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One feller here has a real cutty delivery truck. Just noticed that the truck seats are upholstered in either leopard, ocelot or some such colorful cat. Driver of the truck is Bill Cox.

Rep. Irvin Mann writes he had an extremely heavy mailing concerning the bill "for an Act Relating to Self Defense" patterned after the Nebraska law.

He and Rep. Hansell have legislative counsel drafting such a bill and in the meantime both are sponsoring HB 1252. Their bill will reinforce this bill.

Rep. Mann has sent us 48 copies of HB 1252 which anyone is welcome to have here at the G-T office.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Wilson went to Spokane last weekend for a reunion with Hubert's 13 World War II Seabee buddies. These fellers had joined up at Spokane in 1943 and last weekend was their first visit since the war. (We trust Spokane has disaster insurance.)

We blew our stack Feb. 16 here at the G-T. Wasn't a loss of temper, either. The furnace had a malfunction, had a little explosion in the chimney pushing some bricks askew. No other damage except to our ha-ha dignity.

The State Highway Commission has approved Federal aid secondary funds for fiscal 1972. Morrow County is slated for \$76,000 of which \$45,372 is Federal money and the balance State and County match money.

Some fishermen catch their best fish by the tale.

Times have changed. Now it's around the cloverleaf, under the overpass, through the tunnel and over the bridge to grandmother's house we go.

A closed mouth gathers no foot.

Trying to find teens inside these new hairdos is like looking for a needle in a haystack.

Business is like a car. Only way it'll run by itself is downhill!

If you think you can't take it with you, you never packed a car for a vacation.

Fellow we know has such insomnia, he can't even sleep while he's working.

The real trouble with money is that you can't use it more than once.

Maybe we should increase the stakes in our elections. The one who loses has to take down all the posters.

PROPERTY TAX FAX

If you have a question concerning real or personal property please state all the facts as briefly as possible and mail it to your COUNTY ASSESSOR Joyce Ritch under the name "PROPERTY TAX FAX". Please ask only one question per sheet. Then watch this column for the answer.

QUESTION: Our church plans to rent its basement and other parts of the building to an individual for operation of a kindergarten. This will be operated by an individual for profit. Will that portion of our church used as a kindergarten be tax exempt?
ANSWER: No. To allow the tax exempt status of the church to be extended to the profit making kindergarten would be subsidizing the kindergarten at the expense of other taxpayers. Since the renting to an individual for the conducting of a kindergarten for profit would be a non religious activity, the church would lose its tax exempt status for that portion of the building used for non religious purposes.

Wanted
Children to ride the bus from Lexington to Hepper's Assembly of God church. We have just purchased a bus for the Teen Choir, but would also like to use it for Sunday School kids. If you would like to ride the bus to church and Sunday School, contact Charlene Papineau in Lexington, (969-8482) or the Assembly of God Church in Hepper, 676-5581. You are invited to visit the Bible Study for adults each Wednesday night at 7:30. Be looking for you at one of the services.
(By Don Barwell)



MAJOR JOHN L. BRISTOW (right) receives the Air Medal Award and the Meritorious Service Medal Award from Col. Harry W. Wilson.

Ione Major Receives Duo-award at Services

Major John L. Bristow, a product of Morrow County, was honored recently when he received the Air Medal (second oak leaf cluster). The citation reads: "Captain John L. Bristow distinguished himself by meritorious achievement while participating in sustained aerial flight from August 1965 to August 1966 while assigned to the 276d Maintenance Squadron (Special). As Chief of the Flight Operations Branch of the Air Force Logistics Command Liaison Office in Greenville, Texas, the airman's skill and courage exhibited by Captain Bristow in the successful test flights of a uniquely designed special purpose aircraft, under extremely hazardous conditions, demonstrated his outstanding proficiency and steadfast devotion to duty. The professional skill and airmanship displayed by Captain Bristow reflect credit upon himself and the United States Air Force."

