

Salem Scene

by Jack Zimmerman

Lawmakers Have Chance To Save Everyone Money
Oregon lawmakers in Salem are used to dealing with multi-million dollar problems.

The general fund budget will exceed \$1.3 billion this session and total operating cost of state government in the next two years will surmount \$3.5 billion.

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 revisions of 1955-57.

The measure before the senate judiciary is SB 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% 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 percent of all shoplifters are amateurs. Seventy-five percent of those amateurs are teenagers and seventy percent of teenage amateur shoplifters are girls, according to STEM, 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.

STEM 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 percent decline in shoplifting apprehensions.

While concentrating on young people, STEM'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 twenty-five percent 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.

Several provisions clarify existing statutes regarding detention of suspects and parental liability in criminal actions. But the greatest significance is the section that would enable merchants to recover stolen property and seek damages from \$100 to \$250 in civil proceedings. It would extend that civil liability to parents and legal guardians of minors. As with STEM, SB 822 is designed to reduce shoplifting — not to put youthful offenders behind bars.

Senate judiciary committee already has conducted two hearings on the bill and is expected to take subsequent action soon. Spurring that action may be testimony from a seventh and eighth grade attitude survey conducted by teams of high school students in ten cities. Interviewers reported more than half the seventh and eighth graders questioned admitted they shoplifted. Seventy percent recognized shoplifting is a crime and sixty-five percent favored stronger laws against shoplifting.

It would almost appear Oregon lawmakers have an opportunity to help those who find it difficult to help themselves and save everyone money at the same time.

LYONS

by Eva Bressler

Mrs. Terry Bair and little son Robbie from North Bend spent several days this week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walton. She also visited her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Williams, and Heidi.

Mrs. Carrie Osburn is spending this week at the home of her granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Taylor and children at Lake Oswego.

Alex Bodeker, who was returned to the Salem Memorial Hospital on March 31 following major surgery on the 7th, is reported to be showing some improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Walker of Sacramento, Calif., spent several days at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McDougall.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Elmer and Mrs. Merle Richardson of Albany, Mrs. Bea Hiatt and Mrs. Gladys Nygaard were Sunday evening dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gail Elmer and family. The occasion honored the birthday anniversary of Tammy Elmer.

Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bassett were her grandson, Mr. and Mrs. James Minert and family from Gladstone. Tuesday and Wednesday guests at the Bassett home were her brothers and wives, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith from Beaverton and Mr. and Mrs. George Smith of Portland.

Trevor and Toby Elmer are spending several days this week in Albany at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Elmer.

Mrs. Eva Bressler was a Tuesday visitor in Stayton at the home of Mrs. Mary Fink and Mrs. Martha Jungwirth.

Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Downer were his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Snyder of Troutdale. Also visiting last week was their daughter, Mrs. Harold Oppenlander of McMinnville and his brother, Hallie Downer of Stayton.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Elmer were weekend guests at the home of her mother, Mrs. Bea Hiatt. Additional Sunday dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Gail Elmer and family and Mrs. Gladys Nygaard. The occasion honored the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Harry Elmer.

Mrs. Katie Skillings spent Wednesday night to Friday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Minnie Manning in Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Stockwell have gone to Haines, Alaska, where he will be employed in a planer mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Henning are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a grandson, Casey Joseph, born April 23 to their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ruetters of Stayton. Other grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ruetters of Scio.

The Lyons Extension Unit will hold their May meeting the eighth at the city hall beginning at 10:00 a.m. Hostess and project leaders will be Beryle Bright, Elene Todd and Marjorie Shelton, with the lesson of the day, "Culture of Indian through Foods."

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PACKWOOD

QUESTION: I understand the Federal Trade Commission is considering banning the words "organic" and "natural" on food labels. I buy organic foods because I feel many artificial substances used to grow or preserve foods are harmful to my health. What is being done about this problem?

—Coos Bay

ANSWER: The alternatives before the Federal Trade Commission are:

- ban the use of these words, permitting instead more descriptive phrases such as "does not contain any artificial preservatives," or "does not contain any artificial fertilizers."
- define the terms "natural" and "organic" to require that products claiming to be organic or natural conform to the definitions.

