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## Capitalistic Breadbasket

It now turns out that only the U.S. can produce the agricultural abundance that will give Soviet citizens the higher food production that Soviet leaders have promised. According to late reports, even U.S. help may fall short of staving off a shortage in Russian food supplies. It is said that the Soviet Union is suffering the worst farm crisis since 1963. The grain harvest is likely to fall 30 million tons short of planned production. This means less bread, less feed for livestock and less meat.

Ironically, American agriculture is the epitome of capitalism. U.S. farmers are a working demonstration of the highest principles of the capitalistic society. They are independent, and they own their own homes and land. Their success hinges upon private initiative in the application of the latest agricultural techniques flowing from the halls of science, industry and chemical laboratories. All of these are attributes of a democratic society, where freedom of action and freedom of inquiry flourish to the maximum extent.

This capitalistic system—the antithesis of communism—damned abroad and scorned at home by pseudo-intellectuals has now become the world's breadbasket. And the American farmer, the most capitalistic of all capitalists, must bear the brunt of the burden of feeding a good share of the world.

## REMEMBER THIS? . . . . . . REMINISCE!

55 YEARS AGO.....1918

Mrs. C.W. Ranck has received a telegram from the war department announcing the fact that her son William Gosney was among the survivors from the ill-fated Tuscania, the large British ship loaded with American soldiers which was sunk by a German torpedo off the Irish coast last week. Preparations are being made for a big basketball game on the evening of Feb. 22, between the local high school team and a team composed of old players who will strive to come back at least for a night. Both teams are practicing hard and want to give the public a good exhibition on the evening of Washington's birthday. The proceeds from the game will be given to the Red Cross. Mrs. Aaron Peterson of this city has received a letter from her son Henry who is now with the American Expeditionary Forces "Somewhere in France." Mr. Peterson writes that he is in good spirits and in good health. W.C. Bowling, proprietor of the Heppner Bakery has enlarged his business during the past week by adding home made candies to his stock in trade.

77 YEARS AGO.....1936

The fiftieth anniversary of wedded life of Mr. and Mrs. L.W. Briggs - commenced Feb. 10, 1886, when they were married near this city, and featured by continuous residence in this vicinity - was appropriately celebrated Monday. Many friends accepted the invitation issued in the Gazette Times and joined in honoring the esteemed couple whose married history is interlocked with emanation of Heppner from a frontier town into the modern, progressive city of today. Snow was no deterrent to the annual Fathers-Sons banquet last night. In spite of eight inches of the beautiful which covered the ground, and a continuing fall, nearly 200 men folk, young and old, surrounded the festive board at the Church of Christ basement and enjoyed the delicious dinner served by ladies of the church. The most extensive gopher poisoning campaign ever put on in this county has just been completed through the cooperation with the Soil Conservation Service and the U.S.D.A. Extension Service. Probably no county in Oregon has come so close to poisoning 100 percent of its creek bottom land, and certainly no county has ever done so much poisoning at a lower cost. It gave one a sort of feeling of superiority to gaze down upon snowbound trains in the Middle West while soaring comfortably and speedily along in an airplane, said J.G. Barratt, president Oregon Wool Growers association, who returned home Monday from a "flying trip" to Washington, D.C., to attend the wild life conservation congress. He saw four of six trains reported as snowbound in Iowa. Rotary plows were churning heavily in an attempt to extricate them.

1 YEAR AGO.....1972

Pioneer Memorial Hospital waited and waited for the First Baby of 1972. On Valentine's Day, the First Baby arrived, a son for Mr. and Mrs. Warren Plocharsky. They were hoping for a boy. Approximately 40 guests honored Mr. and Mrs. Creston Robinson on their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday at their home. Elks of Heppner Lodge meet Saturday to observe the 1972 Annual Celebration and - this year - to note the 75th anniversary of the Lodge's institution here in Heppner. Mary M. McElligott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald McElligott, has been named Iowa High School's Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow for 1972. She was chosen on the basis of her score in a written knowledge and attitude examination taken by senior girls on December 7, and will receive a specially designed award charm from General Mills, sponsor of the annual educational program. Additionally, she is now eligible for state and national honors.

## With Jack Sumner

REPORT FROM SALEM

This week the most significant legislation before the house was the Governor's tax plan. It passed with flying colors, 43 to 16, and will now be considered in the Senate Committee on Revenue. Ultimately, the tax plan will be voted on by the voters this spring.

The tax plan will give good benefits to low and fixed income persons living in their homes by reduction in property taxes. This is an excellent feature. Overall, the net effect of the plan will be to increase taxes. There are features in the plan which I feel are not equitable and others which may create chaos in the next two years. If not then, they will in years thereafter. For these reasons I was one of the sixteen opposing the measure.

You may be interested to note that the replies I received as a result of the coupon-type request in the newspapers were 6 to 1 against the tax plan.

Later in the session, before you will have to vote on the plan, I will try to detail the tax plan so it may help you decide how to vote.

