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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gentlemen,

with permission of Mr. LaZinka, President of the Umatilla County Cattlemen's Association, I am making this letter available to you for publication.

This matter arose over the many cattle rustling cases that have been called to our attention recently.

I am certain that the legislature had no real conception of the problem that rustling presents to Eastern Oregon ranchers when the new criminal code repealed the old livestock theft law. Presently it is a felony only if the animal is valued at over \$200 thus failing to give adequate protection to the rancher at a time when it is needed most — when the newborn animal is at a minimum value and most vulnerable to theft.

I suggest that this new law be amended as early as possible by making it a felony not only if the subject of the theft is a "firearm or explosive", as under present code, but to add the words "or domestic livestock or poultry."

It is my feeling that poultry should be included to give equal protection. If amended it would give greater powers of arrest and the more severe penalty as a felony would be a deterrent to would-be rustlers.

I am proposing that the local association do everything possible to persuade the state Cattlemen's Association to back them in this effort.

Jack Olsen,
Deputy District Attorney

Lois Asks Dog Controls

Lois Winchester has announced a crusade to control the dog problem.

She presented a recommendation to the May 3rd County Court meeting.

Cause of the problem: Those who permit their female dogs to reproduce, with no intention of keeping the litters of puppies, cause our nation's oversupply of animals — now in the millions.

The solution: Owners of female dogs can prevent overbreeding of puppies and the suffering it causes, she states. Solution lies in the spaying of female animals. Spaying is a simple surgical procedure performed by a qualified vet to prevent reproduction. She explains this is the only method of preventing the nationwide cruelty of breeding more animals than the nation is willing to provide home for.

Lois appeared in this cause at the May 1st City Council meeting here and was referred to the County as the County sells the dog licenses, collects the money, mostly from ranchers, Lois says she felt there was some buck passing involved in this matter but has no intention of dropping it. Sen. Bob Packwood has sponsored a bill to promote a spaying program. She suggests a clause be added to the bill to exempt farmers and stockmen who breed dogs needed in their work. This would mean no tax on ranch dogs. However, no such exemption is suggested in towns and cities where it would be strictly enforced.

Problem, she says, is very expensive to the taxpayers. Lois asks that some of the dog license fees be set aside for a fund to pay the vet for treating unclaimed dogs, often injured in fights. School children now bring such dogs to her.

She highly recommends spaying and neutering and believes adoption of such a plan here would really put Heppner on the map.

TO THE EDITOR:

My congratulations to Judy Busche on winning the advisory board membership for the Heppner area. I know she is indeed a qualified candidate.

As to my contesting this position, I felt (if necessary) to declare myself in the running to prove my concern wasn't just talk.

It was interesting to note the larger percentage of voters associated with the teaching profession in comparison to the number of parent voters in the Heppner precinct. This seemed particularly unusual after a large attendance by parents at recent meetings of the advisory board.

I should also like to interject the idea that a combined balloting for school board directors and the school budget would result in a larger percentage of voters for both issues. This method is used in other counties, and would be a savings as well as a convenience for taxpayers locally.

Sincerely,
Merlyn Robinson



SOIL STEWARDSHIP WEEK—MAY 7-14

Soil Stewardship Week, a nationwide observance which places emphasis on man's obligation to God as stewards of the soil, water, and other resources, will be observed May 7-14, according to Kenneth Turner, Chairman, Heppner Soil and Water Conservation District. "Creative Conservation", theme of the observance, underscores the responsibility which each citizen has fulfilling his or her role as caretaker of the realm.

The Heppner Soil and Water Conservation District will distribute upon request to churches of all faiths, attractive blanks, bulletin inserts, posters, and booklets created particularly for this year's observance, prepared by the National Association and church leaders.

Members of the Heppner Soil and Water Conservation District Stewardship Committee are Kenneth Turner, Dick McElligott, and Edmond Gouty.

MR. AND MRS. HARLAN McCURDY SR are expected "home" to Morrow County before the end of May. They will again summer on the Blake Ranch in the W.W. Weatherford's cabin.

WORK CONTINUES on the remodeling of the Ione Hotel. Some of the completed apartments have been rented. One bedroom apartments will be available in a short time.

The Aptitude Test ("G.A.T.B.") is scheduled for Wed., May 31, at 1:00 p.m. in Heppner, for persons interested in vocational employment and training referrals (e.g. Apprenticeship, etc.) Contact the Morrow County Extension Service - Employment office for applications and appointments in advance - telephone 676-9642. The test, which requires about three hours, will be administered by Ron Barnick, Employment Counselor, stationed at the County Extension Office.

REMEMBER THIS? REMINISCENCE!

37 Years Ago—1935

The Heppner City Council has taken another step in the direction of the city beautiful plan, and a committee consisting of W.G. Minor and J.O. Hager reported at the Monday evening meeting on the matter pertaining to uniform parking and width of sidewalks. After no small amount of investigation, the committee handed in a report favoring 12-foot walks on Main Street, 8-foot walks on the cross streets of May, Willow, Center and Baltimore, running one block back each way from Main. All other streets will have a uniform parking which will not extend farther from the inside line than 6 ft.

It is the idea of the committee that the walks be not smaller than 4 1/2 feet wide but not more than 6 feet wide. The recommendations of the committee are to be incorporated into the ordinance pertaining to sidewalks.

The city will set an excellent example for other property owners by constructing a new concrete sidewalk 8 feet wide in front of their property on Willow Street.

Last rites for Vawter Crawford, Gazette Times editor who passed away last Wed. were conducted from the Church of Christ on Friday afternoon with Alvin Kleinfeld, pastor, officiating. A large concourse of friends and relatives attended, and the floral tribute was profuse.

