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NOW---IT MAKES READING FUN

Reading about a Mammoth or a Mastodon that lived from 5,000 to 10,000 years ago on our North American continent, took on additional significance for Heppner grade school students with the finding of a giant tusk up behind the hospital last Friday. It is truly exciting and Mrs. Meador will bring it to life as she studies and teaches with her students. Geology is one of her interests and a field in which she is well versed and read. Lucky for Heppner students that Dick Meador spotted the tusk before his heavy equipment had damaged it any. Lucky for Heppner that the three young teachers, had time to spend all of Saturday digging with small instruments and sweeping away dirt with whisk brooms. Lucky that Tom Shear was able to get some good pictures of the excavation process. Now we'll all look forward to hearing the report from the University on the carbon dating of the find.

St. Patrick's Day

Saturday is St. Patrick's Day, as you already know. Since the Irish were among the folks who settled in the early times here, this was once a big happening in Morrow County. In any event, there are still those who enjoy the "Wearing of the green".

You don't have to be Irish to recognize this day and you can enjoy yourself Saturday night at the Firemen's Ball.

If we hadn't run out of green paper, this issue would have been printed on it! (As you probably know, there are lots of Irishmen in the U.S.A. In fact, a great many more than in Ireland. Oregon has a land area of 96,981 square miles. Ireland is an island with 31,840 square miles. We are told it is as lush and green as our Willamette Valley.)

With Jack Sumner

REPORT FROM SALEM

It's been several years since the first environmental action pebble was dropped into society's pond, but the ripples are still spreading.

This week I'll highlight a few of the new legislative measures aimed at making life in our district and state a little—or a lot—brighter.

About 70 bills are under consideration right now in the House Committee on Environment and Land Use—and that total so far includes only five initiated in the Senate.

Several bills already have been sent to the floor of the House with favorable recommendations. Among these are two which affect water quality.

House Bill 2436, passed and sent to the Senate last week, would greatly strengthen the state's control over water pollution.

At the same time, it would set up the machinery for state compliance with the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972.

The other water quality bill, HB 2437, would require industries to pay their fair share of the costs of constructing, operating and maintaining municipal sewage treatment facilities.

March 6 was the date of the first hearing on HB 2152, a measure to prohibit in Oregon of environmentally hazardous out-of-state wastes.

Testimony generally favored the bill, but one person pointed out that disposal of "material produced by a nuclear installation" would be permitted.

Air pollution hasn't been overlooked in the current crop of environmental bills. House Bill 2329 proposes to abolish regional air quality authorities and turn their functions over to the state Department of Environmental Quality.

Arguments in favor of this approach are that it would eliminate overlapping services and reduce the red-tape that people have to wade through—not to mention the uncertainty regarding who's in charge.

Several bills have been introduced to protect the land in various ways.

One would limit the use of motorized "off-road vehicles" on all public lands to specifically designated areas. This would apply to the operators of motorcycles, dune buggies and snowmobiles, among others.

Before an area could be opened for use, the agency responsible for the land would have to prepare an environmental impact statement, taking into account the potential effects on wildlife, domesticated animals, vegetation, noise levels, air and water quality, private homes, and state and local land use plans.

Public hearings would be required in the affected areas, and regulations governing the use of those areas approved for use would be posted and enforced.

This bill may be welcomed by the majority of people who already respect the environment. Its purpose is to crack down on the small number of spoilsports—people who don't seem to care about the rights of others or the responsibilities they're supposed to share.

Another bill, HB 2332, would lead to the preservation of natural area. No private property would be condemned for this purpose, but the State Land Board could acquire land by donation, purchase, lease or exchange.

Cities and counties would be able to borrow funds from the State Highway Division for the acquisition, development and care of park and recreation facilities under provisions of HB 2506.

Three bills dealing with wildlife are also being studied by the committee. One would prohibit the payment of bounties for predatory animals. Another would establish bounties for predatory animals in areas where they seriously threaten crops or livestock.

The third would prohibit people from importing transporting or selling endangered wildlife species—and articles made from hides or the parts of certain animals.

One of the five Senate bills sent to the House committee, SB 77, would strengthen and perfect the important 1971 Act establishing the state's environmental laws. In addition, it would transfer jurisdiction over subsurface sewage from the state Board of Health to the DEQ, and would make reports and information available to the public.

