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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:
A few weeks ago I tried to keep the county from putting drain ditches alongside some road they were rebuilding. I would like to site many disadvantages of these drain ditches.

First: instead of letting the water run off slow, water will run off fast and of a high volume. This is what causes erosion. The ditches will be cut deeper and eventually this water ends up going across some farmer's field causing him added erosion problems. An example, at the lower end of one of my dad's fields there were no ditches, the county came in and rebuilt the road. Now we have two ditches one-half mile long each and in some places over three feet deep.

Second: these ditches leave us limited access to our fields and in some cases people can't get to their homes.

Third: when we cross the roads with our equipment, if we can in the first place, we tear up the roads and our equipment. We have the same problem with the state highways.

Fourth: these steep, deep ditches pose a traffic hazard. There are many more problems with these ditches.

Before I contacted the County Judge and Roadmaster, I was told by many people that it would do no good. They were right! I first saw Judge Jones and he referred me to "Doc" Sherer. He in turn referred me back to the judge.

Only thing that was made

clear to me was that the roads were more important than the fields. Farmers obtain their income from these fields and in turn pay property taxes. It seems funny that roads are more important than the fields that help them in the first place and also pays the salaries of the county officials.

Boy, what a great county this would be without politics and politicians.
Sincerely yours,
Tom Pointer

2869 Glen Drive
British Columbia, Canada
Rep. Chairman Markham,
State Capitol,
Salem, Oregon 977310
Dear Mr. Markham:

Have been following with interest the progress of those determined to have "steer busting" abolished in your state of Oregon.

It is now to be hoped that H. B. 1552 to outlaw this cruel sport will not take long to become "reality" at long last. Never ceases to amaze me how the old die-hards resist any change in their way of life—clinging to depraved forms of entertainment—such as rodeos, is a prime example! Surely, in our modern society, there is no need to continue to cruelly use animals for so-called entertainment.

Wrote to Governor Tom McCall supporting the passage of this H. B. 1552 and reminding him of his promise to help outlaw steerbusting. The day it becomes "law" will indeed be a "red letter day" and a step towards the abolishing of any cruel forms of entertainment—we are called an enlightened society, so 'tis high time, we acted as such!

Sincerely,
(Mrs.) Lee Davis
2869 Glen Drive
Port Coquitlam
British Columbia, Canada

County Women To Homemakers Council

Eighteen homemakers from Umatilla and Morrow county will accompany the home agent to Oregon State University in Corvallis for the annual meeting of the Oregon Extension Homemakers Council May 4, 5, and 6. Theme of the meeting is "Who is the Oregon Woman?"

An Indian theme will be featured at the international banquet Wednesday evening. Members of our Confederated Tribes will be a part of the program, and will also model their Indian wear. Indian women from the Klamath agency and Warm Springs will also participate.

Local women will be busy campaigning for Mrs. Norman Nelson, lone, who is a candidate for vice-president of state council. Mrs. Nelson has been active in Extension for many years and is presently serving both as chairman of the Home Extension advisory committee in Morrow county, and the lone Extension unit.

Homemakers participating in state council from Morrow county will be, Mrs. Norman Nelson, lone; Mrs. John Graves, Mrs. Garry Tullis, Heppner.



MRS. NED CLARK presents the silver tray won by the Morrow County CowBelles for last year's increase in membership to Mrs. Ron Currin, one of last year's officers. They had the greatest percentage of increases in the state!

CowBelles Stress 'Eat More Beef'

The annual spring luncheon of the Morrow County CowBelles was a gala affair. The spring flowers on the tables and around the room added a festive note after the long wait for spring. Pant suits proved popular attire.

The Episcopal Women served a delicious luncheon and Mrs. Clyde Nutting was both humorous and challenging in her talk on "The Life of a Wife of a Brand Inspector".

Inspection laws and fees are changing. She urged closer cooperation between the Brand Inspection Department, State Police and County sheriffs in apprehending cattle thieves.

To curtail calf stealing, she suggested lighting calving areas and not place them in out-of-the-way places, alert officers where the calving areas are so they can keep a watch, keep cattle chutes padlocked.

The state has five theft investigators. Farms must have positive proof, as a license number. Then she told the experience of one rancher who used the mother cow to prove his claim of ownership to a calf.

She said the consumer must be made aware that the \$400 calf that leaves the ranch is not all seen in the show case.

About half the weight is left after slaughter. Only about 1/3 of the remainder is steak. This seems to be the age of "no bone and no fat".

