

TO THE EDITOR.

(Ed. Note: The following is a letter to County Judge Oscar Peterson from Ora M. Yeager, now of Castle Rock, Wn., relative to the Willow Creek dam and referring to correspondence with W. E. Sivley, chief, flood control section, Army Corps of Engineers. It is printed here because of the interest it may have for the general public).

Dear Friend Oscar: I just noticed in this morning's Sunday Oregonian, that Engineer W. E. Sivley of the Army Flood Control Division seems certain that, at long last, Heppner has a good chance of being protected from flash floods by the building of a dam somewhere below the junction of Balm Fork and Willow creek. I have been in favor of this project for a great many years. I hope this time, that the people of Heppner will get behind this project and see that it comes to a reality.

Last June I received a letter from Mr. Sivley stating that he had been to Heppner and that you had referred him to me, so I sent him one of my big "Morrow County History" manuscripts. Following is his letter when he returned the manuscript: Mr. O. M. Yeager P. O. Box 476

Dear Mr. Yeager: You must be wondering what has happened to your Morrow County History manuscript. I finished it some time back but have kept it so that certain individuals in our organization could read portions of it. This has taken considerable time and I am truly sorry for this long delay in returning your manuscript.

I enjoyed it very much and feel after reading it that I know Morrow county, its people, problems and history to a much greater degree than a hundred visits to Heppner would have afforded me. Your stories have a very great reader interest appeal and still tell the historical

facts of interest. I will be looking forward to reading your book when it is published. I notice a full page story in the Salem, Oregon Capital Journal of June 6th on the Heppner flood. I'm just guessing, but I would say that the author of this story, Mr. Scott McArthur, must have had access to some of your stories.

Sincerely yours,
W. E. Sivley,
Chief, Flood Control Projects and Economics

Mr. Peterson, I have finished the last manuscript of the Morrow county country that I will ever write. I have sent one copy to one of my brothers, to be passed on to my other brothers and to my sister, Mrs. B. H. Peck. I do not think it will be in very good condition when it arrives back here.

I have other copies and I am wondering if you would like to have a copy for the County Court's office or to be turned over to the Morrow County Historical Society if they would like to have it. As far as I can see now, I will never be able to finance the publication of this history. Would like to come to Heppner some time next spring. As far as I am able to find out, I am the oldest living person that was actually born in the city of Heppner. Some have been in the county longer, but not born in the town.

Sincerely, your friend,
Ora M. Yeager

To the Editor: Christmas will arrive soon. Here is an opportunity for everyone to express their concern and interest in others for whom you can expect no present in return. There are many patients at Eastern Oregon State Hospital who will be neglected unless we include them on our Christmas lists.

All types of gifts are suitable. For the men clothing items such as sport shirts, socks, toiletries, tobacco, games, nail clippers, fishing rods, etc. For the women, hosiery, lingerie, bath towels and wash cloths, toiletries, jewelry, needlework. For general use, sports equipment of all types, art supplies, games, puzzles, books, jellies, coffee, tea, cake and cookie mixes, card tables and any musical instrument. Do-

nations may be brought to the hospital or sent to Box A, Pendleton, marked c/o Volunteer Dept. Do not wrap gifts but holiday wrappings may be enclosed. The large job of wrapping, sorting and distributing gifts will be aided if gifts are received by December 10, if possible.

Gifts of money are needed and greatly appreciated. These funds are used to purchase large gifts such as musical instruments and record players, also financing Christmas decorations and party activities.

Sincerely,
Mrs. T. C. Heppner

To the Editor: In reply to the letter to the Editor of November 22, 1962 written by the junior high school students recommending that school facilities be made available for student use when school is not in session.

Fellows, you claim that you don't receive enough recreation and you feel that the facilities of the public schools should be left open for student use. I object to your statement for two reasons.

First, I question that what you need is recreation. Judging from the syntax of your letter you don't need recreation as badly as you need education. You do not exhibit the command of your native language that junior high school students should have, nor do you reason well. I suggest that instead of worrying about how little there is to do, you spend some time with the books and see what you can glean from them. As far as being ordered out of your homes, I know this is not the case in at least one of your situations and I suspect that your statement to that effect is nothing but trumped up falsehood used to support faulty reasoning. This brings me to my second point.