I've only been able to skim the surface, of course. The remainder of the 70 bills in the House, plus those still in the Senate, run the gamut from billboard removal to field burning fees.

This session's major piece of land use planning legislation, SB 100, has been omitted on purpose. I feel it deserves space of its own once it reaches the House. I'll have plenty to say about it when it does.

I welcome all inquiries and visitations. My address is Rep. Jack Sumner, 18-H Capitol Building, Salem, Oregon 97310.

G-T Want Ads Pay

Report from Ken Jernstedt

JERNSTEDT AT THE STATE CAPITOL

The biggest news at the Capitol this week was the action taken by Senate President, Jason Boe, when he relieved Senator Vernon Cook of Troutdale of his duties as chairman of the Senate Revenue Committee and had himself appointed temporary chairman in Cook's place.

Boe took this unprecedented action because he felt that the voters should have an opportunity to vote on the Governor's tax proposal before this legislative session ends. In his judgement, Senator Cook was deliberately delaying action on the bill and did not intend to get it out of committee.

Senator Cook made a statement to the press on Friday that he would be willing to resume the chairmanship of the Senate Revenue Committee if and when he is offered it again.

The Governor termed Senator Boe's move as "courageous" and I am inclined to agree with him. I feel that Senate President Boe was acting sincerely to expedite getting this bill before the voters.

Some of the other noteworthy action in the Senate this week was the approval of a measure which will replace the Public Utility Commissioner with a three man commission.

The people of my district will be particularly interested in the passage of a measure by the Senate which provides that the owner of any land which is used for public recreational purposes will not lose any interest in the land because of adverse use or possession by public engaged in recreational use.

Senate Bill 100, the land-use bill, has been revised and the major change is to give counties more power and money to develop land-use plans.

The Senate Judiciary Committee was told that a bill which would control pornography in Oregon is unconstitutional. I feel that this measure should be passed and then be tested for constitutionality in the Supreme Court.

A bill to control tansy ragwort, which I sponsored, was passed out of the Senate Agriculture Committee this week. The bill asks for \$134,000 for the current biennium and \$865,000 for the 1973-75 biennium to fund the control efforts. It now goes to Ways and Means.

If you have any comments on these or other topics, please feel free to contact me, Senator Ken Jernstedt, State Capitol, Salem, Ore. 97310 or call me at 378-8737. Your comments are greatly appreciated as they help me in understanding all aspects of a measure.

REMEMBER THIS? REMINISCENCE!

55 YEARS AGO.....1918

One of Morrow County's sterling pioneers passed away in Walla Walla the first of the week, when Nat Webb died at the age of 84 years. Another Morrow County wheat farmer has "cleaned up." This time it is Charles Reid of Ione, who with his son Gus has been following the plow in this county for nearly 11 years. Mr. Reid sold his wheat ranch, situated north of Ione, to Spokane parties for \$25 an acre. Grandma Ruth E. French was 93 years old the past week, and on Sunday last, though unable to be present herself, she sent her birthday offering to the Sunday school at the Christian Church, which has been her habit for many years. County Clerk Waters issued a marriage license last week to Faye McNabb of Ione and Miss Lottie Benedict of Morgan. Commencing Monday evening, March 18, 1918, the curfew will ring at 8 o'clock and all minors under 18 years of age are found on the streets after that hour will be arrested, unless they have a written order from their parents or other legal guardians. A large crowd will attend the masked ball in Lexington next Monday night, if present signs do not fail. Contrary to the usual custom, there will be no prizes awarded, the money thus saved being added to the receipts of the evening and the entire amount will be turned over to the Lexington auxiliary of the Morrow County Red Cross Chapter.

37 YEARS AGO.....1936

Urged by friends of the three counties, J.G. Barratt this week decided to seek the republican nomination for the state senator post from Morrow-Umatilla-Union counties to which he was appointed last year to fill the unexpired term of Jack Allen. More than 250 Heppner belts, the product of E.G. Noble, local saddle maker, have gone east to Massachusetts. Mr. Noble reported this week. A peasant surprise and charivari were given Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mell Dorum. Floyd Adams received a bad gunshot wound in the leg when a .32 rifle he was cleaning at his home in this city accidentally discharged, yesterday morning. The bullet passed through the calf of the leg, shattering the bone, and was found in his sock. Heppner will get its introduction to donkey baseball in the near future, according to plans laid at Monday's Lions luncheon when the club voted to sponsor appearance of the famous Chicago world's fair donkeys mounted by local ball players in an exhibition here. Kenneth E. Warner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Warner of Lexington, who enlisted in the navy at Portland, January 13, was selected as "honor man" out of 125 men in his company at the San Diego training station for the week ending March 6.

