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## Recreation Levy

By FLOYD L. WYNNE  
In our summary of measures to be on the ballot for voters November 4, let's turn our attention first to the one city of Klamath Falls measure on the ballot.

That's the measure to authorize a continuing annual tax levy which would provide approximately \$27,900 each year for park and recreation purposes, beginning July 1, 1959.

Let's take a frank look at the park and recreation picture. The amount of money available for parks and recreation has been tied to a two mill levy for each department. This, in turn, has resulted in a gradually decreasing amount of money available to serve a steadily increasing population.

In 1949-50, there was \$50,000 available to serve a city population of 15,000 people, or roughly a per capita amount of \$3.34. In 1952-53 the amount two mills brought in had risen to \$59,000 while the population had increased to only 15,800, bringing the per capita amount up to \$3.70.

But from that point it began to decline. In 1956-57 parks and recreation had \$53,000 to work with to fill the needs of a city population of 18,300. In 1957-58 it was \$53,000 for 19,600 people, and the prospects for 1958-59 are about \$56,000 for 20,681.

It is no wonder then that the amount of money per capita invested by Klamath Falls residents has dropped from a high of \$3.70 in 1952-53 to its present \$2.70 estimate. National standard is \$7.50 per capita, which leaves Klamath Falls considerably behind.

What will the additional money be used for? First of all, it will permit a higher level of maintenance on all areas. In the past, maintenance has had to be held to a bare minimum which in many cases has been entirely inadequate. Additional revenues will enable the park and recreation to increase their maintenance and make much needed improvements.

It will also provide additional recreation leadership for a balanced activity program with particular emphasis on physical fitness for youth.

Among the many improvements that are contemplated should the levy be approved would be such projects as reroofing Gen Stadium, sprinkler system and grass planting at Finley, Richmond and Look-out playgrounds, improving of picnic facilities, such as parking, tables, stoves; irrigation system, turf and landscape area at Moore Park; improve lake front at Moore Park; modernize animal exhibit; develop youth camping facilities; provide for maintenance and operation of the new Kit Carson Park.

These are just some of the areas which have not been developed or adequately maintained or expanded simply because there was not enough funds.

It is true that Klamath Falls has had to bear the cost of maintaining parks and their recreation program for both the residents of the city and in many cases residents of the suburban area.

In reality, the park and recreation department has served the needs of the 35,681 people estimated to live in metropolitan Klamath Falls.

This has placed an undue financial burden on the park and recreation funds, but it is a burden that cannot appear to be resolved by the county court.

The question resolves itself to the point of whether or not the park and recreation department should be required to gradually curtail its activities, because its money is decreasing while the population it serves is continually increasing.

In the current "tax economy wave" it is wise to study the measure carefully since it will raise taxes in the city. However, each city resident will have to carefully examine his own conscience, evaluate the needs of his city and vote accordingly.

Myself, I'm going to vote for the measure.

**Turkish Tale**  
By FLORENCE JENKINS  
An old Turkish folklore tale tells folk Nasreddin Hoca, a Turkish folk character, tried to light a fire in his hearth one morning and failed.

So, Nasreddin, who was an ingenious man, went upstairs and put on a headress which belonged to his wife.

Stories like this would not have come down through the ages if the influence of women had not been recognized always.

Politicians have used the influence of women in their campaigns for years and years. Planks have gone into their platforms favoring better schools, health measures and other idealistic theories cited specifically to appeal to the women. Of course, the unanimous opposition to sin in general was designed to pick up a few additional votes from the men, as well.

Undoubtedly women have swung support to the clean-living, honest-appearing politician. And they are pretty well cognizant of their influence and, let's face it—their power.

So we ought to see some results from one small incident last week. Some 50 women asked Lucile O'Neill, former member of the Oregon State Board of Education, what individual women can do to keep Oregon Technical Institute in Klamath Falls.

Her answer was simple and practical. After the November 4 general election, study the list of state senators and representatives who are elected. Consider the names of friends and acquaintances in the towns from which they come. And then write letters.

Write letters, she advises, to the legislators you know. In instances where the legislators themselves are not personally known, write letters to friends who will see that the legislators get the word about OTI.

And the word is to keep OTI at Klamath Falls.

**Explanation**  
Portland (To The Editor) — On October 8, it was my very great privilege to present to the Oregon Historical Society and to the Klamath County Library the two historic pens with which President Eisenhower signed into law the Klamath Indian Reservation Purchase Bill.

This was at the banquet sponsored in your city by the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce.