Oregon already has adopted labeling regulation defining these organic terms, and it seems to be working well. The Federal Trade Commission has asked for public comment on the issue, and if you want your opinion heard, write: William Dixon, Assistant Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C. 20580.

QUESTION: How did you vote on the bill to end the oil depletion allowance?

—Eugene

ANSWER: I voted to end the oil depletion allowance for the large oil companies. Unfortunately, the Senate did not vote on complete elimination, which I support and will continue to fight for. Oil profits are high enough to encourage exploration and development of domestic resources without this added tax bonus.

Mehama Women's Club Retains Officers

MEHAMA — The Mehama Women's Club met at the club house Wednesday afternoon, April 23. The meeting opened with the flag salute and the club collect was read by Ella VanBeek.

It was voted to retain the present officers for another year. The treasurer reported that the street lights were paid to date but that more money would have to be collected soon.

After the meeting, a contest was held to identify baby pictures of the members.

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Santiam Canyon Home Extension Group To Meet Thurs., May 8

GATES — "Exploring Your Freezer Food Bank" will be the topic when members of the Santiam Canyon Home Extension Study Group meet Thursday, May 8.

The lesson will include the freezing of prepared and precooked foods for convenience and service, and for variety in menu, flavor, texture and color. This will be of special interest to those short on time and long on hungry eaters. Safety precautions and food management tips will also be stressed. Project leaders will be Mrs. Harold Schultz and Mrs. Floyd Swaim.

The 10:00 a.m. meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Jack Stoddard with a potluck picnic at noon.

There will be installation of

officers. Members are reminded to bring their Flav-R-Pac and Betty Crocker coupons. This will be the last meeting until the new season starts in September.

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John C. Heidbrunn, Minister 897-2545



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WHERE DO I VOTE?

The following is a list of precincts and polling places in the Mill City & Lyons area where you will vote on May 6, 1975. Check your memorandum card for your precinct number. If you have any questions, please call the Linn County Clerk's Election Department — 926-5569:

0032 Lourdes School	0101 Santiam Union High School
0043 Presbyterian Church	0103 Mari-Linn School
0049 Idanha Comm. Church	

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The budget for Lyons-Mehama Water District for the fiscal year 1975-1976 beginning July 1, 1975, as detailed and summarized below, was prepared by the cash accounting basis, and is consistent with the accounting basis used during the last two years. Major changes, if any, and their effects on this budget are set forth in an accompanying statement. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at 529 Ash Street, Lyons. A meeting of the Lyons-Mehama Water Board will be held May 14, 1975, at 7:00 p.m. at Lyons City Hall for the purpose of holding a public hearing on this budget. Any person may appear to discuss the budget, or any part of it.

DALE A. BILYEU
(Chairman of Governing Body)

Linn-Marion Lyons & Mehama
(County) (City)

April 14, 1975
(Date)

Item	Last Year	This Year	Next Year
Levy Within 6% Limitation			
Levy Outside 6% Limitation			
Levy Outside 6% Limitation (Serial Levy)			
Not Subject to Limitation	\$19,892.01	\$22,797.00	\$20,919.50
TOTAL PROPOSED LEVY			
(To be certified to Assessor)			
Total Budget Resources from LB-2	49,743.54	48,450.00	43,843.17
Total Resources Except Tax to be Levied from LB-3	26,206.05	22,275.00	24,000.00
TOTAL BUDGET ALL FUNDS	\$95,851.60	\$93,522.00	\$88,762.67

Type of Debt	Debt Outstanding	
	This Fiscal Year as of July 1, 1974	Next Fiscal Year as of July 1, 1975
Bonds	\$171,000.00	\$155,000.00
Interest Bearing Warrants		
Short Term Notes	16,245.54	12,674.54
TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS	\$187,015.54	\$167,674.54

Last Year	GENERAL FUND OR PROGRAM	
	This Year	Next Year
Total Personnel Services (Includes all Payroll Costs)	\$ 8,898.00	\$ 9,300.00
Total Materials and Services	14,979.72	14,105.30
Total Capital Outlay	9,845.79	7,666.70
Total All Other Requirements	16,030.03	3,828.00
Total Budget Requirements	\$49,753.54	\$35,000.00
Total Budget Resources	\$49,753.54	\$35,000.00