1 YEAR AGO.....1972

Barbara Cutsforth will chairmen the April 4 visit of the Red Cross Blood Mobile unit here. Two members of this community who underwent heart surgery are proof that blood is living tissue and its transfer from one to another is a gift of life. The Ione City council met March 7. The first reading of a city ordinance for creating a City Planning Commission was read. There were many more parade theme suggestions submitted this year than in any of the last two years. The Sceptomists vote went to "Centennial Reflections" submitted by Ida Farra. The Spray Grade School boys traveled to Long Creek March 1 to a Grade School basketball tournament. The boys came in 4th and won the Sportsmanship trophy. Also bringing home a certificate was Mike Adams for 4th high point through the tournament.

4-H Date

- March 12 - North Morrow 4-H leaders Council - Gladys Hobbs home.
March 15 - National Awards & Scholarship Applications Due.
Camp Counselor Training Applications Due.
March 23-25 - Camp Hancock - Counselor & Leadership Camp.
March 27 - LIVESTOCK SPECIAL for leaders & members by Ken Killingsworth. 7 p.m. Lexington School - All that's new in livestock.
March 31 - Horse Leaders & junior leaders - Area Training - LaGrande.

EXTENSION DATES

- March 15 - North Morrow Study Group - Mabel Allen home.
"EMERGING VALUES OF YOUTH" Study Topic

Kinzuans

Mr. and Mrs. Perky Woods went to The Dalles Thursday on business.

Pioneer Ponderings

BY W.S. CAVERHILL

A SCATTER GUN APPROACH The Governor's tax proposals are not entirely to our liking. They are a "nibbling" process. A bite here and a nibble there to accomplish 95 percent of school costs. It would be far better to reduce the state support to 60 percent or 70 percent, and avoid some of the innovations proposed. To completely relieve property from taxes for school purposes leaves that area wide open for revenue raids by other taxing agencies.

The proposal to put a special tax on rental property is a dangerous thing unless a graduated scale and a better definition are provided.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Slinkard and family were here over the weekend from John Day. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Sadder, Mr. and Mrs. Don Slinkard and Mr. and Mrs. Verlin Connor.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I sure don't understand some people. Fifteen years ago the babysitters were paid 50 cents an hour. Since then most people get three times as much money per hour and they still only want to pay these kids 50 cents an hour no matter how many kids they have.

The past weekend a couple called my daughter to babysit. They were going to have extra children in, which would make her five or six children. They wouldn't hire her because she asked \$1.00 for that many. What do they think these young kids should work for? Nothing? I just don't understand this kind of people.

The clothes and entertainment has more than doubled in cost but still some people don't have the gumption to pay these kids a decent wage.

It has always been my policy that if you can afford to go out you can afford to pay your babysitter. I think the pay should be judged according to the hour and responsibility. One child you can handle at 50 cents but the more children the bigger the responsibility and more pay should be considered.

I would appreciate a response from some of the other babysitters and their parents in this town.

Yours truly, Grace Steers Route 1 Heppner

Heppner, Oregon March 12, 1973

Dear Friends, Dot and Charlie:

What a Birthday gift I received today—Better than riches and gold! Hon. Rep. Howard Willis called me and said, "Our S B 213 to outlaw steer-busting will be scheduled for March 26th, at 3 o'clock in No. 20, a big room in the basement."

There is still time to write letters to Hon. Rep. Howard Willis to promote this bill that so richly deserves passing. Or better still join me on the 26th in Salem and testify in it's favor.

The next day, March 27th at 8 o'clock a meeting will be held in room 409 on Hon. Rep. Howard Willis' bill H B 25544 to outlaw the cruel steel spring traps.

During the day hearings will be held on S B 201 to outlaw Oregon's miserable sadistic cock fighting—, S B 214 to set aside a fund for injured animals—and S B 212 to define animal cruelty.

Wouldn't it be nice if I could meet some Ministers in Salem to help speak up for God's Creatures—? So we could then say, "Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven," with true meaning and reverence for life.