You have implied in your letter that the wear and tear on both public and private property is produced as a result of the students not having any place to go where they can participate in recreation. I maintain that the

wear and tear on such property is produced as a direct result of irresponsible action committed by individuals who have come to accept the philosophy that society and not the individual is responsible for the welfare and conduct of each individual in it. You seem to think that because you have a need, society should strive to meet that need. This is what I object to. The reasoning you have used is exactly the same reasoning which has been used to foster and support what we call the welfare state.

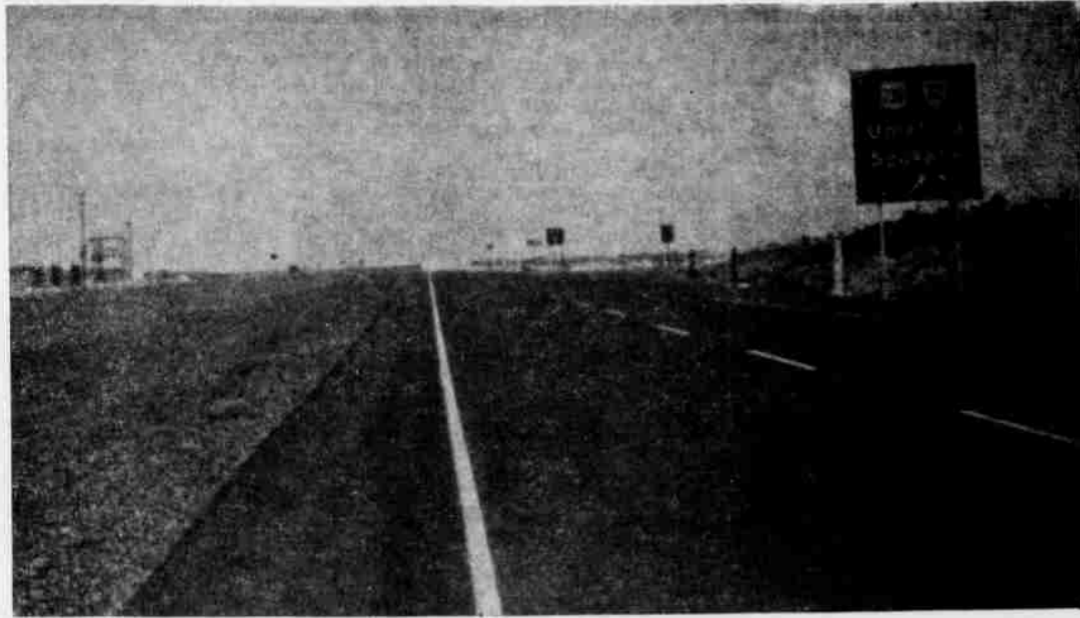
Fellows, consider your heritage. America was founded on the principle that each man is free; free to choose for himself what he will do with his life and free to carry out to the best of his ability his decision. Each man accepts the responsibility for his life and lives it according to the best that is within him. Our kind of nation breeds strong and capable men and women, for the weak who hesitate to accept freedom, the most precious gift they can be given, because of the heavy burden of responsibility attached to it cannot long survive. This philosophy is what has made our nation great and will continue to do so as long as we adhere strongly to it.

You three students have to be given credit for recognizing a problem that exists and for trying to do something about the problem. What I object to is your approach. The demands you have placed on society may appear reasonable from an economic view point but to carry them out would be to prostitute the very principles and beliefs on which our nation is founded.

