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## Write Right Now on TV Edict!

It comes as a stunning thing to hear that the Federal Communications Commission is contemplating issuing a regulation on February 7 that will restrict TV viewing on microwave systems. This is being done ostensibly to protect local stations by restricting reception of programs from more distant points.

Translated in local terms, it means that the plan of Heppner TV, Inc., to install microwave facilities in order to get class A reception from Portland stations would apparently have to be abandoned under the regulation.

Other effects on local programming under our present booster system would have to be studied for full understanding, but it is a certainty that no good could come from it. Manager of the Pendleton system was reported to have said that it would be almost a necessity to install a computer in scheduling programs in order to avoid the FCC's ruling against duplication of programs.

This is one of the boldest and most rash examples, it seems to us, of bureaucracy at its worst. This commission is making a ruling which, in essence, tells the people what programs they may watch. It infringes on an individual's freedom of choice.

Pendleton viewers now are forced to watch Washington stations, if they want to watch at all, although they would prefer to receive also some Portland stations with news and happenings about the state in which they live. Microwave could bring these Portland stations to them, as it could more clearly to Heppner, if the FCC didn't stand in the way.

Television in Heppner may be more important than it is in some areas. There are no motion picture theaters here and not much for entertainment on winter nights. It fills a need for entertainment and information in many homes. It has an economic impact, too. It helps bring people to Heppner when they know there is a good TV system here; some make their livelihood from it—TV dealers and repairmen.

This forthcoming ruling could be, the Heppner TV directors tell us, a crippling blow to the system.

But even those with no concern for television should be alarmed about such a ruling that dictates what they may watch. In a nation that is going more and more towards bureaucracy — legislation by boards and commissions — it is alarming.

The one hold that the people have over a situation like this is through their elected representatives. Even the FCC is still responsible to Congress.

We urge all our local people to write to them today to protest this discriminatory ruling—to Congressmen Al Ullman, Wendell Wyatt, Robert Duncan and Edith Green and to Senators Wayne Morse and Maurine Neuberger.

If you don't understand it, or need more information, call Haskell Sharrard, president of Heppner TV, Inc.

One more point for contemplation: If a federal bureau can dictate what TV stations have the right to serve a community, is it not possible that some other bureau might do the same with another medium of communication — the newspaper?

It is conceivable that some bureau could say, for example, that the Gazette-Times serves Heppner, that the other papers coming here infringe on its advertising revenue, with the result that it rules that the East Oregonian, the Oregonian and Oregon Journal cannot be delivered here.

Wouldn't that be ridiculous? We could never endorse such a thing. We'd rather go out about our business in full competition for advertising and circulation.

But is that so different from what the FCC is attempting to do?

Write right NOW!

## County Zoning is Necessary

One of the prices of progress is the formation of rules and regulations to assure that one person or property owner does not infringe on the rights and privileges of another.

Only under such a system can there be orderly development designed to serve the best interests of all. Without it, residential, commercial and industrial growth could, and undoubtedly would, result in an indiscriminate hodgepodge.

However flexible, though, regulations tend to restrict and to limit. Zoning rules look forward to future needs as well as to the present. They prevent a person from doing things that he might wish to do if these things would—today or tomorrow—prey upon his neighbor. For instance, a man might be restricted from establishing a feed lot on his property on the theory that the odor from the lot might diminish the value of his neighbor's property or impair the other man's right to the full enjoyment of his lands.

In this land of liberty, Americans enjoy their freedoms and resent restriction. At the same time they must acknowledge that the other fellow has his rights, too.

Thus, when development comes and as population grows, there must be assurance that each person gets fair treatment and that his rights are protected.

This is the reason for zoning.

Need for it is clear in more populous areas. Can you envision what a mess it would be without zoning in the environs of Portland where residential growth has spilled from the city over the hill towards Beaverton? Septic tank systems would be without regulation, and their fields would run into the neighbor's property. Wrecking yards could be built adjacent to fine homes. A man could build an apartment house to his property line to overshadow the house of an adjoining property owner. The condition would be chaos.

Morrow county has no such congestion as this, and probably most residents hope that it never will come to this. But authorities predict the population of the world will be doubled in 35 years, and while the growth may not be quite that fast in the United States, it is accelerating at a terrific rate. Where are the people going to go?

