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A Martian's Eye-View of the Oregon Road

From: Agent Zyrtdl

To: Supreme Martian Council (Earth Study Committee)
Mars

(Via Oregon State Dept. of Motor Vehicles, Earth)

Subject: Additional Information on Habits of Earth People
(Sample taken from Oregon, USA)

Each year thousands of Oregonians and assorted groups of tourists team up and diligently (it sometimes seems) apply themselves to the task of killing more than 400 of their number, inflicting close to 20,000 injuries, causing nearly 60,000 accidents. This is accomplished through use of the primary earthly means of conveyance—the automobile.

Oregon Earthlings demonstrate amazing versatility in converting their vehicles into battering rams, giant bludgeons, squashed pancakes and what humans generally refer to as "junk."

There is apparently no scientific method used in selecting those who are to be killed. Oregon cemeteries are filled with thousands of traffic victims from all age groups.

Periodically, various groups of Oregonians focus attention on the sizable loss of life, property and dollars represented by this activity. Other groups and individuals point accusing fingers at what they call the "causes" of these accidents.

The villain seems to vary with each group. Some "causes" frequently named are speed, the cars themselves, curves in highways, lack of traffic signals, presence or absence of white painted lines on the highways, bumps in the road, rain, snow and other weather phenomena and alcohol.

Upon close investigation, the vast majority of these so-called "causes" proved to be either inanimate objects or activities wholly dependent upon some human action. In no case was it shown that any traffic signals contrived on their own to cause an accident; that automobiles speeded up of their own volition and wrested control from the driver; that white stripes changed course and led drivers off the edges of cliffs or that Earth liquor injected itself into the minds and brains of motorists during an unguarded moment.

All evidence points to the fact that there is one basic cause of the "auto-cide" practiced by Oregon drivers—and other Earth drivers. The guilty party has been identified as the homo-sapien. Previous reports have dealt at length with his characteristics. Briefly, he may be described as an interesting, often intelligent and strangely irrational creature.

His irrationality is demonstrated by repeated reluctance to recognize that HE and HIS ATTITUDE with respect to his automobile create the situations, opportunities and settings for most traffic accidents. Until there is universal acceptance of this fact by Oregonians and other Earthmen, this writer feels that no effective solution to the problem will be made.

As previously noted, the high degree of technological advancement on the planet Earth has outstripped the development of the human mind and its ability to deal with problems of attitude and behavior.

Establishment of intelligent communication with inhabitants of this planet is still not recommended.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hevener, Newberg, were week-end house-guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Saling.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kelley and family, Umatilla, visited Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Lena Kelley, and other relatives.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Coming Events

LEGION MOVIES
Friday, Saturday nights, 8:00 p.m.
Legion Hall
This week Walt Disney's "Dumbo." Full length color feature.
Plus one-half hour cartoons.

HIGH SCHOOL PLAY
"The Ghost Goes West"
Heppner High School Student Body
Friday, Saturday Nights
High School Gym, 8:00 p.m.

AMERICAN LEGION BREAKFAST
Served from 4:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Saturday morning, Nov. 10
Legion Hall
Tickets \$1.25, 50c

BAKED FOOD SALE
By Three Links Club, Heppner
Saturday afternoon, Nov. 10
Red and White Grocery

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FBLA Clubs Hear Depot Speakers

The advantages of a career in the federal government were stressed Friday at a combined meeting of the Hermalton and Heppner High Schools' Future Business Leaders clubs in Hermalton. Two Umatilla Army Depot civilian personnel officials were speakers.

James P. Delaney, civilian personnel officer, and Henry M. Owens, employee development officer, stressed pay and fringe benefits, UAD's experience in hiring clerks, clerk-typists, and stenographers and how to apply for these positions and the advantages of working at UAD.

The talks were supplemented by the Civil Service film "Working For the U. S. A." A question and answer period followed. Most of the 45 students attending were seniors whose response and attentiveness was gratifying.

WOMAN'S

prerogative is changing her mind but she doesn't change her mind about the **TURNER, VAN METER AND BRYANT INSURANCE AGENCY**, the agency that prevents the shedding of

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BASEMENT!

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

WHEN the date for general elections was established in this country (the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November), it wasn't done with weekly newspapers in mind. We're groaning this morning after staying up until the wee hours compiling election returns from Morrow county and getting them off to the wire services. Now we face the peak day of the week with eyes feeling like two burned holes in a blanket.

When the State of Oregon fixed the date for its primary election, it probably unwittingly did the weekly papers a favor because editors have several days to recuperate from it before bumping into the rush of the week.

