

# THE GAZETTE-TIMES

Heppner, Oregon 97831  
Phone 676-9222  
MORROW COUNTY'S NEWSPAPER

The Heppner Gazette established March 30, 1883. The Heppner Times established November 18, 1897. Consolidated February 15, 1912.

MEMBERS OF NATIONAL NEWSPAPERS ASS'N AND OREGON NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS ASS'N  
CHARLIE & DOROTHY HEARD,  
Editors and Publishers

Phil Strandvoed, Plant Supt.	Johanne Wood, Operator
Ann Toney, Reporter, Book-keeper	Justine Weatherford, Features
Ernestine Messick, Reporter	Chiff Wood, Photo Lab

Subscription Rates: \$5.00 Year, Single Copy 15 Cents. Mailed Single Copies 25 Cents. Minimum Billing \$1.00. Published Every Thursday and Entered at the Post Office at Heppner, Oregon, as Second Class Matter.

## Easter Sunday

Easter is a mystical blend of Christianity and paganism, steeped in a rich heritage of legends and tradition. Yet with its many meanings, Easter still adds up to one thing for all of us — a joyful celebration of life. The symbolism that is an integral part of the holiday attests to that. The religious color for Easter, white, is the sign of purity, light and joy; the Easter bunny represents abundant new life; and even the sunrise services have their roots in a legend which declares that the rays of light bursting through the clouds on Easter morning are angels dancing for joy. Of course, the resurrection of Jesus Christ is a symbol of rebirth and hope to millions of Christians the world over.

April 22 will mark this year's celebration of Easter. As always, it will be a quiet day for most, filled with worship, Easter egg hunts — or maye just contemplation of the coming of Spring this year, when a new chance for lasting peace brightens the hopes of all men.

## How Will You Vote May 1?

While we lean toward a No-vote on the Governor's Tax Plan, we have reserved making a final decision until we have heard Superintendent Ron Daniels review of the proposed measure on April 23 at 8 p.m. at Heppner High School. He will also speak on April 24 at 8 p.m. at Riverside High School.

Mr. Daniels is well qualified to speak. He is an authority on the present tax structure. He has studied the new proposal thoroughly. He has prepared reams of information on Morrow County for the computer and has these figures on how the new proposal relates to the tax payers of Morrow County.

The school districts with a lower per student cost have a financial advantage over those of the districts in the lesser populated areas with a higher per pupil cost in the proposal.

In the 50-page book on the proposal, residential property is described as owner occupied single family dwelling. It is vague on how much land would be approved as residential. "A reasonable amount of land under and surrounding the house as would be necessary".

It could be assumed the assessor's office would check every home and other building to determine whether they are residential or non-residential. Assessor Joyce Bergstrom says her office would be required to set up a separate tax roll for residential. This and checking to determine which are residential and which are non-residential would, she estimates, require two more full time people in her office. "This we cannot afford", she said.

There's lots to learn on it. Plan to attend the Monday night meeting.

### OREGON PRESS COMMENTS

The McCall plan has admirable goals and we would support a plan which would accomplish them. But we don't think it will and we won't support it unless someone can come up with some pretty convincing arguments.

Wallowa County Chieftan

Opinions on the McCall plan are a dime a dozen, but if you're a small business man, we can guarantee that you're not going to like it. You will be liable for an extra tax on your profits and the net will be figured before — repeat, before — salaries paid the owners are deducted. If you draw a salary from your business, and what small business man doesn't, you cannot deduct your salary as an expense when figuring this special tax. It makes no difference if your business is incorporated...A small business which is incorporated also gets socked with an increased corporate income tax....In short, the McCall tax plan may not be a disaster for small business in Oregon, but you can hardly tell the difference.

Gresham Outlook

There is no question that a wider distribution of the tax load is needed. There is no question that the property tax load needs lightening. But we are in serious doubt that this particular measure is the one to do the job.

Myrtle Creek Mail

Some weeks ago we said that if the McCall school finance-tax package emerges from the Oregon State Senate in roughly the same form that it passed the House, it deserves to be beaten — and badly. We see nothing to change that opinion. The property tax relief promised in the McCall package is more illusory than real. Its price is more than Oregonians, if they allow time for sober thought and consideration, ought to be willing to pay...The McCall program has been concocted by magicians who would have you believe that everyone's tax bill — except those of a narrow minded few — will be cut. The Machiavellian tactics used to zip the program through the 1973 Legislature suggest that Oregonians need to look carefully at the package before they trip merrily down the garden path May 1st...Don't be beguiled into believing they've found a rich, new vein of untapped revenue in Salem, and that the homeowner will sing all the way to the bank. He'll likely make a bank trip, yes, but to pay his income taxes, and school boards who think they can ride the gravy train without Salem calling the tune will be singing the Blues.

