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## Good Luck to the Clutch Kids

It's hard to find adequate words to express the feelings of the community towards its Heppner High Mustangs, who have overcome the odds once more to win their way to the state A-2 basketball tournament at Coos Bay.

The word, "proud," doesn't fill the bill. It's true that Mustang rosters are as proud as they can be, for sure, but it seems that this year's team is entitled to a new dimension.

At the start of the year, prospects didn't seem too bright for the Mustangs since they were hit with some stiff losses by graduation. But it soon became evident that Coach Bob Clough had another contender as the holdovers and the youngsters came on strong and started cutting down opponents whose rosters looked better.

Then Heppner became the "team to beat"—the rated team of the Greater Oregon league. However, towards the end of the regular season, they hit a stale spot and slumped. They dropped from the ratings and others climbed above them.

Soon it became a matter of do-or-die. If they didn't win the last pair of games, they wouldn't get to the district tournament. Faced with this prospect, the boys showed their stuff. They wouldn't accept defeat at Pilot Rock and emerged with a one-point victory on a memorable comeback. They finished with a win over Sherman, which had downed them in an earlier meeting, and went to the district as second place winner of the western division of the league behind Wahtonka, the champions.

Vale and Grant Union were co-champs of the east, and so Heppner entered in an underdog role, which is not unfamiliar to the Mustangs. They are getting so used to it that they like it.

Other Heppner tournament teams have been called "Cinderella" clubs. The 1968-69 edition, though, is of different bent. It isn't a "rags to riches" gang but one that comes through in the clutch. It is the "extra effort" team—the coordinated unit that won't quit and that puts forth that extra bit above a top performance when it is needed to do the job. Thus it was against Pilot Rock (in both games); thus it was against Vale at the district; and thus it was against Wahtonka. The title, "Clutch Kids" more nearly typifies them.

Certainly the Mustangs have drawn the very toughest route in the state tournament, first meeting No. 1 Sutherlin, and, should they upset them, take on Myrtle Point, No. 2 in most rankings, in the second round. But the Clutch Kids aren't overawed by the rankings. They weren't when they bumped into No. 1 Rogue River in the first round last year and about upset them.

We wish them the very best of luck in the state tournament, but in saying so, we realize this doesn't express the true sentiment we feel. These Clutch Kids don't go on luck. They go on grit and the extra effort. If it is possibly in them to win, they'll do it, for that's the stuff they are made of.

## Importance of Water

It takes about 1,300 gallons of water each day to produce the average person's food and fiber. That, says the Agri-Business Council, is how important water is to both farmers and consumers.

Oregon farmers use over 1.66 trillion gallons of water each year for irrigation, while Oregon consumers utilize 97.9 million gallons for drinking, cooking, bathing and watering the lawn.

Despite the fact that the average farmer uses \$19 times as much water as the average consumer, only 32 percent of Oregon's cropland is under irrigation.

Don McKinnis, development specialist for the Oregon Department of Agriculture, notes that the state's farmers have invested \$165 million to irrigate their cropland. He observes, also, that farmers pay \$22 per acre a year to irrigate their crops with sprinklers—excluding the cost of water. Water costs vary from zero to as much as \$50 per acre foot.

Despite this, says the Agri-Business Council, food is still the best bargain in the American housewife's budget, actually costing less of the family income than ever before.

## Pioneer



## Ponderings

By W. S. CAVERHILL

### The Road Problems

Our "Club" has been mulling again, pondering on the broken condition of our roads, and how to remedy it. Since automotive traffic caused it, perhaps the vehicles should help pay for it. Why shouldn't the legislature impose a modest increase in the license tax on automobiles graduated on "book value" and dedicated to market road and street improvement, and distributed equitably between the cities and counties? Such a program if carefully managed should reduce road and street levies on property. If we are looking for a precedent for such tax, turn to Washington and California. They have it in their revenue structure. Maybe it is too simple to be acceptable.

