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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In response

To the editor:

In the last few weeks I have received nearly 30,000 cards and letters regarding interest and dividend withholding. I would love to personally respond to each call or post card but in order to conserve on mailing costs for the taxpayer, I have asked the Oregon newspapers to allow me an opportunity to respond to these letters.

As part of a comprehensive tax bill that closed tax loopholes in order to reduce budget deficits, a 10 percent withholding system was imposed on individuals' earning interest and dividend income. The Finance committee's rationale focused on these three arguments:

1) Low income individuals and 90 percent of our elderly citizens would be exempt from the requirement.

2) Withholding is not a new tax - it merely speeds up the collection of tax monies owed to the government.

3) Efforts to increase revenues should be concentrated upon those who are avoiding their obligations before new taxes are raised. Thirty percent of the tax bill was targeted towards improving compliance with existing tax laws by corporations, partnerships and individuals. Interest withholding would raise \$5.3 billion by 1987 from improved compliance alone.

While these arguments may make sense in theory, I am concerned that the new law excessively penalizes honest taxpayers in order to catch the cheaters. Moreover, interest withholding is proving to be counter-productive and extremely costly to administer. The proposal is an inefficient way to raise revenue and I will support its repeal. I believe we must find other revenue measures to replace the interest withholding system.

Sincerely,
Mark O. Hatfield
United States Senator

Death Notice

Dallas Ward

Word has been received of the death of former Lexington native Dallas Ward. He died at his home February 15, 1983, at the age of 76.

An outstanding athlete, he played football for Oregon State Agriculture College from 1924 to 1926.

Mr. Ward joined the University of Colorado football program in 1948 after nine years on the Minnesota staff of Bernie Bierman, master of the single-wing offense. That was Colorado's first year in the Big Seven Conference, later to become the Big Eight.

Christian Church plans activities

The Lexington Christian Church announces two major activities, especially for young people. The events will kick-off with a performance from the "Sonrise Drama Troupe" of Northwest Christian College, Eugene, on Sunday, Mar. 6, 7 p.m., at the church.

The troupe, made up entirely of college students, portrays the many ways God changes lives. The performers will use funny short skits and plays, said the Rev. Stuart Dick, pastor of the church. The evening will initiate the first meeting of the Lexington Youth Group. Everyone is invited to attend, he said.

Another activity now underway at the church is the formation of the Lexington Christian Preschool. This will be aimed toward four and five-year-olds and will have a limited enrollment for the first term.

Wedding Announcements

Wilson - McCabe

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest C. McCabe cordially invite friends and relatives to the wedding of their daughter, Laurie, and Mr. Daniel C. Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wil Wilson of Dayton on March 26, 2 p.m., at the First Baptist Church, 125 South Cows Street, McMinnville.

Material and volunteers needed at center

By NEOLA MACKEY

More material and volunteers are needed for the "Busy Sewers" group on Tuesdays at the Center. Young Homemakers with time on their hands are welcome to come help with the projects that help the economically disadvantaged.

A Social Security representative will be the Center Friday, Mar. 11 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

The next free blood pressure clinic at the center will be held



David Rufus Piper - A son, David Rufus, was born to Mr. and Mrs. David Piper of Lexington on February 26 at Pendleton Community Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs., 3 1/2 oz. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Mel Piper of Heppner, Betty Marquardt of Lexington and the late Carl Marquardt.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Truman Messenger Sr. of Lexington and Ada Piper of Winlock, Wash.

Justin Robert Schiller - A son, Justin Robert, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schiller of Big Butter Creek on February 25 at St. Mary Community Hospital in Walla Walla, Wash. He weighed 8 lbs., 15 oz. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schiller of Echo and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond French of Heppner.

Great-grandparents are Rose Francis of Pendleton, Kay Wagner of Ocean Park, Wash. and Bob Sparks of Santa Paula, Calif. Justin joins a brother, Ryan, eight, and a sister, Tina, three.

I.U.C.C. Youth Fellowship to fast for Hungerthon

The Jr. High Youth Fellowship of the Ione United Church of Christ is taking on the battle against world hunger in a way that is both personal and public, announced the Rev. Cathy Barker, pastor. In the second annual "Hungerthon," the youths will fast for 24 hours to raise money for the Hunger Action Fund of the U.C.C. Each participant will secure pledges, of any amount, per hour that he or she goes without food.

