



Enjoying the open house at the Child Development Center are the youngsters who attend. From the left, Rachel Terney, Kelly Brannon and Jacque Johnston.

## Lawmakers have chance to save everyone money

Legislation often is considered that would save money for some taxpayers at the expense of others. But more often than not, legislative solutions wind up costing nearly everyone more—and in sums the average citizen has difficulty comprehending.

The Legislature's Senate Judiciary Committee however, has before it a proposal designed to save everyone money. If enacted, some proponents contend it could help produce the most significant dollar saving for the average Oregon resident since repeal of the politically unpalatable surtax-income tax rate revision of 1955-57.

The measure before Senate Judiciary is Senate Bill 822 aimed at deterring a common criminal practice that is costing Oregonians more than \$25 million a year.

The \$25 million is a highly conservative estimate of the annual loss to Oregon merchants from shoplifters, whose activity significantly increases the cost of doing business and is reflected in prices honest consumers pay for merchandise they buy.

For example, theft of a \$10 item from a store operating on a 2 per cent after-tax profit margin means the retailer must sell \$500 worth of merchandise to compensate for the loss.

Oregon law already deals adequately with the criminal aspects of shoplifting. Thefts of this type to \$200 in value are misdemeanors punishable by up to a year in jail and \$1,000 fine. Thefts in excess of \$200 become class C felonies, punishable by as much as five years in jail and a fine of \$2,500.

But these penalties have not deterred a steadily rising rate of what often is described as the country's most common crime.

Thirty years ago the average merchant could expect one visitor out of 60 in his store would try to steal something. Today the odds have risen to the point one out of 15 customers is a potential shoplifter and one shoplifter out of 20 gets caught.

Sixty-five per cent of all shoplifters are amateurs. Seventy-five per cent of those amateurs are teenagers and seventy per cent of teenage amateur shoplifters are girls, according to S.T.E.M., a statewide public information campaign launched three years ago by the Oregon Retail Council. The initials

stand for Shoplifters Take Everybody's Money. And in Oregon, the "take" is in excess of \$70,000 daily.

S.T.E.M. has concentrated its efforts on convincing teens and their younger brothers and sisters that shoplifting is a crime. And its efforts have paid off. Following an intensive campaign during a recent Christmas shopping season, one Portland department store reported a forty per cent decline in shoplifting apprehensions.

While concentrating on young people, S.T.E.M.'s purpose is not to put teenage shoplifters in jail. It is designed to keep them out of jail and to save everyone money. Oregon merchants so far have invested nearly \$60,000 in the program and are continuing its support.

They also have increased security personnel by 25 per cent in recent years and have spent countless thousands of dollars on other shoplifting deterrents, such as store architecture, display techniques, electronic price tags and a multitude of surveillance devices. But each additional expenditure helps increase the cost burden ultimately borne by the honest customer.

SB 822 is patterned after successful laws adopted in Idaho and Nevada. It does not tamper with current criminal procedures—by which most large stores can and do apprehend and prosecute shoplifters. Highly trained security personnel in one Portland department store caught 800 shoplifters last year.

Enactment of the new law would help the small retailer most.

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Several provisions clarify existing statutes regarding detention of suspects and parental liability in criminal actions. But of greatest significance is a section that would enable merchants to recover stolen property and seek damages of from \$100 to \$250 in civil proceedings. It would extend that civil liability to parents and legal guardians of

## BMCC offers farm program

A new farm management program designed to help area farmers operate more efficiently will be added to Blue Mountain Community College's offerings if the college budget is approved by the voters May 6.

The program was added to the college's growing agriculture curriculum after a citizen advisory group appeared before the board and budget committee in February.

Budget Committee member Ben Holdman, Pendleton, asked that the farm program be added because "the college has an obligation to provide the additional services to farmers." He said, "Agriculture forms the base of our economy, and if we can't help

our farmers operate more efficiently the whole area will suffer economically."

Raymond French of Heppner and Bob Lazinka, Butter Creek, appeared earlier to urge adoption of the new program.

The college budget, to be voted on in Umatilla and Morrow counties, will require a levy of \$1,465,594 to operate the college for the next school year. The rate is expected to be between \$1.85 and \$1.95 per \$1000 true cash value. Cost per taxpayer would run between \$37 and \$39 for a \$20,000 home. The rate depends on total Umatilla-Morrow county evaluation.

BMCC has no tax base, requiring an annual election to provide funds to operate.

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Morrow County's Fair and Rodeo Court will make their first appearance of the 1975 season at the Arlington Jackpot Rodeo Saturday, May 3.

## Ullman urges weed control

The federal government ought to weed its own backyard, Cong. Al Ullman said as he requested \$500,000 to bring weed infestations under control on public lands in Oregon.

Testifying before the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Ullman said 10 to 15 per cent of Oregon has become infested with noxious weeds because the federal government has been ignoring the weed problem on its own lands.

He asked the committee to increase the administration's \$50,000 budget for weed control to \$500,000 because the continuing infestation from public land is costing Oregon agriculture millions of dollars.

Ullman also requested a budget increase for the Cooperative Forestry Research Program administered through Oregon State University, and testified that almost no funds are available for the recently expanded Farmers Home Administration housing programs.

## Correct address for tax rebate checks

"Some Oregon taxpayers who filed their 1974 federal income tax returns may have their rebate checks delayed," Ralph B. Short, IRS District Director, explained, "if they have moved since filing and failed to notify their post office of their current address."

Taxpayers who have moved and failed to leave the post office a change-of-address form, may have their rebate checks returned to the disbursing center marked "undeliverable."

Taxpayers anticipating rebates who have a different address from that listed on their 1974 income tax return should insure that a change-of-address card is filed with the post office that serviced their former address.

Short also provided some simple rules for determining the amount of tax rebate to be received:

If tax liability is less than \$100, then rebate will be full amount. If liability is \$100 to \$1,000, then rebate will be \$100. If liability is more than \$1,000,

then rebate will be 10 per cent up to a maximum of \$200.

Taxpayers with adjusted gross incomes exceeding \$20,000 will have rebates reduced by \$1 for every \$100 of income over the \$20,000 level. The maximum rebate allowable for taxpayers with adjusted gross incomes exceeding \$30,000 is \$100.

Short stated that the Tax Reduction Act of 1975 limits rebates to a maximum of \$100 for married taxpayers filing separately.

Rebates will be issued first to taxpayers who filed the earliest income tax forms. The first mail out of rebate checks is expected to be in the first week of May.

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FOR

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TO BE HELD IN THE LEXINGTON CITY HALL ON TUESDAY MAY 6th, 1975 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mark a cross (X) or check mark (✓) between the number and the name voted for.

FOR DIRECTOR OF THE IONE-LEXINGTON CEMETERY MAINTENANCE DISTRICT VOTE FOR ONE

22  Dean Hunt

QUESTION SUBMITTED TO THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE IONE-LEXINGTON CEMETERY MAINTENANCE DISTRICT.

Mark a cross (X) or check mark (✓) inside the voting square for the answer voted for.

No. 2

Shall the Ione-Lexington maintenance District of Morrow County, Oregon levy a district tax for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1975 and ending June 30, 1976, which will exceed the 5 per cent limitation provided in Section 11, Article XI, Oregon Constitution in the amount of \$12,383.62 for the maintenance and operation of the cemeteries in the District?

YES, I VOTE FOR THE TAX LEVY

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2 COMPLETE TAP & DIE SETS

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