Since that time, I have received a few critical letters asking why I did not present either of the pens to an Indian group at the Klamath Reservation. Because this question may have been raised in Klamath Falls, I am sending my reply to the Herald and News for publication in your columns, should you care to do so.

I regard our Indian people as citizens of the state of Oregon and as residents of Klamath County. In that position, they have just as much equity and participation in the Oregon Historical Society and in the Klamath County Library as any non-Indian.

When I presented the pens to the society and to the library, I felt I was doing so for all citizens of our state and of Klamath County — regardless of their race, religion, creed or color of their skins. This is certainly in the best American tradition. Our Declaration of Independence and our constitution make no distinction between races.

The Klamath Reservation Purchase Bill, S. 3051 of the 85th Congress, was designed and drafted to promote the welfare of Indians and non-Indians alike. Thus, I felt it would be unwise and inappropriate to make any distinction between red man and white man in bestowing the pens with which the President officially signed the bill into our statute books. The Oregon Historical Society and the Klamath County Library are institutions which belong to all the people of state and county, equally.

I trust this brief letter makes my position clear and that it will

be fully understood. Thank you for the space in which to make my views available to the citizens of Klamath County.

Richard L. Neuberger  
United States Senator

## Tobacco Road

Klamath Falls (To The Editor) — Nearly everyone has read the book "Tobacco Road" or has seen the movie. If you have not or wish to refresh your memory — visit the migrant camp near Malin.

All the camp lacks to make it an authentic Tobacco Road is more mud (that may be there soon), and the hogs. The dogs are there, though not all bounds, and the children are there in large numbers. Children in all states of dress and degrees of dirtiness can be seen as can children with filthy matted hair and diseased, bodies — children covered with sores, impetigo, polio victims wearing old, cast off shoes on shriveled feet. There are children with multiple vitamin deficiencies.

A mentally retarded child screams if anyone comes near him. A chubby child, red cheeks flushed and scaly, walks on the outside of his feet because his legs are so bowed — rickets! The little children are empty eyed and lonely. A child playing in the dirt with a stick sings a monotonous song, "Mommie, I wish I had something to play with."

There are about six rows of tents and a row or so of wooden shacks, a one room schoolhouse, a bath house and wash house with facilities. Five dollars a week will rent a tent, \$7 a wood shack. If you take a trailer it will cost \$5 a week to park it in the camp.

The disreputable looking tents have short lengths of stove pipe trying to reach above the canvas. They make it — but still they are a fire hazard. One tent has burned already this year and the family lost everything. Little that it was, it was all they had.

The day we were there the forces controlling the weather had produced a beautiful sunny autumn day. But man had produced ugliness and horror — the children, the tents, and the odor of decaying garbage. It was with mixed emotions that I contemplated this scene.

I was filled with a sense of personal guilt and flushed with righteous indignation. I felt grief and compassion while being repelled by what I saw and heard and smelled. The workers are encouraged to come here to work. The economy of the Basin is dependent upon their labor until such a time as machinery can replace them. As long as we need them here each fall and depend on their labor, it is our responsibility to see to it that their living conditions are up to human standards.

What can be done to improve the living conditions of these people? Our state government has made a start. The governor's Inter-Agency Committee on Agricultural Labor has made an intense and thorough survey throughout the state.

From the facts accumulated a bill will be presented before the leaders of our state to legislate improved conditions. Will the bill pass? Would you approve? Moral concepts of good and evil should be behind any legislation. But man has set to find a way to legislate morals.

If this bill passes, it should be with a genuine feeling of humility that the citizens of the state of Oregon enforce the renewed bill of rights for the migrant workers.

If you do not agree with this letter or feel that it is inaccurate, go to the camp and find out for yourself. If you feel that the mi-

grant is unable to appreciate improved conditions, go and visit with him and his family. Certainly you will find all kinds and types of migrants, because you see — they are people!

M. E. Hutchins

## Attitudes

By SAUL PETT  
NEW YORK (AP) — People, especially female people, pass through fascinating attitudes toward the telephone.

To an infant learning to use her fingers, the telephone is an object of curiosity, especially the holes in the dial ring. To the baby learning to walk and reach up, the phone is an enticing target to be pulled down with a crash. To a healthy girl of 10 or 11, the phone is a fine instrument of torture.

At this age, they call people with the oddest names in the directory to tease them. Or they call their school teacher, wait until she says hello several times before they giggle and hang up.

But it is in the teens that a girl develops a passion for the phone from which she never recovers. At this age, as every rattled father knows, using the phone involves three basic ground rules. You never talk 10 minutes when you can talk 45. You must talk with your head down, knees or legs up, and the blood rushing to your head. Regardless of text, you must always, but always, talk in absolute, fool-proof, spy-proof, younger-sister-proof secrecy.