The fast begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Mar. 5, and ends with breakfast (break-fast) at 9 a.m. on Sunday. The group will share their experience with the congregation during Sunday morning's worship, Barker said.

Barrel Racing Club forming in Heppner area

A Barrel Racing Club is being formed in the Heppner area and membership is open to anyone 12 years of age or older, announced Mary Ann Munkers of Lexington. Sessions are to be held at the Wrangler's arena near Heppner every other week with two runs per night.

The club is a "good opportunity to train green colts or to tuneup your older horses," Munkers said.

Anyone interested in the club should contact Munkers at 989-8488 or Gail Papineau, Ione.

Free horse training film slated

A free horse training film, "Breaking and Training the Western Horse," sponsored by the Wranglers Riding Club will be shown Sunday, Mar. 13,

Tuesday, Mar. 15, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Adult and Family Services representative Janet Phillips will be at the Center again on Wednesday, Mar. 15 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Road Report

The Morrow County Public Works Department has released the following Work Report for the week ending February 24:

As of February 28, the Morrow County Road crew returned to working 10 hours a day, four days a week. However, the Public Works Dept. office will remain open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In the north end of Morrow County, cold mix patching was done on the following roads: Patterson Junction, Irrigon's Eighth St., N. Bombing Range, Miller Lane, Kunze, Pole Line, Irrigon-Ordinance, Wilson, Peters and S. Main Kincaide. Shoulder work has been done on Irrigon's Third St., 23rd St., Oregon Ave., Patterson Ferry and No. 906. Don Kenny and Cemetery roads were bladed.

Shoulder work has continued on Myers Road, Ella Road and Pine City to Lena roads. Culverts were cleaned and weeds burned from the shoulders of several county roads.

Odd Fellows to hold convention

The 70th Annual Umatilla-Morrow County district convention of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows will be held at Eureka Lodge No. 32 in Pendleton, Saturday, Mar. 5, starting at 1:30 p.m.

Each person is gathering pledges and will collect the funds after the Hungerthon. The total amount raised will be sent to the Hunger Action Fund. This organization works cooperatively with other churches to provide agricultural supplies and training, to work on policy and politics of hunger and to provide emergency food aid. Barker explained. The H.A.F. is active in the United States and many other countries, she added.

During the Hungerthon, the participants, led by Chuck Nelson and Barker, will learn about world hunger through activities, discussions and fasting. "It's a personal experience that has public impact!" stated Barker.

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Department office at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner handled the following calls, cases and reports during the past week:

On February 22, a Morrow County Sheriff's deputy arrested Rodney Clifford Cubic, 40, of Tygh Valley, for allegedly Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants.

On February 23, Jo Hargraves of Irrigon reported the theft of a bicycle valued at \$149. The Morrow County sheriff's office took the report.

Also on February 23, a Boardman ambulance responded to a call at U & I, Inc., Boardman. A patient was taken to the North Morrow Medical Clinic.

In a third February 23 incident, Carl Bruce Shaw, 29, of California, was arrested by a Morrow County sheriff's deputy for allegedly Driving While Suspended.

On February 24, a Boardman ambulance responded to a call at the Boardman Shell station. A possible heart attack victim was transported to Consolidated Good Shepherd Hospital, Hermiston.

Also on February 24, the Heppner Fire Department responded to a fire at the Morrow County Fairgrounds in Heppner. The fire was controlled and no damage resulted.

On February 25, a Boardman ambulance responded to a call at Taggares Farms, Boardman. A possible heart attack victim was transported to the North Morrow Medical Clinic in Boardman where the Lifeguard III helicopter transported the victim.

On February 26, the Heppner Fire Department responded to a fire at the Bob Cannon residence on Gilmore St. The fire was controlled.

On February 27, John Paul Johnson, 18, of Irrigon, was arrested for alleged Possession of a Controlled Substance by a Morrow County sheriff's deputy.