Mrs. Eimer Moe was able to return to her home last Saturday from St. Anthony hospital in Pendleton, where she was confined for two weeks while recovering from complications of the flu.

## MEETING CALENDAR

- Monday, March 17—** School Board Meeting, Budget Hearing, Regular Meeting, Lexington, 7:30 p.m.  
Ruth Assembly No. 50, Order of Rainbow for Girls, Masonic Hall, 7 p.m.  
Civic League, Kindergarten Room, 8 p.m.  
Morrow County Fair Board, Fair Dormitory, 8 p.m.  
Chamber of Commerce, 12 Noon.  
Wagon Wheel Dining Room Advisory Board, Heppner Neighborhood Center, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 18—** A.F. & A.M. No. 69, 8 p.m.  
LDS Relief Society, Legion Hall, 9:45 a.m.
- Wednesday March 19—** Carnation Club, home of Mrs. Lincoln Nash, 8 p.m.  
Willow Lodge, IOOF Hall, 8 p.m.  
Jaycees, 8 p.m.
- Thursday, March 20—** Jaycee Wives, Heppner Neighborhood Center, 8 p.m.  
Women's Activity Club of Rhea Creek Grange, home of Mrs. Emma Drake, 10:30 a.m., all day potluck  
Women's Activity Club of Lexington Grange, 2 p.m.  
Soroptimist Club, Program Meeting, 12 Noon, Wagon Wheel Dining Room
- Friday, March 21—** Sans Souci Rebekah Lodge No. 33, IOOF Hall, 8 p.m.  
Technical Action Panel, Heppner Neighborhood Center, Conference Room, 1 p.m.

# Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

COACH BOB CLOUGH said last week that teams in the district tournament were "about a tossup," and the four games at La Grande showed that he was correct. Heppner's victories couldn't have been more than one point closer and still have the Mustangs come out on top (49-47, 51-50). Wahtonka and Grant Union were nip and tuck with the Eagles winning only by three after trailing all the first half (55-52). The eight points difference of the consolation game, 55 to 47 for Vale over Grant, was the only spread new for the Greater Oregon entry. Last year, Heppner went to the tournament with a 16-8 mark, which was the poorest of the eight. But they were undaunted and just about knocked Rogue River off its No. 1 pedestal. Probably the scare they threw into the Rogue River team had something to do with the No. 1 boys bowing in the second round because they really had to put forth an effort to trip Heppner.

WHILE HEPPNER'S 18-6 record for the season doesn't put them with the high-flying contenders in the state tournament, such as Myrtle Point, undefeated in 21 games, it isn't the poorest record, which is something new for the Greater Oregon entry. Last year, Heppner went to the tournament with a 16-8 mark, which was the poorest of the eight. But they were undaunted and just about knocked Rogue River off its No. 1 pedestal. Probably the scare they threw into the Rogue River team had something to do with the No. 1 boys bowing in the second round because they really had to put forth an effort to trip Heppner.

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one of the team's top point producers? But it goes to show that if one doesn't do it, the next fellow can—and will. That is part of what makes a real ball club.

WE SAID a couple of weeks ago the district tournament might answer the question of the John Day sportswriter who couldn't understand why Heppner remained in the rankings. It looks as if the tournament results make it clear enough. Incidentally, Heppner bounced up to seventh in the Oregonian poll this week after being ignored last week when Grant Union, Vale and Wahtonka were mentioned in the also rans. But phoony on the polls! If they were accurate, there wouldn't be any sense in having tournaments.

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## STATE CAPITOL

### Judicial System Changes Talked By Legislature

By ROBERT F. SMITH, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

It is specified in the State Constitution that every person has the right to receive fair treatment by our judicial system. Fortunately, for all Oregonians, this guarantee has been carried out to the highest degree, making Oregon's judicial system among the better ones in this nation. But, there are very few things in this world of ours that cannot stand modification. Likewise, Oregon's fine judicial system is showing some signs that a change is needed.