The Rules Committee has recommended adoption of HJR 9 providing for a legislative session each even-numbered year to deal with fiscal matters; the bill was amended so that special sessions could be called only by the Governor, as is now the case. HJR 11 designating standing committees as interim committees was also reported out to pass. In jeopardy is HJR 14 lowering the age qualification for legislators to eighteen. The Committee will take testimony February 21 on this resolution.

The Ways and Means Committee has reported out four appropriations bills—all reduced from the Governor's recommendation.

The Transportation Committee listened to favorable testimony on the proposed retesting and renewing of motor vehicle operators licenses. This requires mandatory testing each four years.

The Labor and Industrial Affairs Committee heard two important bills this week. The first deals with imposition of restrictions on the choice of a doctor for a workman drawing SAIF benefits. The second (HB 2209) sets up a procedure compensating victims of felony crimes for medical expenses and loss of income. When possible, the Workmen's Compensation Board would require the convicted assailant to absorb at least a portion of the cost. Although the program would be funded at only \$100,000 for the biennium, there was a feeling that the concept should be enacted this session.

A joint subcommittee of Labor and Agriculture chaired by Representative Jack Sumner has been appointed to study all bills dealing with Workman's Compensation for agricultural workers. The goal is to rationalize the system and lower the rates. The target is to achieve a rate of \$8.50 per hundred. It appears that a major overhaul of the system will eventually be necessary.

The Environment Committee has been discussing bicycle path programs and has requested drafting of several bills relating to Cape Kiwanda.

The Local Government Committee is redrafting HB 2108 providing payments to localities for the fire protection afforded state buildings. A formula based on impact of state-owned property and tax effort for fire protection is being developed. The committee agreed to introduce a number of bills including, with four dissenting votes, one allowing cities to annex by ordinance when circumstances of crowding and marginal sewage systems exist. I have heard from and have had drop by, many folks from the district. I find this very helpful. Please continue. Address: Representative Jack Sumner, 18-K Capitol Bldg, Salem, Oregon 97310. Phone: 378-8933.

## Meadowood

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

BARGAIN & SALE DEEDS

Doherty, Bernard P., Susan to Doherty, William J.—Frl. Sec 2 T1 N R26.

Morrow County Grain Growers to Crum, Ralph, Lou B.—Tr 1-Ione Blks 12,13 Wills Add. Ine; Tr 2-Ione Arb Tr No. 20" W.H. Hill Plat of Ione; Tr No-Ione Frl Sure thing Ave, Ione.

WARRANTY DEEDS

Couch, L.J., Lottie J. to Williams, Nile G., Ann R.—Frl. Sec. 30 T5N R27 subj to encumbrances of record.

Cutsforth, O.W., Sr, Barbara to Orwick, Gene D., Donna K.—Descr. tr Sec. 27 T4S R28. Horn, Edward H., Mary E. to Prouty, Warren R., Rita L.—Frl Lot 6 Blk. 7 City Irrigon; Sec 19 T5N R27.

Rietmann, Omar as surviving to Cutsforth, O.W., Sr, Barbara—Descr. tr Frl. Sec 27 T4S R28. Thompson, Morris T. to Acock, C.W., Helen Desc. tr Frl. Sec 13 T4N R25. Williams, Nile G., Ann R. to Graves, Thomas A.—Frl. Sec. 30 T5N R27.

CIRCUIT COURT

Mid Century Ins. - Plaintiff vs Moen, Lester-Jane Doe DBA Moen Constr. Co. - Defendant - Pet. - Registration of Foreign judgment. Atty: Corey, Hyler, Rew, Pendleton.

Peck, Henry G. - Plaintiff vs Ruddell, Clarence W., Enrequita S., Mutual Life Ins., N.Y. Cox, Charlie, Helen, Desert Magic - Defendants - Cmpl: Plaintiff prays judgement & decree \$1071.50 with int. at 6 percent from 6-27-72 \$600.00 atty fees; also plaintiff has lien land for cultivation. Atty: Winter & Doherty.

## JOBS

The Cooperative Rural Manpower Project, with the help of the secretaries in the Extension offices in Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman, and Wheeler Counties had the following job openings:

MORROW COUNTY: Housekeeper, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - 2 or 3 days per week; a year round farm worker, Heppner area; Livestock feeding, Ione area; and a live-in baby sitter in Lexington area.

People with the following experience are looking for work: Heppner Area: mill workers, secretaries, general farm workers, teacher, one applicant will do babysitting, housekeeping, or work in a motel; Gilliam County: Cashier, nurse's aide, clerk typist, bartender, sales clerks, ranch workers, motel maid, secretary, bookkeeper; Sherman County area: spring farm-workers, one applicant for general employment; Wheeler County area: chocker setter in woods, housekeeper, bartender, office clerk and a cook.

For further information, contact your local Extension office: Heppner 676-9642; Condon, 384-2271; Fossil, 763-4115; Moro, 565-3230.

This is a mutual effort of the Extension Service, Employment Service, and the people of this area.

