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## Two Strikes Against the Hunter

Opening of buck deer season—the day that has been awaited with keenest of anticipation for many—is at hand, and the annual migration to the woods is beginning. Some already have gone to set up camp, awaiting the opening at the crack of dawn Saturday.

Talk of hunting has permeated the air here for weeks, and it is hard to conceive that there could be greater zeal than has been shown this year.

But two conditions find nimrods going forth with two strikes against them, and they should face up to them. One is the weather which is so dry at this writing that it looms as a great hazard. Cracking twigs and branches under foot of the hunters will make it considerably easier for a buck to be alerted and scamper from the bullets that may head his way, but foresters are fervently hoping that the cracking won't turn into that more furious noise that comes when the woods is ignited by a careless act of the hunter.

Some farmers are closing their places to hunting in the foothills because of fire, and the closure of state forest lands, imposed July 19, remains in effect, according to last report that we received. However, U. S. Forest Service lands are open, and Kinzua Corporation's privately-owned lands within U. S. Forest Service boundaries will be open.

Second strike here was brought about by the wanton act of someone who shot the Brown Swiss registered bull on the Heath Bros. place last week. It is possible that the act was not committed by a hunter, but the assumption is that it was done by a chukar hunter, and all hunters—whether they are after birds or deer are under a cloud again because of this criminal act of one person.

We sympathize with ranchers when occurrences such as this happen. At the same time we grieve for the good sportsman—and we feel that nine of every 10 hunters are good sportsmen. But the nine have to be held accountable for that heedless act of the wanton tenth who shouldn't be allowed to have a gun in his hands.

It is too bad that this incident occurred just at the start of deer season. Most hunters undoubtedly feel as angry about it as the ranchers, since they full well realize that destructive acts of this kind mean more rancor, more restrictions, more closed land.

An accident can happen to a responsible hunter. There is some conjecture that the bull may have chased the person who shot the animal in desperation for his own protection. If that is true, a logical, reasonable and proper action for a person of good intent would have been to seek out the owners, report the matter, and make restitution. It is to be conceded that he might be greeted with some anger by an incensed rancher who could naturally be expected to be somewhat outraged at losing a prized animal. But the hunter then would have faced up to his obligation, and he could salvage the satisfaction that he had done his best to alleviate a sorry happening.

Until this one hunter in 10 learns to face up to responsibility, the nine other careful and conscientious hunters will face the season under the stigma of the careless one.

As buck season starts this year, this paper adds its plea to those sent out from many quarters to live up to code of good sportsmanship, to respect the rights and property of others, to take reasonable precautions for safety.

This is the time to remember the principles of the Red Hat pledge: Be law abiding. Respect the rights and property of others. Be careful with fire and firearms. In general, follow the Golden Rule.

Keep Oregon Green association offers suggestions for fire safety that should be heeded by all hunters: 1. Camp near a water supply. 2. Clear area around any open fire to mineral soil to prevent its spread. 3. Never leave a fire unattended. 4. Have in your possession—when traveling by car—an axe, shovel, and water container. 5. Any abandoned or unattended fire observed, control or put out and report to nearest fire warden or ranger. 6. Report infraction of fire laws, game laws and vandalism—with car license numbers. 7. Smoke only at safe areas, while resting. Do not smoke while traveling on foot through brush and timber. 8. While hunting away from your main camp, warming fires are not permitted during the closed season, and the season will not end until general statewide rains occur and proclamation issued by the Governor opens the season.

If hunters follow the Red Hat pledge and fire safety precautions, they have a chance to make a hit and nullify the two strikes that confront them. We're rooting for them, and don't want to have the sad job of reporting that they struck out by letting fires get away, by shooting more farmers' stock, or by felling another hunter "mistaken for a deer."

## Hardman and Rhea Creek News

Mrs. Robert Bergstrom and Mrs. Walter Wright were among those attending the Home Extension leader's meeting at the fair annex building in Heppner last Thursday. Study was on "Short Cuts to Hot Meals."

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McDaniel and children visited Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norris Stubblefield in Monument. Delbert Robinson was also a visitor at the Stubblefield home.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Chapel and Cassie were in Pendleton Saturday where Mrs. Chapel and Cassie attended the Glen Walker wedding.

Kenneth Batty of Heppner was a caller in Hardman Sunday. Also stopping here Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Leathers.

## Vacation at Lake

IONE—Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crabtree and grandson, Ashley McCabe, and Mr. and Mrs. L. A. McCabe and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Art Keene, all of Ione, returned last week from a trip to East Lake where they spent a vacation fishing. They came back by Culver to see the football game with Ione. Mr. and Mrs. Crabtree also visited at Madras with former Heppnerites, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Erickson. Mrs. Blanche Scheelar of Salem arrived last week to visit with her daughter, Mrs. Crabtree, and family and other relatives.

## Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

PROBABLY NEVER in Heppner's history have so many gone so far for such short entertainment as Tuesday night when there was a migration to Pendleton to see the Liston-Patterson fight. They were leaving here by the carload around 5 p.m. and we surely hope that they all got there in time to see the 2 minutes and six seconds of the fight. Except for those who may have been wagering on Liston, it probably was a much more somber ride coming home than the gay mood apparent on the trip over.

BUT THIS IS a real sports week for fans. The Heppner-Condor football game was a dandy, and the 230 who went to the OSU-Iowa State game saw one of the greatest thrillers of all time. Then quite a contingent went out to Columbia Edgewater golf course to see Jack (Baby Beef) Nicklaus capture the Portland open. Next came the fight Tuesday night, abbreviated as it was, and now upcoming is opening of buck season, more football, and the impending World Series.

AFTER FIGHTING the mob at the golf course in Portland, we make the observation that the best way to see a big golf tournament is by the television set.

Yet there is a lot of interest in watching the big boys in action. Some of these fellows have ice-water in their veins. Nicklaus had just a one stroke lead coming up to the 18th green on the final round—the last one to come in. He hit a second shot from about 200 yards out to within 20 feet of the pin and then calmly stepped up and sank the putt. Nothing to it. Harry O'Donnell of Heppner should have been a caddy. He diligently followed the players Friday and Saturday.

EVERYONE WHO went to the big OSU-Iowa State game from here seemed to enjoy it with the exception of LeRoy Gardner, Heppner High football player, who had a tough time getting in. He went with his parents and not on the school bus with the others because they were planning to continue on to the World's Fair (and did). Some of his friends were to meet him outside the gate at the Multnomah stadium, and give him his ticket. Just before halftime, word sifted in that LeRoy was standing outside still trying to get in. Getting in that place without a ticket is like trying to break through the Berlin wall. We couldn't spot Jim Barratt, athletic business manager, in

## Reapportionment Gaining Ground

Indications are that the reapportionment measure (No. 9 on the general election ballot) is gaining ground, which is as it should be. Every mail brings word of some statewide organization that has endorsed the measure that would bring a more reasonable proportion of representation to sparsely-populated areas, such as our own Morrow county.

A recent article in the Oregon Voter points out: "Allen P. Wheeler, Master of the Oregon State Grange, has, with some emphasis, reaffirmed the position taken at the Grants Pass June annual convention of the Grange in endorsing Measure No. 9 on the November ballot. . . . This is important and significant backing of the measure and Master Wheeler's statement is clear. He says, 'It should be absolutely clear to all citizens that the present plan of legislative apportionment denies adequate and fair representation to many parts of Oregon. . . .'"

"The Wheeler statement added that Oregon can only continue to grow and prosper if all counties of Oregon are adequately and fairly represented in the Legislature. I urge all citizens to follow the lead of the Oregon State Grange and support this measure."

"This official stand of the Grange and its leader should offset some of the public misunderstanding on where the Grange stands, occasioned by unofficial political talk."

It is our understanding, too, that the Portland Chamber of Commerce has endorsed the measure, realizing, no doubt, the importance of Eastern Oregon and other sparsely-populated areas to the economy of the big city. Without the support of the rest of the state, Portland would not exist as it is today because of the commerce that is furnished to the city.

Dick Zita, editor of the Condor Globe-Times, points out in a recent editorial that the measure faces a real fight, which is true, and the odds at this point would seem to be on its defeat because of the overwhelming population of Multnomah county and the Willamette Valley. But every vote from our local people is important in an effort to secure its passage, and anyone who has not studied its provisions and does not understand its importance, should find some time between now and election to become familiar with it.

As Zita points out, it means that Gilliam, Sherman and Morrow counties would receive one representative between them, and Wheeler and Grant would have one representative between them.

Under the present reapportionment plan that will go into effect this fall, one representative will be shared by Gilliam, Sherman, Wheeler, Morrow and Umatilla counties. This makes none of us happy. An editorial in the East Oregonian declares that Umatilla is hurt the most of any place in the state because it has the least representation for its population. It is certain that the other four who share the representative with Umatilla—Wheeler, Gilliam, Sherman and Morrow—are equally unhappy with the arrangement because Umatilla with its population can easily outvote the combined total of the other four.

As Zita puts it, "The differential is obvious. The vocal chords of the small counties will be choked off."

Most strenuous effort to defeat the proposed reapportionment measure comes from the Bi-Partisan Committee to Retain Equal Representation, centered in Portland, which firmly stands on the conviction that the representation should be strictly on the basis of population alone. As pointed out before, the group uses high-sounding phrases and declares that democratic principles are being challenged, but we hold this to be untrue.

It is certain that if the Bi-Partisan committee's contention is right, then the federal system of choosing senators—two from each state—is also undemocratic, because population has no consideration in their selection at all, and we have been using the system since our government was formally organized.