She challenged the cattlemen's wife to bring the young people back to the ranch. She said, "small rancher operations must be brought back into being".

Six New Members
Mrs. Ned Clark this year's Morrow County CowBelles president introduced six new mem-

bers: Mrs. Gary Grieb, Mrs. Harley Sager, Mrs. Nutting, Mrs. Barton Clark, Mrs. Lee Padberg and Mrs. Phil Mahoney.

Mrs. Clista Venard reported the sale of Beef Certificates were up this year, the highest they have ever been. A total of \$920 certificates had been sold during the year. Anyone wondering what to send Dad for Father's Day, a Beef Certificate was suggested.

The Father of the Year is expected to be announced soon. Mrs. Terry Thompson reported 3 cases of Beef Broth had been ordered. These miniature envelopes of instant seasoning may be ordered from her for 20¢/lb. There are 40 paid up members.

The group passed a resolution opposing the farm truck driving age of 21 years. Each member was asked to write: John Volvo, Secretary of Transportation, Washington, D. C. 20005 by May 1 and ask for a farm deferral.

Mrs. Clark presented the silver tray the Morrow County CowBelles received as the CowBelles having the biggest percentage increase in National memberships last year to Mrs. Ron Currin, last year's membership chairman. This is a rotating trophy.

Spendthrift Dependents

"Dear Senator:
I have a dependent relative who has very little financial responsibility. He means well, but he keeps buying presents for my wife and me, charging them to my account. When he sees something we might need, he buys it, and I have to pay. These things are rarely what we would have bought ourselves. Because he doesn't work for a living, money doesn't mean much to him.

He is generous to the poor and the needy, with my money—and gives to the unworthy, too. I just received a bill for his latest spending spree, and it gives me a sick, hopeless feeling. How much better things would be if I could spend my own money for the things I want.

He won't listen to me, but he will listen to you. Please, please use your influence to cut the spending of my Uncle Sam."

A constituent's letter to a Representative in Congress.

Menace To Life Quality

The quality of life for the average person deteriorates with the expansion of big government. By the same token, those on the inside of a vast and burgeoning bureaucracy enjoy a rising level of prerogative and affluence. As reported in U. S. News & World Report; it now costs nearly \$400 million a year to operate the legislative branch of government—an increase of more than \$150 million since 1967. As costs have soared, efficiency has declined until it is said the House of Representatives is among the most inefficient legislative bodies in the world. Base pay for congressmen has risen to \$42,500 a year. In addition, there is a wide range of benefits enjoyed by the legislators, including retirement pensions as high as \$34,000 a year, rent-free offices, salary allowances for staff ranging into hundreds of thousands of dollars for each member of Congress. There are free mailing privileges, free trips home, free telephone calls, free telegrams and so on ad nauseum.

Smoking chimneys and dirty water are not the only things that can ruin the quality of life in the United States. It can also be ruined by oppressive taxation and the arrogance of a central government bureaucracy. (E. Hofer).



Beware — anyone who stands still on Main Street is liable to get painted.

A big thank you from us at the G-T to Ron Brittner and Ervin Anderson who came over promptly last week to help us when the folding machine collapsed. (Even that blasted machine had the flu).

Rep. Irvin Mann's irrigation finance bill has passed the House and he believes it will pass the Senate. This would provide a fund of \$360 million to be loaned to farmers to help finance irrigation developments. Very likely this will open the door to a great potential in these counties along the Columbia.

For instance, a vast area in our county that has always been desert is going to be green, and the trend has already been started by our latter-day "ioneers who are putting in more wells and more circles for both row crops and pasture. There are going to be all kinds of developments but the agricultural changes will be great and probably far reaching. On top of these things, the nuclear power plants which may come will mean something like 500,000 acres irrigated in ours and adjoining counties, if all six plants are built.

Rep. Al Ullman has been urging developments in these counties with Columbia River water for some years. He and others have said repeatedly either we use the Columbia or it will be going south to irrigate someone else's land.

Have you ordered your copy of the new history of Morrow County? It will make a really thoughtful present, too.

Alarm clock: something that scares the daylight into you.

Obstetrician: "You have a lovely girl, but you wanted a boy."

New father: "Fine! A girl was my second choice."

Then there was the fellow who read that 25% of all accidents happen within 25 miles of home... so he moved.

What happened to the good old days, when you learned to dance so you'd look graceful?

Rep. Al Ullman stated at last week's Forum of Rural Development at BMCC at Pendleton that Boeing plans a food processing plant. This is in conjunction with its irrigation and farming development which is being studied on the Boeing lands in North Morrow County.

