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## No more games, if you please

U.S. Senator Mark Hatfield has approved the Willow Creek Dam.

Cong. All Ullman has approved the Willow Creek Dam. Gov. Tom McCall has approved the Willow Creek Dam. Morrow County's judge and commissioners have approved Willow Creek Dam.

The Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, representing the business community, has approved Willow Creek Dam, and has sent various delegations to Washington to lobby in its behalf.

Generally, the people of Morrow County and the people of Heppner in particular have endorsed Willow Creek Dam, either in person or through their legislative representatives.

The Willow Creek Dam and urged its construction. It is not known in this newspaper office that any person, quick or dead, has opposed Willow Creek Dam, either openly or surreptitiously.

In spite of this exhaustive, over-powering display of public support, we are now advised by the Corps of Engineers that there is not yet enough public interest to permit the federal government to forge ahead with funding Willow Creek Dam.

What else is needed? A referendum? A plebiscite? A mob made up of every Morrow County resident to march on Washington and plead for relief under the legislative balcony?

For eight long, suffering years residents of Morrow County have begged for Willow Creek Dam. It has been promised them by every politician who represents this area.

It is absurd to ask the people of this county to grovel any further in this matter.

It is time, however, for them to demand of their Congressman and their Senators that they make good on their promises with respect to Willow Creek.

Our Congressman and our Senator certainly vote on other appropriation measures in their respective houses, all without taking a poll of the citizens. For them now to drag their feet casts great doubt upon their sincerity in the first place, and makes a voter wonder whether these men in office really are representing them.

Morrow County residents who support the dam should hold Congressman Ullman and Senator Hatfield personally responsible should funds fail to be allocated for Willow Creek.

One thing is certain: If funds for the dam are not allocated, it will be nobody's fault but our representatives in Washington. They have kept the ball thrown to Morrow County citizens for eight years. Now it's time to throw the ball back to our representatives.

It is time for them to "fish or cut bait".

## Ken Jernstedt

A proposal to limit the length of legislative sessions failed in a senate committee this past week. A Republican Senator, citing high costs, chaos and a non-productive session, asked for all legislators to support his proposal and restore the public's confidence in the legislature.

The proposal calls for all legislators' monthly salary, expense money and per diem to cease at the end of 160 days in a regular session and at the end of 30 days in a special session. This would also apply to legislative staff with the exception of the permanent year round staff.

This session is estimated to cost the taxpayers over \$3 million which is almost double the 1969 legislative session and is also setting a new record in length.

The pace of the legislature picked up this week as it moved into the closing days. Combined, the two houses are passing close to 100 bills a day in an effort to finish.

Legislative action was completed on an emergency bill to allow state agencies without new budgets to keep spending after June 30 as leaders gave up hope of finishing before July.

The 1971-73 biennium officially ended June 30 and some of the state agencies whose budgets were not approved by then would have had no legal authority to keep spending money without this action. This is the first time in the history of the state the legislature will run into the start of a new two-year budget biennium.

Collective bargaining for Oregon's public employees was approved by the senate after considerable debate and setbacks. House bill 2263 was passed by the senate with a 16-14 vote.

The bill makes collective bargaining mandatory for public employers and employees. It provides for certification of labor organizations to act as exclusive representatives of public employee groups.

The bill eliminates the prohibition against public employee strikes, except for policemen, firemen and guards at correctional and mental institutions.

The final approval was the end of a long battle over whether to include all employees of school districts, community colleges, higher education, cities, counties, other political subdivisions and state government.

Some senators announced that they will start a movement to refer the subject to the voters and let them determine whether public employees should be able to strike.

A measure allowing acupuncture to practice in Oregon has gained house approval. Acupuncture is a treatment in which needles are inserted at certain points of the body to relieve pain and treat some illnesses.

The bill requires a physician to supervise and control the treatment. It also directs the State Board of Medical Examiners to set qualifications for acupuncturist.