The citation which accompanies the award of The Meritorious Service Medal is even more impressive than the Air Medal award. His activities to earn these awards leave much to the individual's imagination. He apparently is testing special purpose aircraft. In part his citation reads: "As officer-in-charge of Flight Operations and later as Chief of the Requirements Branch with the Air Force Logistics Command Liaison Office . . . Major Bristow exhibited outstanding technical knowledge and initiative in the performance of his assigned duties. His mature judgment, professional skill and knowledge were important to the over-all mission and success of this activity in its modification and testing of special purpose aircraft."

Major Bristow also holds the Distinguished Flying Cross. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bristow of Ione and brother of Mrs. Ernie McCabe. He graduated from Ione High School and Oregon State in Business Administration and he took ROTC. He has been stationed in the United States and Alaska. He will go to Vietnam this summer. While he is gone, his family will be living in Ione. He is married to the former Marie Linder of Hermiston. They have two children, Douglas 16 and Linda 9.

Pioneer Ponderings



By W. S. CAVERHILL

OUR SPACE PROGRAM
The Apollo flights into space are spectacular and a tribute to mechanical science, but they do nothing to relieve our space problems on earth, sufficed with people, automobiles, and pollution. Each of which create special problems and threaten our existence, and sap our natural resources. The trips to the moon do nothing to alleviate our space problems on earth. We should turn our attention to them.

Officers Elected At Ministers Institute

By FRANCES ROSE WILSON
A ministers institute was held at the First Assembly of God in Pendleton on Feb. 17 and 18 for the Blue Mountain Section. Among the speakers present were Oregon District Superintendent N. D. Davidson and District Treasurer Lester Young, former missionaries, Harry Downey of Albany and Lionel Furman of John Day.

At the business meeting the following officers were elected to serve the Assembly of God churches of the area: Pastor Durrell Hoskins of Stanfield, Sunday School representative; Pastor David Horn of Pilot Rock, Christ's Ambassadors representative; Pastor Wesley Bransford of Hermiston, Presbyter; Margaret Thomas of Hermiston, Women's Missionary Council representative.

The Rev. Davidson announced that the Blue Mountain Youth Camp located east of Prairie City, is now valued at \$75,000. A number of improvements have been made during the past year. Churches of the area pledged a combined total of \$116 a month to maintain the camp. Church board members and their wives were invited to join the ministers at a banquet Thursday evening, given by the First Assembly of God and assisted by members of the Beth-el Assembly of Pendleton.

Hepper pool players, battling with 9 other top teams from Hermiston, Umatilla, Stanfield, have shot their way into 2nd place, 4 games out of 1st, with 30 games remaining. The teams travel between various locations on Sunday afternoons.

School Lunch Menus

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Hepper Elementary and High Schools
SCHOOL HOT LUNCH MENU
Monday, March 1—Sloppy Joe, homemade bun, buttered corn, carrot and celery sticks, fruit, Jell-O, milk.
Tuesday, March 2—Macaroni and cheese, spinach, cabbage salad.
Wednesday, March 3—Beef stew, vegetables, cold tomatoes, pudding, French bread, butter, milk.
Thursday, March 4—Beans, lettuce vegetable salad, fruit, cobble, muffins, butter, milk.
Friday, March 5—Vegetable soup, peanut butter sandwiches, lettuce wedge, cake, fruit, milk.

News from Ken Jernstedt

The How and Why of Legislative Committee Hearings
The most effective way in which a citizen can participate in the affairs of government is through the public committee hearing. It is here where bills are discussed, analyzed, sometimes amended and, sometimes killed.

It is here where the almost 200-year-old declaration of government by the people is seen and practiced. It is here where, in terms of the wheels of government, the "rubber meets the road."

Anyone can testify at a committee hearing — housewives, minors, citizens, non-citizens, legislators, lobbyists, any individual who has something to say for or against any pending legislation before the committee.