The reason for change, at the Supreme Court level, comes essentially from three sources: 1) an increase in population, meaning a heavier use of the courts; 2) a 68% increase in the last four years in the number of appeals being filed; 3) expanded work loads of the courts due to recent federal Supreme Court rulings that provide greater protection to individuals charged with crimes.

To correct this ailing system, the Legislature is considering a plan, introduced by the Judicial Council, which would siphon off a portion of the Supreme Court workload. According to the proposal, the court would consist of five judges who would sit in panels of three, with the chief judge sitting in both panels. This proposed court would relieve the Supreme Court of nearly 45% of its current workload in criminal, probate, domestic relations and state agency appeal cases. The cost of this service will be \$75,000 per year.

The strong point of this plan is that the Appeals Court is not merely an intermediate step to the top, but rather, it is a plateau that would dispose of 90% of the cases it considers. Also, this court could travel, allowing it to move where it is needed. This is important to Eastern Oregonians.

A Senate Judiciary Committee is giving this plan careful consideration.

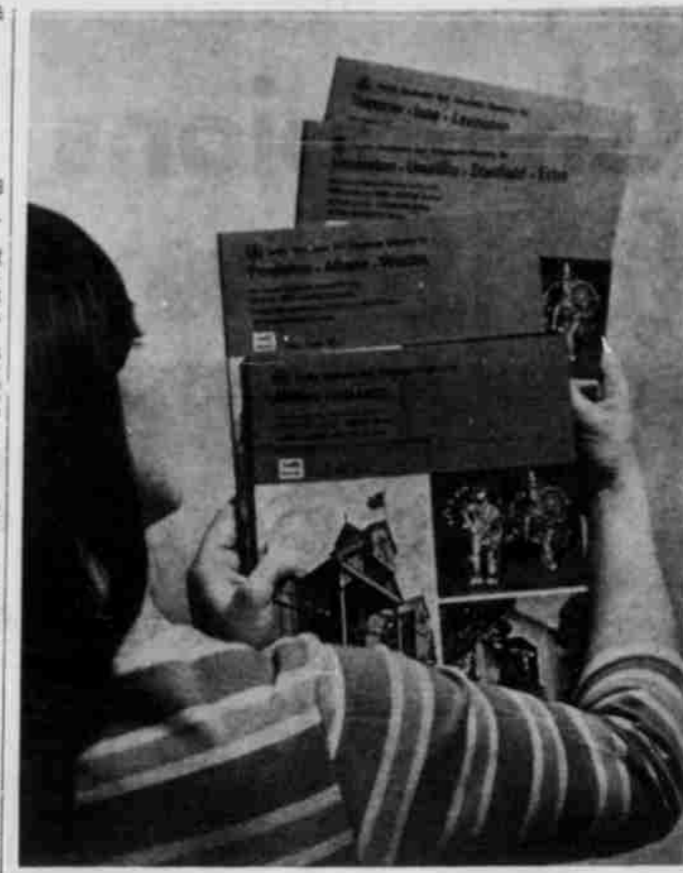
A bill has been introduced to expand the educational program throughout the state to include kindergartens. This bill would let any school district have kindergartens and would provide for reimbursement by the state through its basic school support rate of \$125 per pupil per year.

Presently, only about 25% of our children are participating in a kindergarten program in Oregon. This plan would extend this program to an additional 40,000 five-year olds.

A memorial has been adopted that urges the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Interior, to refrain from implementing recently proposed increases in fees for grazing lands. It is the intention of this memorial to maintain the present fee of 33c per animal unit, rather than letting the charge be increased over a ten year period to \$1.25 per animal unit. The legislature feels this increase in fees is very harmful to our cattle industry, especially during the present price squeeze.

Free enterprise has been flogged again this week, with the introduction of a measure, Senate Bill 419, that does away with paid toilets. A bill introduced in the Senate, outlaws this giant of money making businesses in Oregon, by prohibiting charges for use of public toilets or washrooms at terminals, depots or public waiting rooms used by air, rail or bus passengers, traveling to, from or in Oregon.