If Morrow, with other eastern Oregon counties, does not give the reapportionment measure a resounding affirmative vote, it will truly be a discouraging indication of apathy from our local people.

the crowd of 30,000 there, and so Mrs. Gardner went and bought her son a ticket.

We felt badly about this because we didn't want anything to mar the fun of the Heppner and Ione boys who went under the sponsorship of the Gazette-Times. But one consolation for LeRoy is the fact that most of the exciting action was in the second half, which he saw.

IF PORTLAND gets the Olympic Games for which they are angling, we fervently hope they figure out a better way of parking cars than they do for Multnomah stadium. We left our motel some 20 blocks from the stadium for the game about an hour early, figuring that we could find some place closer to park. We wound up leaving the car on a narrow road in Washington Park, about a mile west and a mile straight up from the stadium. Then after the game, we used up about an hour getting out of the game, after reaching the car. The management should build escalators up those hills.

I MAY GET annihilated for passing this story on but am going to anyway. Bill Blake tells it on brother-in-law Jim Barratt, and he heard it from Mrs. Barratt. The latter has been using walkie-talkies to chat on important matters with others in the stadium and basketball coliseum during grid and hoop games, making it easier to reach him on such matters as that which befell LeRoy Gardner.

It isn't uncommon to see Barratt somewhere on the field with the antenna of his walkie-talkie sticking up while he talks into the mouthpiece.

At one game, with big crowd on hand, Jim was conversing with someone over the radio. He walked backwards as he was engaged in this deep and apparently important conversation, and suddenly he backed into another man. He turned to look, and it was another fellow with a walkie-talkie—the fellow to whom he was talking over the radio!

BY THE WAY, Blake had box seats for this big game, but he preferred to sit with the home folks, and so he gave them away. Who got them? Jack Nicklaus.

EVERYONE FROM Morrow county was proud of Dick Ruhl's performance in the big game. Some skeptics had said in advance that he wouldn't even get to play. He played at least half of the game, and paved the way for one touchdown, when, as full-back on offense, threw a key block that made it possible for amazing Terry Baker to get off a touchdown pass.

Dick is going to add strength to OSU's team. He is doing a fine job as linebacker, even though neither team's defense could cope with the other's great offense in this 39-35 game.

## Grange Master Affirms Support Of Measure No. 9

Allen P. Wheeler, Master of the Oregon State Grange, has reaffirmed the position of the Grange taken at their annual convention in Grants Pass in June, in endorsing Measure No. 9 which will be voted on by the people in November. This is the measure which has been initiated by some 56,000 Oregon citizens to effect more equitable representation in the Legislature. Mr. Wheeler affirmed this position by enrolling as a member of the Citizens Committee for Representative Government, the state-wide, bipartisan organization backing Measure No. 9.

In announcing his personal support and calling attention to the official position of the Grange, Mr. Wheeler made the following statement: "I think it should be absolutely clear to all citizens of Oregon that the

USELESS ADVICE in Morrow county: Don't set your clocks back Saturday. Portland and daylight savings time areas go back on standard time and have to change their clocks, but all we have to adjust to is the different time schedule for TV programs.

ONE WOULD think that hunters are still subject to nursemaids, judging from the reams of advice that pours into the paper from all quarters giving tips and advice prior to the opening of season. We could print this issue on hunting articles alone, but haven't room for one-tenth of it.

Included are lengthy articles from three separate sources telling hunters to beware of heart attacks and what to do in case they suffer same. We have recipes for the venison obtained, stories that declare the weather conditions are best in four years, and others that say the weather is about the worst in history. We have four long editorials on Red Hat day, and two substantial releases from the U. S. Forest Service, together with a 3-page story from the game commission, and a news release from Keep Oregon Green association.

It's all good dope, all right, but pardon us for not undertaking to print it all—we'd be working at it all during hunting season.

HEY, the new Chevrolets and Fords are due to be on display this week. It's always interesting to go check the new cars when they come. Next week Buicks and Pontiacs will arrive. Roice Fulleton, Earl Ayres and Jim Farley will proudly display them and invite the public to come for a look-see.

present plan of legislative apportionment denies adequate and fair representation to many parts of Oregon. Under our Federal system of Government each state is assured of equal voice in the Senate of the United States and fair representation in the House of Representatives.

Wheeler further pointed out that it is essential to the continued growth and prosperity of Oregon's economy that all segments of business and agriculture be represented in future sessions of the Legislature.

"It is my considered opinion that Oregon can only continue to grow and prosper if all counties of Oregon are adequately and fairly represented in the Legislature. I urge that all citizens of Oregon follow the lead of the Oregon State Grange and other forward-looking organizations in supporting Measure No. 9 in November," he concluded.



## Coming Events

LEGION MOVIES  
Friday Night, 8:00 p.m.  
Legion Hall  
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FOOTBALL GAME  
Heppner High versus Umatilla High.  
Friday afternoon, 2:00 p.m.  
Umatilla Football Field

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