## LETTERS

Dear Charlie and Dot:

GOOD-NEWS!

Feb. 19, the Honorable Representative Howard Willis called me and said, S b 213, S B

showing a wee one climbing into a tub. In writing to thank me Nancy says "Jodie is well and a very pretty baby with long dark hair, blue eyes and with a dark complexion. Dave is student teaching in Madras and will graduate in June thus finishing his schooling.

The Halls will continue to stay at Madras and will work on the ranch for her father Johnnie Richardson. They sound happy. She adds that they are taking the Heppner paper.

Josephine Mahoney Baker  
Tervilliger Plaza, Apt. 525  
Portland 97201

8852 S E Ellis Street  
Portland, Oregon 97266  
15 February 1973

Heppner Gazette Times  
Heppner, Oregon

ATTENTION: Editor

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is my check in payment for the renewal of my subscription to the Heppner Gazette Times. I enjoy your paper each week and do not wish to miss any copies. Also enjoy the letters from Josephine Mahoney Baker and others who write of their lives on the farms and in the towns scattered about the county.

I was born in Ione and spent most of my early years there. My father was John H. Ritchie, son of Alexander Ritchie and his first wife, Adalade Whitt. Alexander Ritchie and his second wife, Barbara Haburn were early homesteaders on land now known as the "Ritchie Quarter". Father was from a large family of four brothers and five sisters, all of whom lived at one time in or near Ione. So there were many cousins living nearby. The only descendants of Alexander Ritchie who now live in the area are Roy and Arthur Lindstrom grandsons of Fred Ritchie and the Ray Clayton Ayers family of Echo and Heppner who are descendants of Samuel Ritchie.

In the early 1890's my father, John Ritchie, went back to Lee County, Virginia where he had been born. There he met and married my mother, Lydia V. Ball. When my eldest brother, Lonnie Ritchie, was a year old the family came back to Ione and never left. My parents lived on and operated farms in several localities. As we children attained school age father bought a home in Ione and we lived in it until my parents passed away and the children had all left. Lonnie was the last one to live in the home. There were nine children in our immediate family. It was ever a struggle for our parents to maintain such a large family, though milk was only five cents a quart and eggs ten cents a dozen. All other provisions were in proportion.

We children all attended school in Ione and I was graduated from High School there in 1918. Only four of my family remain to recall the good times and the sorrows of the time spent in Morrow County. They are Wayland (Larry) Ritchie who is employed here in Portland, Irvin Ritchie who now makes his home in Firestone, Colorado near Denver, Dona Ritchie Allstott who lives in Hermiston and myself.

Grandfather and his second wife, Barbara Haburn, and my parents are all buried in Highview Cemetery. Also other family members rest there. Among them is our brother Everett Ritchie. He died in 1923 as a result of being gassed in France WW I.

I distinctly remember the Heppner flood and a few of the bad fires there in Heppner. Also a couple of fires in Ione that destroyed most of the business section.

Although I have lived in Portland since 1942, Morrow County will always be "home" to me. It is a wonderful part of our state and there is always a desire to go back there if only for a brief visit. Sharing memories with the "old timers" who remain is deeply satisfying.

Am fortunate to have my three sons and their families living near by here in Portland. Since I am now a widow and retired I find much pleasure in watching my several grandchildren growing up and starting families of their own who are 3rd generation Oregonians.

Sincerely,  
Edna Ritchie Wilcox  
(Mrs. Lynn F. Wilcox)

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11. These nuclear plants should never have been above ground even if they were safe. I firmly believe that Russia will make a sick and panicky nation out of us with these nuclear plants by surprise attack by Russian submarines most likely at night. They have plenty of submarines with multiple war head missiles ranging 2,100 and 3,000 miles. Suppose they sent 10 submarines on each side of the U.S., each shooting four missiles at different nuclear plants and they were 10 percent effective. This would mean four nuclear plants on each side of the United States.

It is my hope that this letter of concern arouses the citizens of our country enough to become aware of the dangers that face us now and to begin taking steps to protect our lives.

Sincerely,  
E.J. Akers  
Ione, Oregon 97843

Delays Concern  
Coop

Delivery of materials and supplies concern the local utility, Columbia Basin Electric. Wood products are the latest item to cause problems because of poor delivery. Suppliers of standard wood pole crossarms are quoting one year before they can deliver an order. Certain classes and types of poles are almost impossible to obtain at present.

Columbia Basin also has been experiencing lengthy delays on materials such as meters and transformers. Many types of transformers placed on order now, will not be delivered within a year.

Manager David Harrison said it is nearly impossible to anticipate exact needs several months in the future. The current nature of slow delivery and service is forcing the Coop to purchase larger quantities and carry larger stock, which runs costs of operation up.

Harrison also pointed to cost increases of 10 percent or more in the past three months on most common items purchased for line construction and maintenance where larger quantity purchases are not concerned.

What happened here is that Chairman Hotfield of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy of the U.S. Congress, our protector, became a promoter for AEC.

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