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Next Move

By FLOYD L. WYNNE
The next move in the selection of a successor to Charlie Mack is apparently up to the two remaining commissioners, Republican Ed Gowan and Democrat Bob Walker.
Gov. Mark Hatfield indicated initially that he possessed the power to appoint a successor to Mack who was appointed to the State Tax Commission. However, after a study of an Oregon Supreme Court ruling on a Jackson County case which was similar, the governor's office now has considerable reservations.
Indications are that it will be up to the two commissioners to select a county judge.
It is difficult, indeed, if such is the case, for either commissioner to name himself as county judge. This wouldn't look good, and might easily be misunderstood by the public.
However, I would like to go on record as advocating that Bob Walker be named the county judge. Then the problem would be one of filling the office of county commissioner.

The reason I have recommended Walker be named judge is twofold. First, he was elected by the people to the post of commissioner. Thus, he has a mandate from the people, and secondly, he is a Democrat, and the new county judge, must, of necessity be a Democrat as was Charlie Mack.
The post of county judge is chairman of the Board of Commissioners. The county judge is the mediator in the court, and is more or less, the front man for the court, representing them in most of the conferences.

It would be much better from the public's standpoint that the man named to county judge be a man who has already been approved by the people, and Walker has that approval.
Thus, the way would be clear to name another Democrat as county commissioner. The most important job on the county court would thus be filled, and while that of commissioner is not necessarily a secondary post, it is not quite as important as that of judge.
That would bring us down to commissioner. There, my list of suggestions runs out.

There are certainly many capable Democrats who could qualify for the post, and I'm confident that Gowan and Walker would make a wise choice.
I still feel, however, that the suburban area should have some representation. I was reminded the other day by a phone call that the northern part of the county also lacks representation on the county court.

True, as was pointed out to me, the northern part of the county has the biggest share of the territory, even though they are relatively small population wise.
Also, as was pointed out, the problems of the Klamath Indians are going to be an increasing problem for the county court, and it might be well to consider a man from that area for that reason.
Be that as it may, these thoughts are only advanced along the way, not in an effort to influence the selection of a county judge or a county commissioner, but by way of passing along for the court's consideration some of the views that have been cast our way on this very important county problem.

At any rate, the next move now appears to be up to the two remaining county commissioners.

Budgets

By FLORENCE JENKINS
The teachers in Klamath Falls have had their say.
They want more money.
The size of the increases they want would cost their bosses (taxpayers of Klamath Falls) approximately \$90,000. If those raises are granted, then the maintenance staff, office employees and others would be entitled to increases, as well, to the point the amount could be well over \$100,000 for next year.

Is there any indication that increases in pay will result in better education for the youngsters of Klamath Falls? Does the presence of multiple initials following a teacher's name indicate more proficiency as a teacher? Are we possibly becoming a little over-impressed with degrees?
There is no argument against the theory that experience can add to proficiency where an individual is striving for improvement. However, the basis upon which the raises were asked is that it costs more to live in Klamath Falls than it does in Portland.
The fallacy of that one-legged premise—that food costs are high-

er here—can be proved without too much difficulty, but it is not actually a point in issue. The spokesman for the teachers might as well contend that it costs more money to live in Klamath Falls than Kansas City or San Francisco, which probably isn't true either. But the fact exists that Klamath Falls is not in competition with any of the three cities named when you come right down to cases.

Unless criticism of the community in which one lives is constructive it usually redounds to the discredit of the person expressing it. We failed to detect an offer on the part of the teachers to add any improvement to the present instructional offering or to use greater diligence to prevent "incidents" which have marred Klamath Falls schools' record for many months and made headlines around the state.
If cost of living increment is the point in issue, that is already covered in schedules which are already in force which provide automatic increases up to a certain level.

It has been proposed seriously by some thoughtful persons who are close to the situation that the school budget be presented to the voters this year in two parts. The first would be the budget for actual operating costs of the schools of the coming year.
The second part would cover proposed increases, including raises sought by the teaching staff.
It doesn't cost more to hold an election on a two-part ballot than a one-part ballot.

Tax On Coffee?

By CHARLES V. STANTON
Editor Roseburg News-Review
The famed Sly report, offered as an expert's advice on taxes, revises the oft-defeated cigarette tax proposal.
Nearly all our states now levy a tax on cigarettes. Tax ranges all the way from two to eight cents per pack. Washington, for example, socks cigarette smokers five cents on packs up to 20 cents, or seven and one-half cents on the more expensive pack.
Being a most modest (?) person, I hesitate to offer something that our famed investigator, Dr. Sly, may have overlooked. But I'd like to suggest that instead of taxing cigarettes we impose a tax on coffee.

That, of course, I would like to have known as the "Stanton report." It seems to me to be obvious. It would, in fact, raise far more than a cigarette tax.
My proposal would be that we put a two-cent tax on every pound of coffee purchased from the market, and that every hotel, restaurant or other place serving coffee to the public be required to collect a tax of one-cent per cup.
Every place of business, of course, has its coffee hour. Most executives and the majority of clerks and some mechanical workers, must stop at least twice each day for a swig of the fragrant brew.