Blue Mountain Eagle

Many have been puzzled by the alignment of Democratic legislators with a Republican governor behind a tax reform-property tax relief plan that will go to Oregon voters May 1. How did this come about, and why are almost all Republican legislators opposed to the plan?

State Treasurer Jim Redden, a Democrat, shed a lot of light on it last week when he congratulated Gov. McCall for aggressively pushing a program that was first promoted by Democrats in the 1967 legislature. That program didn't go as far as the McCall plan but they have the same essential ingredients.

House Speaker Richard Eymann and Senate President Jason Boe will be campaigning shoulder to shoulder with the governor for the plan because they share pride of authorship.

Pendleton East Oregonian

The inequity of the tax load which will fall heavily on the middle income wage earner and small business, while at the same time providing huge tax savings to some of the state's giant corporations, is not the only fearsome result of the tax package rushed through the Legislature and which will come to the people for a vote May 1.

Nor is the bureaucratic tangle wasting millions of dollars and efficiency in the name of reform.

Nor is the administrative nightmare for assessors who will have to cover the entire state of Oregon and decide which house is

occupied by the owner, which is used in part or all for business, then keep abreast of the status of all those houses every year, at a cost of additional millions.

No, by and large, the most horrifying aspect of the Tom, Dick and Jason Bill is what it will do to our schools.

The program would have the state pick up 95 percent of the operational costs of public schools. Sounds great? Don't forget: He who holds the purse also pulls the strings.

The program assures school districts that they will lose all but a token control over their own affairs.

Grants Pass Daily Courier

## Report from Ken Jernstedt

While the House changed its order of business, the Senate continued to work on approving, rejecting, or returning bills to committees. The House has decided to hold committee hearings all day long and meet as a body only when they have a large backlog of bills. This has resulted in some ill feelings among the House members who maintain they are not kept busy during the week under the new schedule, but are made to return on weekends to vote on bills.

A bill to give the public utilities commissioner the authority to regulate speed of trains at all grade crossings in the state was approved by the Senate. The bill would also allow him to control the period of time that trains could block crossings. It is hoped this will help alleviate traffic congestion due to trains.

Another measure concerning the public utilities commissioner was passed by the Senate also, and this would give him the power to regulate intrastate airlines. In order for an intrastate carrier to operate, it would have to obtain a permit from the commissioner. He could also regulate the routes and fares. Airlines which operate between Oregon and other states are regulated by the Federal Government.

The Senate returned to committee a bill making major changes in Oregon's criminal procedure code, Senate Bill 80, the 150 page document is the first major modification of the procedural code since 1864. The Criminal Law Revision Commission spent 16 months preparing the bill.

The controversial land use planning bill, SB 100, was to be voted on by the Senate this week, but was returned to committee at the request of the Senate Environment and Land Use Committee Chairman. The bill was then voted out of committee again at the end of the week.

A bill to lower the age of majority to 18 drew considerable interest in a committee hearing this week. The main topic of discussion was over lowering the drinking age. Sponsors of the measure told the committee that 18 year-olds are considered by society to be old enough to vote, go to war, marry, sue, enter into contracts and hold public office, and they should be given the right to drink.

Again I would like to remind you to take a close look at the proposed tax plan. The Revenue Department has refigured some of their calculations and this may result in a different tax change than earlier expected by some of you. Considerable question has been raised on local control under the proposed tax plan. I would just like to explain it in this manner...the preamble to the tax bill only states policy and is unenforceable in the courts. This is the main section which speaks to local control. I would also like to say that if you consider local control to include the handling of the budget then under the tax plan, the school board will have the right to levy a \$2.00 per \$1000 property tax without the approval of the voters. However, if you consider the local control to mean that you-the-voter will have a say in the budgeting of your school, then Under the tax plan you will no longer have this right.

If I can be of any help to you in obtaining material on the tax plan or any bill which is before the legislature, please contact me in Salem care of the Oregon State Senate, or call me at 378-8757.

## With Jack Sumner

The unprecedented workload in the Oregon House of Representatives last week resulted in unprecedented action by the House leadership.

House Speaker Richard Eymann broke the tradition of daily floor sessions, scheduling them instead only "as needed" to keep legislation moving.

Then he set up a weekly schedule which has committees working full eight-hour days. This, the speaker says is designed to expedite business by permitting intensive hearings and work sessions rather than two or three-hour committee meetings several times a week.

The Speaker even went so far as to call a special Saturday floor session last week—something unheard-of in this early in the session. In all honesty I must report that I disagree with the leadership in this procedure. We had a back log of over 50 bills for the Saturday session. Even though, we had house sessions three times last week besides the all day Saturday marathon no significant action was taken on measures, thus, creating the back log of bills. Instead we became entangled in political maneuvers by both parties to the point of humor and nauseating disgust which resulted in much waste of time. This charade was the result of an attempt to delay still longer because of discontent with the schedule change.