Roger Wright, representing the volunteer firemen, acted as general chairman for planning and will be chairman of properties. Mrs. Wayne Niehaus, Fire Helles, is chairman of volunteers, and Mrs. Bill Wampler, OES Cascade Crest, will be chairman of donor recruitment. Representatives of WSCS, Methodist Church, and local Red Cross were also present at the meeting Wednesday night and volunteered to help with the donor signing.

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You whisper to the party of the second part: "Guess what" then pause. This is the signal for the other girl to bolt her doors and windows and set up a maximum security watch. Finally, she asks, "What?" and you say in hushed, senescent tones: "I saw Him today."

Here, at least a full moment of silence must follow until the message sinks in, down to the last red and white corpuscle of both parties. Then, 38 minutes later, the situation becomes clearer. It turns out that she did see Him but while He may not have actually seen her, any reasonable person, given a knowledge of the wind direction, of the speed of sound and the force of osmosis, could safely assume that He must have been aware of her presence.

For most of eternity, teen-age girls talk to each other. But every now and then, like an awesome clap of thunder, He calls. Inevitably, younger sister answers. Younger sister races hysterically up the stairs, screaming He is on the phone. Older sister quickly composes herself. She wants to know why all the shouting. She is blasé. She is detached. She is so indifferent and casual getting to the phone she falls down the stairs.

Younger sister races through the house, screaming: "He's going to ask her to marry him (at age 15)! I think they're too young. I think they ought to be annihilated!"

Older sister asks casually, into the phone, who's calling, is told, asks again as though she can't place the name. They talk. She is oh so light and matter of fact. Then it turns out all he wanted was the algebra assignment for tomorrow.

Older sister races upstairs, bolts doors, weeps, plans glamorous suicide. Eight minutes later she is fully recovered and back on the phone, talking to her girl friend ... "Guess what?" ...

## Quotes

United Press International  
CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa — Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower, visiting her old kindergarten room: "Geo, it's nice and sunshiny in here."

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Charles (Chuck) Banta, on his plane being forced down in a rainstorm, and his failure to fly non-stop from Tokyo to Miami: "I wanted to try and baby it on to Miami but I just couldn't do it."

WASHINGTON — Former President Truman, on why he won't give a critical appraisal of himself as president: "It's not possible to tell anything about a fellow until he's been dead about 30 years, and I want to live that much longer."

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — Vice President Richard M. Nixon, on why he thinks things look good for the Republicans in the Nov. 4 elections: "That series of bad breaks finally has come to an end. We feel that we now have the issues on our side."



## Blood Donors Need Cited

CHILOQUIN—Seventy five blood donors are needed to sign for the visit of the Baby Beaver mobile unit which will visit Chiloquin Thursday, October 30, at the Masonic Hall, according to plans set up last week. Red Cross executive secretary, Mrs. Virginia Dixon, and bloodmobile chairman, Mrs. Hugh Swaney, Klamath Falls, met with representatives of various local organizations to plan the fifth annual blood donor visitation. The hours will be from 5 until 8 o'clock.

The chief difference between this year's organization and the past is that all workers, except for two nurses and a physician, will be local volunteers and the unit will accommodate a fewer number of donors per hour.

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## Car Workers Plan Return

DETROIT (UPI) — American Motors Corp. workers who went on strike for seven hours Friday before a contract settlement was reached by company and United Auto Workers Union negotiators were scheduled to be back on the job Monday.

Immediately after reaching agreement with the company, UAW officials announced they were ordering the 14,000 striking workers back on the job "as soon as possible." AMC vice president Edward L. Cushman said production would resume Monday.

The agreement Friday was a three-year pact resembling the contracts between the UAW and Chrysler, Ford and General Motors.

It called for pay hikes of about 10 cents an hour for auto production.

The contract also had a special section covering AMC's Kalamazoo plant at Grand Rapids, Mich., which froze wages at their present levels for two years. In the third year, however, Kelvinator workers are to receive the same pay increases as the auto production workers.

The contract is retroactive to July 1 and expires Sept. 6, 1961, six days after the expiration date of pacts between the union and the "big three."

Other provisions of the agreement call for improvements in supplemental unemployment benefits, severance pay, short work week schedules, pensions and a form of area-wide seniority for recall of unemployed workers. There also was a strengthened no-strike clause.

## Mart Faces Tough Month Says Financial Editor

By ELMER C. WALZER  
NEW YORK (UPI)—November could be a difficult one for the stock market, according to one of the experts.

