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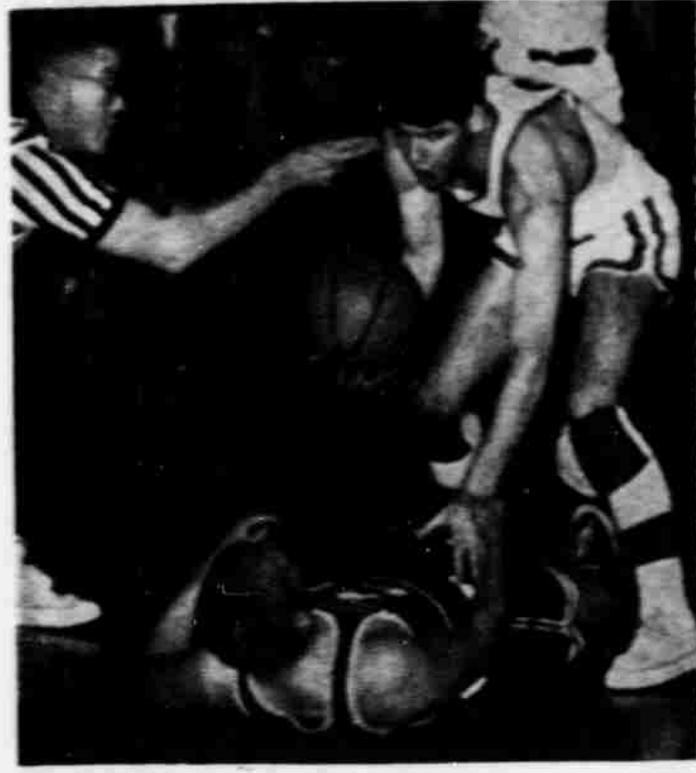
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**DESPITE THE FACT** that a district championship was at stake, good sportsmanship prevailed between Vale and Heppner players in the title game at La Grande Saturday night. Jim Doherty is shown stooping to assist a Vale player after he bowled him over in contact of last action. The referee makes it clear that the Heppner player is guilty of a foul, while Doherty appears more concerned about assisting the downed Vik. Many commented that players' sportsmanship was excellent in the tournament, but Heppner adult rosters were severely criticized for booing and over-zealous attitude. (G-T Photo by Pardee).

## Kids' Conduct Tops Adults

Let those who are inclined to criticize the conduct of the younger generation reflect on the Vale-Heppner basketball game for a moment.

Both Heppner and Vale players exhibited the best of sportsmanship (See picture elsewhere on this page). So did the cheering sections.

The size of the crowd of Heppner rosters showed the support in numbers that the community has given the team and school all season.

But can all our adult supporters be proud of the conduct they displayed at this game?

The look of astonishment and disappointment on the faces of the Mustang cheerleaders as they scanned their elders following an outbreak of booing and other unsportsmanlike incidents left an impression that we should remember.

Throughout the year these girls had been instilling good sportsmanship among their fellow students. Perhaps they felt that the Mustangs had started sort of a tradition, worth perpetuating, when they won the sportsmanship trophy at the state tournament in Coos Bay in 1965.

It isn't hard to understand how adult basketball fans can become overwrought at a game, particularly when the tide goes against the home team. The contest becomes something more than a game. Community pride is involved, as well as pride in the youngsters. There is the desire to see our children excel.

One might observe that if a person can't get excited enough to yell and root for his team, he can't be interested enough to go to a game. The agile moves, the athletic ability, the desire and spirit shown by the players inspires this type of support.

But some of the sort of support shown at La Grande didn't help the Mustangs. It may possibly have hurt them. It certainly didn't make friends of the officials. Even the most impartial of men might be human enough to be affected by constant jeers and jibes.

It has always been fun to be a part of a Heppner crowd because of the enthusiasm they show for the team and school. It isn't much fun when over-zealous supporters get out of hand.

One might temper his judgment of officials at a game by stopping to ask himself if he could do any better if he were blowing the whistle. The scorebook doesn't show any malicious treatment of the Mustangs, although as partisans, the Heppner rosters would reserve the right to question some of the calls. Probably Vale rosters would, too. But the fouls were almost even—Vale had 28 chances on the free throw line and Heppner had 27.

This is not to cast the first stone, for we can become a bit too vociferous, too. If we did this at La Grande, we apologize to the school and players. We'd also like to take the liberty of apologizing for some of the others in the Heppner section, too, for any unseemingly conduct that brought embarrassment to the Mustangs and which did not reflect to their best credit. The type of conduct exhibited at times there doesn't really show the true spirit of the adults at all.

The kids—players and cheering sections—both for Heppner and Vale—can be proud of their conduct. May they be able to contain themselves a few years hence when their youngsters are involved! The Mustangs will agree that the Vikings have a fine team, and they deserve every good wish as they carry the district 7 A-2 banner to the state tournament.

