. This year the Seventh Day Adventist Church will be assisting as well.

The Joint Vacation Bible School is open to all children regardless of church affiliation. Many of last year's staff are returning plus some exciting new additions. "Reach Out With Jesus" will be a week filled with Bible study, stories, crafts, songs, games and cookies.

GRAND MARSHALS NAMED FOR 1973 COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Kristi Haguwood and Greg Davidson have been selected by the Heppner High School senior class to be grand marshals for commencement exercises when the class graduates May 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school gymnasium.

Candle lighters will be Judy Bennett and Gary Hunt. Ushers selected were Karl Harrison, John Healy, Mike Prock, Jack Chitty and Barry Munkers. Program girls will be Jean Christman and Susan Healy.

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COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

May 10
Ione Spring Concert, Ione School gym, 7:30 p.m.

May 11
Ione Baseball at Echo, 7:30 p.m.
Riverside vs Weston at Boardman, 2 p.m.
Social Service representative at Neighborhood Center, 10-12 a.m.; 1-2 p.m.

May 12
Heppner vs Sherman, here, 1:00 p.m.
Ione Track, District at Riverside.
Heppner Track, District at Condon, 10 a.m.

May 14
Little League - Dodgers vs Giants, 6 p.m., Heppner. - Braves vs Indians, 6 p.m., Ione. Heppner Golf, District Meet at Ontario.

May 15
Heppner High School Sports Banquet, 7 p.m., Heppner High Cafeteria.
Indians vs Dodgers, 6 p.m., Heppner.

May 16
Giants vs Braves, 6 p.m., Heppner.
Solid Waste meeting, 7:30, Courthouse.

May 17
Heppner High School Spring Concert, 8 p.m., High School Cafeteria.

May 19
Methodist Church Sale. Baked Goods sale. Lunch 11-1:30. Sale starts at 10 a.m.

ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE GRADE SCHOOL
A traveling troupe from Eastern Oregon College will present the play "Ole King Cole" on May 16 at 1 p.m. for the elementary school children. There is no charge. The public is welcome to attend.

CAR WASH SATURDAY
The Heppner Assembly of Rainbow for Girls plan a car wash this Saturday at Cal's Arco Station. They will start at 9 a.m. For pickup and delivery, please call 676-8981. Cyde Allstott, chairman says "we'll guarantee a good job".

MR. AND MRS. DAN NASH
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Springer of Hood River were visitors last Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Nash. Lincoln is Dan's and Mrs. Springer's brother.

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