The senate has approved the formation of an Oregon Transportation Commission to replace the present Highway Commission and Board of Aeronautics.

The commission will develop a transportation plan to include highways, mass transit, aviation, pipelines, ports, rails and waterways. The bill now goes back to the House for consideration of minor amendments.

A compromise agreement on the proposed Oregon Criminal Procedure Code was finally reached by a legislative conference committee.

The problem arose over a provision in the new code which would virtually eliminate the use of the commercial bail bond system. It was learned however that the legislature's rules on conference committees limits discussion to the differences between the two houses.

If you have written letter please excuse my delay in answering, as many bills are being considered during these final days, and we are meeting from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. much of the time. I will try to answer them in the next few days.

## Jack Sumner

A lot of problems literally hit home. I'm talking about the problems of putting -- and keeping -- a decent roof over your head. Maybe you, personally, have never experienced this kind of difficulty, but a shocking number of Oregonians have.

A 1970 survey revealed that 93,000 Oregon homes were substandard, and another 8,000 were severely overcrowded.

These facts, among others, have prompted the Oregon legislature to open new doors to increasing numbers of our fellow citizens -- not only for better housing, but for greater protection against illegal or unfair practices.

One of the most sweeping measures is House Bill 2296, which authorizes a \$200 million bonding program to provide housing for moderate income persons.

This bill cleared the Joint Ways and Means Committee June 23 and two days later passed the house by the healthy margin of 49-11. Senate action is expected before adjournment.

Under its terms, the Housing Division of the Department of Commerce is authorized to carry out a program for the construction, rehabilitation, purchase, leasing, financing and refinancing of housing projects.

A second measure, the "Residential Landlord and Tenant Act," at long last defines the obligations of both parties in rental or lease agreements.

It goes so far as to provide remedies to either landlord or tenant if the other fails to comply with terms of their agreement.

Among the more important obligations of landlords are maintaining dwelling units in a habitable condition, as spelled out in great detail in the act, and returning security deposits within 30 days unless claims of extraordinary damage or rental default are presented to the tenant in writing.

A third bill, HB 2184, increased the maximum amount that a veteran can borrow from \$24,500 to \$28,500, and increases the loan-to-value ratio for a home from 90 to 95 percent.

A companion measure, House Joint Resolution 12, will, if approved by voters at the next general election, increase the Oregon War Veterans' Fund loan limit from 4 to 6 percent of the true cash value of all Oregon property.

One of this session's most important pieces of consumer legislation swept through both houses last week, on votes of 55-4 and 28-2. It's the "Land Development Consumer Protection Act," and it will assure that buyers of land and new homes in subdivisions know exactly what they're getting before they sign a contract.

And every fact stated in the disclosure statement they receive will be an absolute guarantee. If they're told they'll get sidewalks, sewers or what-have-you, they'll get them.

Not only that, consumers will have a three-day "cooling off" period in which to make sure they made the right move. If they change their minds, they'll get their money back.

If a developer fails to give them a disclosure statement -- or misrepresents the property -- he can be held liable in either criminal or civil proceedings.

In addition, so-called "sagebrush subdivisions" and other promotional land developments will have to be registered with the real estate commissioner.

Yet another bill, HB 2295, includes real estate dealings within the scope of the Unfair and Unlawful Trade Practices Act.

All of these measures are designed to aid homebuyers and renters, whether simply to get into decent housing or to shield themselves from deceptive or harsh treatment.

They're also designed to save a lot of people a lot of money. And for most people, that really hits home.

If I can be of any assistance contact me by phoning 378-8817 or writing Rep. Jack Sumner, 18-H Capitol Building, Salem, Or. 97310.

## COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"How do you like that, my doctor tells me to exercise more, watch my diet, and quit drinking, then he drops dead carrying his money to the bank!"