Respectfully, Lois Winchester

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Boardman

Rodeo Participant Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tatone, Mr. and Mrs. Denver Grigsby, accompanied by the Tatone's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd R. Smith of Condon went to Albany last Saturday to attend the N.I.R.A. Oregon State University Rodeo. The Tatone's son, Jody, a student at O.S.U., represented the university in bull riding and rode well enough to place in the finals Sunday. 19 colleges participated in the rodeo with five boys and three girls from each one. The next rodeo will be held at Central Oregon Community College at Bend April 6. Jody Tatone will participate in that one also.

Grange Conference Members of the CWA of Morrow County granges met at Greenfield Grange hall Monday of last week for their annual conference. There were 14 present. Anna Wendt of Baker, Dist. No. 6 chairman, was in charge. Those present included Judy Stevens, vice-chairman, Pearl Wright, Emma Drake and Mary Wright from Rhea Creek Grange; Mrs. Louis Halvorsen and Mrs. Berl Akers from Willows Grange at Ione; Mrs. Roy Ball, county chairman, Mrs. Donald Baker, Greenfield chairman, Mrs. Chub Warren, vice-chairman, Mrs. Walter Hayes, Mrs. Tom Harrison and Mrs. Hazel Carpenter from Greenfield. A potluck luncheon was held at noon. The coffee hour started at 10:30 a.m. with the meeting immediately following.

Girls Have Candle Service The Camp Fire Girls and the Bluebirds of Boardman had as their guests last week the Camp Fire Girls and their leader, Patty Probst, from Pendleton, who presented a group ceremonial candle service. There were 34 present. Mrs. Gay Newman is Camp Fire leader here, and Mrs. Gail Enright is assistant. Mrs. Larry Phillips is leader of the Bluebirds and Mrs. Dan Daltoso is assistant. The meeting was held at the Daltoso home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cloud of Portland were here and spent the weekend visiting Mrs. Wilma Mabe. They returned Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bell went to Portland over the weekend to attend the Roadster Show. They returned Sunday evening.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ely Luper and Mrs. Lee Ralston and children all went to The Dalles Thursday for dental care and shopping.

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Heppner Housing Shortage

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arrangement might be made to utilize that well and perhaps the Courthouse storage tank which also serves the hospital here.

Councilman Clyde Allstott told of Heppner's plan to install a check valve to help the supply and pressure on the hill. There is an 8 inch main to the high school. There is among several proposals, a plan put forth for a 250,000 gallon tank located about 100 feet above the Lott-Rasmussen Addition.

Mayor Sweeney said in his opinion a new pipe line should be installed and not wait for the Willow Creek Dam. City officials have expected the Willow Creek pipe line to be replaced by the government when the dam is built. The government would pay to replace the present 8 inch line and the City would put in a 12 inch line, paying only difference in cost of the larger line.

Mayor Sweeney said the City was obtaining estimates of the new line and new reservoir.

Builder Bill Nelson of Boardman told of his willingness to go into housing construction here. He said they need water and sewer brought to the addition on the hill and could start building within a few weeks. He said a Pendleton engineer has drawn up a plat with 66 lots available. They would develop housing as fast as the market developed. Rentals of 2 bedroom homes would run \$125 a month.

State Housing people said they would like a poll of Heppner people to ascertain the needs here. Present data was gathered in 1970 and is three years out of date. They believe some Federal money, perhaps through Revenue Sharing, will eventually be available again. He asked the City Council to make this poll.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

BARGAIN & SALE DEED

Ore. Baptist Convention to Community Baptist Ch. Irrigon - Lots 11,12,13,14, Bk. 25 Town Irrigon (Frl. Sec. 19 T5N R27). Phillippi, Roy-Myrtle to Phipps, Charles A. - Frl. Sec. 19 T4N R25. Phipps, Charles A. to Phillippi, Roy-Myrtle - Frl. Sec. 19 T4N R25. Rugg, Shirley to Pettyjohn, Howard-Jo Anne - Dscr. tr. Sec. 32 T5S R26.

DEEDS

Ekstrom, H.R.-Pansy May to Farmers Union Central Exchge - Dscr. tr. Sec. 9 T1S R24. Martin, Hortense to Martin, Willard L.-Lucille - Frl. Sec. 23,24,25,26, T1N R25.