The county is in focus as one of the prime agricultural and industrial sites in the State of Oregon, and growth is going to come regardless. The big cities are sprawling out of their boundaries, and more and more people are going to seek the open spaces.

Before the impact of development hits too strongly, this county needs to be prepared. Our public officials have foreseen this and have set up the county planning commission which has been working for the past three years.

It is well to point to the vast open spaces in northern Morrow county and say with conviction, "Look at this expanse of land. There is no need for restriction here."

But there are many places in the west which just a few years ago were nothing but broad expanses of undeveloped land and which now are covered with residences, commercial

# Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

ONCE MORE WE PLEAD to all procrastinators: Please don't wait until Wednesday to call us with news of happenings that you can get to us earlier. We want your news, and we don't want to say "No," or "Too late," even on Wednesday. But we get backed into a corner. We run out of time and space, and we get to the place that we just can't handle it.

Please try to think to call us earlier, won't you?

This week has been a scorcher with many important stories breaking of interest to the county, but this Wednesday afternoon has been punctuated by calls that could very well have come to us sooner. They not only overburden our staff with material that really is too late to handle, but also interrupts our writing and production of material that has come in on time.

We know you're busy, too, and we know it's sometimes hard to understand how it is with newspapers, but to put it in other terms, Wednesdays to us are about the same as a farmer working in the middle of harvest; of a minister in the midst of preaching his sermon; or of a teacher instructing his class.

We'd like all to remember, though, if you just can't get it in earlier, we'll be glad to take it nevertheless—or for the coming week.

**THE PLANNING COMMISSION.** We hear, had a difficult time trying to define the term "commercial feedlot." Just what is a commercial feedlot, and what makes it different from any feedlot. They say that Secretary Marion Green came up with what seems to be the most practical and understandable definition: "A commercial feedlot is any feedlot that stinks!"

**WAS THERE** a I'll old rainmaker in Morrow county in about 1905 to 1910 or somewhere along there? We got the query from L. A. Moore of Hermiston Wednesday. A professor from the University of Oregon, doing some research on precipitation by artificial means, had telephoned and asked the question.

The prof had some sort of clue that back around 1905-10, someone in Morrow county tried to engage in rainmaking in the Sandhollow district. Moore thought the paper might have something about him in its files. It doesn't because those files all burned in 1918.

Is there anyone in our readership who can enlighten him? If so, we'd be happy to pass the information on to Mr. Moore.

**THE WALLOWA COUNTY** Chieftain of Enterprise calls the Heppner basketball team "The H and H combo," referring to Mac Hoskins and Gene Heliker. This is understandable because the two H's indeed are the ones who were instrumental in sending the Savages to defeat in two games this season. The reference is not made in sour grapes fashion, but rather with a hint of admiration and respect.

"The H and H combo" goes farther than Heliker and Hoskins. The two, as good as they are, couldn't do it all. You've got to include Jim Doherty, Jim Jacobs, David Clark and all the rest.

Well, our "H and H combo" surely did themselves proud Friday night whether their individual names begin with D or H or J or C. We were thrilled with their good work at Madras, certainly one of the biggest victories of the year, either among games already played or of those coming.

The ninth place rating in the AP and Oregonian polls is well deserved, but this attention always scares us a bit. It kind of sets the boys up as kings of the mountains and every other team starts devoting full attention to dethroning them. Too much attention could bring a false sense of security to the "H and H combo" but we know that they will play every game for itself and realize that every contest is going to be tough.

buildings and industries. You can point to them in Washington and in California.

It is important for Morrow county people to look ahead, to cooperate in zoning and accept it so that their rights may be protected.

At the hearing in Boardman Monday night, it was evident that there were many misunderstandings about what is being attempted and what zoning will do. The proposed ordinance is not a building code, although some day it may be necessary for a county building code to be established. There is no restriction on the construction of buildings with some few exceptions as to placements and heights in some areas.

The ordinance proposed here is a simple and brief one in comparison to the complex affairs found in centers of population. It is so designed to be as flexible as possible in an area that is not yet beset with complicated problems of growth.

It would seem the wise course for our residents to examine the proposed ordinance carefully to see that its provisions are adequate and needed to guarantee property protection in Morrow county.