And just among we adults, let's remember that Heppner has too good a reputation for having some of the "best people on earth" to destroy the image in thoughtless displays before those of other communities.

# TO THE EDITOR...

## Boondoggle

To the Editor:

What a friend we have in Johnson! Please read March issue of Readers Digest, "The Great Research Boondoggle," page 91. Just what all Humane Societies have been trying to tell the taxpayers for years; William Pennington of the Senate Committee has repeatedly accused federal officials of engaging in "research for the sake of research," in costly projects of little or no benefit to the taxpayer. "And worst of all," Pennington adds, "is the National Institute of Health."

This government—subsidized "research and development," now the second largest item in the bloated federal budget, is a staggering total of \$16 billion a year. Does this sound like the budget has been pared to the bone, to further save taxpayers from future bleeding? Inevitably, this unchecked proliferation has brought on a vast boondoggle and also a regrettable waste of scientific manpower, shortage of doctors and teachers.

The National March of Dimes president, Basil O'Connor, says, "The log rolling and sheer waste which accompany ill advised massive government appropriations could undermine the public confidence in the whole scientific enterprise." Animal research must be impracticable, outmoded and obsolete when the national chairman for March of Dimes, Dr. Virginia Apgar, warned us, "if we believed in animal studies we wouldn't dare drink coffee or take an aspirin."

The National Dept. of Health Education and Welfare informed me that if I wanted more facts and figures on the big publicity blast to smoke 90 of man's best friends to death in a repeat smoking test at West Orange, N. J. by Dr. Oscar Austin, I'd have to write to the American Cancer Society because they were backing that project. I wonder how many people would donate to cancer funds if they knew their dollars went for such deplorable ghostly, barbaric deeds of slow torture death from collapsed lungs of God's helpless creatures to prove what people have known for some 350 some years. Just this winter Paul Harvey told us, "That King James I of England warned his people that tobacco was poisonous to the brain and injurious to the lungs." Dr. E. J. Fahr published a report in 1923 on the increase of deaths by lung cancer in direct relationship with the increasing consumption of cigarettes. In 1937 Dr. A. H. Roffo, a cancer specialist, offered terrifying evidence that tobacco combustion residue provoked cancer in laboratory animals.

If these tests must be done every year, and year after year in the name of science, of what earthly value must the experiments be in the first place? To the scientists it must be just a business, to make money and to further his own interest, and the tortures of hell to the helpless animals.

Lois Winchester

## Red Cross Month

To the Editor:

By presidential proclamation the month of March is American Red Cross month. The spotlight is on the White banner with the red cross as it is unfurled across the nation. What a tribute to the founder Clara Barton, the rip-roaring, old-go-godder this country has ever known! She drove mule teams to the Civil War battlefields, waded through blood to attend the fallen, brewed soup, slept little, took guff from nobody, and was the "angel of the battlefields." After the war she continued with her good works and with bulldog tenacity founded the Red Cross in 1881.

Congress recognized the value of the American Red Cross in functioning in areas where the government of the United States could not be involved, and in 1900 chartered the organization as the instrument chosen by Congress to act as the medium of voluntary relief and communication between the American people and their armed forces, and to carry on a system of national and international relief to prevent and mitigate suffering.

Today disaster relief and armed forces services command the most trained personnel. During peace time the balance of the services, the blood program, water safety training, first aid service, small craft safety service, or the nursing program, has at some time affected most American families.

The Red Cross is mainly a volunteer organization. There is no age limit, and everyone is trained for the services rendered. There is no monetary reward, but who cannot be touched by a child's smile of appreciation, a uniformed man's grateful thank-you, or the outstretched hand of an elderly person as each of them receives the service they need. This is the American way of life. This is the American Red Cross!

A. R. Cross  
Title Insurance Bldg.  
Pendleton, Oregon

## Likes Editorial

March 6, 1967

To the Editor:  
My congratulations to you for your fine editorial of March 2, answering O. W. Cutsforth. From his letter I get the feeling that Mr. Cutsforth is still fuming because he wasn't around to buy Manhattan Island from the Indians for \$24.00.

Don Turner  
Lexington

## Against Sales Tax

March 3, 1967

Dear Editor:  
Since a sales tax costs the farmer on the average of five times more than professional and salaried people, and as a sales tax is on a farmer's gross and other professions' net, we, Morrow county Pomona Grange No. 29, an agricultural organization, cannot recommend this method of taxation and would very strongly recommend an increased income tax to relieve property taxes.

Sincerely,  
Morrow County Pomona Grange No. 29  
Irene Dallzell, Secretary

## Hazards of Industry

To the Editor:

In regards to your editorial March 2, 1967, "Rebuttal on Boeing."