## Employment News

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

**MORROW COUNTY:** Experienced cattle man, permanent farm employee, Harvest Cook; **GILLIAM COUNTY:** Two full-time farm jobs, one Combine Driver; **WHEELER COUNTY:** Two Choker Setters, two Log Truck Drivers, summer haying job (one 18 year old).

There are also many young people looking for work at the Youth Employment Services in the Extension Offices of Morrow, Gilliam, Wheeler and Sherman Counties. These young people are available for many kinds of chores.

People with the following experience are looking for work: **Fossil Area:** Students seeking summer employment; **Condon Area:** Students seeking summer employment; **Moro Area:** Students seeking summer employment; **Heppner Area:** Clerks, lots of students seeking summer employment, bar tender, bookkeeper and farm workers.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EDITOR:

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$6. for my subscription to the Gazette-Times.

A brief background of my interest and activities in your area of Oregon might be somewhat surprising to you. In our lumber operation we operated as Evans Lumber Company then changed to Valley Lumber Company, operated a concentration yard at Long Creek, Mt. Vernon and Seneca. We also operated the sawmill with Chet Waterbury in Fox Valley. Our primary shipping point for that area was Seneca. However, we did do a small amount of shipping from Pendleton. Our office was in the second floor of a building across the street from the Ford Motor Company in John Day. At the same time, we owned and operated a lumber mill in Prineville and a concentration yard. We also did some shipping from Redmond. All of our lumber activity was during the years of 1943 to 1950.

An item of interest involved what is presently known as Sunriver. Or. I came into possession of this property through an option in 1960 and finally sold out to John Gray in 1967. I feel personally responsible for doing the research and the necessary things that resulted in one of the world's finest recreation communities (Sunriver). My wife's brother and his family now operate the mill at John Day as a part of San Juan Lumber Company with headquarters at Durango, Colo. They also have a lumber operation in Prineville known as Hudspeth Pine, Inc. When you run across this name please remember that Goldie (my wife) is one of the Hudspeth family.

Without question, you have chosen one of the finest spots in the world to work and live among some of the finest people in our country. They deserve you and your talents, and I believe both you and they will fit together like a hand in a glove.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes for a most successful future, I am,

LEE EVANS  
Santa Rosa, Ca.

EDITOR:

Enclosed is \$6. for a year's subscription to your new Gazette-Times. Good luck up North.

Glad to see you go back to running and editing a newspaper. Stick with it.

DAVID CHAPNICK  
Sebastopol, Ca.

EDITOR:

Congratulations to you two Ernie from former Oregonians -- of Portland, Enterprise, Baker and Pendleton. It is a great country.

JACK AND HILDA FRIDDLE  
Sebastopol, Ca.

EDITOR:

Please send me the most recent edition of your newspaper. And also send me the name of anyone we can call or write about securing housing in your area.

LEE MITTS  
Albany.

(ED. NOTE -- Anyone wishing to discuss housing possibilities with Mr. Mitts should write him at 321 W. 12th Ave., Albany, Ore. 97321.)

EDITOR:

Enclosed is my check for \$6 (inflated, of course) for a subscription to the Gazette-Times. I do hope you will have an editorial each week, as that is my reason for subscribing to your new venture.

So, don't fail me, please, in this new venture.

LULUH BRAGHETTA,  
Sonoma, Ca.

(ED. NOTE -- I shall not fail, but give me a couple of weeks to find out where the press is.)

## Super-sleuths brace for fire season

The Sherlock Holmes' of the Oregon State Department of Forestry stand prepared for what has every indication of being a severe fire season. An elite corps of 25 specially-trained Fire Investigation Specialists will be examining causes of forest fires this summer with an eye towards preventing future fires as well as recouping the state's fire fighting costs in cases of people-negligence.

When Department of Forestry fire suppression crews respond to a fire call, an immediate attempt is made to determine the cause of the fire. If the cause cannot be found, a Fire Investigation Specialist is immediately called in before evidence can be destroyed by curious sight-seers.

