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### Use It or Lose It

If you examine a number of dollar bills, you will note that over the big "ONE" on the back of some are the words, "In God We Trust." However, some do not have this phrase.

Recently we heard a story of someone in the eastern part of the country who discovered this fact. Noting the omission of the reference to God on the one bill, he set about to demand why these words had been removed from the one dollar bills.

A columnist in a big New York daily demanded to know "Why?" in one of his daily writings with the inference that this nation is losing its faith in God.

Then from the Department of the Treasury came the truth: Only recently have the words, "In God We Trust," been added in this space on the dollar bill.

The United States as a whole has always professed a belief in God, at the same time providing for religious freedom. No one is particularly required to believe in God nor to espouse Christianity. In fact, the constitution guarantees him freedom to believe or disbelieve as he chooses. But it has been recognized that principles of Christianity and belief in God are fundamental in a democratic way of life.

Only a few years ago, the words, "Under God," were added to the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. The Declaration of Independence has several references to God: "... and to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of Nature and Nature's God entitled them. . ."; "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights. . ."; and in the conclusion, "And for the support of this declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence. . ."

Americans have often pointed an accusing finger at communism, with considerable abhorrence, as being a Godless system. Its lack of consideration for human rights is not consistent with the spiritual concepts as we recognize them in our way of life, we charge.

In the service of the church we attend the minister last Sunday preached on the topic, "Use It or Lose It," which we think is appropriate for all citizens today to consider.

He pointed out that if a person fails to continue practicing a physical skill, he loses his talent to perform it. So is it true with religious practice. If we fail to practice faith, we lose it. If we don't go to the church of our choice, we soon lose the recognition of what the church means and fail to enjoy the benefits of the spiritual life, as well as an appreciation of the rights of others.

It is our conviction that if the people of our nation gave more sincere support to faith and religion, some of the hopeless dilemmas in which we now seem to be engulfed would be non-existent. If we wholeheartedly sought "to love thy neighbor as thyself," we would avoid many of the problems we face, not only in our country but extending to the national and international scene.

But the trouble is, many do not seek to practice such principles. Others give token acceptance. They will repeat the pledge of allegiance, "... one nation under God, indivisible. . ." and think nothing of it as a practical and basic concept.

It is good, in Morrow county, to see many cars clustered around churches at the time of services. But we understand from the ministerial association that out of our population of 4871, there are an estimated 1500 church members. We cannot say whether this means member families, or actual members. But discount the 1600 children from ages 4 to 19, and there are still more than 3200 adults in the county. At best, this means that more than half our adult population does not belong—and apparently does not attend—church. Of the church members, probably not more than half attend regularly and actually practice religion.

We do not believe in wearing religion on one's coat sleeve, so to speak, but we do believe in having faith in God, faith in our fellow men and faith in our nation. We believe that religion—and practicing it through churches and in everyday life—is the best method of developing this faith.

Churches are often faced with charges of hypocrisy. This could be partially true, for no human being is perfect. But assuming that some of this exists and that all who do not attend are not hypocrites, the non-attenders could soon alleviate this condition by going and submerging the rest!

When we, the people of this country, do not attend churches of our choice, we fail to use a privilege that peoples of so-called Godless communistic countries are largely denied.

The churches in this country are a bulwark against communism. Were there no churches in America, no recognition of the spiritual, it is possible that we would have slipped into a communistic form of government or some type of totalitarian state some time ago.

Yes, use it or lose it—and lose all that goes with it.

### Heppner High Seniors, Robbins Have Girl Enjoy OSU Week-end

Two carloads of Heppner High school seniors, taken to Corvallis by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Blake and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Daggett, enjoyed Senior Week-end at Oregon State University, climaxed by the Seattle U-OSU basketball game, which the states won in double overtime.

The Blakes took Ronnie Belsma, Libby Van Scholack, and their daughter, Beverly. Charles Sampson went as far as Portland with them and stopped there to visit.

With the Daggetts were John Ceglin, Ron Creswick, Don Clark and their son, Ken. They left Friday evening and returned Sunday. The group visited with Jim Barratt, OSU athletic business manager and formerly of Heppner, while there.

### Episcopal Women Plan Benefit Party

A benefit bridge and pinocle party is planned by women of the Episcopal church for Valentine's night in the church parish hall Thursday, February 14, starting at 8 p. m. Mrs. C. W. Rosewall is in charge.

Admission is \$1 and everyone is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamlin attended the Western Retail Lumberman association meeting in Portland Friday through Sunday at the Memorial Coliseum.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Grizzle were in Portland on business January 13 and 14. They visited in Salem and Woodburn.

