

Horse sense

By ERNEST V. JOINER



• Hardman buffs will view with mixed emotions the news that an indoor men's facility has been added to the Hardman Opry House. Now that the historic place has been touched by the Hand of Ecology, it will no longer be necessary for gentlemen in distress to scatter into the sagebrush on dark and stormy nights. The new-fangled contraptions will be ready to receive guests at the Jan. 26 dance. I presume that attendants will be on duty to instruct patrons in the proper approach and use of the gadgets, now located in a room behind the bandstand and affectionately dubbed the Mayor's Conference Room. Music will be furnished by the Hardman Honchos, a musical conglomerate of international repute fresh from a triumphant concert tour of the capital cities of Europe. The Mayor's Conference Room was furnished by Dean's 2nd Hand Store and Dean has spurned any compensation for his artistic decor. It'll be worth the \$1.50 door fee just to get a look at it.

• A note from dear old Charley Heard indicates he is having a hard time out there in the cold world. He was the sensation of the Rose Parade at Pasadena when his pickup caught fire and won the judges' prize for the most impromptu and original parade entry. He and Dorothy bunked in with the Bill Weatherfords at San Diego (where he found that the extra gas he bought in Pendleton was 20 per cent water) and visited Ensenada where gas went for about 68 cents a gallon. He noted that El Centro has 35,000 acres of lettuce but it cost 5 cents a head more there than it was advertised at Heppner's Central Market. He's about ready to sell his trailer and head back to Morrow County. Well, it could be worse. He might have made the mistake, as I did, of driving over to Portland for a weekend!

• Orville Cutforth, Morrow County's most unforgettable character, has had a long-standing "hate affair" with Heppner's parking meters, hereinafter referred to as the city's milking machines. First, he dutifully paid his parking fines after he had accumulated a sizeable bundle of them. Later he decided he just wouldn't patronize the milking machines at all. Conscience overcame him on that, however. Last week he was observed slipping a coin into a Main Street meter, unaware that for the past two weeks the city council has suspended the pay-to-park ordinance for the duration of nasty weather! If Orville had read his Gazette-Times he would have known he was feeding a dead meter, and that Big Brother wasn't even watching him.

• My nomination for the maddest man in town is Ron Palmer, always the genial host at the Wagon Wheel, until something gets his dander up. Last week he dug up a section of sidewalk in front of his restaurant in search of a leak in the water line. He didn't find the leak, but he made some interesting discoveries: (1) that the water his friend Harry O'Donnell uses in his title office flows through Ron's water meter; and (2) that Ron has been paying for Harry's water for the past five years; and (3) that Harry has also been paying the city \$5 a month for water that Ron also paid for! Which is why Ron is totting up a bill to present to the city to recapture the money Harry paid the city instead of him. He figures the city owes him \$5 a month for 60 months, and he plans to submit a bill for about \$300 to the city at the next council meeting. Our secret agents inform us that if Bill Collins will dig up his meter he'll find that he's been paying the water bill for City Attorney Bob Abrams' law office next door, which would be embarrassing to the city if it develops that Bob has also been paying the city for the water, too!

• Our government nurtured ecology nuts will be pained to learn that they're 300 years behind the times in howling about pollution. You see, there was a pollution problem, devastating in its environmental impact, in Jamestown Colony in 1632. Here's how the Governor of Jamestown handled the problem in a public decree: "There shall be no man or woman dare to wash any unclean linen, wash clothes or throw out the water or suds of foul clothes in the open streets within the fort or within forty feet of the same... nor shall anyone aforesaid within less than a quarter of a mile from the fort dare to do the necessities of nature, since by these unmanly, slothful and loathsome immodesties, the whole fort may be choked and poisoned... and this they shall take notice of and avoid upon pain of whipping."

• Sermon for today is from 1 Corinthians 11: 14, 15. "Doth not even nature itself teach you, that if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him? But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering." The Lord said that. If your "hair-raising" son reminds you that wearing a beard denotes wisdom and self-esteem, invite him to have a good look at the next goat he meets. I said that.

• The Vanishing American is not the Indian. It is the American farmer. The American farm population in 1971 was almost exactly what it was in 1776. Ask your liberal friend: "How come the Columbia Encyclopedia identifies Francisco Franco as a 'Spanish general and dictator' and Joseph Stalin as a 'Russian statesman and Communist leader'?" Marriage sure isn't what it used to be. For example, it used to be required. Statistics (here we go again) indicate that there are more illiterates alive today than at any other period in recorded history, which makes us wonder how good a job our schools are doing. More statistics: there are fewer drug addicts in this country today than there were in the 1890s.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"Oh yes this here country's boomin', you fellers wouldn't believe it but when I first come here all this was good for wuz ranchin'!"



