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New Law Causes Ambulance Problem Here

A law concerning standards for ambulances, passed by the 1961 legislature, is one of undoubted good intent, but it will cause a real problem here when it goes into effect August 9. This is pointed out by Will O'Harra, administrator of Pioneer Memorial hospital, in a column that he has written for this paper, "Know Your Hospital," that appears on page 10.

Under the law, the State Board of Health has responsibility for setting and applying standards for ambulance vehicles, equipment and personnel. It requires the board to make "reasonable regulations" to assure drivers and attendants are "physically, emotionally and educationally qualified to administer first aid."

New regulations and requirements for ambulances coming as a result of this law are at least temporarily jeopardizing local service. Apparently to help administer the new law, a license fee of \$100 is now assessed to each vehicle. In addition, each one of the personnel involved in operation of ambulances is assessed a \$5 license, O'Harra points out.

Qualifications imposed on ambulance drivers are such that few in Heppner are eligible to drive.

Oliver Creswick operated the ambulance as a public service until recently, but the heavy license fee together with demands on his time with the new appointment as county assessor made it necessary for him to turn over the keys to the County Court. The county owns the ambulance.

As the hospital administrator understands the new law, when an unqualified driver takes out an ambulance, his liability insurance is invalid. Thus, anyone who volunteers to save a fellow man in dire distress by taking the vehicle to his aid, is "sticking out his neck."

O'Harra has a proposal that might answer the problem. He would like to enlist a corps of volunteers who would be willing to take training in first aid that would qualify them for the job. This would entail some regular meetings, but the volunteers would be reimbursed from fees collected on the ambulance run. O'Harra believes that the fees would just about balance with the modest pay offered the ambulance personnel.

Any in the community interested in this proposal should contact O'Harra.

In the meantime it is quite a dilemma: Who would hesitate to respond if he knew a fellow man were seriously injured in an auto accident a few miles from town? But, on the other hand, can a person reasonably be asked to go in such an emergency without protection of liability insurance and legal safeguards? For under the new law, a driver not qualified would be in violation of law in taking out the ambulance.

While basically good, the new law makes it pretty tough for emergency service in an area such as ours where population is relatively small and distances on emergency runs are often long. Calls are not frequent enough to operate the service as a business as in larger cities. No one individual could hardly be asked to pay the fee, take the training and be responsible for calls. The corps of willing volunteers may be the best solution.

Chaff and Chatter

By WES SHERMAN

PERHAPS it isn't possible to really know a man after having been acquainted with him for less than two months, but it seemed as if we had known Allen Case for years.

Maybe it was because of the good things we heard about him through furniture salesmen before we came here. Maybe it was the friendly and cordial manner with which he met and treated us as newcomers. Maybe it was the way he befriended young son Jim who pestered him with a table lamp that the young sprout was building—and Al stopped everything to help the lad with the project. Maybe it was the way he helped the Sherman boys pick out an anniversary gift for their parents and then did it up in a big package with fancy wrapping and bows. Maybe it was his reminiscing about Linfield college days.

In any event, we felt the same sense of shock and loss that we have experienced with the passing of long time friends when we heard of Al's death.

We'll miss him.

JUST A word of friendly advice: Don't mention "vacation" to Bert Huff. He's had it.

The vacation that started two weeks ago for Bert and his family seemed ill-fated from the start. On their first day they had a serious auto accident between Haines and Baker. Their car rolled over several times, but almost miraculously, neither Mr. or Mrs. Huff nor any of their three children were hurt.

They managed to get to Bert's mother's home at Halfway even though their car was demolished and bought another car. Soon after, one of the children came down with the mumps. Just as things started improving, another of their children came down with the mumps at the start of the second vacation week.

But the Huffs were grimly determined to have a good time. They went to Yakima and on to Zillah to visit Mrs. Huff's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Burns. Bert got in some good fishing for silvers in Banks Lake and things at last seemed to be going rosy.

On their homeward journey, though, a siren whistled them down as they were going through Grandview. Bert looked at the speedometer. He was doing 35. But the officer said it was a 25-mile zone. The fine: 15 bucks.

So when you go to the First National Bank and see Bert, just smile and ask about the weather. Don't be so cruel as to ask him if he had a nice vacation.

THREE HAS been a lot of talk in the past couple of years about a "population explosion," but a Persian cat, "Princess," owned by Mr. and Mrs. Randall Martin, Ione, has exploded the feline population all by herself. Mrs. Martin says that Princess has produced two or three batches of kittens, averaging five, each year for the past 11 years. That's something over 150.

The Martins have given away part-Persians all over Oregon—Roseburg, Pendleton, Portland, yes, and maybe even Gooseneck (which is in Polk county).

But now they have a problem. You guessed it. Princess has a new batch, and the Martins don't know any more people to call.

The current quartet of kittens will be weaned and housebroken in two or three weeks. They are long-haired, pretty and playful. You can have your choice of three females or one male. Phone 6-9704.