### Post Office Raises Charge for Changes; Readers Can Help

A new regulation of the Post Office department has increased from 5c to 10c the charge for notifying newspapers of changes of addresses. Over a period of time this mounts up to considerable cost for the paper.

Subscribers may help the newspaper avoid this charge by notifying the paper promptly of any change of address. Those who plan to move or change addresses temporarily are requested to call the paper in advance, and the changes will be made as of the date indicated.

In submitting changes of address, it helps a great deal if the subscriber gives both his old address and new address.

When a subscriber notifies the post office of a change of address but does not notify the paper, the post office submits the change to the paper and assesses the 10c charge. With quite a number of changes coming each week, the cost mounts up over a period of several months.

Thus, thoughtfulness of subscribers in thinking of the paper on address changes is very much appreciated and assures uninterrupted delivery.

### Library Adds Books, Encyclopaedia Set

Several new books have been added to the Heppner City Library shelves during the past weeks, according to Mrs. Blanche Brown, librarian.

One addition which was especially well received is a new complete set of the Encyclopaedia Americana. It is expected that the set will get much use by grade and high school students for reference work.

Books added in the young adult section include: *Catsy*, by Norton; *Flight Like a Falcon*, by Harkins; *Center Field Jinx*, by Scholz; *Hotshot*, by Carson; *First Through the Grand Canyon*, by Frazee; *Tomboy*, by Clayton; *Winter's Answer*, by McDonald and Ross; *Dinny Gordon*, Sophomore, by Emery; *One of the Crowd*, by Du Jardin.

Those added to the adult shelves are: *Peter Freuchen's Book of the Seven Seas*, by Freuchen; *The Devil's Advocate*, by John Porter; *Poetry for Pleasure*, by Hallmark; *Occupation, Adventure*, by Thorne; *Jaqueline Bouvier Kennedy*, by Thayer; *To Kill a Mockingbird*, by Lee; *The Great Command*, by Jones; *The White Voyage*, by Christopher; *The Big Family*, by Delmar; *Last to Kiss Amanda*, by Norris; *Wilderness*, by Warren; *The Wildfire at Midnight*, by Stewart; *Cibola*, by Graham; *Credit for a Murder*, by Dean; *The Late Mrs. D.*, by Waugh; and *Three Cases for Mr. Campion*, by Allingham.

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### Lutheran Minister Does Program Scripts

A news article from Tacoma, Wn., received recently by Mrs. Bill Bergstrom tells of television and radio program work being done by the Rev. John Rydgren, former Lutheran minister here.

Now serving as assistant pastor of Central Lutheran church, Tacoma, he recently made a trip to Minneapolis, where he completed work on radio and television programs that he has written.

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### Minister to Supply Pulpit at Burley

The Rev. Earl L. Soward, retired Christian church minister who returned here recently after spending 10 months in the south and supplying churches there, was completing a Saturday night, January 20, at a dinner arranged by his wife in the Soward home. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hughes.

On January 24 the Rev. Soward left for Burley, Idaho, where he received a call to supply the Christian church there. He expects to serve this church until about June 1. It has between 300 and 400 members, he said.

### Ex-Heppnerite Heads State Retail Clerks

Lowell C. Ashbaugh, executive secretary of the Retail Clerks Union and formerly of Heppner, has been elected president of the Oregon State Council of retail Clerks at the convention held at Gearhart recently, according to announcement from the council.

For the past four years Ashbaugh has held the position as executive secretary of the union in Portland. He is a member of the Heppner Elks lodge.

### Attends Medical Meet

Dr. A. D. McMurdo spent January 24 in Portland attending a medical meeting at the Sheraton-Portland hotel. Physicians over the state met to hear and take part in "A Symposium on Blood Vessel Diseases" sponsored by the Oregon Academy of General Practice. His son, Scott McMurdo of Corvallis, was also expected to attend.

## Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

THE THREE from here who attended the State Board of Health hearing in Pendleton on the new ambulance law Friday came back with a feeling of frustration. They have the impression that many of the regulations were inspired by commercial ambulance operators who are seeking to eliminate competition in the business in centers of population.

Dr. L. D. Tibbles, who with Bob Lowe and Will O'Hara, went to the hearing, said that the board would ask no questions to impart understanding, but only took remonstrances and complaints. Three spoke for the new law (one coming all the way from Portland to do so) and all the rest were against it. Dr. Tibbles estimated the group at 75.

While there apparently are some good features to the law, it makes it very tough on small communities who depend principally on volunteers for ambulance service. Certainly no one, in a county such as Morrow, could afford to set up an ambulance on as elaborate a scale as the law would require, much less pay the license fees required, and come out.