S. B. Lurie, analyst for Josephthal & Co., finds the recent improvement in bonds strongly hinting that one of the "legs" which has been supporting the stock market stool is wobbling.

"If the Federal Reserve Board plays further trick or treat with credit policy, November could be a difficult month.

"The steam probably will escape from the stock market boiler within the next thirty days."

Yet there are many of the unrestrained optimists citing reasons why they think the market should continue to rise, he notes. These "reasons" include better-than-expected business and earnings recovery; a pronounced change in the market's supply-demand equation; and the growing popularity of the common stock idea.

Against these, he adds, the unrestrained pessimists can make headlines with observations that speculative psychology is better than the immediate fundamentals, probability that we've entered the second and slower phase of recovery hinting that the intermediate risks may outweigh the promises, and there is more inflation in the stock price level than there is in commodity prices — or credit trends.

Lurie had been expecting a rise in margins right along. He was surprised that the figure had not been set at 100 per cent instead of the 90 per cent which the federal reserve set as of Thursday morning.

Lurie believes the key to practical market policy total lies somewhere between the extremes of the optimists and pessimists listed above.

## Voters Decline In Lake County

LAKEVIEW — A drop in the number of voters in Lake County was noted by County Clerk Zane Gray at the close of registration for the November general election.

The total number of voters is 3,268, which is 113 less than were registered for the primary election in May, and 303 less than for the general election in November, 1956.

Democrats led Republicans by 265, with 1,749 compared to 1,484. There are 35 listed as non-party members.

Previous figures show a total of 3,381, including 1,808 Democrats, 1,573 Republicans and 30 others, at the May primary; and a total of 3,771, including 2,029 Democrats, 1,686 Republicans and 46 others at the 1956 election.

## Aires Rioters Tear Gassed

BUENOS AIRES (UPI)—Police using tear gas broke up a demonstration Friday night by about 1,000 Peronists celebrating the anniversary of the 1945 revolution that brought now ousted dictator Juan Peron to power.

Other demonstrators exploded six bombs at suburban points and burned five streetcars and two buses in the neighboring industrial city of Avellana.

Two men were shot in a gun battle at La Plata between Peronists and anti-Peronists, but they were the only casualties.

The presidential palace reported shortly before midnight "the situation in the whole country is quiet." However, mounted police units were reinforced in the capital and all bridges leading in and out of the city were closed.

## Should College Professors Be Second Class Citizens?

Perhaps this sounds like a silly question. Yet, judging by the salaries of many college professors, it looks as though we hold them in low esteem. That's why too many of them are leaving their jobs.

For today, more than ever before, the future of our country is being shaped by the kind of thinking these men inspire in the classroom.

We must encourage them to stay on. You can do your part. Help the college of your choice now. The rewards will be greater than you think!

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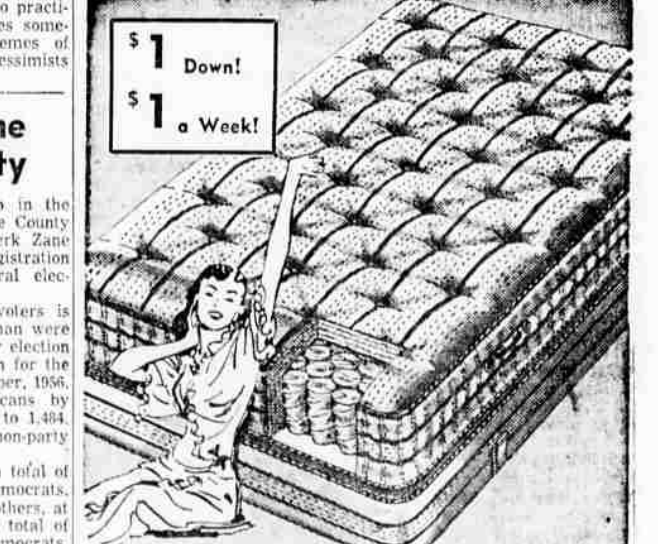


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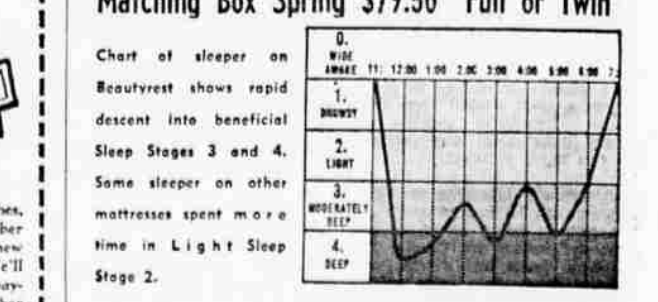
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