Public Meetings

Monday, March 7 - Heppner City Council, city hall, 7:30 p.m.; Heppner Fire Department, fire hall, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 8 - Ione City Council, city hall, 7:30 p.m.; Lexington City Council, city hall, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 9 - Morrow County Court, Courthouse, Heppner, 9 a.m. Thursday, March 10 - Port of Morrow Commission, 1 Marine Drive, Boardman, 1 p.m.; Lexington Fire Department, city hall, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, March 14 - Morrow County Fair Board, fairgrounds' dormitory, Heppner, 8 p.m.; Heppner City Planning Commission, city hall, 7:30 p.m.; Heppner Fire Department, fire hall, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 15 - Pioneer Memorial Hospital Board, Hospital, Heppner, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 16 - Morrow County Court, Courthouse, Heppner, 9 a.m.

Monday, March 21 - Morrow County School District Board, Columbia Junior High School, Irrigon, 8 p.m.; Heppner Fire Department, fire hall, 7:30 p.m.; Ione City Planning Commission, city hall, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 23 - Morrow County Court, north Morrow annex, Irrigon, 9 a.m.; Heppner Public Library Board, library, 8 p.m.

Monday, March 28 - Morrow County Planning Commission, north Morrow annex, Irrigon, 7:30 p.m.; Heppner Fire Department, fire hall, 7:30 p.m.

D.A.'s Report

Thomas Winston Westmoreland III, 29, of Umatilla, was indicted by a grand jury February 22 for Aggravated Murder, First Degree, Robbery and First Degree Theft, reported a spokesperson from the Morrow County district attorney's office.

Westmoreland was indicted earlier on the charges but due to a procedural error the case for returned to a grand jury.

Butter Creek Livestock 4-H Club holds meetings

By NANCY BAILEY

Two meetings of the Butter-Creek Livestock 4-H Club were held during the past two months.

The first meeting, on January 26, was held at the home of Kent Klunkert. The members heard reports from other 4-H members. Nancy Bailey gave a report on nutrition. Leader Dwight Bailey talked to the group

about grass tetany and its affect on cattle.

The next meeting was held February 9 at the home of Harry Geer, leader. Bylaws and rules of the club were discussed. Slides were shown on fitting and showing sheep by leaders Peggy Hays and Harry Geer.

The next club meeting was to be held February 23 at the Currin home.

Justice Court

Morrow County Justice Court at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner handled the following cases during the past week:

Wallace William Matthews, Ione - Failure to Yield Right of Way, \$12 fine.

Jack Edwin Hoggins, Hermiston - Open Container of Alcohol in a Vehicle, \$55 bail forfeited.

James Walter Ackley, Hermiston - Disobeyed Stop Sign, \$29 bail forfeited.

Wavel B. Wilkinson, Heppner - Violation of the Basic Rule (50 mph in a 35 mph zone), \$12 fine.

Ronda Kay Quigley Britt, Heppner - Exceeding the Maximum Speed (70 mph in a 55 mph zone), \$28 fine.

Lloyd Archie Gienger, Mt. Vernon - No Clearance Lights on Trailer, \$24 bail forfeited.

Lenwood Ferrell, Lexington - Truck Speeding (65 mph in a 55 mph zone), \$24 bail forfeited.

Rodney L. Berthold, 35, Mosier - Menacing, \$310 fine and five days in jail.

The Wagon Trail Cooks met recently at Mrs. Geer's house. Shana Geer talked about the "Fun With Children Program." Members will be reading stories to children that they have chosen for this program. During the year members will be having a lot

Hospital Notes

The following patients were admitted and released from Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner during the past week:

James J. Hayes, Heppner - admitted February 21, released February 22;

Robert Wilson, Ione - admitted February 21, released February 23;

Troy Hyatt, Heppner - admitted February 21, released February 23;

Hazel Elliott, Heppner - admitted February 23, released February 24;

Wavel Wilkinson, Heppner - admitted February 23, released February 24;

Wilma Marlatt, Heppner - admitted February 23, released February 27; and

Denise Kennedy, Heppner - admitted February 24, released February 26. Another patient at the hospital, Ted Britner of Heppner, who was admitted February 23, was still receiving care at the hospital as of Monday, Feb. 28.

Wagon Trail Cooks meet

By PAULA HEATHERLY

of activities with the kids. Nancy Taylor gave a demonstration on how to measure liquid and dry ingredients. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Geer's house on March 7. Members will discuss the experiences they had with the children they chose for the program.

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