During a time when the legislature is considering property tax relief, this cannot be considered as such, but to those caught without the change, it is a relief in a much more basic form.



FOUR OF A KIND?—Not quite. Pacific Northwest Bell has published separate directories for communities in Umatilla and Morrow counties with local calling interest. PNB's Pam Maguire holds up the new phone books to different designations on each one. Copies of the directories were placed in the mail March 13 for PNB's customers in the two counties.

## New Directories Going into Mail; Format Changed

New telephone directories for the communities served by Pacific Northwest Bell in Umatilla and Morrow counties are going into the mail starting March 13.

"In contrast to last year's directories, we are again publishing four different directories this year," says PNB Manager Dale Slusher.

"The change to the former format is being made on request of many of our customers to reflect local calling interest in the first alphabetical section printed in each of the four directories," Slusher added.

As reflected on the cover of the different directories and the listings in the first alphabetical section, the directories are being published as follows:

Pendleton, Athena and Weston, 11,000 copies.

Heppner, Ione and Lexington, 1,595 copies.

Hermiston, Umatilla, Stanfield and Echo, 6,425 copies.

Milton-Freewater, 3,400 copies.

Each directory will have a common Call Guide section at the very front, and listings for the other communities in the area will follow the Yellow Pages.

Pictorially, the directories will feature water color sketches of three Oregon scenes by PNB directory artist Dick Ferris. The scenes are the Ashland Shakespearean Theatre, Warm Springs Indians in full regalia for a social dance and a fast windmill sligh—a covered bridge.

In addition to listings of emergency numbers, the inside front cover of each directory contains the revised law on obscene telephone calls.

Numbers for city, county and state law enforcement agencies are also listed in the white pages under the main heading police departments.

Government offices listings have a main heading in the white pages with subheadings for the level of government and the location.

For further convenience, there are classified listings in the Yellow Pages for fire and police departments. Also added to the Yellow Pages classified listings are numbers for government offices by level of government and location.

## The Rhyming Philosopher

### INDUCEMENT

THERE ONCE WAS A BEAGLE WHO RACED WITH AN EAGLE  
TO PURSUE A FAT RABBIT AND STOP IT;  
WHILE THE BIRD SOARED SO PROUD WITH HIS HEAD IN A CLOUD, BUT WITH FEET ON THE GROUND THE DOG GOT IT.

IT'S SO NICE TO HAVE FUN AND JUST PLAY IN THE SUN,  
AND EXPECT THE WORLD OWES YOU A LIVING;  
BUT YOU'RE ON THE WRONG ROAD IF YOU CARRY NO LOAD OR YOU'RE TAKING MUCH MORE THAN YOU'RE GIVING.

IT TAKES EFFORT AND WILL TO GO CLIMBING UPHILL,  
BUT NEVER TO START IS MUCH EASIER;  
YOU CAN CLAIM THAT YOU'RE STUCK WITH SOME AWFUL HARD LUCK LIKE LEAD IN THE PANTS OR AMNESIA.

THOUGH THE TOP OF THE HEAP MAY SEEM FAR AND SO STEEP, IT DOESN'T LOOK FAR,  
RETROSPECTIVELY;  
TAKE A HITCH IN YOUR SLACKS AND GET DOWN TO BRASS TACKS,  
AND YOUR BOOTSTRAPS WILL LIFT MORE EFFECTIVELY!

HARRY W. FLETCHER

## Hardman to Sponsor Band Benefit Dance

Residents of the Hardman area have announced plans for a benefit dance on Saturday, March 22, at the Hardman Community Center.

The dance is being given to aid the Heppner school band departments, and all proceeds raised will be donated towards the cost of the new gold blazers recently purchased for the high school band.

Music, provided for the evening by the "Burnt Sleep" band of Heppner and by a Western band, will appeal to both young and old alike. The two bands will play alternately throughout the evening from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Admission to the dance will be \$1.25, and ladies of the community will serve a midnight supper for 75c.