Hearings are very informal. The solemnity found in a court of law, or the ceremonial atmosphere found on the floor of the Senate and House, are not apparent in a committee hearing. Back-and-forth discussion between members of the committee and those testifying accounts for most of the hearing time.

If one can't appear personally at a committee hearing, he is invited and urged to write a letter to the committee chairman, stating his views. The letter will be reproduced and distributed to all members of the committee.

My committee assignments this session are: Chairman, Criminal Law and Procedure, State and Federal, Agriculture and Local Government.

STUDENT CONDUCT CODES—Not Why, But Who? . . . There seems to be general agreement among Oregonians on the need and necessity of student conduct codes in state universities and colleges. The area of disagreement, however, relates to the question of responsibility—who is to draw up the code?

A bill is now before the Senate Education Committee directing the student body of each university or college under the state system to write its own student conduct code. This bill would nullify the present conduct code situation, whereby the State Board of Higher Education has written a conduct code applicable to all institutions under its jurisdiction.

Those favoring the bill point out the need for more recognition of individual student governmental bodies and the dissatisfaction of many students with the code as it is now written. Those against the bill expressed concern that the bill would dilute the Board's present authority, would eliminate the uniformity now existing, and would cease to provide minimum standards of student conduct.

The bill has been kept in committee for further discussion.
RATING THE OREGON LEGISLATURE . . . A report soon to be published by the Citizens Conference on State Legislation has received recent publicity around the state; the conference reportedly lists the Oregon Legislature 27th among the 50 states in terms of structure, efficiency, accountability, ethics and procedures.

Comparing state legislatures is akin to comparing automobiles—they all are designed to do the same thing, but their make-up and appearance are widely diverse.

It's my contention that the caliber and true character of the Oregon Legislature is grossly distorted by the relatively low rating the State received.

The personal integrity and dedication of Oregon Legislators certainly rates near the top of the list. There is no back-stabbing, double-dealing, bribery or misappropriation. No one gets rich from his legislator's salary. No one is in the Legislature to have "a good time" or on "a free ride."

In short, the citizens of Oregon can be assured that no matter what materialistic surveys show, the ethical standards, expertise and personal deportment (all of which, unfortunately, are unmeasurable) of individual legislators are of the highest order.

Neighborhood Center Calendar

(Feb. 25-March 4)
Thurs., Feb. 25 — State Unemployment Insurance claims processor (10 a.m.-noon) and (1 p.m.-2 p.m.)
—Senior Citizens' Social and crafts afternoon
Mon., March 1 — O.S.E.S. employment counselor, G.A.T.R. etc. (9 a.m. until noon only)
Tues., March 2—G.E.D. class (11 p.m.-4 p.m.)
Wed., March 3—Nutrition class, es. (10:30 a.m.)
Thurs., March 4 — Senior Citizens' social and crafts afternoon

Homer Hughes — Chairman BMCC Budget Committee

Blue Mountain Community College President Wallace W. McCrae proposed Feb. 17 that the college's tax levy for the coming school year be held to about 6 per cent over the current levy.

Mr. McCrae said the proposed budget reflects the board's pledge to hold the line.

"Our legislators," he said, "Whose responsibility it is to establish the level of state support, are attempting to control property tax requirements for community college districts, and are asking the cooperation of local boards in limiting tax levy increases to six per cent. To make this possible, the legislators have indicated a determined effort to increase the level of state support. Our board has pledged support of this request."

The budget, he said, anticipates a 13 per cent increase in enrollment but would not dilute the college's present standards, policies, programs or services. It would not, he added, allow any new programs to be added.

"This is a 'hold the line' budget for the second consecutive year," he said, "which recognizes the national, state, and area economic climate. Your visits to our campus during December made you aware that we are a developing institution, that our enrollments have increased 26 per cent in two years—from 873 to 1,100—and that our new facility which will be occupied with the opening of the Fall term adds another 8700 square feet to be staffed and maintained."

