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## OTHER EDITORS SAY—

### Consolidation Chatter

(By GILES FRENCH, IN SHERMAN COUNTY JOURNAL)

A well known newspaper published in Oregon's smallest county, the Oregonian, likes to play at the most reprehensible sport of kings: rearranging other peoples' geography. Playing God is a dangerous practice and is, in fact, a major reason why the American colonies separated from Great Britain and established a smaller government on this continent.

The Oregonian would like to consolidate the rural counties of Oregon probably to the end that all courthouses would be surrounded by pavement instead of being situated amidst green lawns and shading trees. That, to the Oregonian, would be progress.

The trend in the world is toward smaller governments—witness the United Nations. Certainly it would be hard to prove that larger units of government, nations or counties, do a more successful job than do the smaller ones.

Now when there is a drive toward encouraging people to get better acquainted with their government, "write your congressman, take a part in government, etc.," it seems a queer time to advocate changes that would remove government farther from the people.

Sherman, and other counties that come under the Oregonian's scorn because they have less than ten thousand inhabitants, can successfully challenge Multnomah county for quality of government. And if you want to know the purposes of government, they are eloquently set forth in the preamble of the constitution of these United States: "form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity."

It should be known to everyone that consolidations of government always cost more despite all arguments made for economy when proposed. We know our county court as "Vern, Pat and Luke" and if we refer to them as the honorable court it is either in derision or formality; we know our county officials and we do not permit them to acquire any delusions of grandeur. We truly have a government of our peers, our equals, and that is the way it should be.

Sure we could drive a hundred miles to reach the court house, but we wouldn't go as often and would eventually assume a more subservient attitude toward our government and our officers.

There are problems aplenty in Multnomah county, enough that we can see why that paper would seek relief from them by looking afar. It wants a stadium; we have a pretty useful one that we built ourselves; it needs some mass transportation; we don't need it, being small; it has a pressing welfare problem; we need none at all and only have one because of a general law.

We are getting along fine, thank you, are paying our bills and staying out of debt, letting the rest of the world go its way as long as it doesn't interfere with us, and we have no problems we can't handle. GLF

## Mann to Man

By REP. IRVIN MANN, JR.



The sensational reversal by the Supreme Court of the circuit court decision in the Johnson-Thornton case freed the House Elections Committee to move to correct some inequities and vagaries in our Corrupt Practices Act and we are moving this week to do that.

The first priority is to provide that where a corrupt practice is proved against an election winner, a vacancy will occur to be filled in a manner prescribed by law—which means either by a special election or appointment by some executive officer.

Clarification as to whether travel should be required to be reported by a candidate and whether contributions by fellow employees and relatives should be considered contributions by the candidate himself—these are questions that should be decided for the protection of candidates as well as the public.

Do we want a candidate for the legislature to be guilty of a crime if he fails to report or even reports late because he wasn't aware of the law? Bribery and fraud, yes, but do we want criminal penalties for minor offenses?

Do we want the courts to be allowed to decide if a violation of the act had a material effect on the outcome of the election?

**Congressional Redistricting**  
Recent U. S. Supreme Court decisions on Congressional districting in New York and Missouri leave no doubt that our Congressional districts are illeg-

ally out of balance.

However, districting can only be done on the basis of federal census figures. Those today are the 1960 figures which are set far out of balance. It appears doubtful to me that the Supreme Court would direct Oregon to re-district before the 1970 federal census figures are available to the 1971 legislature and I think that the work should be done then.

This legislative session is coming to a close but the next two weeks will see some momentous things emerge from it.

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ARNIE HEDMAN (left), band director and carnival chairman, was exultant with the response at the Band Carnival. Here he happily checks proceeds at a booth with Ernie McCabe (center) and Jim Lovgren. (G-T Photo).

## Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

GENE STARKS, who gets out "Soroptimists," the little monthly mimeo publication for the Heppner Soroptimists, has some cuties in her last issue, relative to some of the members and their occupations.

She titles these quips "April Foolishness." Note how neatly they apply to the ones of whom she writes:

Eleanor Gonty (Shoes-Radios) — "We have a transistor set you'll love; it interferes with your neighbor's lawn mower." (That's a switch).

Vi Lanham (Apartments) — "When I dented a fender, Conley said, 'Well, that's the way the Mercedes Benz.'" (For those who don't know, the Lanhams have one).

Sylvia McDaniel (County Treasurer) — "Soroptimists are working for women to get men's wages. Haven't they always?"

Sadie Parrish (County Clerk) — "If you think politics is easy, try climbing up on the fence while keeping your ears to the ground."

Alice Soward (Farley Motors) — "Learned from the automobile: It's better to idle your motor when you feel like stripping a gear." (That's advice we need!)