## State Fire Marshal Schedules Meeting

Deputy state fire marshal Stan Phillips of John Day will be in Lexington on Monday night, March 17, where he will conduct a school at the Lexington fire hall on the proper use of small tools and forcible entry. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. and volunteers of the Heppner and Ione departments are encouraged to attend also.

As deputy state fire marshal, Phillips is in charge of conducting training sessions for fire departments in the eastern half of the state.

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## YOUR SENATOR REPORTS...

BY KEN JERNSTEDT, STATE SENATOR

18th District, Including Morrow county

Nearly all of Oregon's legislators campaigned last fall on pledges to provide meaningful property tax relief, while at the same time maintaining our state's present standards of service to the public.

In recent days the legislature has taken two dramatic steps toward their goal. The first came last week when the two presiding officers, Senate President E. D. "Debbs" Potts and House Speaker Robert F. Smith, announced that \$35 million had been identified in the State's General Fund budget, that could be trimmed. They then announced that they had ordered their co-chairmen of Ways and Means to direct this financial find toward basic school support, in order to assure some relief on property taxes throughout the State.

The second step came March 6, as the Senate voted 18-11, to accept a House proposal that would direct some \$23 million of State revenues back to local welfare programs. To insure that this boost in welfare support did not become a windfall, the measure instructed the local taxing agencies to reduce their property assessments by the amount donated from the State, thus bringing about the relief desired.

A bill was introduced that would expand the educational program throughout the State to include a kindergarten. The bill would let any school district have a kindergarten and would provide for reimbursement by the State through its basic school support rate of \$125 per year.

Presently, there are only about 25% of our children participating in a kindergarten program in Oregon. This plan would extend this program to an additional 40,000 five-year-olds youths. It seems to me that this is a poor time to introduce such a measure. We should get our present financial problems solved before we take on any additional programs.

The House Natural Resources Committee heard a bill March 5 that would shut a polluter down when the State Sanitary Authority says so, unless a judge finds that irreparable

damage to one's business or an individual outweighs the public interest.

A new bill by the House Highway Committee would permit driver licenses for youths under 18 only if they have completed approved driver training courses. I am against this measure because, in my opinion, it would place hardships on rural areas where such training is hard to come by.

In closing I would like to remind you of the importance of your participation in the law-making process. For it is only when you voice your opinions that we get good representative legislation. You can do this by coming to Salem to talk with me, appearing before a committee, or participating in your home by writing a letter to me, in care of Oregon State Senate, Senate Chambers, Salem, Oregon 97310. This will be a great help to me. The public is needed in politics; do your part, your state is depending on you.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Davidson of Lexington received word Tuesday that their son, Spec. 4 Herb Davidson, arrived in South Vietnam last week. He is serving with the artillery division at Nha Trang, a short distance north of CamRanh Bay.

## COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

HEPPNER BASKETBALL State A-2 Tournament, Coos Bay, March 17-18-19  
Heppner vs. Sutherlin, 3:30 p.m., Monday, Mar. 17  
Live radio broadcast, channel 3 TV or Station KUMA, Pendleton

Band and Pep Club projects all day Saturday, car washing, window washing, candy selling

BAKED FOOD SALE Friday, March 14, from 9:30 a.m.

Peterson Building, next to Gardner's  
Sponsored by Heppner Mothers Club

PUBLIC CARD PARTY St. Patrick's Day Card Party Saturday, March 15, 8 p.m.  
Heppner IOOF Hall, Sponsored by Triple Links Club Bridge, Pinochle, Prizes and refreshments

BAND BENEFIT DANCE Saturday, Mar. 22, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.  
Hardman Community Center Music by Burnt Sleep and Western bands  
Proceeds to Heppner Band Fund

POMONA GRANGE Sunday Mar. 16  
Willows Grange Hall, Ione Potluck dinner at noon, program at 1:30, pictures of European tour by Dick Krebs  
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