Being familiar with the wonderful Morrow county area, I would like to express some thoughts for consideration in wanting a large industry in your area.

There are many things to consider:  
1. If Boeing did enlarge suddenly, requiring wholesale hiring. You can be sure that some of the local people will be hired. Not all of the applicants for the jobs open. Boeing will import from all parts of the country to fulfill their needs.

2. Then if Boeing should have contract problems, which require layoffs, your area develops to a large scale unemployment problem.

3. Unemployment on a large scale creates many additional problems. A person without a job, pressing bills, problems, need of food for his family becomes desperate and will resort even to crime, such as robbery, burglary, etc. To keep his family eating and a roof over his head. This man, after resorting to crime and being caught, having to pay his debt to society by being in jail or prison, will require his family to be on welfare.

4. Not only does the unemployment and welfare needs require more demands on the taxpayer. Additional schools, police, fire facilities have to be increased to meet the demands. Requiring more drain on your tax dollar.

5. Persons from all parts of the country (the desirable and undesirable) hearing of the big boom of hiring by this large company will load all their worldly possessions and family in their old jalopy and strike out for your area hoping they all will get in the big boom and make it big. Getting there with no money, no guarantee of a job, no finances to go any further, expect to be taken in under your care, thus more unemployment and welfare problems.

6. When a company as large as Boeing becomes large in your area, you become part of it. You rely on it! When they aren't doing well, you won't either! You hope for it to keep a steady business going so that your merchants can. They will try to keep a large stock of supplies on hand to meet the increased demand which they are stuck with and can't sell when the going becomes slow. In other words, when this larger company sneezes, the whole dependent-community shakes in turmoil.

This letter is not meant to scare you. But it is intended to point out some of the many things to consider by a community as stable as yours. Reconsider if your demands of Boeing is really the right choice?

Sincerely,  
R. E. Gonty  
1067 62nd So.  
Seattle, Wash. 98178

(Editor's Note: Is the writer suggesting that Seattleites would like to send the Boeing complex, with all its problems, to Morrow county?)

## Burchell Gets M.S. At Iowa State U.

Gail P. Burchell, son of Col. and Mrs. Edward L. Burchell of La Palma, Calif., received his master of science degree Saturday, February 25, at Iowa State University in commencement exercises marking the close of the winter term.

He received the degree in nuclear engineering. Burchell was among 115 who received advanced degrees. The Burchells are frequent visitors with relatives in Heppner. Col. Burchell recently finished a tour of duty in Vietnam.

# What's New... From Salem

By REP. IRVIN MANN, JR.

Wednesday, March 1, a motion to recall the permanent tax study committee's sales tax bill from the House Taxation Committee failed on the floor of the House of Representatives by a vote of 34-26.

I voted against recalling this bill and would vote against the bill in the committee and on the floor. This illustrates again a position I have made amply clear—I will vote for no tax unless it is accompanied by a guarantee of permanent, substantial property tax relief. To enact a sales tax without limitations would be unnecessary and unwise.

HJR 33, which effects property tax limitation and permanent substantial reduction and enables the legislature to enact a sales tax to replace the property tax revenues at the local level, does this.

These are the only conditions under which I would vote for any new tax in this session and I am convinced that a majority of the members of both the Senate and the House Taxation committees agree with this fundamental position. A majority of the Senate committee may not agree on the vehicle to accomplish this end, but I do believe they agree with the principle.

## Red Cross Group Holds Workshop On Home Service

American Red Cross volunteers have many possible ways to help families of servicemen, and local Red Cross workers had an opportunity to receive some training in this important service at a workshop held Tuesday, February 28, at the Morrow county courthouse.

Mrs. Harold Klusman, executive director of Benton-Franklin chapter of the American Red Cross in Richland, Wash., conducted the workshop on this subject for Mrs. Lowell Chally, Mrs. Paul Heinrichs, Mrs. Orville Cutsforth and Mrs. Herman Geren.

She led a discussion on different problems that arise and how to handle them using the Red Cross Handbook for Home Service Workers. Mrs. Ted Smith is Morrow county worker for home service to military families.

Accompanying Mrs. Klusman to Heppner was Mrs. Norman Fuller who is a volunteer program consultant for the blood program of the Red Cross chapter in Richland.

## On Salmonelli

Dear Wes:  
In the last news bulletin we received from the Pacific Northwest Grain Dealers Association, Inc., there was an article that we thought should be passed on to all the farmers in this area, particularly those who store grain on the farm.

**Don't Handle Contaminated Grain**  
Salmonella is the number one project of the entire Food and Drug Administration. Every possible means will be used to break the chain of this deadly infection as it moves to human beings, hence the strict procedures on contamination of grain.

Rodents and birds are known carriers of Salmonella. Grain seized because of such contamination becomes unfit for livestock feed since the Salmonella enters the animal and is transferred to humans who use the livestock products.

