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IRISH BLESSING

May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face. May the rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again. May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

GIFT OF LIFE

In the past, when the call has gone out for emergency blood donations, people have been generous in rolling up their sleeves to help. However, as the American Red Cross has said, this country "bleeds a little everyday," and not just in times of emergency.

Representative Edward I. Koch of New York has emphasized the need for the public to think of blood supplies on a day-to-day basis, rather than as an emergency item, when he introduced a bill in the U.S. House of Representatives to allow a \$25 tax deduction per unit as an incentive for people to donate more frequently. He pointed out that during the December, 1972, holiday period, areas from Los Angeles to New York were hit by blood shortages. Representative Koch said the problem exists because only a small portion of the public—three percent—voluntarily donate blood on a regular basis. If donations can be increased by one percent, the blood shortage would be eliminated, he said.

Blood is the most precious contribution an individual can make to society, for it is the basis of life itself. Three pints will not suffice when four are needed. So if you are between 18 and 66 years of age and in good health, consider giving a little of yourself so someone else may live.

Report from Ken Jernstedt

The Oregon Legislature has just concluded its 12th week and the Senate has acted on 132 bills. When one compares this to the 1971 session in which 194 bills had been acted upon at this time, in spite of the fact that it began 12 days late, it is obvious how slowly the session is moving. In 1969, 251 bills had received final action at the end of the 12th week.

Twenty eight Senators and Representatives have challenged the wording of the ballot title on the proposed tax revision and school finance plan which will be voted upon May 1. The Supreme Court is expected to make a decision on the wording of the title this weekend. The opponents of the present wording of the title say it is misleading. The approval of the measure will increase personal and corporate income taxes and will create a new statewide property tax and business profits tax.

A measure establishing a statewide permit system for septic tanks was passed by the Senate this week. The measure revises and reorganizes environmental laws for the state.

Another measure approved by the Senate this week authorizes the State Fish Commission to issue permits, under certain conditions, to construct privately operated chinook and silver hatcheries. The bill was sent to the House.

A constitutional amendment which will abolish the auditing functions of the Secretary of State gained Senate approval this week. Under the proposed plan, the Legislature would be able to determine if state agencies were spending money the way the legislature said they should.

The House approved a measure this week which would lower the minimum age of legislators to 18 if the voters approve the resolution. The minimum age at present is 21.

The Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee held a hearing on banning game cock fighting this week before a capacity crowd of 200. Game cock fighting is not covered by Oregon's cruelty to animals statutes and spokesmen for humane organizations are urging the passage of this measure.

The Joint Ways and Means Committee introduced a bill in the Senate this week which would establish a retirement system for governors, appointive department heads, legislators and legislative employees, each person would have to serve a designated period of time before becoming eligible. I don't feel that it is appropriate to introduce such a bill at this time and I am not in favor of it.

I urge all of my constituents to contact me about my measures which concern them. Write me at the State Capitol or call 378-8757.

REMEMBER THIS? REMINISCENCE!

55 YEARS AGO.....1918

America is in the war with all her energy now. The recent call from Great Britain to this country for a speeding-up in troop movements across France is evidently being answered.

Word was received this week that several Morrow County men will be called in the near future. Walter Matteson of Heppner and Elmer Giffiths of Ione reported for duty early this week.

The opera presented by the Heppner High School last evening was a pronounced success. The gate receipts totaled over \$200, which enables the high school to pay off an athletic debt which was contracted last fall.

New food cards are being sent out this week to all parts of Morrow County. Our boys on the battle fronts must not go hungry. The food situation is much more serious than many suppose. Flour and sugar are becoming more and more scarce. We should be careful to preserve both. Some have been able to obtain excellent results by using potatoes in place of flour for making bread.

With the coming of spring, the building of concrete walks will be order of the day in Heppner. Under new ordinance, much new work will be necessary, and all along the route of street improvement, the old board walks will be torn out and replaced with those of concrete.

37 YEARS AGO.....1936

The recent wind blows have focused the attention of Morrow County farmers more sharply than before on the necessity for cultural methods which will prevent soil blowing. It is impossible, as yet, to estimate with any degree of accuracy, the total damage done by our last storm, but the loss has certainly run into many thousands of dollars.