In my opinion the legislative procedure was not expedited in the house by the unprecedented action mentioned above. It does not allow any more hours per week for committee work. A full day of committee results in much absenteeism because of other duties of your legislators which they can handle in between shorter committee assignments.

Finally, I feel, the change was really prompted to allow more flexible schedules for legislators who wished to campaign on the McCall Tax Plan.

This summarizes my disagreement because the legislators were sent here to act on behalf of the people in Oregon in an efficient manner, not to campaign for issues which interrupt the process and not to play partisan politics at the expense of the voters.

Enough of this, now let us examine the work of House committees last week.

The House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee had before it the following bills; HB 2783 designates certain dogs as public nuisances for biting persons, chasing vehicles and destroying public property and allows for increased maximum penalties for failure to procure a license; HB 3052 which will exempt mobile slaughter houses from brand inspections; HB 3054 which authorizes brand inspection upon change of ownership of cattle; HB 2631 allows a \$10.00 bounty on coyotes; HB 2633 authorizes government predatory animal control personnel to go upon lands that harbor predatory animals; and SB 106 which deals with pesticides.

The Environment and Land Use Committee heard bills limiting the use of snowmobiles and off-road vehicles. Hearings were also held on HB 3072, forbidding the granting of easements to pollute the air. During the next few weeks the Committee hopes to begin work on a half dozen land use planning measures, including SB 100.

Transportation Committee members voted to table HB 2960, prohibiting enumeration on a person's motor vehicle operating records of accidents not involving arrest or citation, and HB 2288, altering classification of operators licenses — the latter despite testimony that the federal government would eventually require the change. HJR 18 reduces the fee for senior citizen use of state recreation facilities; it was reported out do-pass. At its April 24 meeting the committee will hear a bill requiring that the headlights of a new motor vehicle turn on automatically when the engine is started.

House Bill 2789, regarding withholding of state support for substandard schools not correcting deficiencies, was recommended by the Education Committee. The committee voted to add two students to the State Board of Higher Education. This number was a compromise between student associations and the Governor after both had supported the concept of the bill. A constitutional amendment making the Superintendent of Public Instruction an appointive position was tabled, as were school licensing bills. At its April 18 meeting, the Committee will consider a statement of educational objectives for the State. The resolution calls for emphasis on grades 1-3 and on vocational education, guarantee of post-high school education to those who can profit from it, limitation on enrollment of out-of-state students and encouragement of experimental learning.

The Human Resources Committee recommended adoption of bill requiring labeling of prescriptions, creating a home health care program, and forbidding chiropractors and naturopaths to practice obstetrics. Bills to reinstate the death penalty were tabled.

The State and Federal Affairs Committee heard testimony on the Governor's planned reorganization of state agencies responsible for natural resource management. The Department of Forestry, water Board, Soil and Water Conservation Commission, Board of Geology, Marine Board and Nuclear and Thermal Energy Council would be included in the super-department. Hearings were also held on four bills relating to transportation policy making: HB 2315 would increase State Highway Commission membership from three to five, with one member from each Congressional district; HB 2932 follows the same pattern but would require six members, three of who must have a demonstrated interest in conservation; HB 2788 would create a Transportation Coordinating Council but leave the Commission intact; and HB 3166 would abolish the minor commissions and create a Transportation Commission of five persons to oversee all the divisions of the Department of Transportation.

The Committee gave do-pass recommendations to bills calling for State take-over of Multnomah County Hospital, which will be added to the University of Oregon Medical School, establishing National Guard Community service advisory boards, forbidding sending of Oregon citizens to fight in undeclared wars, and placing public members on boards and commissions. Action will soon be taken on the use of gas tax funds for mass transit.

## Mrs. Gertson Home From Holy Land

Mrs. Clara Gertson returned last Wednesday from a 21-day tour of the Holy Lands. She said her trip was everything she had hoped it would be. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Saylor of Echo also made the tour. They were the only ones from eastern Oregon.

She left Monday to spend several days at John Day with members of the Margaret E. Lodge Degree of Honor.

Mrs. Zelpha Justus of Echo suffered a heart attack last Friday and was taken to the Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. She was released on Tuesday or Wednesday and returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Allen of Redmond were week-end visitors of Mrs. Ted Smith last week. The Allens picked Eloise Smith up in Bend and brought her with them. She was a houseguest of Snoda Blake over the weekend. Eloise moved to Bend about a year ago.

MR. AND MRS. JERRY ADAMSON, Troy and Jody of Gridley, Ca. spent part of Easter vacation at Hood River visiting his folks. Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Adamson, Heppner will remember Jerry as the next to the last Penney's Store manager before it was closed. He visited with friends in Heppner on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. McRoberts of Lexington spent the weekend at the Coast.

