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INDEPENDENCE DAY

For many Americans, there is no more stirring sight than that of the Statue of Liberty silhouetted against the sky—a tall, proud embodiment of freedom's spirit.

Celebrations commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776 will take several forms—under the vigilant eye of that symbol of freedom—parades, picnics, colorful fireworks and flags festooning millions of offices and homes.

Balanced Meals Fight Malnutrition

The Neighborhood Center is striving to stay open. OEO aid is anticipated until July 1 only. However, some Federal agencies may fund some of the particular programs.

The Nutrition program on Wednesday evenings for Senior Citizens over 55 has been an outstanding example of filling a need.

A typical menu may include venison swiss steak, potatoes, gravy, string beans, jello salad and raisin-rice pudding.

It has been suggested that organizations, churches and lodges might be interested in providing the \$20. and two or three members help with the meals.

Contributions made by some of those who eat are being saved for a time when all other funds are exhausted.

Some government instigated programs are not palatable but this Nutrition program has lots of merit.

Classified Ads Serve All

We have always been a believer in the importance of classified advertising pages both for reader interest and reader service as well as a valuable medium for both small and larger advertisers.

Attending the Classified Advertising Department of Oregon Newspaper Publishers last week we had an opportunity to see the type of people who make classified advertising departments work.

An interesting comment as to the relative importance of classified advertising was given in some statistics which were quoted at the meeting. It was reported that in 1971 new car dealers nationally invested \$184 million in classified advertising while they expended \$101 million in newspaper display advertising.

Classified advertising occupies this position of leadership because it is a medium which everyone can see.

So long, Folks

...and many thanks

As they say in the movies, this is 30 for tonight as we go to press with our last G-T. When Dorothy and I arrived here, we had no idea of retiring in less than five or six years.

It has been a genuine pleasure to work with people. For it's people who are a region's resource. We're lacking in room to point out the splendid help we've had from hundreds of good folks.

We would like to thank each and every subscriber and advertiser as it is they and their faith in us and our paper who have made the little country weekly a fact in the life of this region.

We would like to take this opportunity for a little pat on the back of a Heppner native, Ed Gonty, whose native savvy has been a real big help in getting the paper out in recent weeks when we had mechanical troubles with our new computerized CompuWriter that sets the type you are now reading.

We would like to welcome the new publisher, Mr. Ernest Joiner who is a real good newspaperman. He is anxious to meet everyone.

Two turtles decided to stop in for a beer. Just as they entered the bar it began to rain. The big turtle said the little one, "Go home and get the umbrella."

The little turtle said, "I will if you promise not to drink my beer." Two months later the big turtle said to himself, "I guess he's never coming back. I may as well drink his beer."

A voice called from outside the door. "If you touch that beer I won't go home and get the umbrella."

Progress always involves a certain amount of risk. After all, you can't steal second base and keep one foot on first.

Ken Jernstedt

The school finance and property tax relief plan is now heading down the final stretch, but it isn't going to be easy. The House of Representatives refused to concur with the Senate's amendments to the plan and now it must go to a conference committee to work out the differences.

The Senate defeated a measure this past week which would have restored the death penalty for murder of prison guards or police officers.

With the defeat of SB 890, the question of restoring capital punishment has been put to rest this year in the Legislature. Several measures all relating to the death penalty were introduced in the Legislature, but failed to make it out of committee.

The House approved a new legal code on landlord-tenant relations. This is one of the session's top consumer-interest bills and has received 16 hearings and work sessions, numerous amendments and many debates.

It requires that a landlord maintain "habitable" living conditions for tenants, maintain certain facilities in good working order and that a strict accounting of security deposits be kept. In return, the tenant is required to keep the rental unit in a clean and safe condition, to grant the landlord "reasonable access" and to abide by reasonable regulations imposed by the landlord.

The Senate reversed an earlier decision and approved a bill raising commercial fishing fees and creating a new license for shellfish.

The proposals are contained in the State Fish Commission's two-year budget. The commercial fishing fee would be raised from \$33 to \$210 a year for resident fishermen. The fees for a non-resident commercial fisherman would be raised from \$53 to \$400 a year.

The penalty for possession of one ounce of marijuana has been reduced to no more than a \$100 fine by the House.

The measure would change the present felony classification for marijuana to a violation. Under the present law, possession of one ounce of the drug, even if a first offense, can be punished by a sentence of up to two years in prison or a \$2,000 fine.