Some other unusual developments include a proposal by Crown Zellerbach to use leased or contract irrigated lands in the Columbia Basin area of Eastern Oregon for growing cottonwood trees for their pulp mills. This is a very fast growing tree and produces the finest long fiber, ideal for paper manufacture. Of all the things we've heard recently, this is the most unexpected.

To the Editor:

I want to thank you very much for sending me the newspaper. It is the only way I know what is happening back home in Heppner.

It is discouraging when I check my mail box and find nothing, day in and day out. I feel like I am not liked by anyone. I know I had friends when I left for the service, but it seems like I was wrong.

Thank you again for sending me the paper. AIC David W. Wright, PSC Box 7304, McConnell AFB, Kansas 67221.

Hon. Paul Jones
County Court House
Heppner, Ore.

Dear Paul:
House Bill 1356 passed the House of Representatives Friday. This bill permits a county judge who is not the probate judge in a county in which a circuit judge does not reside, to authorize waiver of the 7-day waiting period for a marriage license. Present law permits waiver only by a circuit judge or other judge with probate jurisdiction.

I introduced this bill as a direct result of the "Meet the People" meeting which Rep. Hansel, Sen. Jernstedt and I held in Heppner last November 30.

Best personal regards,
Sincerely yours,
Irvin Mann, Jr.

Seniors Present Top Comedy Here

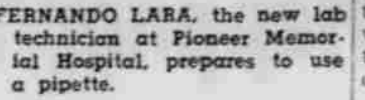
"All Because of Agatha" by Sterling Troy was this year's comedy presentation by the Heppner High Senior Class. Directors for the Thursday and Friday productions were Jane Rawlins and David Conn.

The Cast: Greg Davidson, Diane Mills, Dan Sweeney, Dee Ann Pettyjohn, Becky Doherty, Steve Hedman, Darlene Warren, Jim Schaffitz, Linda Clough (Thursday), and Elizabeth Abrams on Friday, and Mary Abrams.

Action of the fast moving comedy centered about the story of a witch who appeared at a certain day each year.

Production staff, besides the directors: Kelley Wolff was stage manager; Karen Cox, promoter; business manager, Gwen Drake; Lighting by Steve Hedman and Dan Sweeney; sound by Dee Ann Pettyjohn; stage carpenters were Rick Boyce and Mark Miller; costumes by Diane Cutsforth; make-up by Barbara Allstott, Kelley Wolff and Bobette Jones. Piano medleys before and between acts by Karla Weatherford and Gwen Drake.

Boy Scout Troop No. 661 is making plans every Tuesday meeting for their first campout. They will go to Blue Spruce Springs on Wall Creek for May 14-15-16.



FERNANDO LARA, the new lab technician at Pioneer Memorial Hospital, prepares to use a pipette.

New Lab Technician Likes Heppner

Fernando Lara, the new lab technician at Pioneer Memorial Hospital is liking Heppner and is looking forward to bringing his family up from Vancouver, Wn.

Mr. Lara is a graduate of the University of LaPaz in Bolivia in Dentistry and came to the United States 17 years ago. To qualify as a lab technician took less time than as a dentist in the United States, so he took this training. Mr. Lara appears dedicated to his new position and brings valuable experience and education to the work here.

He is delighted to get away from the big cities, from the over-population, and the pollution. He thinks the climate in Heppner is the best. When he's not in the lab, he enjoys swimming, tennis and miniature trains. He has already had several jam sessions with Bob Lowe who is also a train buff. He is also interested in "Little Theatre". He has directed drama in his native language, Spanish.

Mr. Lara says "the lab has almost everything we need. There's always room for improvement with new discoveries all the time."

As the last lab technician, Mr. Lara says there's a shortage of glass. By glass, technicians mean test tubes and pipettes. He told of a new pipette that is reusable and non-breakable. When funds become available, he said he'd like to have at least \$50 in glass along with a mixer or shaker for \$65, and a specific gravity lens, \$195.

The Laras have three small children so are looking for a three bedroom house or a lot to place an expandable.

4-H Livestock Judging Tour

Morrow and Umatilla counties are cooperating in a livestock judging tour in the Ordinance and Hermiston area Saturday, April 24. Visits will be made to Ron and Ruth Music's for sheep and swine, Northwest Livestock Commission, Aylett's Dairy, and C&G Angus. Interested participants are asked to assemble at Music's Farm at 10:00 and bring a sack lunch.