The Heppner High School baseball players are getting in shape for their first game of the season. There are several regulars of last year's team in the starting line-up this year, and it has been predicted that the team will come home with laurels of victory.

Morrow County people know what a flood feels like, so little difficulty has been met in meeting the county's quota of \$150 for Eastern flood relief. This amount, being raised under the supervision of Josephine Mahoney, local chairman of the American Red Cross, will no doubt be realized when returns are received

from outlying communities.

1 YEAR AGO.....1972

Irvin Mann, state agricultural director, told the Chamber of Commerce Monday that he urged passage of a bill which would provide the state government to be the intermediary between the grower and financing. Mr. Mann also told of visits to the Pacific rim countries, and gave the background for the Oregon Water Bank Act, which he then went on to urge passage of.

There were 25 in attendance from Morrow County at the Forest Service Wilderness hearing in Pendleton Saturday.

In a rough tally it appeared to be about 50-50 for Wilderness Area and Multiple Use. Citizens and groups from the area are urged to testify before May 1. The supervisors from the three national forests will make their recommendations on the basis of testimony to Congress, who makes the final decision.

Mayor Bill Collins has proclaimed the first week in May "Youth Week" for the area, in accordance with the nation-wide Elks program to acknowledge outstanding teenagers. Boy and Girl of the Year from this area will be announced at an Elks banquet in early May.

With Jack Sumner

REPORT FROM SALEM

Last week found the House Committees with busy schedules and additional night meetings. In this article I want to offer a report on some of the action in the committees.

The House Revenue Committee rejected the Governor's proposed state hotel-motel room tax. Instead, non-home rule counties would be given the authority to levy a transient lodging tax if the bill passes as recommended by the Committee.

The Committee will hear three bills relating to the tax-exempt status of religious and charitable organizations April 3. HB 2162 would subject currently untaxable property of these organizations to a property tax of 25 percent of the regular rate. The bill's intent is to raise sufficient revenue to pay for such services as roads, sewers, etc. HB 2715 removes the exemption entirely, and HB 2880 extends the exemption.

The Professional Responsibility Committee has sent the unqualified shield bill, protecting newsmen's sources, to the House for concurrence in Senate passage. Oregon may be adopting one of the nation's strongest laws.

The House Environment and Land Use Committee held its first hearing on HB 2607; the proposed law requires full disclosure of facts and a warranty with respect to representations by land developers. No one appeared to testify in behalf of two measures to repeal the authority with respect to land use planning.

The Committee heard from lawyers, judges and prosecuting attorneys who support redefinition of the crime of prostitution so as to penalize acceptance of the offer of prostitution.

A bill to restore the authority of colleges to grant scholarships to foreign students gained substantial support in testimony before the Education Committee this week. An inadvertent omission in previous legislation has caused a 7 percent decline in foreign student enrollment at the University of Oregon. The Committee heard conflicting views on HB 2347 and HB 2661, both relating to student representation on educational governing boards. The Governor supports addition of one student whereas sponsors of HB 2347 argue for placing three students on the State Board of High Education.

Legislative sponsors of HB 2716 explained the need for medical scholarships for persons working the "aide-type" positions. In two work sessions, the Committee hopes to clear its schedule for new legislation. They will soon be considering bills abolishing the Education coordinating Council, abolishing Intermediate Education Districts and providing for appointment of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The Human Resources Committee is studying HB 2243, a bill requiring labelling of medical prescriptions. Doctors support the bill, but pharmacists on federal aid to the University of Oregon substantial reductions on federal aid to the University of Oregon Medical Day Care Center for the handicapped, a subcommittee requested an additional appropriation of \$165,000 to maintain the program at its present level.

The Committee on Consumer and Business Affairs has scheduled Hearings in several Columbia River communities on a series of controversial sports fishing bills. In addition, the Committee is studying a number of bills which would regulate selling, advertising and licensing. On April 12 HJR 33 will be heard. The resolution, which directs the Public Utilities Commissioner to study wholesale and retail rates for electric power to various users, speaks to a concern over incentives for consuming of electrical energy.

The Agriculture Committee plans to complete its work on a new game code on March 30. The code, HB 2010, brings together a century of game legislation but makes few substantive changes. HB 2076, adding two public members to the State Board of Forestry, and HB 2821, directing the Fish Commission to protect Oregon fisheries up to 50 miles offshore, were reported out of committee with a do-pass recommendation.