Nineteen and twenty-year olds will have to wait until May to find out if they can legally drink. The Senate half of the Joint Committee on Alcohol and Drugs changed the House passed version of a bill which would have lowered the drinking age to 19 and the age of majority to 18.

Some members of the committee felt the drinking issue might cause defeat of the entire bill, so they removed the drinking age and placed it in a separate bill. The drinking age will be placed on the May primary ballot.

One reason for this change is that Washington residents succeeded in referring their drinking measure to vote of the people.

I hope you will continue to correspond with me your views on matters affecting our state.

Jack Sumner

We don't make many life and death decisions when we vote on bills. But traffic safety legislation can truly be called a matter of life and death.

Auto accidents are killers -- one of the top killers in Oregon. All too often, though, legislators and the people, themselves, have grown numb to the news of more and more deaths and accidents on Oregon highways.

Ignoring the problem only makes it worse. This year's Oregon Legislature is taking steps to drive down the death toll by going after those responsible for most fatalities: the drunk driver, the suspended driver, the habitual traffic offender, and the uninsured driver.

Half of Oregon's traffic deaths are caused by people who've had too much to drink. Many of these people can be classed as problem drinkers. But when they get behind the wheel, their personal problems become public tragedies.

The alcoholic driver needs more than punishment; he needs help. To get him that help, we've passed and sent to the governor a bill, SB 105, that makes physical and mental treatment available to certain people convicted of driving under the influence.

As part of his treatment, the drinking driver will take a medication that produces severe nausea after even one drink of liquor.

Such treatment is necessary if we're going to break the cycle of the drinking driver. But punishment is needed, too.

One tough measure passed by the House would force a person convicted of driving under the influence to spend at least six days in jail. For a second offense, the minimum sentence would be 30 days -- and a fine of up to \$2,000 could be tacked on. HB 2275 still needs Senate approval to become law. HB 2502 speaks to this subject in addition to allowing an occupational driving license under certain provisions.

Another bill is aimed at stopping the drinking driver before he kills somebody. HB 2728 makes it against the law to carry open bottles of alcoholic beverages in the passenger area of a car or truck. It's awaiting the governor's signature before it takes effect.

A second major cause of fatal traffic accidents is the careless driver -- the habitual traffic offender. HB 2258, passed by this Legislature, zeros in on the driver who repeatedly breaks traffic laws.

Now, if a person tallies three convictions for such serious offenses as driving with a suspended license, or commits twenty minor offenses in a five-year period, his license will be suspended for ten years.

The penalty for driving with a suspended license will also be stiffer if SB 737 becomes law. It would make a jail sentence mandatory. SB 737 has passed the Senate and is before a House committee.

Another House committee acted last week to catch up with the uninsured motorist. HB 2501 would require insurance for all drivers. It still must face both the House and Senate, but action is expected before adjournment.

The idea behind all these bills is to clear our highways of the drunk, the irresponsible, the negligent driver. But in addition to proposals aimed at dangerous drivers, this session is also facing up to some other highway hazards.

HB 2339, for example, could be an important step toward improving the unsafe railroad crossings in the state--crossings that have caused more than 3,000 accidents in the last ten years, and the loss of 190 lives.

The bill creates a state fund to finance 30 percent of the cost of improving unsafe crossings. This share would relieve hard-pressed cities and counties of all but 20 percent of the total. Railroads themselves, would pay the other half. The Ways and Means Committee last week sent HB 2339 to the floor of the House with a "do pass" recommendation.

Other such safety measures passed by this Legislature range from minimum tread depth requirements for tires to reflectorized license plates. Yet each has the same objective: to stop the tragic, senseless deaths on our highways.

In facing these problems, the 1973 Legislature has put together a traffic safety package that clamps down on the small percentage of drivers who cause a large percentage of Oregon's fatal accidents.

We had to. It was a matter of life and death. If I can be of any assistance contact me by phoning 378-8817 or writing Rep. Jack Sumner, 18-H Capitol Building, Salem, Oregon 97310.