Last Year	CONSTRUCTION FUND OR PROGRAM	
	This Year	Next Year
Total Capital Outlay	\$13,113.17	\$13,450.00
Total Budget Requirements	\$13,113.17	\$13,813.17
Total Budget Resources	\$13,113.17	\$13,813.17

Last Year	SINKING FUND OR PROGRAM	
	This Year	Next Year
Total All Other Requirements	\$46,098.06	\$45,072.00
Total Requirements (Including Transfers)	46,098.06	45,072.00
Total Resources Except Tax to be Levied	26,206.05	22,275.00
Ad Valorem Taxes Received	19,892.01	21,797.00
Ad Valorem Tax Required to Balance	1,000.00	1,750.00
Estimated Tax Not to be Received	\$22,797.00	\$20,919.50
Total Ad Valorem Tax to be Levied	\$22,797.00	\$20,919.50
Not Subject to Limitation		

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MEHAMA

Mrs. John Teeters

Dinner guests Sunday, April 20, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wright were his mother and brother, Mrs. Clara Wright and Claude Wright of Issaquah, Wash., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Phillips of Independence and Mrs. Phillip's mother, Mrs. Hazel Sparkman, who was visiting there. Mrs. Sparkman is a cousin of Mr. Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Erb Wise, who have been staying with relatives at Elkhorn Village, moved last week into the Bill Mitchell house here in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Reed of Sweet Home were guests Sunday, April 20, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chris McDonald. Additional dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Barney Kirsch.

Mr. and Mrs. John Teeters and daughter, Dorothy Christensen, visited Saturday afternoon, April 26, at the home of his cousin, Mrs. Joyce Martin in Lebanon. Mr. Teeter's sister, Benetta Coombs of Eugene, was also visiting Mrs. Martin.

Claraedna Frame was a guest during the weekend at the home of Jean Kimsey in Portland and also visited with other relatives there.

The Mehama Community Church is planning a Vacation Bible School for Monday through Friday, June 9-13, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the church.

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The budget for Lyons Rural Fire Protection District for the fiscal year 1975-1976 beginning July 1, 1975, as detailed and summarized below, was prepared by the cash accounting basis, and is consistent with the accounting basis used during the last two years. Major changes if any, and their effects on this budget are set forth in an accompanying statement. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the Lyons Fire Hall for the purpose of holding a public hearing on this budget. Any person may appear to discuss the budget, or any part of it.

GEORGE L. NEAL
(Chairman of Governing Body)

Linn Lyons
(County) (City)

April 16, 1975
(Date)

Item	Last Year	This Year	Next Year
Levy Within 6% Limitation	\$ 9,640.00	\$10,209.00	\$10,821.00
Levy Outside 6% Limitation		6,973.00	6,973.00
Total Budget Resources from LB-2	14,120.00	14,184.00	21,904.00
Total Resources Except Tax to be Levied from LB-3	4,480.00	3,950.00	6,100.00
TOTAL BUDGET ALL FUNDS	\$14,120.00	\$14,184.00	\$21,904.00

Last Year	GENERAL FUND OR PROGRAM	
	This Year	Next Year
Total Personnel Services (Includes all Payroll Costs)	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,764.00
Total Materials and Services	2,300.00	2,100.00
Total Capital Outlay	4,300.00	4,300.00
Total All Other Requirements	2,920.00	3,020.00
Total Budget Requirements	\$14,120.00	\$14,184.00
Total Budget Resources	\$14,120.00	\$14,184.00

Last Year	GENERAL FUND OR PROGRAM	
	This Year	Next Year
Total Personnel Services (Includes all Payroll Costs)	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,764.00
Total Materials and Services	2,100.00	5,340.00
Total Capital Outlay	4,300.00	9,750.00
Total All Other Requirements	2,920.00	1,500.00
Total Requirements (Including Transfers)	14,120.00	14,184.00
Total Resources Except Tax to be Levied	4,480.00	3,950.00
Ad Valorem Tax Required to Balance	9,640.00	10,209.00
Estimated Tax Not to be Received	\$ 9,640.00	\$10,209.00
Total Ad Valorem Tax to be Levied	\$ 9,640.00	\$10,209.00
Levy Within 6% Limitation		6,973.00
Levy Outside 6% Limitation		6,973.00

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