The Committee on Local Government unanimously approved HB 3009 which extends ordinance-making powers to non-home duties from sheriffs to county treasurers.

The Elections and Campaign Spending subcommittees have been sorting through bills and tabling many in order to limit the number seeking to regulate election practices. Hearings will be held early next week. Further business includes hearings on HJR 25, proposing continuous legislative sessions, and HB 3107, creating a municipal bond bank.

The Transportation Committee has turned down a request to transfer responsibility for traffic safety matters from the Traffic Safety Commission to the Department of Motor Vehicles. The Committee will study HB 2288 beginning April 10.

The State and Federal Affairs Committee—following extensive study of the activities of the Oregon National Guard and the impact of federal money used for the program—sent the budget bills to the Ways & Means Committee with a do-pass recommendation. The Guard was directed, however, to spend funds only for 1973-74. Authorization for the second year of the biennium will be made contingent on approval of a plan for community services to be performed by guard units.

Actions will be taken soon on HB 2260; the bill permits political subdivisions of the State of Oregon to contract for any materials through the central stores. The Committee has held one hearing on HJM 3, urging Congress to place a ban on log exports. Further testimony will be accepted.

For those who have contacted me I want you to know that your letters and phone calls have been most helpful. You can contact me by writing Rep. Jack Sumner, 18-H State Capitol Building, Salem, Oregon 97310 or phoning 378-8817.

FISHING PROSPECTS

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Munkers Edna Munkers and Mr. and Mrs. Art Watkins spent Sunday driving around checking on likely fishing spots. They were in the Shearer Bridge and Maupin areas.

LUTHER LEAGUE

The Luther League, on March 29, met at Pastor Mark Johnson's to discuss and listen to Jesus Christ Superstar and have supper. We listened to the first 45 minutes and on April 12 at 6 p.m. we are going to listen to the rest. We want to invite all high school students to come. Some of our future plans are to attend the walk in Pendleton on April 14 and one of the last two weeks in June we are taking a back-pack into the Wallows.

News Reporter, Sandra Palmer

MR. AND MRS. DON RALSTON are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Collins. Patty and Don both teach in Soap Lake, Wash. and are visiting here during their spring vacation.

REQUEST COMES FROM GERMANY FOR HEPPNER HISTORY

A letter from Alfons Heppner from Schillerstrasse, Germany has been received by the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce. The letter was referred to Rachel Harnett, curator of the Museum. She says this request for information has come from the farthest away that she has ever received. The letter follows—Dear Sirs:

My son is studying English in school and of course American geography and history. He found a town named "Heppner"

Bill Siewerts Down Under

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Siewert are home from a trip to New Zealand. They visited their daughter in Honolulu and she also came down to New Zealand for a little visit. They landed in Australia but most of their vacation was spent in the two islands of New Zealand. Bill said he enjoyed a T-bone steak one day, cost about \$1.40. Living costs are lower and so are earnings. Much there is government controlled. He said it was a very lush country, one of the main industries being sheep raising. He said there were some 85 million sheep in the Oregon-sized country. Bill came home with a cold he caught on the equator at Fiji. The plane had some engine trouble en route home.

Merry Mixers

The Merry Mixers 4-H Cooking Club met at our leader's home on March 27. During our meeting we discussed sending exhibits to the workshop in Pendleton on April 7, 1973 for Leaders and their Junior Leaders. Some of our members will be making baked goods to send for a display from our Merry Mixers Club.

Cinnamon twists were made by Michelle & Carol McElligott, Jeannie Piening, Jan Peterson and Natalie Tews. All of us took a painful home to share with our families.

Jan Peterson, Reporter

Cattle Rustling Widespread

Word from far places shows cattle rustling is getting worse. And it's just as annoying to the rancher in other places as it is here in Eastern Oregon.

Nedra (Agee) Sammis sent us a note and clippings from Carmichael, Calif.

A vigilante committee is forming in the foothills of Northern California, according to a writer in the Sacramento Union last week.

Angry cattlemen threaten to take the law into their own hands. The article states: "More and more cattlemen are carrying guns. And there's going to be some killing."