A specialist begins his investigation of a fire by slowly circling the edge, noting the way in which the weeds have been bent, the angle at which the tree trunks have been charred by fire, tell-tale cupping of brush and grass, and other indicators, until he determines the pattern the fire has taken. Narrowing in towards the origin of the fire, it becomes a hands and knees job. Slowly moving around the origin, the investigator hunts for the cause of the fire. A small piece of carbon found at the origin along a logging road might indicate the cause as a logging truck with improper fire safeguards; a small cylinder of white ashes, a cigarette-caused fire.

If a fire is determined to be man-caused, the investigator preserves all evidence and begins to work on his clues. Sometimes the "clues" are nothing but a few cigarette ashes and the investigator takes to the road scouting for witnesses. Grocery store clerks, area campers, local farmers; all are questioned. As witnesses relate a story describing the

presence of a "family of campers" or a "strange blue and white pick-up" seen in the area prior to the fire, the investigator may begin to prepare a criminal case. If all evidence indicates the "camper family" started the fire by not putting out their campfire properly or that XQ Logging caused it by not having required a spark arrestors on their equipment, the case could go to court. If the investigator has done his job properly, the court may find the campers or XQ Logging guilty of criminal negligence and require them to reimburse the state for fire-suppression costs.

Investigation does not always lead to criminal prosecution. Sometimes it can reveal trouble spots to the fire prevention arm of the Department of Forestry.

Last summer, Southwestern Oregon had a large number of fires determined to be caused by children playing with matches. An intensive fire-education program carried out by Forestry personnel in cooperation with the local schools was the result of these investigations.

When the fire season is over, investigators will have a complete catalog of causes of fire on lands protected by the state. If lightning-caused fires prove predominant in an area, increased aerial surveillance after storms may be called for. If fires at active logging sites become a problem, increased inspection and earlier industrial close-downs may be necessary. Public education may be called for where a rash of fires is caused by local homeowners.

The Department of Forestry's Investigation Specialists combat fire with scientific investigative techniques. Determining the causes of Oregon's forest fires is the first step towards preventing them.

## Heimstras home from California

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Heimstra are enthusiastic about the Africa Wild Life Safari at Winchester near Roseburg.

They stopped there enroute back to Oregon after a visit to California. Visitors drive their own cars through the reserve to see the animals in a wild state. A tape recorder explains where one is and what one should be seeing.

Occasional cattle guards keep the animals within areas. Windows may be rolled down a short distance except while in lion and tiger country, then they must be rolled all the way up. Observers on high towers alert those who have forgotten to roll them up.

While they were in California the Heimstras visited Ed's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and N.C. Camp, at Roseville near Sacramento. While they were there they saw the results of the recent explosion of a carload of bombs. The Camps, who live five miles from the scene, had one of their windows broken. A wheat field one-half mile away was covered with so much metal, the field was burned rather than harvested. The owners were cautioned that a live bomb might have been thrown on the field.

The Heimstras went on to San Francisco. This was the first time that Mrs. Heimstra had ridden the famed cable car. "I was surprised that people used them to get where they had to go. I thought they were just a tourist attraction," she said.

## Hot stove league hits Hardman

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

Welcome to Heppner and I'm glad you asked me to keep you posted on our discussions around the Hardman hotstove.

So we'll get right to the Knitty-gritty.

When folks 200 year from now read our history, I wonder what they'll think of our way of celebrating. Ever time we have a national holiday I am reminded of them hethern tribes that pick somebody to throw off a cliff in honor of some special occasion. Except that we pick hunderds.

The fellers was setting around the country store Saturday night and they got to thinking of the Fourth coming up this week.

They was asking first if the Fourth had been moved to Monday by act of Congress, then they'd have to call it the Second or go back to Independence Day, which is to long to say fer today's country in a hurry to git on with the celebrating.