It is possible for the public to turn its back on the handwriting on the wall and say that it isn't so—that growth is not coming. But it is, and it must be faced logically with the idea of making this development orderly. Only in such manner can it accrue to the good of all without benefit only to some and harm to others.

The county has promised that copies of the proposal will be made available to all. Everyone should study it, note his questions and criticisms and voice them. Several more public hearings will be held before the matter is finalized.

For those south of the baseline, the provisions do not apply, but it would be well for them to study it, too, for the time could not be far off when zoning will come to the rest of the county, too, as it should. Culmination of the Willow Creek project would hasten the day.

# TO THE EDITOR...

January 15, 1966  
To the Editor:  
To sit down and write an article for a home paper when practically in a different continent and away from a familiar environment can't help but be somewhat tax one's patience, and also seem a bit laborious. However, after a big day sight-seeing yesterday, and the previous day traveling all day, the change actually is somewhat welcome. And we have a forenoon of leisure before taking off for the airport this afternoon and the flight to Bogota (Colombia).

There are 17 of us in this Oregon Wheat Grower's League tour of South America. Certainly not all wheat growers, but a goodly number representing the wheat industry generally. Melvin Pace, immediate past president of the Oregon Wheat Growers League, is host; Robert Youngman, son of Paul Youngman of Oregon Farmers Union fame, is tour manager; Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Isom, grain growers of near Pendleton, are with us. And we have Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hobby, farm operators near Pendleton; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Charvet of near Grandview, Wn., principally hop growers, and Louis Zielinski, fruit grower of Salem.

Yesterday forenoon we had a comprehensive tour of Panama and the Canal Zone. Certainly most noteworthy in this area is the Panama Canal and the Locks. We visited the Mariflores Locks and observed the raising and lowering of giant ocean liners. The lift here is 54 ft. in two operations, each 27 ft. Another lock farther up the line raises another 31 ft., making the entire lift 85 ft. Seems like quite a hill to get over but Gatun Lake at the higher elevation is the principal source of water supply. And it, in turn, is augmented by another lake, man made, the Madden Lake located on the upper Chagres River.

A tremendous amount of water is required to operate the Panama Canal. They say that with each transit, 52 million gallons of water are required. And on the average, it is said 35 ocean going vessels pass through here daily. (We have a very helpful guide at the locks who gives us much of this information.)

It is interesting to watch the operation, and see this great asset which really belongs to our United States. Cost to pass through the canal is 90c per ton and the ships average from 5,000 tons to in the neighborhood of 30,000 tons. Cost to go through the canal is therefore \$18,000. It is said to be practically self-supporting, although some 14,000 people are employed, of which practically 11,000 are native Panamanians.

Original cost of the canal was 380 million dollars. Cost was also in addition to an original cost of 40 million to France, who had started the construction, and again there was something to the Province of Columbia for rights of way, easements, etc. Anyway, it was not a costly venture compared to present day costs, when we talk of billions of millions instead.

Yesterday afternoon, when on a private tour, we visited the locks a second time and had the privilege of seeing a 27,000 ton ocean liner squeeze through. The locks are only 1,000 feet long and 110 feet wide, and here comes a boat 742 feet long and 102 feet wide, but by accurate timing and towing it went through nicely.

There is talk about the construction of another canal, somewhat larger and with less lift, but it is hoped that they do not. The system here now certainly is unique in taking advantage of natural resources, such as the Gatun Lake and the beautiful piece of engineering we have in the present set-up. We can feel thankful to President Theodore Roosevelt for pushing the thing to completion, even before the day of modern equipment and techniques.

Panama here is a bustling city of some 280,000 people. Spanish is predominately the spoken language. Panamanians, as people are spoken of, are a mixture of Spanish and Indian. In connection with the canal, though, there is our American population. Also many soldiers are in the area. There seems to be a distinct difference between rich and poor. We travel through a poorer section of the city and also the newer sections. Many of those in charge of the canal live in a beautiful section and in fine homes.

The climate here is warm. We go in our shirt sleeves and wish we could be in the shade. Rainfall is around 139 to 140 inches, with very little during this time of the year. Vegetation is luxuriant.

Will try to write again from Bogota or farther on.