TO THE EDITOR

June 22, 1973

To the Editor:

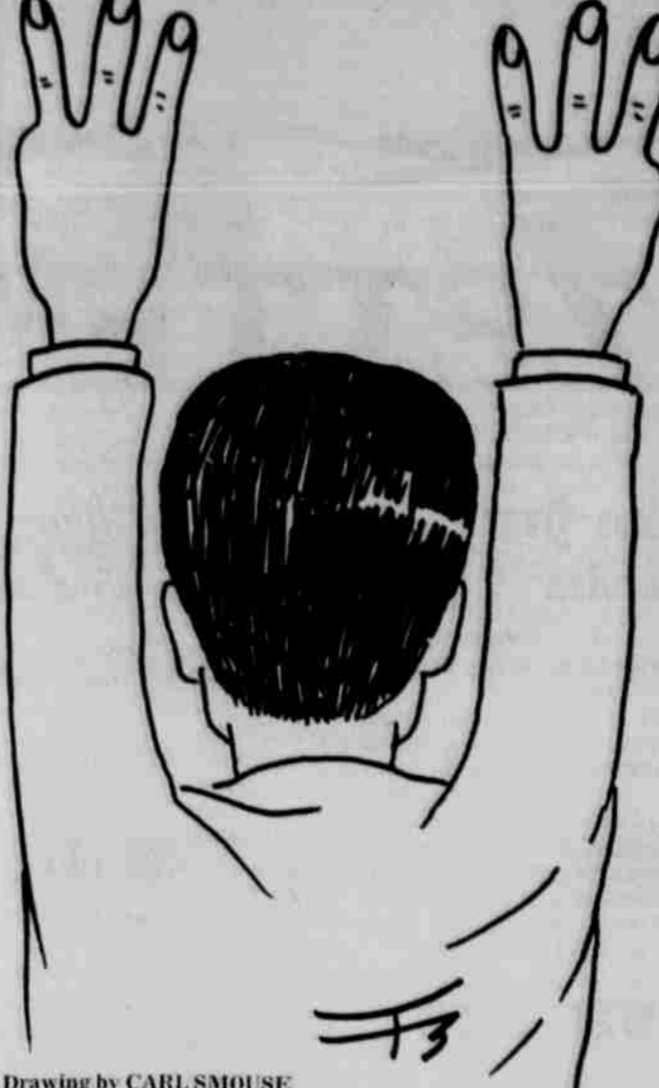
After witnessing the parade of children, teachers, ministers, and everyone connected with the Vacation Bible School of the Lutheran, Methodist, and Episcopal Churches, I feel that all those who helped with this in

any way should be greatly complimented. The delight on the faces of the little ones and the pride of accomplishment that the teachers and ministers must feel is certainly noteworthy in this day and age.

I especially feel that all of the young mothers who helped should be greatly complimented because we see all too little of this in this modern time.

A big thanks to all of you. Sincerely, Mary E. Bryant

W for Watergate



Drawing by CARL SMOUSE

REMEMBER THIS? REMINISCE!

55 Years Ago.....1918

As evidence of the fact that the War Department is moving up at a rapid rate in the preparation of its army, two draft calls for a total of 34 men were issued to the Local Board during this week and Clerk Waters is busy issuing the notices. The first call was for 12 men to go to Camp McDowell, Calif. in five days.

The Fire Marshal Department of Oregon is making a special appeal to city officials of Oregon to assist in the waging of a campaign for a sane and safe Fourth of July. It is believed that there are people who might take advantage of this opportunity, under the disguise of a patriotic demonstration, to inflict untold damage on property and war supplies by explosions resulting in disastrous fires.

In a statement issued today by the Industrial Accident Commission covering its business for the year ending May 31, it was reported there was a great increase in work for the period. This is due to the fact, the commission states, that a much larger number of firms have taken advantage of the workmen's compensation act and greater activities caused by war conditions. All consumers of coal in Oregon, except householders, will be recorded and classified immediately by Fuel Administrator Holmes in accordance with the distribution program of the United States. Consumers' names, their needs and the type of work they are engaged in will be gathered as soon as possible.

37 Years Ago.....1935

Water, not fire was the cause of the siren being sounded at 2 o'clock Monday morning, arousing residents from their slumber and bring out the fire department. The scene presented was that of a geyser throwing mud and rocks high into the air and onto the roof of the Clark Barber Shop. Investigation revealed a bursted water main.

Crop prospects are definitely less promising in the country as a whole than some weeks ago, says the latest report on the agricultural situation outlook just released by the O.S.C. agricultural extension service. In respect to prices, the general level of farm prices is indicated to be slightly higher than a month ago, whereas a downward trend has prevailed mostly for several months.