Marlene Gray (Auto Repair Shop) — "Mike told the owner of a foreign car he'd be better off if he deported it."

Betty Pfeiffer (Western Auto) — "Never buy anything with a handle on it—it means work."

Helen Sherman (Co-publisher Gazette-Times) — "Doing business without advertising is like winking at a man in the dark. You know what you're doing but he doesn't."

Joyce Ritch (Special Assessor) — "Most of the taxpayers I know are still alive and kicking."

Marlys Phegley (Bank of Eastern Oregon) — "When money grows on trees, there's likely some grafting going on somewhere."

Madge Thomson (Thomson Bros. Grocery) — "Grocery buying is just one long staple chase."

Wavel Wilkinson (Wilkinson Ranch) — "Horse sense dwells in a stable mind."

Terry Linecum (Art Teacher) — "A tour through modern art galleries makes me think it may be dangerous to tell a girl she is pretty as a picture."

What a bunch of gals! Sorry we couldn't reprint all the cute quips.

LOOKING BACK on the band carnival, it appears to this corner that the sponsoring committee set a new high mark in a spirit of cooperation, and the results were vividly apparent. It shows what can be accomplished if everyone cheerfully says, "Yes, I'll help," and then pitches in to do his part. The committee involved more persons than ever before, and the way we hear it, scarcely anyone said that he was too busy or couldn't help when he was called on to do a little job with the carnival.

The results — nearly \$1000 profit for band uniforms and PTA projects, and a lot of fun for everyone, the joy of achievement, and a feeling of united

community spirit for a fine cause.

This truly was a masterful job of organization and an example of unified effort that should be remembered for a long time.

WE'VE WRITTEN several times about the number of Heppner and Morrow county people who achieve prominent positions of statewide or Northwest note. We're sure that our little population contributes more state presidents, state chairmen, and state heads in different fields than almost any other area of comparable size.

Now comes another: Judge Paul Jones being elected grand high priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oregon. Congratulations!

At the same time, Herman Winter becomes grand orator and Howard Bryant becomes grand sentinel. How nice this is for Heppner!

WE HEAR a report that state police broke up a novel "home" in Anson Wright park the other day. A couple, complete with long hair, beards and the rest of the now too-familiar accoutrements, came from southern California to set up a happy home. They constructed this in Robinson Crusoe style of bark, tree limbs and branches. From all appearances the new residents were true hippies, maybe straying north from Big Sur or Haight-Ashbury.

Apparently they were in the cradle abode for about a month, until state police came along and advised them that this picturesque little park wasn't a residential district.

Like a pair of swallows which had strayed off course on the way to Capistrano, the couple left without protest and flitted away, with nary a complaint about police brutality nor any necessity to impose a curfew at Anson Wright.

IT'S GREAT to have the Knox Variety store open and serving the public, adding a bright new spot to our downtown district. Even the smell of popcorn is enticing. The very complete stock will help fill in some needed gaps of what our businesses have to offer towards the goal of being able to say,

## YOUR SENATOR REPORTS...

BY KEN JERNSTEDT, STATE SENATOR

18th District, Including Morrow county

Thus far this session I have talked about the bigger items before the Legislature, in terms of fiscal implications or impact on the state. Today I would like to continue this policy by talking about a program that will net Oregon a 1,000% profit in economic growth. This is not fiction but fact. For I am talking about the Sea Grant program at Oregon State University.

Eleven years ago this department, known then as the Oceanography Department, started out with a 16-foot boat, a couple of test tubes in a leather satchel and a dream of a scientist that things would get better. From its shaky beginning, and from the small financial aid from the State, this research program of the sea grew in size and stature until its recognition was noticed throughout the nation, thus allowing it to become one of the nation's first Sea Grant colleges.

**Old Idea With New Twist**  
Sea Grant is an old idea with a new twist. It's an old idea because it is fashioned after the land grant scheme of the mid-1800's, which has been beneficial to the development of agricultural land. It's a new twist because it emphasizes the increased production and use of products from the sea rather than land. It also promotes investigation into a wide range of other ocean related research and teaching programs.

In a state like ours, that is so closely tied to the ocean and ocean-related industries, this work and research is vital to our economic expansion of the future. This program is the final step in taking research data and applying it to practical uses for the consumer, industry and the state as a whole. As you look at the progress of the program, even in its infancy stages of today, you will have to agree that this final step is being taken.

**Super Salmon Developed**  
For example, sports and commercial fishermen, both, will be pleased to learn that oceanographers in cooperation with the State Fish Commission have developed the "super salmon." This fish is reared in one-fourth the normal time, is stronger, healthier and returns to fresh water sooner for harvesting.