But with only nine precincts in Morrow county, we don't have much to cry about. We sympathize this morning with our weekly business brethren elsewhere, many of whom undoubtedly had to stay up all night to get returns from precincts that straggle in, leaving just enough time for a cup of coffee before getting at the weekly edition.

WITH THE fine help of persons around the county, we had complete returns here Tuesday night the earliest of any election on which we have worked in the past 20 years. They were all in by 11 p. m., to be followed by a couple of hours of phoning returns to Portland, informing local candidates and interested parties of outcomes, and checking on statewide returns of interest locally.

Mrs. Sadie Parrish, county clerk, and Deputy Mary Bryant went to considerable trouble to help us out and we appreciate their fine cooperation. Counting boards here, too, stopped their work after 8 p. m. when we interrupted them to get a quick early check. Mary Marlowe of Boardman, Mrs. Albert Partlow and Mrs. Warren McCoy of Irrigon, Mrs. Walter Wright of Hardman and Mrs. C. C. (Delpha) Jones of Lexington aided us in their precincts. We thank them all for their good help.

THE REAL "Horse Race" that developed was the one between Gaylord Madison, Republican, Echo, and Jack Smith, Democrat, Condon, for representative in the legislature for the 28th district. This turned out to be a crucial contest because on it and another close race in Jackson county depended the balance of power in the House of Representatives. With Smith's apparent victory and also that of the Democrat in Jackson county, the Demos appear to have the edge in the House, 31 to 29.

Phone lines between the wire services and the Gazette-Times, as well as other sources in the 28th district, have been real busy this Wednesday morning as the statewide interest developed and checks and rechecks were made to be sure which way the Madison-Smith race was going.

Morrow's 244 vote margin for Smith was enough to bring him victory, since the difference (as it appears at this writing) between the two in the district is 220 votes.

CARDINALS of Ione are back in the state 8-man football playoffs again. They have played 8-man ball for three years, have won the league championship that many times (Umatilla-Morrow). The Cards were state champs the first year, runner-ups last year, and are three games away from another state title.

Their first big hurdle on the playoff route this year hangs on the game with Crane Friday afternoon at Ione, moved a week earlier than the date announced in this paper the past two weeks. If the boys of Coach Glenn Biehl top Crane, they face games in the semi-finals and finals. It appears that Hereford would be the semi-final opponent. Like Ione, Hereford has a team that always seems to be in the thick of it for honors. The Cardinals have defeated them twice in the playoffs, topping them in 1960 and 1961, and Hereford must be really gunning for them this year.

While the Cards have no easy row to hoe, all Morrow county fans are rooting for them to come through.

TWO TOP men on the Ione team had to make some sacrifices to help build a winning team this year. One is Ron Crabtree and the other is Les Madden. Last year Crabtree was an outstanding end with a remarkable record. In fact, he was nicknamed for the Shrine East-West game until it was found by the selection committee that he was only a junior and could not compete, since only juniors are eligible.

But when Wayne Hams, last year's star quarterback, graduated, someone had to fill the vacancy, and Crabtree was shifted out of his regular position to the backfield spot. He has been doing a fine job there, but he is a natural end, and so is not getting the recognition that he made as an end.

With Madden, it is something of the same story. He was a starting guard, and a fine one, on the '60 and '61 teams. But this year, Coach Biehl was hard put to fill a halfback spot and Madden was moved to the post. He, too, is doing well there, but he might have really gained personal accolades had he been

able to stay in his regular post. Well, that is the spirit that makes for winning teams.

IT IS IRONIC that two of the most interesting events of the year have to come at exactly the same time. To be speaking at the annual meeting of the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op at Condon Friday afternoon is Dr. Walter Hiltner, one of the top men in the Boeing Company. It took some real effort to get a man of this caliber for the program, and what he will have to say will be of great interest here.

At the same time, Ione has its state quarter-final game. It is one of those things that just happened and couldn't be avoided apparently. But we would like to be able to split in two and go to each place, and probably many others in the county feel the same way.

WE WERE a little disappointed last week that no trick or treaters waxed our windows, but maybe the glass was so dirty the wax wouldn't stick! Had they been waxed, we might have had to stir our stumps and wash the windows—something that has been on our conscience for the past several weeks.

When Charlie and Heien Ruggles, our neighbors across the street, were out cleaning the wax off their windows they did the job up brown, cleaning the exterior woodwork, door and all. Now their place shines and ours looks like it usually does.

It wasn't that we had a special immunity from trick or treaters, but the lights on for night work at the business establishment must have shined them off.