For almost two years the cattlemen's association has offered a \$1500 reward for arrest and conviction of cattle rustlers. That hasn't worked. Not a penny in reward money has been paid. And the theft of cattle, often the hit-and-run variety where an animal is butchered in the field and a side of beef hauled away, is getting worse.

Several cattlemen wanted to know their legal rights in protecting their stock, but not Gordon Garland a rancher from Pilot Hill. He said "I'm telling you the cattlemen are getting d--- tired of hearing what you can't do if you catch some no-good S.O.B. stealing your cattle. It's time some of those smart young legal minds told us what we can do. I'll tell you what I'm going to do. I'm going to shoot the no-good and find out what can be done about it."

He even offered a possible defense. He said the sheriff's office had told him that if he saw a dog threatening his cattle, he had every right to shoot it. "Far as I'm concerned," he said, "I'm going to mistake the so-and-so for a dog."

Most of the meeting was devoted to intense discussion of whether or not the cattlemen would face prosecution if they shot or killed suspected rustlers. Ernest F. Winters, former public defender who is now a private attorney handling criminal cases, advised the cattlemen to use discretion. "You can't kill somebody merely to protect your property. To protect yourself from possible civil suit or even manslaughter or murder charges, you shouldn't shoot anybody caught slaughtering your cattle."

Pete Hawkins, a white-haired, wrinkle-faced cattle rancher from Ophir in Placer County, asked "How about if you hang 'em on barbed wire and they bleed to death?" He wasn't smiling when he said it.

In Oregon. Some of our relatives emigrated to Oregon about 100 years ago.

My son and I would very much appreciate it, if someone could tell us when and how the town of Heppner was founded. Hoping to hear from you, we would like to thank you very much for your troubles.

Sincerely, Alfons Heppner

Irrigon Church Has New Pastor



Irrigon Church and New Pastors

The Rev. and Mrs. Robert Schmolli and children, who are the new pastors at the Assembly of God in Irrigon. They moved from Turner during the past week.

By FRANCES ROSE WILSON

The Rev. and Mrs. Robert Schmolli and children moved into the Assembly of God Parsonage, on Friday. They came to Irrigon from Turner, Oregon near Salem, where he was associate pastor.

The Rev. Schmolli is a graduate of Northwest College in Seattle. He also attended Central Bible Institute in Springfield, Mo. and Bethany Bible College in Santa Cruz. He was minister of youth and music in Seattle and Sacramento. His wife Sherry is from Portland, Oregon.

F.F.A. Convention

David Richards represented Riverside High School at the State F.F.A. Convention, held at North Salem March 20-23. He was awarded the State Farmer pin at the convention and was also 1 of 9 nominees for the Star farmer of the year. This honor went to another.

The surprise of the convention came to David when he was named to receive the Union Pacific FFA scholarship of \$400. David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Richards and is a High School senior. He is making plans to attend Oregon State in Corvallis.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wright of Parkdale were visitors for the weekend at the Earl Isom home. Mrs. Wright, who is the former Miss Renfrow, taught school here.

4-H FISHING

The 4-H Outdoorsman Club had a fishing outing below McNary Dam on Thurs. from 4 to 7 p.m. Seven boys were accompanied by 4-H leaders Rose Wilson and Marge Shade. No fish were caught, but a good time was had by all. The boys were Dale Brandt, Donald Richards, Jay Sullivan, Larry Wilson, Mark Pace, Bobby and David Cooley. Other wildlife observed in the game refuge area were pheasants and other birds, beaver and rabbits.