The have also developed what is known as the Oregon Moist Pellet. This pellet, made from fish waste, is a feed that has virtually guaranteed disease-free fish in our hatcheries. This not only means more fish for the sportsmen, but an increased supply for our \$50 million a year fishing industry.

In other areas of endeavor, scientists have produced more efficient means of keeping the fish fresher longer, thus expanding the market and improving the quality of the product. Engineers, in cooperation with

"You can find it in Heppner!" Grand opening will be next week but the store is already open to shoppers and browsers. Congratulations to Henry Gohring, Judy Watkins, and the rest of the crew! Welcome to our community!

WE MISS having Larry Cook drop in for a chat and hope he is back around soon. Today (Tuesday) completes a month that he has been in the hospital following a heart attack, but he is coming along good.

Don't get impatient, Larry. Take it easy and relax. It will be great to see you out again, fit and hearty, but you are in good hands until you have rested up enough to circulate again.

the program, are designing better boats and equipment for the fisherman. They are developing modern ports that are more efficient and more accessible which will cut the cost of shipping.

They are devising methods to combat pollution. They are developing new foods made from waste fish such as hamburger, sausages and pepperoni to name a few. A method of using waste fish for fertilizer has been devised. This not only creates another industry, but assists agriculture.

They are experimenting with better weather forecasting devices through the buoy program. It is expected that when the buoy program is perfected we will be able accurately to predict the weather days in advance.

**Terrain Mapped**  
They have mapped in detail the terrain off our coast out to a 150-mile limit. This has had a great impact on the fishing industry by giving it a more efficient method of finding its resource.

They are developing an extension service that will take the Sea Grant program into the homes so as to instruct the homemaker in the best manner in which to use sea products.

All this and more is being done by this program which draws all facets of the University community know-how to increase Oregon's industries and Oregon's liveability.

**Cost Small**  
What does all this cost? Very little.

Last biennium, the Legislature contributed some \$151,000 to ocean research. This year the contribution is expected to be nearly the same. This represents only about one-sixth of the entire research budget. The rest of the monies come from grants, loans and gifts.

Although this program has only begun to benefit us as Oregonians, the possibilities are unlimited.

It has been estimated that for every one dollar invested in the program 10 dollars will be realized in the state's economy. This is about a 1,000% return for our moderate investment. I would say this is a mighty good investment in anyone's book.

## MEETING CALENDAR

**Monday, April 28—**  
Chamber of Commerce, 12 Noon,  
Wagon Wheel Dining Room,  
Volunteer Fire Department, 7:30 p.m.  
**Ruth Chapter No. 32, OES, Masonic Hall, 8 p.m.**  
**Thursday, May 1—**  
Holly Rebekah Lodge, Lexington, 8 p.m.  
Soroptimist Club, Business Meeting, 12 noon, Wagon Wheel Dining Room  
**Friday, May 2—**  
Sans Souci Rebekah Lodge No. 33, IOOF Hall, 8 p.m.

## Sunnysiders Due For Church Series

The Sunnysiders, Evangelists Troy and Jean Guinn, will appear at the Assembly of God church at a series of meetings from Sunday, April 27, through Friday, May 2, starting at 7:30 p.m., the Rev. Robert Wolfe, pastor, announces.

The evangelists feature country gospel music.

"In addition to their singing, their preaching is inspiring," the Rev. Wolfe said.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the meetings in the church at the corner of Willow and Gale Streets. There is no admission charge.

**Mr. and Mrs. Archie Cox** of San Jose, Calif., visited here for a short time last Thursday and Friday with his brothers, Ben Cox of Heppner, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Cox, and other relatives. The couple planned to travel with their pickup camper to Baker for a visit with relatives prior to making the return trip home.

## COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

**HEPPNER HIGH BASEBALL**  
Heppner vs. Grant Union at John Day, Tues., April 29  
Heppner at Pilot Rock, Sat., May 3  
Morrow County Invitational, Saturday, April 26, at Riverside, A-2 and B schools competing

**POMONA GRANGE**  
Rhea Creek Grange Hall Saturday, April 26, 10:30 a.m. Dinner at noon  
Guest speaker, Allen P. Wheeler, state grange master, 2:00 p.m. Everyone welcome

**SPRING CARD PARTY**  
Monday, April 28, 8 p.m.  
St. Patrick's Parish hall  
Dessert, bridge and pinocle  
Tickets, \$1.00 each. Everyone invited

**PIE & COFFEE SALE**  
Friday night during Moonlight Sale—7 to 10 p.m.  
By Christian Church Deaconesses  
Peterson Building, next to Gardner's

**PLANT SALE**  
By Ione Garden Club  
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