It is used in nearly every home. Think, if you will, what a glorious amount of money would be raised if the state of Oregon levied a mild impost upon the practices and habits of coffee drinkers.
And, pray tell me, why should we put a tax on one class of people and not another? Isn't it more honest to put a tax on coffee, a tax that would hit more people—a majority of people, in fact rather than a minority?
Cigarette taxes have been levied because of prejudice. Some people don't like cigarettes, so they are intolerant enough that they would

sanctify those who do use cigarettes. Are the same people willing to pay a tax every time they drink a cup of coffee?
I did smoke cigarettes a few years ago. I didn't quit. I stopped. I may start again tomorrow. Maybe I'll never start. But I want it understood I didn't quit. There's a lot of difference.
Right now I can speak against a cigarette tax without arguing to save myself money. But the proposal I suggest calling the "Stanton report" would cost me a very considerable amount.

But why tax one class of persons and not another class? Why should a few people be socked for the benefit of the whole?

Poison

Chiloquin (To the Editor)—We, the undersigned, have at last been forced to express complete dissatisfaction with the methods used by the Department of Agriculture in the control of predators such as coyotes and foxes.

The use of poison in any form is to be deplored for such control. First, the country has to be blanketed with poison stations in order to really be effective on coyotes. True, it has been highly efficient in decimating their numbers. In fact, seeing or hearing a coyote in most of Oregon's counties has become a rarity for the past 10 years.

So what else happens when a lot of poison stations have not been cleaned out by the non-existent coyotes?

We will tell you what happens. Two beautiful and fine Golden Retrievers, belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Obenchain, are the victims. Also last spring, a fine dog of Robert Hall Jr. was lost at a poison station on Hall's own property at the top of Spring Creek Hill just off Highway 97.
Not only are domestic dogs lost, but indiscriminate use of this "1080" poison has also resulted in wiping out valuable fur-bearers such as marten, fisher and the beautiful high-country cross fox.

Adherents of the poison program will yell loudly that poison stations are never placed off known fur-bearing runs. This only goes to prove how little these government poisoners know of the habits of the more beautiful fur-bearers.

The summit of Spring Creek Hill is (or was) a regular marten run between Sun Ridge and Applegate Butte, also the occasional fisher uses the run, or did before the poison was added.

Now, when you upset the balance of nature so drastically as has been done by virtually eliminating the coyote, fox, skunk, badger, etc., you then start having other problems far more costly than any damage the above said predators have done in the past.

Millions of dollars worth of damage was done over millions of acres of crop and range lands by field mice only last year and were it not for the fact that nature took a hand with tularemia and a very wet, hard winter we would still have the mouse problem.

Coyotes, foxes, skunks and badgers are in that order the best mousers in the world and the big mouse infestation was the direct result of over-control of their natural enemies.

Only recently an article in the Oregonian stressed the mounting damage in Eastern Oregon from mice and jackrabbits. Here again, we need more coyotes to control the jackrabbit.

The only real backing this poison program has comes from the sheepmen and the Department of Agriculture and the men they hire to do their work.

The Department of Agriculture must have the sanction of the

Oregon Game Commission before poisoning an area and we feel it is only by not fully understanding the situation in its entirety that the game commission allows this program to continue.

The population of our predators is down to such a minimum at this time that the staff of poisoners now on the payroll could, by resorting to the straight use of steel traps, handle the situation quite handily for at least several years to come.

It is true that few of the present day predator control men have the old knack of consistently trapping coyotes in any numbers. This trade is almost a lost art, what with their pelts being hardly worth skinning since 1945. However, there are still several of the old artists around that could be hired at day's wages to teach the art.

One of us, the undersigned, Rosborough, has been a professional trapper over a period of 35 years and during the '30's he specialized on coyotes and in three days can teach anyone of reasonable intelligence how to trap coyotes consistently.

We have talked to many ranchers and to date one and all are bitterly against the continued use of poison in any form for coyote control.

We would like to hear a pair singing to the moon again.

We would like to see many letters to the editor endorsing our stand. Letters from the Cattle Association, the game, letters to your State Senator Harry Boivin and Representative Carl Yancey and Representative John Kerbow asking for a bill to be put through the next Legislature outlawing the use of poison in the state of Oregon.

Letters to all members of the State Game Commission and in particular to Chester Kebbe of the game commission, officer in charge of predator control.

We call on all dog lovers to get busy and write letters to all of these possible outlets for change in this control program, and above all, no more poison.

One of us lost a fine Gordon Setter to poison 20 years ago, and hasn't had the heart to own a dog since.

We beg you for letters, many letters.
Thank you.
E. H. Rosborough
Box 36A
and
S. L. Burgdorf
Box 212

Quotes

United Press International
STREATOR, Ill. — Andrew Juricek, whose newly remodelled home is sinking into the ground, commenting on the mine tunnels and rooms under his house:
"Nobody told me about any mines or rooms when I moved in. There's nothing about them in my insurance policies."