Mr. McCrae recommended that total taxes to be levied this year be held to \$533,220. The amount levied last year was \$783,885. The committee was to meet Feb. 24 to consider the budget. Date for the budget election was set for April 5. Since the college has no tax base, the entire amount must be approved by the voters of Umatilla and Morrow counties.

Homer Hughes, Lexington, was elected chairman of the budget committee, and Bob Zerba, board member from Athena, was named secretary. Other members are:

Board of Directors: Brent Horn, Russell Downan and Harmon Springer, all of Hermiston; Oren Allison, Pendleton, Mrs. Verne Dale, Helix, and Robert Abrams, Hepper. Budget Committee: Ben Holdman, Helix; Robert Stangier and Robert Mautz, Pendleton; Martin Buchanan, Milton-Freewater; Bill Eiter, Pilot Rock, and Ralph Moon, Hermiston.

Chuck Phegley was over from Halfway for the weekend. He attended the Elks Annual. Chuck is logging in the Halfway country for Ellington Lumber Co. He hauls into Halfway and Baker. The Halfway mill saws rough pine which is trucked into Baker to be finished.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

FEB. 27
Rock Club meeting 7:30 p.m. at the McMurtry Bldg.

FEB. 28
Buffet Dinner at Lexington Grange, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

FEB. 26
Spaghetti Feed at HHS Cafeteria sponsored by Saphere class, 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.
Adults \$1.25, Students \$1.00, Pre-schoolers 75c

MARCH 2
Golden Age Club, 7:00 p.m., Potluck dinner
All Saints' Episcopal Parish Hall

MARCH 2
Wanglers Potluck at 6:30 at Annex

MARCH 3
Morrow County Rifle and Pistol Club at 7:30 at County Courthouse.
Speaker, Herb Brusman, Bureau of Sports, Fisheries & Wildlife.
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Mann to Man



By REP. IRVIN MANN, Jr.

Well into the seventh week of the 1971 session, many state legislators are anticipating what could be the longest assembly on record. The number of bills introduced in the two houses has already surpassed considerably the number registered in the second year; veteran lawmakers predict that there will be nearly 300 more bills introduced this session than 1564 proposed in 1969. Because of the difficult problem of reapportionment, this assembly could continue meeting until mid-June.

An abundance of bills now does not necessarily mean an abundance of laws upon adjournment. Some proposals are merely amendments to existing statutes. Others are duplications of bills already introduced and referred to committees. Still others are fragmentary and can be consolidated into more comprehensive bills. Consequently, only a small percentage of those bills introduced weather legislative scrutiny to become good law.

There are currently several proposals before committee which, I think, should be considered in terms of necessary action. The traditional problem areas of taxation, welfare, education, and urban affairs are being given a hard look by the respective committees, as are the more-recently popularized issues in consumer protection and environment. For the remaining weeks of the session, I will be devoting these paragraphs to comments on the status of these proposals. I will review these proposals in terms of their impact on the Columbia Basin area.

TO THE EDITOR . . .
207 Prospect Ave.
Long Beach, Calif. 90805
Dear Friends:
Enclosed is \$5 to renew subscription of Wm B. Hughes, Box 560, Sutherlin, Ore. 97479.
Read my paper today and also clippings from Oregonian. Looks like you had wind while we are having earthquakes. It came at 5 in the morning and woke me up and I didn't realize that was wrong until it was nearly over. We had quite a shaking up but no damage done to me or my family. One sister works in RCA head office and it is in an evacuated area so she has a weeks vacation. Her home is Canoga Park and only glasses fell from cupboard and broke, her only damage.
I plan to leave here Feb. 26 as I have to be in Portland March 7 to be present at a family reunion in honor of my older sister's 60th wedding anniversary.
So please hold my paper after Feb. 18 issue. I don't suppose I'll make it to Hepper before March 13 as I stop and visit all my family on the road.
We are still getting quite a few earthquake jolts but none seem to be very heavy.
Sincerely,
Olive B. Hughes

About 15 million people in this country have birth defects serious enough to affect their daily lives.