KARLA WEATHERFORD is home from college on Spring vacation.

LINDA PALMER is home from Portland for a vacation visit.

MORROW COUNTY COWBELLES report a successful traveling food sale held last Thursday. They made something over \$80. In addition a few members who weren't able to bake anything have said they would donate in a financial way.

## Winners Pick Pigs

4-H members who caught pigs in the Pig Scramble at the Morrow County Fair last summer picked up their 4-H projects on Wednesday of last week according to Cheri Carter, 4-H Agent-at-Large, OSU, Extension Service, Don Stangel, former Morrow County 4-H Extension Agent delivered pigs for Larry Palmer, Barbara and Coleman Devine, Jolynn and Mary Daly, of Heppner; Shawn and Robin LaRue, Jerry Mc Elligott of Ione, and Scott Acock of Irrigon; Julie and Geri Grieb of Lexington.

These swine projects will be exhibited at the Morrow County Fair, August 20-24, stated Miss Carter.

## MOVING??

Local or Long Distance  
Free Estimates  
Call Gene Orwick—985-8586  
or Condon 384-2292  
Agents for United Van Line.

## Beecher's Easter Sunday Special

Baked Ham Dinner or  
Honey Buttered Chicken

## SALE - SALE

All Fishing Tackle in Stock

# REDUCED 25%

Eggs reg. \$1.75 NOW \$1.31

Lures reg. 85¢ NOW 64¢

Snelled hooks reg. \$5.50 NOW 41¢

## FREE

1-Jar eggs to Kids while Supply lasts

See Our Complete Line  
**Coleman Camping Equipment**  
At Discount Prices

We Sell Game and Fishing Licenses

SALE GOOD THRU APRIL 27

## PETTYJOHN'S

### Farm & Builders Supply

676-9157 Heppner

## To Faye & Vernon Munkers

Look around—as the Easter Bunny may have left you a surprise—Don't tell anyone about the surprise regardless how many times they ask about it. It was too big to put under the bed, so perhaps it is in the barn. Sincere Best Wishes—Good Health—Happiness—and above all have a **HAPPY EASTER DAY.**

(signed) *Easter Bunny*

## Judge Wells' Mother Buried Here

Graveside services were held April 7 at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery for Edith Wells Harris.

She came to Lexington before 1900, the daughter of Curtis and Matilda Parker. They came from Gold Hill, Oregon. They homesteaded north of Lexington. Her father was killed and her mother died on another homestead as was allowed in those days.

She was married to D. C. Wells of a pioneer family in Heppner. Mr. Wells had a barbershop in Heppner with his brother Richard. Later Mr. Wells went into Real Estate. Their son who is now Judge William Wells was born in Heppner. The family moved to Pendleton in 1923 where Mr. Wells continued to work in real estate.

### G-T WANT ADS PAY

School Lunch Menus Presented Through Courtesy Of Heppner Branch

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK**

Heppner Elementary and Heppner High School

Monday, April 23 — Fluffy rice with ground beef gravy, spinach, corn meal rolls with butter, cake & fruit.

Tuesday, April 24 — Pizza, buttered corn, celery stix, fruit jello, frosted graham crackers.

Wednesday, April 25 — Hamburgers with homemade rolls, pickles, potato chips, green beans, fruit.

Thursday, April 26 — Cheese & celery stix, spaghetti with ground beef, chocolate cake, applesauce, rolls, butter.

Friday, April 27 — Toasted cheese sandwiches, tomato soup, cabbage salad, cookies & fruit.

Milk served with all meals.

Mrs. Loyal Parker of Heppner is a sister-in-law. Mrs. Harris is also survived by three grandsons: William W. Wells, Jr. Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Daniel Clyde Wells and Douglas Kent Wells, both of Pendleton.

## COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

April 19

Riverside baseball at Arlington 3:30 p.m.

Heppner at Umatilla, 4:00 p.m.

Heppner Golf vs Umatilla, Here, 1:00 p.m.

April 21

Final Little League tryouts, Heppner field, 10:00 a.m.

Morrow County Invitational Track at Boardman, All teams, 12:00 p.m.

Heppner Golf at Kinzua, 9:00 a.m.

April 23

Pilot Rock Invitational Track at Pilot Rock, Frosh & Soph, 3:30 p.m.

April 24

Ione Lions Club, Beecher, 7:00 p.m.

Riverside baseball at Weston, 2:00 p.m.

Heppner at Sherman, 4:00 p.m.

Ione vs Echo at Ione, 2:00 p.m.

Sponsored As A Public Service By

**RUGGLES-BOYCE**

Insurance Agency  
228 Main  
P.O. Box 247 676-9625

If no answer call  
Ray Boyce  
676-5384  
Heppner

★★★★★★★★