Very small children will soon learn to dress themselves if their clothes are designed to make dressmaking easy. It is a matter of roomy cut, well located openings and easily managed fastenings, according to a statement issued this week from the Oregon State extension specialist.

Motor vehicle deaths in May were nearly double the number from the month before, with 24 persons killed in Oregon as a result of automobile accidents. Thirteen fatalities from similar causes occurred in May of last year.

1 Year Ago.....1972

Roice Fullerton is one proud father these days. Last weekend, Becky was the winner of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo finals in Barrel Racing at Bozeman, Mont. There were over 200 contestants entered in the show.

Morrow County Court has adopted the comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance. A letter has been sent to the state so stating that the county has complied with the state law that required all counties to have a land use bill by 1972.

Today is the day to sign up for grasshopper spray, according to Harold Kerr, County Agent. It is essential that the program of signing up be done immediately in order to get in on the government cost-sharing program.

The Award of Merit for Excellence in Scholarship was presented to Sue Ellen Greenup at Emanuel School of Nursing's commencement exercises June 17. A scholarship grant accompanied the award.

To The Editor,

There were inquiries as to possible alternate projects that appear too expensive for implementation. There was no vote cast at this well attended meeting but I had the feeling that the majority of the people attending were in favor of going ahead with the project. We were told that now is the time to make your wishes known, and I think the people should be polled in some manner that would effectively reflect the wishes for the protection of this fine town.

W.W. Weatherford

When a teenager borrows the family car, he can, in one night, subtract five years from the life of the car, and add them to the age of his father.

G-T WANT ADS PAY

In Heppner Every Thursday at Lott's Electric T.V. SERVICE RCA TRAINED TECHNICIANS VIDEO-TECH, INC. 481 A E. Main St., Heppner 567-3882



CHUCK WAGON

WILLOW CREEK PROJECT

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damages and the present value of improvement, evacuation is not considered economically feasible, nor would it be accepted locally.

After some discussion, Major Hickman gave a detailed outline of the five proposed plans. Of the five plans, plan number 4 appears to be the most feasible.

Following is a brief summary of plan 4: It would provide 6,000 acre feet of exclusive flood control with a minimum lake of 2,000 acre feet. It would provide flood protection to control floods without spill to a frequency of once in 360 years. The project would cost \$9,945,600 and would have annual cost and benefits of \$365,900 and \$506,500 per year respectively. It has a benefit to cost ratio of 1.38 to 1.0.

Following are excerpts from a letter read at the meeting by Quentin Bowman, Field Representative, State Water Resources Board: "We are pleased to learn that your staff has found a feasible alternative in the rest of the folks. So, please get ads and news in early and you'll be helping us get out the paper. And a big thanks to all.

While it is up to local interest to make the final decision, the people of Morrow County should note that a recent analysis took away feasible opportunities for joint water use storage, a future insurmountable problem. It is just getting Dorothy to sit still long enough to learn to play 68 instruments.

Ione's Spring Music concert in May was a knockout. It was directed by Sherrie Bahr. Taking part were singers from the first grade right through high school. In addition there were the Sixth Grade, Junior High and Ione High school bands. Looking over the faces in the audience showed us much pleasure in the performance. Morrow County doesn't have to take a back seat to anyone in music. Keep your eye on that dandy drummer, Kevin Gutierrez!

There would certainly be potential benefits for avoiding or reducing the threat of loss of life if the plan 4 proposal is constructed.

Judge Jones was recognized by Major Hickman and he spoke for the credibility of the State Water Resource Board and finalized his speech by saying, "The Morrow County Court accepts plan 4."

There were discussions, both pro and con on various issues, however, no immediate action was taken.

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COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

June 28 Dodgers vs Braves June 30 Old Timers Dance, Hardman Community Hall. July 1 Ione United Church of Christ and Valby Lutheran Church picnic, Cutsforth Park, 11:00 a.m. Drinks and desserts furnished.

Seek Solution to Traffic Hazard The Chamber of Commerce Industrial Development committee will meet with Kinzua to work out a solution for the traffic problem at the mill which has become more hazardous with the start of construction. Members asked to serve on the committee at Mondays Chamber of Commerce meeting were Gene Pierce, chairman, Dale Slusher, Jerry Sweeney, Nona Sowell, Harley Sager, Gene Trumbull and Elton Weekes. One suggestion has been to put a speed limit by the mill.

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