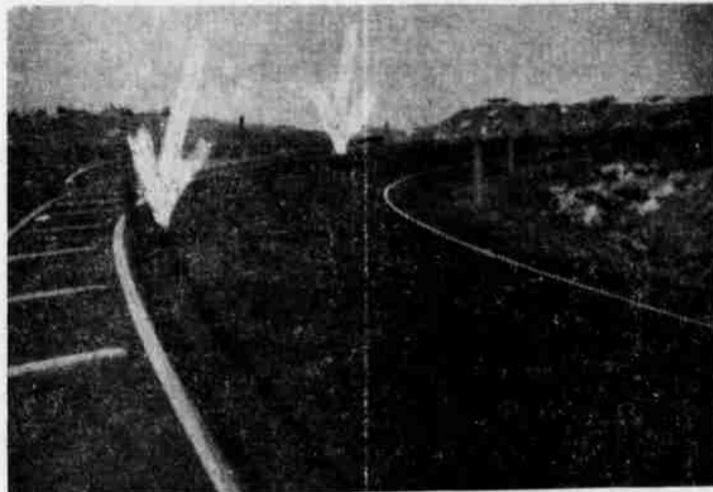
I ask you now to reconsider your demands and learn to accept full responsibility for your actions before someone else accepts the responsibility for you and in so doing force you to relinquish your freedom.

Sincerely,
Renn Harris

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HOW DO YOU get to Heppner, Lexington, or Ione? a traveler might ask when he approaches the cloverleaf headed east on the Columbia River highway east of Boardman. Signs both to east and west of the cloverleaf tell of points north (note Umatilla and Spokane at right), but do not tell a traveler where to turn off to go south.



THIS PHOTO shows graphic evidence that many drivers using the new highway interchange at the junction of the bomb range road with the Columbia River highway have been bewildered. Arrow at left points out skid marks, apparently those of dual wheels on a truck, while arrow in center shows many skid marks, probably of autos, which have had difficulty negotiating the sharp bend looking west from the bottom of the underpass. Construction of the interchange makes it difficult for motorists to fathom, and it is poorly marked. Last report had it that six accidents have occurred here since the interchange was opened a few months ago.



SOME LOCAL residents have called the new highway interchange at the bomb range road junction a "death trap." Tight curves limit visibility and traffic approaching from some directions has to cross opposing lanes of traffic. This view looks to northeast showing one of the tight curves. Truck visible in picture is coming off bomb range road and heading north. Some residents who are concerned about the matter believe that the hazard could be alleviated with a few moderate changes, although they had no success convincing the highway department before construction got underway. Advice to all motorists now is to drive very carefully at this junction. A later edition of the Gazette-Times will explain how modifications could be made.

225 Parents Out For School Event

About 225 parents turned out at the Heppner elementary and high schools' open house the night of November 28, the schools report. The grade parents numbered about 150 and the high school parents 75.

Parents went to the classes that their children attend and visited with teachers. At the high school, they had 8-minute class periods for the adults, but many had difficulty finding their way from class to class without getting "lost."

Refreshments were served in each school later in the evening. This was a delayed feature of American Education week.

Harold Cohn, accompanied by Dr. A. D. McMurdo, motored to Portland Tuesday morning, from where Mr. Cohn left by plane on a business trip to Omaha, Nebr. Dr. McMurdo returned the same day by train to Hinkle.

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Home Decorations To Be Featured On PTA Program

Ideas for Christmas decorating in the home will be a featured part of the PTA program planned for Wednesday evening, December 12, in the grade school multipurpose room, according to Mrs. L. E. Dick, president.

Mrs. Helen Cox will demonstrate Christmas decorations, used both outdoor and indoor, featuring the natural and inexpensive types of materials. For men who do not care to sit in on the demonstrations, they will be entertained in the gym by students demonstrating weight lifting and other acts of physical fitness taught in physical education classes.

A short business meeting at 8 p. m. will precede the program. Instrumental solos by Mike Warren and Doug Anderson will also be a part of the program.

Seventh grade room mothers will serve refreshments. On the committee are Mrs. Jim Valentine, Mrs. Bill Siewert, Mrs. Theron Adlard, assisted by Mrs. Dave McCleod, Mrs. George Stillman and Mrs. Bernard Doherty. An attendance prize will be awarded a lucky PTA member who is present.

HOSPITAL

Patients admitted to Pioneer Memorial hospital this week are: Elma Scott, Heppner; Shirley Blake, Heppner; Eileen Prock, Heppner; Henry (Tobe) Skinner, Heppner; Al Troedson, Heppner; Robert Greg Jacobs, Ione; and Raymond Dungan, Hermiston.

Those dismissed during this same period were: Dana and Michael Sweek, Heppner; Don Failoni, Condon; Fred Pettyjohn, Ione; and Lora Moyer, Heppner.

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