C.C.C. Camp Assured Local Forest District. It has been definitely decided that a C.C.C. camp will be established on the Heppner Dist. It will be located near Tupper probably either on Skookum Creek or Alder Creek. The work outlined for this camp will be largely hazard reduction, such as roadside cleanup, fire breaks, insect control and rodent control.

Notice. I have disposed of my interest in the Heppner Garage to Charles Vaughn. Anyone having accounts against Heppner Garage please present them at once. Dean T. Goodman, One Year Ago.....1971.

High School Officers Elected. For Heppner High School Kirk Robinson was elected ASB President. He will be assisted by Dianne Mills, vice president; Jill Rugg, secretary; Taml Meador, Assistant Treasurer, Craig Minkers business manager and Barbara Allstott treasurer.

Jones' Valedictorian and Salutatorian were announced this week by Principal Dennis Brandon. Jane Krebs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kroos is valedictorian and Jeri Snow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Snow is salutatorian.

Revenue sharing bill out of committee

(Editors Note: Judge Jones received this letter from Al Ullman on Revenue Sharing.)

This week we voted out of the Ways and Means Committee a revenue sharing bill of great importance. Though it must still pass the House of Representatives, and go through the Senate, I want you to be aware of the general impact that this measure may have on your county and generally on the State of Oregon.

There are two major features of this bill. The first involves assistance directly to counties and cities. Local governments in Oregon would receive \$35.2 million per year. This will go to every county and incorporated city in the state and will be divided on a formula based one-third on population one-third on urbanization and one-third on relative per capita income. Morrow County would receive \$54,925 of which \$47,601 would be allocated to the county government, with the balance going to the various incorporated cities.

This money would have to be used for certain expenditures: (1) Maintenance and operating expenses for public safety (including police and fire protection) and environmental protection (including sewerage disposal, garbage collection pollution abatement); and (2) Capital expenditure for sewerage collection and treatment, refuse disposal systems; and public transportation (including transit systems and street construction). More detailed regulations will be issued once this legislation is completed.

The second provision involves a payment to the State of Oregon of approximately \$24.8 million per year. This is Oregon's share of the \$1.8 billion that would be distributed among the States. The amount going to each state is determined by two elements. One-half is based on income tax effort and one-half is based on the level of all other taxes levied in the State. This money would be given to the state government for unrestricted use as long as previous levels of assistance to local governments are maintained.

The final provision in the bill is for Federal collection of state income taxes if the state sodesties. This "piggy-back" provision could be of great value to many states and their taxpayers.

This measure should pass the House soon but it may be several months before the Senate acts. It is of such importance in your local budgeting however, that I wanted to make you aware of its provisions.

Sincerely,
Al Ullman, M.C.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

May 11
Grade School field trips to Walla Walla and to the Fossil Beds

May 12
Cowbelles Luncheon, Cal's Cafe Lounge, Roast Beef dinner, 1:00 p.m.

May 13
Seroptimist Area Meeting, Elks Club, starts at 10:00 a.m.

May 14
Mother's Club Decorated Cake Sale at Coast-to-Coast, starts at 10 a.m.

MOTHER'S DAY
May 15
Heppner Garden Club at Dr. Wolff residence, 8:00 women's tour of North County. Boardman City Hall, 10:00 a.m.

May 16
Awards Night at Heppner High; Honor Society Induction, Cafeteria, 7:30

May 18
Veterans' Poppy Day — BUY A POPPY!
Simplicity Style Show — at Fairground Annex, 1:30 p.m.

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You Still Need to Read

It is not the weekly newspaper's job to present general information about national and world events to its readers.

Although there is not complete understanding on this score, most people realize that resources, time and size restrict weekly newspapers to involving themselves with local information. They leave the state, national and international news to the large regional daily newspapers and to radio and television.

By his orientation, however, the weekly newspaper worker would lean toward the daily press as the best and most useful way to get news to the people. His bias is with the printed media, which also include magazines.

While television news has achieved more and more acceptance, a recent study illustrated why this alone is not enough to keep people informed adequately.

This review appeared in a recent publishers' newsletter: "What does a television viewer really absorb when watching a network news program? A study by the University of California shows that in more than half of all cases: nothing, absolutely nothing"

The San Francisco sample showed that 51 percent of all respondents were unable to recall even one news story from a network broadcast they had seen earlier that evening. The average unaided recall was only one story per newscast and, when a few headlines were read to jog memories, the average was only nine out of 19. Level of recall was unaffected by age, education, sex or occupation; only the extent of distraction while watching the news was shown to be a significant variable.

The producer of "Evening News with Howard K. Smith and Harry Reasoner" recently said, "I think television news is an illustrated headline service which can function best when it is regarded by its viewers as an important yet fast adjunct to the newspapers. I know what we have to leave out, and if people do not read newspapers, news magazines and books, they are desperately misinformed."

The quality of attention differs between viewing a newscast and reading a newspaper or magazine. Visual media will remain necessary to inform the thoughtful.

Hood River News

Wear A Poppy

In 1918, the servicemen returning from Europe brought back memories of the battlefields in France. On Flanders Field, the poppies grew along side the trenches, shell craters, among the barbed wire and covered the graves of those who had fallen on the battlefields.


The flowers soon took on a special significance for the soldiers as a living symbol of their dead comrade's sacrifice. Nationwide distribution of the Memorial poppies began in 1921. Silk poppies made in France by the French widows were among the first used. The Poppy is also the memorial flower of the British Legion. The first American poppies were produced by veterans in the Minnesota Hospital. Now poppies are made in more than 80 hospitals and 40 disabled veterans workshops.

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