Rep. Frank Weatherford believes that if corrections are not made to provide for such areas of small population, an injunction could be filed.

SAY, how about the winning ways of south Morrow county basketball teams now? Between them, lone and Heppner won 10 of 12 games Friday and Saturday and the two losses were by one point each. Heppner high swept a pair from Burns, lone downed Fossil and Stanfield and the Cards' jayvees took each game. Heppner jayvees split with Burns but the loss was by one point. Heppner freshmen took two at Hermiston, and the Heppner graders split with Condon but the loss was by one.

Lee Padberg had local fans' eyes popping Friday night with his 31-point performance, hitting from all angles, but the Saturday night game here was a great team effort. Steady play of Captain Moyer, Doug Dubuque's and John Porter's good work under the boards, Shan Applegate's heads-up play as team spark plug, timely George and Lefty Springer, Kit George and Lefty Gardner who came in as reserves, and a less spectacular but another good solid performance by Padberg, brought this victory.

We particularly liked the way the three reserves came in and took over the lead in the second quarter, in a tight game the reserves are often forgotten, but it is good to see them perform in the clutches like they did Saturday. Even those who don't get in are making a real contribution to the team. It takes a fellow with real stuff to ride the bench most of the year and continue rooting for the team, but we think by doing so, he is developing a spirit that will help a great deal in life.

ONE WORD that is subject for scrutiny in basketball is that word "upset," and it sometimes upsets us. Note that the East Oregonian says Heppner "upset" Burns, which we interpret as meaning that no one (or few) expected the Mustangs to win.

Now that isn't very logical when the Mustangs went to Burns and in each game, on an unfamiliar floor and with glass backboards, were ahead with just a minute or two to play. One was a one-point loss. We expected them to win here and would have considered it something of an upset if Burns took them, even though the Highlanders are a fine team.

The Mustangs are now playing up to their potential. By the way, hear some of the local boys say that they think Burns kids are a real fine bunch and they were impressed by the school spirit and facilities down south.

WOW, we pulled the worst kind of error in the paper last week. In a story about Dennis Warren, the one who got a fish hook in his finger, we listed his age as 12, and this is most grievous to a fellow who is 18! Dennis came bouncing in here just after the paper hit the post office, and we don't blame him. Let it go on record that he is 16 and not 12. We hope this correction will

### Legion And Auxiliary Set Joint Meeting

American Legion, Post 87, Heppner, and the Legion Auxiliary have scheduled Monday, February 5, for a joint potluck supper with business meetings to follow.

Special prizes will be given and a social hour will conclude the evening. All Legion and Auxiliary members are invited to attend.

### Shelter Exemption Forms Now Available

Forms to exempt radiation fallout shelters from property taxes under certain conditions are now available at the office of Assessor Oliver Creswick, he announces.

Exemptions may be allowed to \$1500 of true cash value when the shelters are located in dwellings or within 100 yards of the dwelling, he said. They must also provide a radiation factor of 100 or better and meet other specifications.

Those seeking exemptions for such shelters must file the form on or before April 1 of the exemption year, he said.

### Plan Special Program

A special program on the instruction of weaving on huck toweling will be presented to members and friends of the Lexington Co-op Biddies at their regular meeting next week. The club will gather at 1:30 p. m. Monday afternoon, February 5, at the Lexington city hall for a business meeting and program.

**LIVE MUSIC**  
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS AND SUNDAY AFTERNOON  
AT THE WAGON WHEEL  
-- GOOD FOOD! --

### Business Directory Revamped on Page 5

Business and professional directory, which has appeared in the Gazette-Times for years, has been reorganized and alphabetized. It has appeared regularly on the classified ad page and will be found there in this issue, page 5, section 1.

The alphabetical listings with headings set in bold type give the public a quick, easy reference in seeking the service desired. A number of firms who have not previously had cards in the directory may now be found there.

Directory cards are sold on a yearly or monthly basis. Business and professional people who wish to make it easy for the public to reach them are invited to include their cards in the directory. They may do so by calling the Gazette-Times, Ph. 6-9228.

### TO THE EDITOR . . .

To The Editor: Enclosed check in amount of \$9.00 to renew my subscription for two years.

I appreciate very much your coverage of my parents' 50th wedding anniversary. Receive the paper Saturday mornings and it is a must first reading. The Gazette-Times has a definite purpose in our way of life. Keep up the good work. Sincerely, Dix Warner

### STAR THEATER

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Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wilcox, Portland, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilcox, Hermiston, were visiting relatives in Lexington and Heppner on Sunday.

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