Ed Doolittle said from what he sees in the papers, the Fourth will be held on the fourth, which means folks got a weekend in front to get ready and, if theyre lucky, a weekend to recover. Either way you count it, declared Ed, the Fourth will break up the week and a lot of people in the bargain.

It was Bug Hookum that said the American way of celebrating takes two basic forms. If your celebrating in hot weather, you usual choose between second degree burns over your body or running your 300 horsepower car wide open down the business road you can find.

Whether you cook under the sun on the beach or in your backyard is some of the

personal touches you can add to your celebrating, and you can pick between wrecking your car drunk or sober.

Ever day in this country, went on Bug, 150 people die in car wrecks, and 11,000 is hurt. On holidays you can multiply this number by four or more, and you can blame most of the accidents on drunk drivers. You don't have to get drunk to kill yourself on the road, said Bug, but it helps.

Actual, Clem Webster said, Americans have got some kind of sick love affair going with cars. He said all the trouble they had running the Memorial Day Indianapolis 500 was the hole country's feelings in a nutshell. Some folks truly love cars and car racing fer the beauty of the machines and the skill of the sport, but most of us drive and watch cars as a excuse to do somepon else, was Clem's words.

Ed was agreed with Clem. He said his daughter that works in the city is allus talking about her season ticket to the football games. Ed said she don't know the first thing about football, and she don't want to learn. She goes to the games to have a reason to be with her friends, and probable to see what the other wimmen is wearing. Ed said when some folks want a excuse to be with their friends they play on the highway.

Mister Editor, the gas shortage could be a blessing in disguise. It looks like the only way to stop us.

Yours truly,  
Uncle Roy



Some of Patty's other duties, besides working on the ranches, include babysitting her two younger sister, Carolyn and Jennifer.

## Garden credit bill sought

A unique piece of legislation allowing a tax deduction for a homegrown garden was introduced this week by the First District's Congressman, Wendell Wyatt (R-Ore.).

The bill would allow a deduction of up to \$50 for the cost of planting, raising, and harvesting of vegetables to be consumed in a taxpayer's own home.

In commenting on the bill Wyatt stated, "During World War II, food shortages prompted the American public to grow 'Victory Gardens' in both a practical and patriotic response to the problem."

"Today," Wyatt continued, "food prices are at an all-time high, and even the possibility of rationing is not inconceivable. I would hope that this bill might act as an incentive for people to do some money-saving growing of their own. And if it does nothing else, it should stimulate some thought on the subject of how each of us used to be a little more imaginative in solving our problems instead of waiting for the Federal Government to come to our rescue."

## Real estate

BARGAIN & SALE DEEDS

Moe, Elmer M.-Rosalie to Ployhar, Jack A. -- Descr. tr Bk. 2 Ayers 5th Add., Heppner

WARRANTY DEEDS

Bothwell, Bruce D. to Mageske, Frieda A. -- Lot 3 Bk. 1 T. W. Ayers 4th Add., & descr. tr, Heppner

Horn, Edward H.-Mary E. to Cannon, Harold J.-Edith M. -- Fr. Lots 6,7, Bk. 7 E Sec. 19 T5N R 27

Lloyd, R. C.-Wilma R. Van Buskirk, L. H.-et ux to Campbell Ranch, Inc. -- Fr. Sec. 24, all Secs 25,26 T2N R26

Mason, Ruth Bernice to First Natl. Ore., Trustee -- Lnds in Fr. Sec 1 T2S R24; Fr. Secs 6,7, T2S R25

Morey, Paul A. to Smith, Willard K.-Eleanor K. -- Lots 2,3, Bk. 17 orig town Lexington

Mohr, Margaret to Burbank, Robert C.-La Verne J. -- Lot 30 Blake Ranch Add, plat 2 Sec. 11 T4S R28

Port of Morrow to Desert Magic Inc. -- Lot 4 Bk. 2 Port of Morrow Food Processing Park site in Sec. 10 T4N R25