For this reason, grain seized because of rodent or bird contamination can no longer be certified as safe for use in feeds. It must be destroyed says FDA or tested for Salmonella and found to be free or treated with heat sufficient to eliminate Salmonella and tested again—or used to produce non-food or non-feed products such as glue flour.

As yet, under the rules, the grain can be diverted to feed use before it is seized unless an inspector places a "hold order" on it. About the only way to prevent a "hold order" is not to have it inspected. Once seized, it amounts to "destruction" because the cost of holding it—testing it—heat-treating it—re-testing it to get clearance will use up the value of the grain anyway. The only way to prevent seizure is not to accept contaminated grain. The F.D.A. means business on this one.

**Grain Sanitation**  
The Washington Department of Agriculture reported three actions against grain shipments during the month of January, 1967 involving one grain shipment from Oregon of 174,340 lb. of wheat contaminated with filth, and two voluntary corrections involving adulterated grain from a train wreck in Eastern Washington amounting to 51,220 lb. of wheat.

As yet, to my knowledge only commercial elevators are inspected by the F.D.A. but, in the not too distant future probably all storage holding C.C.C. grains will be inspected, so it would be wise for all concerned to fix the farm storage bins before someone gets caught with a lot of contaminated grain.

Yours truly,  
Ray Boyce, Asst. Mgr.  
Jordan Elevator Co.  
Ione, Oregon

# Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

IF YOU haven't been putting your penny or nickel in parking meters around town on the theory that you won't get a ticket anyway, you had better change your habits soon. The change your habits soon. The city is going to get the meters fixed and officers are going to start writing tickets again. The way we hear it.

It may be, too, that the penalty for violations will be raised from 25c to \$1.

"People will gamble with you for two bits but they won't gamble for a buck," Chief of Police Dean Gilman told the city dads Monday night. He speaks the truth.

If a fellow only gets nicked a quarter for overparking, he can let his car sit on the street all day with the ticket on the window and be money ahead. Making the odds better in his favor is the possibility that he won't get caught at all.

But it was only a few years ago that the Chamber of Commerce suggested the two-bit penalty as a painless method of getting along with the meters and keeping warty complaints from violators at a minimum.

After all, parking meters are just like dogs running at large. You try to solve the problem and get it simmered down for a while but it will inevitably flare up in a year or two.

If city councils had nothing else to do, they could spend their meeting time on parking meters and dogs alone.

BUT NOW they have the zoning ordinance and its complications to harass them, and that could be equal to dogs multiplied by the square of parking meters.

HOW IS VALE going to fare in the state basketball tournament? If we were predicting, we'd wager they would meet their Waterloo in the second round, against Stayton.

Of course, the Eagles have to get through their first round game, too. That will either be against Elmira or Pleasant Hill. Stayton has once defeated Pleasant Hill earlier in the season.

John Buchner, who is editor of the La Grande Observer and who was editor of the Stayton Mail for a couple of years after our departure there, had some thoughts on the subject at the 7 A 2 tourney.

"The big boy for Stayton—Daryl Stroschine—is good enough to play on most any college team," he said at La Grande the other night. This is a year that Coach Don Carey really has a "loaded" ball club at Stayton. Another of his stars is Ron Middlebrook, not as big as 6-5 Stroschine, but a top scorer. The Eagles have rolled to 22 straight wins against some stiff competition.

Buchner, who is an ace photographer and has taken some of the best sports pictures we've seen in papers around the state.

## RESULTS OF TAX POLL

Listed below are the results of the recent poll taken by The Gazette-Times with the total vote from the coupon printed under the "yes" and "no" columns for each question.

As has been the experience of other papers who tried to get an accurate sampling of the public's attitude on the tax question, very little interest was shown. Rep. Irvin Mann said that one paper in the 28th district received only three replies to a similar poll. He also said that mail being received on the matter of taxes is also running light.

## WHAT KIND OF TAXES?

What is your recommendation to the Oregon legislature in its efforts to ease the property tax load?

Do You Favor:	yes	no
1. Some sort of state tax to reduce the property tax?	10	2
2. If so, do you favor a state sales tax?	5	9
3. Or do you favor a broader base income tax?	9	3

## AMONG COMMENTS GIVEN:

- "Use more care in spending."
- "No sales tax."
- "Would like to see a cut in government service in order to cut all tax."
- "Reduced property tax must start at the local level. Do not vote for every tax."
- "Reduce state, school and local spending. (Reducing state employes would reduce highway traffic considerably)."
- "Have lived under two sales tax situations and would hate to see Oregon adopt such a tax."
- "Favor McCall plan: 1% limitation with higher income tax; no broader base."

The Gazette-Times thanks those who took the time to mark the ballot and express their views. The ballots have been sent to Rep. Mann for his consideration.