OVER AT the Jim Driscolls the other night came trouble with a different kind of kitty. Their son, Tim, was sleeping outside with a couple other boys of the neighborhood. In the middle of the night, Mr. and Mrs. Postmaster were awakened by a strong but familiar odor wafting through their open window. Jim got up and closed the window. When the dawn came, they learned that the nonchalant striped pussy had apparently walked right by the sleeping boys, perfuming the air as he proceeded, but he left them unscathed and unsprayed.

OVER AT Ione, Mayor Charles O'Connor is a charter member of the 1961 Crutch and Hobbie society, which seems to have picked up quite a few members this summer as a result of various and sundry accidents. Charles got his playing ball with the kids on July 4, twisting a knee and tearing a ligament. Presumably he'd like to celebrate a birthday of the crutches when

he can finally throw them away. A month on the sticks is a long time.

THERE WAS still a lot of excited talk this week about the Little League playoff game between The Dalles and Pendleton here Saturday night, with the Willow Creek All-Stars and another Pendleton team vying in the preliminary.

The crowd far exceeded everyone's expectations, and the local L. L. organization received high praise for a fine job of arrangements. Popcorn and hot dog business was booming, and the girls in charge had to put out emergency calls for more supplies. Betty Gimbel said she never saw so much popcorn in her life.

They had some power troubles at the field, trying to carry too much equipment on too small a fuse, and this kept Fred Gimbel busy. When he wasn't trying to keep the public address speaking going, he was called on to hose down the dust where kids at play were causing a storm to roll over the diamond. He did a real good job and got some of the kids with the water, too.

Jackie Labhart, LaFern Pratt, Kay Robinson and Jo Pettyjohn had spent a lot of time making a couple of great big welcome signs to hang inside the fence. These brought big praise from the radio announcer from station KUMA, Pendleton, who couldn't say enough good about the fine work of the local committee.

Riley Munkers sweat out the troubles as announcer on the public address system.

We weren't able to get there but heard the whole thing over the car radio while in transit. The games were thrillers, and the teams in the main event played like big leaguers from all reports.

Heppner surely made a name for itself as host at this event.

Verle Green had as house guests last Tuesday her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Van Housen, San Jose, Calif.

TO THE EDITOR . .

Dear Sir:

We wrote several times before but received no reply. Used to be well known in North Oregon and Morrow county. We worked on a farm near Lexington, forgot the name of publisher. Been a long time since we had a paper from there. Would be glad to receive a sample copy and mail rates of the paper.

We sure liked it there and would like to visit there again. I believe it has so much improved and built up. We raised cattle, poultry, fruit and other crops. Copy mail rates appreciated. Hope business is good.

Charlie Roeber

Dear Mr. Sherman:

I have reviewed your very interesting edition of June 29, 1961, and wish to commend you for this fine presentation of the assets of Morrow county and the Space Age Industrial Park area.

Our organization stands ready at any time to assist you in your efforts in promotion of the Space Age Industrial Park region.

Very truly yours,
William H. Belt, President,
Space Age Industrial Park Development Assn.

Dear Sir:

Just want you to know your "Special Edition," along with the weekly has brought several good reading hours to at least six families here in Galax. We pass our paper around to friends who have been in Oregon or want to come.

I plan to keep the "Special" as a sort of encyclopedia on Morrow County.

Please renew our subscription for six months. Thank you.

Mrs. Claude J. Nash
Rt. 3, Box 341-A
Galax, Va.

From our EARLY FILES

From the files of the
Gazette-Times
July 23, 1931

A number of Heppner's golf enthusiasts journeyed to Pendleton on Wednesday for a round of the holes on the fine course there.

Fire fighters answered a call to the Frank Wilkenson timber range 17 miles south of Heppner and had it under control shortly after it burned about 10 acres.

A saving of from 3 to 4 1/2 cents per bushel in production costs will be made this year by farmers equipped to handle their grain in bulk instead of in sacks.

The hog epidemic of sickness, which has killed many Morrow county hogs, is not contagious, but rather a feeding condition, says Dr. L. C. Henderson, veterinarian.

Bernard Doherty left Thursday for Wallowa where he has his sheep.

Dear Sirs:

Would you please send me the cost of one year subscription to the Gazette. We send the Gazette each week to our 16-year-old son, Don, who is working at Hay River, North West Territories of Canada this summer.

He liked your special edition very much. He said it was very interesting.

We were interested in the articles in this week's paper of the Ditch Creek fire and the cooks at Tupper. Your paper is real newsy.

Sincerely,
Kenneth Keeling
2103 Fir Street

Joe Eskelson is visiting his farming interests near Lexington during harvest season from his home in Salem.

James Ham came in from Hardman on Tuesday bringing lambs for shipment.

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60 Radio Amateurs Enjoy Picnic Sunday

About 60 radio amateurs enjoyed a "Ham" picnic at Emigrant Springs, some 25 miles east of Pendleton, Sunday. Included in the group of short wave enthusiasts were Earl Blake and Haskell Sharrard of Heppner.

The picnic was sponsored by the La Grande "Hams" and others came from Baker, Walla Walla, Pendleton and McKenzie Bridge.

A "swap" table, where the amateurs exchanged parts and equipment, and "chow" were features of the picnic, Sharrard said.

Don't impede progress—if you must kick, kick toward the goal.

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