Sincerely, Oscar E. Peterson

January 13, 1966  
To the Editor  
Dear Wes:  
From communications you have received from some of your subscribers I note that they too are unhappy about the lateness of arrival of their favorite weekly paper. Last fall the arrival of the Gazette-Times in our mailbox was so irregular that we were prompted to write and see if we were the only ones so affected. The first Monday after publication is the usual day of arrival down here. Some issues have been from one week to two weeks late in arrival. The last few weeks we have received our copy on Monday with one exception. However, one cannot blame the eastern Oregon distributing point.

We also, take the Morning Oregonian out of Portland. Today, we received the Monday, January 3rd issue. Almost every issue is from two days to two weeks in arriving. Nevertheless, to us, it is still news of our "old homeland" and we appreciate the opportunity to learn of old friends and current events of the communities regardless of the lateness of the papers. To assure the continued contact with Morrow County residents, community events and the latest rumors, you will find our check enclosed for another year's subscription to the Heppner Gazette-Times.

Sincerely,  
Garnet Barratt  
901 Longwood Loop  
Mesa, Arizona 85201

## Sudden Illness Claims Scrivner

Lee Bertie Scrivner, 78, lifetime resident of Gilliam and Morrow counties, died suddenly at his home in Heppner Saturday, January 15, following a heart attack.

Services were held in his memory Monday, January 17, at 10:30 a.m. at the First Christian church with the Rev. Al Boschee conducting the service. Committal was in the family plot in the Condon cemetery, with Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, in charge of the arrangements.

Born on the family farm in Democrat Gulch in Gilliam county on August 2, 1887, he was the son of pioneering wheat ranchers, John and Olive Chance Scrivner. He was married to Della Smith of Hood River on July 12, 1916, at a ceremony in Condon. He operated ranches in Morrow and Gilliam counties.

He was a member of Willows IOOF Lodge No. 66, Heppner.

Besides his widow, Della, he is survived by two sons, William M. of Heppner, and Robert L. of Portland, and four grandchildren.

Need extra cash? Sell unused items around your place with a Gazette-Times classified ad.

**COMMUNITY BILLBOARD**

## Martin Delegate To Chicago Meet

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Martin of one returned on Tuesday from Chicago, Ill., where they attended January 13-16 the North American Lay Conference on the Ministry of the Laity in the world, convened by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in U.S.A. and the Canadian Council of Churches.

Martin had been chosen as a delegate to the conference, one of 37 in the United States that represented the National United Church of Christ laity. The conference had a total registration of 435, with only four attending from Oregon. A large delegation was present from Canada.

Headquarters for the conference were at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago. Many outstanding speakers were heard during the four-day sessions, including some from Germany and Switzerland.

The Martins made the round trip by plane, experiencing considerable landing difficulties in the east. Unable to land at the airport in Chicago because of heavy snow on the runway on Wednesday, they continued to Baltimore, Md., for the night, and were two hours late arriving at the conference meetings Thursday morning in Chicago.

A report of the conference will be given by Martin at the Sunday morning service of the One United Church of Christ.

**Coming Events**

**HEPPNER HIGH BASKETBALL**  
Friday, January 21, Heppner At Burns  
Saturday, January 23, Heppner at Grant Union, John Day.  
Support the Mustangs!

**FIRST AID COURSE**  
Starts Monday, Jan. 24, 7 to 9 p.m.  
Junior High Library  
Standard course and advanced course  
Public invited.

**FREE PUBLIC MOVIE**  
Tuesday, January 25, 7:30 p.m.  
Grade School Multipurpose Room  
Sponsored by Morrow County March of Dimes committee.

**ELKS CRAB FEED**  
Heppner Lodge No. 358  
Saturday, Jan. 22  
Crab Feed, 6:30 p.m.  
Dance at 9:30 p.m., music by Three Blind Mice.

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**Dr. Wagner Takes Course on Cancer**  
Dr. C. M. Wagner attended a postgraduate course on cancer Friday, January 14, in the Sheraton Hotel, Portland. The course was sponsored by the American Cancer Society under the general theme "What's New and Useful in Cancer."

Various specific aspects of cancer were treated in different sessions. Principal speaker was Dr. Donald B. Rochlin, associate professor of surgery at the University of California Medical Center, Los Angeles.