NEW YORK — Vice President Richard Nixon, disagreeing with those who criticized American businessmen for entertaining Russian Deputy Premier Mikoyan, said the businessmen could take a lesson from labor leaders. He commented:
"They (the labor leaders) have nothing but contempt for those who are dupes and who can be deceived by what they know are obvious untruths."

CHICAGO — High school sophomore James A. Johnson Jr. en route to Washington to become the first Negro page in the House of Representatives of his approach to the job:
"My parents told me to keep my eyes open and my mouth closed, when I get there."

NEW YORK — Dr. T. Keith Glennan on how the first U.S. spaceman will be picked from a select group, narrowed to 12 by the time this country's "Project Mercury" is ready to be launched as a satellite:
"All 12 of the volunteers of the Mercury team will be given the same pre-flight and flight training. Only immediately before the first named orbital flight will the first Mercury astronaut be selected."

NEW YORK — Mrs. Doralisa Tavarez on her feelings towards the woman who kidnapped her baby:
"I can never forgive her for this deed she did. But I think she should be given a lot of assistance."

NEW YORK — Disc jockey Peter Tripp's doctor, L. J. West, reporting the condition Tripp is in after 179 hours without sleep:
"He's confused and sees all kinds of things although he realizes they really aren't there."

They'll Do It Every Time



By Jimmy Hatlo



Many Senators Unsure About New State Budget

By DICK HUMPHREY
SALEM (UPI) — Although most Oregon legislators polled by United Press International reveal strong leanings this session toward economy, they are more hesitant to commit themselves to the \$29.6 million dollar budget suggested by ex-Governor Robert D. Holmes.
Individual estimates range from something below the Holmes figure to 310 million dollars.
Some legislators also feel they haven't studied the Holmes budget thoroughly enough to know whether it is realistic and don't care to be quoted.
Representative Clarence Barton (D-Clatsop), chairman of the House Tax Committee, is one who feels the budget is on the low side.
Many Republicans felt that the line could be held, but several key Democrats saw pressures developing from education, welfare and other sources that might force it up.
Barton said, "I would anticipate a budget of from 307 to 310 million dollars."
"As a sidelight," he added, for the past decade Oregon has been just two years behind Kansas in its spending. The current Kansas budget is 307 million dollars.
Democrats Monroe Sweetland, Eugene, gave flat "no" answers to the Holmes budget and Sen. Ward Cook, Portland Democrat, agreed with Barton the budget might reach 310 million dollars.
Senate President Walter Pearson (D-Portland) thought the Holmes budget realistic in the light of Oregon per capita income decreasing in the last six years to below the national average.

Ship Firm Denies Leaving Pacific

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Matson Navigation Co. says it is not making any deals to get out of business in the Pacific.
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Meet Enters Third Day

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The National Wool Growers Assn. convention goes into its third day of work today with talks scheduled on the two major problems facing the lamb and wool industry.
Mrs. Evadna Hammersley and G. N. Winder of the American Sheep Producers Council will discuss lamb promotion.
Wool promotion is the subject of a scheduled talk by Max Schmitt, president of the Wool Bureau.
O. R. Strackbein, chairman of the committee on import-export policy, is expected to discuss the chances of an import quota on lambs and increased tariff duties.
A highlight of yesterday's session was the naming of the top winners in the Wool Bureau's National Sewing Contest. They are Amelia Beth Loomis, 17, Donnelly, Idaho, and Millicent Robbins, 20, Walsh, Colo. Each will receive a two week vacation in Europe as a prize.
Other winners included:
Junior division — First, Mary Page Raymond, 17, Okanogan, Wash.; third, Sherrie Frazer, 17, Moro, Ore.
Senior division — Fourth, Loretta Armstrong, 17, Pullman, Wash.



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Basin Visit Set By Poundmaster

Bill Schlegel, Klamath County poundmaster, will take dog licenses to outlying towns in the county to give dog owners an opportunity to buy 1959 licenses without coming to Klamath Falls.
The sale will continue from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the following dates in the named towns: February 3, Chiloquin; February 5, Sprague River; February 9, Fort Klamath; February 11, Malin; February 17, Merrill; February 19, Bonanza; February 23, Crescent; February 25, Bly, and February 27, Lorella.

Persons in the immediate area of Klamath Falls may call at the office of County Clerk Charles DeLap in the courthouse.
Licenses are \$2 for males; \$2 for spayed females; \$3 for females. All dogs including pups eight months or older must be licensed. March 1 is the deadline to buy tags. After March 2 a \$2 penalty will be added to the regular charge.

IDENTITY TO BE REVEALED
CORVALLIS (AP) — The identity of Benton County's Junior First Citizen will be revealed at a banquet tonight honoring E. B. Lemon, Benton's Senior First Citizen.
Lemon will retire as Oregon State College dean of administration next summer.

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