WARRANTY DEEDS

Ayres, Earl P.-Delores A. to Heppner Investors Corp. - Dscr. tr. Bk 1 Ayres 5th Add., Heppner (all in Sec. 35 T2S R26). Carlson, Julia to Carlson, Louis A.-Betty J. - Prcl 1-Frl. Sec. 31 T2S R24; Prcl 11 - Frl. Sec. 6,7,8,T3S R24.

Davis, Adelle K. - Davis, Robert J. III to Carmichael, C.C.-Juanita - Lots 27, 34 Blake Ranch Add., Plat 2 Sec. 11 T4S R28.

Harnden, Delbert S.-Hattie to Simonson, George R. - Lot 12 Bk. 2 Looney's Add., Heppner. Peck, Myra F. to Hinton, George Franklin-Helen L. - Dscr. tr. Frl. Sec. 27 T2S R26 aka Lots 3,4,5, E of Bk. 19 Mt. Vernon's Add., Heppner. Smith, Robert-Joyce E. to Frederickson, Fred C.-Mary B. - 7 descr. trs Inds in T5N R27.

On Vacation

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Wilson are away on two weeks vacation. They planned to visit their home towns in Nebraska. They were stopping to visit at Rupert, Idaho and Denver enroute. While they are gone their daughter, Mrs. Jonathan Hyde, Mike and Michelle are here with Clayton and Juanita Wilson.

BOWLING

THURSDAY NITE LADIES

Team Standings table with columns: Team, Win, Loss. Toyota 20 12, Ruggles Ins. 19 13, Kinzua Corp. 17 15, Murrays 17 15, Elma's Flowers 17 15, Columbia Basin 6 26, High Ind. game, Linda Schultz 205, High Ind. Series, Linda Schultz -529; High team game, Elma's Flowers - 936; High team series, Elma's Flowers - 2606.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Mattison, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hire and Frank Spivey went to La Grande to be with Mrs. Harvey Spivey who underwent surgery at Grande Ronde Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Hire remained through the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Mattison returning on Saturday. Enroute home Frank was involved in a car accident and was taken to Heppner Memorial Hospital. He was released Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Williams went to Prineville Tuesday where Guy had medical care.

It was brought out that people here didn't want to pay more than \$70 or \$80 a month for rentals. Mr. Nelson said they had this problem at Boardman but that the attitude changed. New people want nice homes and are willing to pay higher prices for them. He said his homes were sold before completion.

Randy Lott told of his Addition which has two completed new homes and has sewer and water and oiled streets. He has over 25 lots ready to build on. He said what they need is buyers. When the 25 lots sell, he will prepare another 17 lots.

Jack Van Winkle, a member of the Heppner Investors, said his group is prepared to sell a tract for Mr. Nelson's housing project. He added that a trailer court is to be added next to his motel which will have some 20 or 25 pads as a start.

Mrs. Van Den Biesen of the Heppner Hotel told of the hotel which is for sale. She said it could be made into about 22 apartments. There is a large parking area behind the hotel, part of which could be made into a motel site.

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Mayor Sweeney announced that there will be a special City Council meeting on March 28 with Lou Baxter of the FHA on Heppner's housing needs. He said that while Federal grants had dried up, there is still Federal money that can be borrowed for housing.

In a brief discussion on costs and financing, Mr. Nelson said a modest 3 bedroom home could be built here for under \$20,000. Gene Pierce of the Bank of Eastern Oregon and Don Gray of First Federal Savings & Loan told of various kinds of financing available here. Some loans are available with no down payment. Interest rates run from 5.9 percent for State veterans, up to 7 and 8 percent on Federal VA and conventional financing. FHA loans require a very modest down payment, it was said.

A survey by Pat Brindle showed a big need for senior citizen housing at Heppner.

Mr. Nistad said he was pleased to have all this positive information brought out.

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COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Mar. 16 Last day of school before spring vacation. School reconvenes Mar. 26.

Mar. 17 "Firemen's Ball", Legion Hall in Heppner, 9 p.m. Admission \$1.00 per person.

Mar. 19 Adult GED class, Neighborhood Center, 9 p 11 a.m.

Mar. 19 Heppner Legion & Aux. Birthday party. Potluck 7 p.m.

Mar. 20 TOPS Club, Neighborhood Center 7:30 p.m.

Mar. 21 Senior Citizens' dinner, Heppner grade school, 4:30 p.m.

Mar. 22 Adult GED class, Neighborhood Center, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Senior Citizens' social, Neighborhood Center, 2:30 p.m.

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