Justice Court

Thomas Joe White, disobeyed stop sign, \$17; Gerald Gwynn Watkins, excessive vehicle noise, \$17, susp.; Margaret Noble, no operators license, \$27, susp.; Greg Davidson, no Oregon operators license, \$27, susp.; Douglas Flat, Violating basic rule, \$27; LaRae McArdle, defective equipment, \$17; James Robinson, insufficient binders, \$17; Leonard Osbourne, expired vehicle license, \$11; Laurence Schoonover, overload, \$37; Paul Warren, extra-wide load, \$6; Diane Pecori, improper lane change, \$17; Robert Frank Correa, no operators license, \$27, susp.; Vicky Correa, no operators license, \$27, susp.; Raymond Minter, expired vehicle license, \$6; Verna Brinda, failure to yield right of way, \$17, susp.; David Lee Cox, Violating basic rule, \$11; George Kruger, obstructed rear view vision, \$11, susp.; Frank Ayers, no operators license, \$27; James Lee Robinson, no vehicle license, \$27, susp.; Harry Scott, no vehicle license, \$27, susp.; Ernest Gregg, overload, \$65; Betty Chase, no operators license, \$27; Dallas Russell, improper passing, \$11; John James Smith, violating basic rule, \$27; Joseph Michael Laughlin, shooting from hwy, \$75; Ron Cecil, angling in closed season, \$15; Roger Dale Britt, angling in closed season, \$15; Clifford Leroy Morris, expired vehicle license, \$27, susp.; Danny McBride, expired vehicle license, \$11, susp.; Charles Howell, no operators license, \$27, susp.; Donald Wayne Papineau, failure to drive on right side of highway, \$17; Minor in possession, \$32.

School Lunch Menus

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FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Heppner Elementary and Heppner High School

Monday, April 9 - Sloppy Joe with homemade bun, buttered corn, carrot and celery stix, peaches.

Tuesday, April 10 - Grade school menu - Fried chicken, Mrs. Winkles' Rice, vegetable salad, fruit, bread and butter. - High school - School's choice.

Wednesday, April 11 - Beef stew with vegetables, cold tomatoes, whole wheat rolls with butter, ice cream bars.

Thursday, April 12 - White beans with ham, cabbage salad, corn bread with butter & honey, fruit cobbler.

Friday, April 13 - Tuna with noodles casserole, buttered peas, lettuce wedge, fruit, rolls with butter.

Milk served with all meals.

Plays by 6th Graders

The sixth grade room presented 2 plays at the student body meeting at A.C.Houghton school in Irrigon, Tues. They were "The Great Invention" and "Chicken Robin". You should have seen those robins, when it was time for them to leave the nest. Mrs. Eleanor Sergeant, their teacher, had created some interesting costumes.

Principal Mick Tolar presented trophies to the winning team members of intramural sports. The winning teams were, Rocket, volleyball; Blazers, basketball. The Sonics were commended but they did not receive trophies. The free throw contest winner Dan Bozarth, received a trophy and participated at Hermiston. Dale Brandt received the Ping Pong trophy.

County employee benefits

The County Court has agreed with the County employees on a policy on sick leave and vacation time. Sick leave is allowed at the rate of one day for each month of employment. Vacation time of one day will be allowed for each month of continuous employment. After the 5th year of employment, each employee shall be entitled to two additional days of vacation for each year of service thereafter. After the 10th year, each employee shall be entitled to four additional days of vacation for each year of service thereafter. Employees may accumulate vacation days up to a maximum of forty days.

The County will also pay major medical Blue Cross for employees.

Forced to Move

Take over payments on my 12 x 64 ft. GENTRY.

Set up in Pendleton CALL 276-3611 Dealer

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

April 5
Spring physical education program, Heppner High School gym, 7:00 p.m. \$1 - adults, \$50 - students.

April 6
Morrow County Homemakers' Day, Ione Grange Hall, 10:30 a.m.
Baseball, Arlington at Boardman, 3:30 p.m.
Heppner Track, Carnival of Speed at Milton-Freewater, 1:00 p.m.

April 7
Baseball Tournament (Pilot Rock, Condon, Heppner, Prairie City) at Pilot Rock, 9:30 a.m.
Baseball, Stanfield at Boardman, 1:30 p.m.
Little League tryouts, 10:00 a.m., Ione and Heppner.
Spring Talent Show, Heppner Grade School, 7:30 p.m.

April 7-8
Wranglers Spring Cutting Horse Show, Fairgrounds, 5:00 p.m. on Sat., 9:00 a.m. Sunday.

April 9
Heppner Garden Club, Dr. Wallace Wolf's home, 8:00 p.m.

April 10
Lions Club, Thel's Cafe in Ione, 7:00 p.m.
Baseball, Ione at Boardman, 2:00 p.m.
Umatilla at Heppner, 4:00 p.m.
Heppner Track, Condon at Heppner, 4:00 p.m.

April 11
Drivers License Examiner, County Courthouse, 9:30 - 3:30

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