Chief of Police Dean Gilman states that it was the quietest Halloween in his memory. That's a real tribute to our local kids.

THEY SAY that skiing is a winter sport that people learn in several sittings. Be that as it may, there probably will be a lot of persons taking up the sport here this year with the fast-growing interest.

The Ken Peck family has just opened one of Heppner's brightest little shops—Peck's Ski Shop—and everyone in town might well drop around and look it over. Might be someone in the family that would like to try a few "sittings" on Arbuckle Mountain and learn the great sport.

Booster night for the Ski club is coming up Tuesday at the Legion hall, and those interested might go and catch the bug.

RATHER SPONTANEOUSLY, we went to Pullman Saturday to see the WSU-OSU game and enjoyed the trip through the Inland Empire with fields greening up nicely, same as in Morrow county. (Mary Ann Barclay says their place here looks like a country club with the green grain covering the rolling landscape).

There was a dismal low overcast hanging over the game, and maybe that was the reason that the teams didn't play very well. There were two bright spots for us. One was the spectacular play of Terry Baker whom Sports Illustrated calls the greatest college athlete in the nation today, and the other was the work of Morrow's own Dick Ruhl.

Terry made three sensational plays in the game. One was a punt he got off early in the contest after snap from center sailed

high over his head. As he retrieved the ball, he was surrounded by Red Raiders of WSU. However, he grabbed the pigskin from the ground on the run, and heading towards the sidelines, somehow booted it off the side of his foot, at right angle to the way he was running. He still got 40 yards on it. It was an impossible feat.

Later he shot a long pass, good for 77 yards, that spiraled nicely over Vern Burke's head and into his waiting arms. Burke took it on full gallop with a WSU defender on either side.

Third was a 52-yard run that came after Dick Ruhl had taken the ball on three successive carries and made good yardage, including a first down. Baker faked to Ruhl on the fourth time, then kept the ball and took off to the right. The whole WSU team went the other way to nail the supposed ball packer while Terry tripped unmolested to a TD.

Unlike Bob Brindle, who was also at the game, we felt like

foreigners among the Washington Staters. Bob attended school there. We didn't dare yell too loudly because we were surrounded. One WSU lad behind us growled at one point in the game. "With that Baker, it doesn't matter if they have fourth down and 84 to go, he'll still make it."

Ruhl is getting to be the real workhorse on the squad, and all home pride and prejudice aside, he is doing a remarkable job for OSU. He averaged 5.7 per carry against the Cougars and got the Beavers out of a hole late in the game when the Big Reds were putting on the pressure with OSU on the three. Ruhl hit for 5 yards to give them the papers erroneously credited Williams with doing it.

Dick did a swell job against West Virginia, intercepted a pass, averaging 4.6 per carry, and performing well on defense. He is getting a reputation in his own right and should be a mainstay for OSU next year.

How Morrow County Voted


CANDIDATES

	S.W. Hepp.	S.E. Hepp.	N.E. Hepp.	N.W. Hepp.	Board-man	Irrig.	Lex.	Ione	Hard-man	Total
FOR U. S. SENATOR										
Morse	122	65	78	109	115	163	123	133	7	915
Unander	97	73	100	146	65	62	86	171	22	822
FOR CONGRESSMAN, First Dist.										
Chandler	81	60	73	107	48	41	61	140	16	627
Ullman	143	81	102	149	133	171	156	174	14	1117
FOR GOVERNOR										
Hatfield	119	84	123	162	104	104	94	195	15	1000
Thornton	109	50	56	89	75	107	108	100	17	702
Wampler	6	7	0	9	4	7	9	19	1	62
FOR LABOR COMMISSIONER										
Blair	80	60	77	115	45	51	60	130	15	633
Nilson	126	68	93	127	112	148	133	160	16	983
FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 28th Dist.										
Madison	82	66	80	113	55	77	86	162	18	739
Smith	141	72	85	146	117	136	120	152	14	983


MEASURES

DAYLIGHT SAVING No. 6										
YES	83	62	84	124	55	74	50	76	0	608
NO	138	74	85	119	116	133	154	215	30	1064
6% LIMITATION No. 7										
YES	100	74	94	126	63	85	99	122	6	769
NO	63	26	35	46	61	63	59	110	15	478
REAPPORTIONMENT No. 9										
YES	128	97	120	148	86	104	134	200	16	1093
NO	52	20	28	60	40	58	34	63	11	366
REPEAL SCHOOL REORGANIZATION No. 10										
YES	100	47	57	109	109	167	152	261	25	1067
NO	105	75	100	120	51	33	51	41	5	581


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