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Mann to Man
By REP. IRVIN MANN, Jr.

A new rash of controversy has stirred around Oregon's welfare budget. This came as a result of the Touche, Ross & Co. report on welfare eligibility in Oregon.

Touche, Ross & Co. is a nationwide accounting firm which was hired to study the eligibility in the ADC program of welfare. Their report pointed out that "there are few problems facing Oregon that approach the magnitude in terms of cost, confusion and controversy as that of the public welfare program."

The report also showed that welfare has grown from 142.7 million in the 1967-69 biennium to 359.7 million in the 1971-73 biennium.

The report reaffirmed a report made earlier by the House Task Force on Welfare which was appointed by the Speaker of the House in December, 1970. The Task Force report indicated between fifteen and twenty percent of the cases in the ADC category were thought to be fraudulent. This was confirmed by the Touche, Ross report which indicated that their study showed that 18 percent of the ADC cases were found to be incorrect either in the amount of money given or in total eligibility.

The most shocking fact of the entire report was that \$330,000 a month was being lost in either errors or in fraud. The report made recommendations for changes in administration — at least 60 percent of the \$330,000 a month could be saved during this next biennium.

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:
A federal agency in our county wants to use a building owned by a non profit organization to establish a "sheltered workshop" for low income people. The "workshop" will produce wooden flower boxes which will be sold on the open market. The profit from the "workshop" would be retained by the federal agency to build its own building for the same purpose. The agency would pay for the actual cost of heat and light used and the cost of maintaining the building. Would the property lose its exempt status?

ANSWER:
Yes. The owner would not be making exclusive use of the property in carrying out its work and the federal agency as renter could not claim the property as tax exempt under ORS 307-130, because the sheltered workshop mentioned in the subsection would not be owned or purchased by the organization operating the workshop.

NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

Thurs., April 29—Senior Citizens Social and Crafts afternoon (2:00-4:00 p.m.)
Tues., May 4—GED classes (1:00-4:00 p.m.)
Wed., May 5—Nutrition classes (10:00 a.m.)
Thurs., May 6—Unemployment Counselor (10:00 a.m.-noon and 1:00-2:00 p.m.)

The Sandhollow Sewers met April 20 at the home of Cheryl and Lori Turner.

President Cindy Dougherty called the meeting to order. We finished our oven mitts and started on our pin cushions.

Our next project will be shirts to wear over our swim suits.

Lori Turner, reporter

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COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

MAY 1
TOPS club bake sale at Evans Lumber Yard, 10:00 a.m.

MAY 2
Soroptimist Tea for Senior Girls of Ione and Heppner at Howard Pettyjohn residence.

MAY 2
Merchandise Shoot at Morrow County Gun Club, sponsored by the Jaycees, 11:00 a.m.

MAY 2
Kick Off Breakfast at Country Club for all male members 7:00-8:45 a.m. Tournament follows.

MAY 4
Golden Agers Club potluck dinner at Episcopal Parish Hall, 7:00 p.m.

MAY 8
Lawn Sale, Baked Food Sale, Luncheon Sale by Methodist Women at church.

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4-H Horse Training
By GAIL L. McCARTY
County Extension Agent

Dick Shrake, Oregon City and Mrs. Gayle Nichols, West Linn presented an excellent training program for 4-H horse clubs Friday and Saturday. Eighty-five members, parents and leaders heard Shrake explain the importance of proper bits, and saw movies on horse management and horsemanship, at the Morrow County Fairgrounds Friday evening.

Saturday morning 30 4-H members returned with their horses, as well as a large audience to observe, for help on both horsemanship and showmanship. Mrs. Nichols presented demonstrations and individual help for those needing it.

All attending agreed it was one of the most worthwhile trainings in recent years.

School Lunch Menus
Presented Through Courtesy of Heppner Branch

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OREGON
Heppner Elementary and High Schools
SCHOOL HOT LUNCH MENU

Monday, May 3 — Hot dogs, homemade buns, green beans, carrot and celery sticks, potato chips, fruit Jell-O, milk.
Tuesday, May 4 — Chill beans, corn bread, honey, vegetable salad, fruit, butter, milk.
Wednesday, May 5 — Spanish rice, cabbage salad, fruit cobbler, French bread, butter, milk.
Thursday, May 6 — Beef stew and vegetables, cold tomatoes, lemon pudding cake, whole wheat rolls, butter, milk.
Friday, May 7 — Fish sticks, macaroni salad, buttered peas, ice cream, rolls, butter, milk.