"I'm afraid it's not going to be an easy year!"

The mail pouch

EDITOR:

I understand a new law is effective with the new teacher contracts concerning tenure.

The effect of the new law seems to say that when a school teacher is offered a three-year contract if becomes an unguaranteed employment. I have been led to believe that after that has happened, only a morals charge, or similar circumstance, could end the employment.

No other group of employees I know of have such a job guarantee. Performance of one's duties is the job security most people have.

It seems to me the public should be informed prior to the signing of life-time contracts with anyone. This information should be published so that objections might be heard and decisions made based on information available before contracts are entered into that would literally be impossible to end.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of care.

DAVID McLEOD,
Heppner.

(ED. NOTE: Teachers on permanent status can be dismissed for inefficiency, moral offenses, insubordination, neglect of duty, physical and mental incapacity, convicting of a felony or crime involving moral turpitude. However, the machinery set up by law to decide such cases is complicated and requires, in some cases, years to get a decision. Ron Daniels, Morrow County superintendent, says a Beaverton case has been through the appeals boards and into court for two years already without a final decision on the dismissal of a teacher. There is no doubt but that school boards must possess not only a good case against a teacher, but determination and patience to cope with the cumbersome machinery set up to act upon requests for dismissal. Daniels suggests that the time to complain about a teacher is when the offense occurs, not at retiring time.)

EDITOR:

Enclosed you will find our check for \$6 for another year's subscription to the Gazette-Times, our only way of knowing what is going on in Morrow County.

We are strangers to many of Morrow County people, as it has been 44 years since we left Lexington.

LAWRENCE E. REANEY,
Vancouver, Wn.

EDITOR:

I want to report through your paper that I'm missing some cattle since the fall gathering. I thought there would be a chance they might show up with someone's cattle.

Missing are one three-year-old dry cow with nobby horns; a big steer, light yellow with a lot of white; and two calves, all Herefords branded PC on the left hip.

I had a lot of company by trespassers all summer and fall. Someone took all the lumber in the haymow and stole one 50-gallon barrel of diesel oil. At the house, a nice medicine cabinet and radio are missing. I know where they went because I saw them in a parked car. They were "too little" to cause a stink over, and the law wouldn't have done anything about it anyway.

I'm just reporting some things missing and stolen from my place.

PERCY CECIL,
Heppner.

EDITOR:

Citizen groups throughout the country have mounted a campaign to ask Congress to repeal auto emission control legislation. Some of these people are motor dealers interested in their problems and those of their customers. Others are farm organizations responsible for food production. All of them put the general welfare of all the people above pressures from anti-pollutionists to stymie their efforts.

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At a recent House committee hearing on automobile emission controls, General Motors President Edward Cole testified that removal of controls would save about 2.7 billion gallons of gasoline a year.

Twenty-eight car dealers in central New York have banded together to ask for public support in their plea to end emission controls. The dealers, all members of the Syracuse Automobile Dealers' Association, are taking the case to the public, seeking support for a congressional bill which would temporarily suspend auto emission standards until the end of the current energy crisis.

In an advertisement in the Dec. 9 SYRACUSE HERALD-AMERICAN, they ask for public support for the bill. A blank petition form is offered for supporters to fill in and send to congressmen, senators, or the Syracuse Automobile Dealers' Association.

The dealers are joined in their petition to remove emission controls by other area agencies such as the Service Station Operators of Central New York, the Syracuse Auto Club, the New York Farm Bureau and the Eastern Milk Producers' Cooperative.

They say that faced with gas rationing prospects, and higher gasoline prices and taxes, removal of emission seems the only logical way both to avoid these possibilities and at the same time partially stem the fuel shortage at the consumer level.

Dealers point out, however, that once the government has given permission to rescind the controls, it will be up to the car manufacturers to determine how many of the controls can be removed safely without harming the cars.

A Missouri Congressman became the second national legislator to call for suspension of emission control devices on automobiles as Rep. Jerry Litton, Chillicothe Democrat, introduced a bill which would permit their removal.

Litton joined Rep. William Stuckey of Georgia in seeking removal of the devices during the current energy emergency. Litton's bill would suspend the controls until 1981, while Stuckey's would provide for reinstallation at the end of the crisis as determined by the President. Litton also announced he was planning to introduce legislation designed ultimately to improve gasoline supplies by discouraging auto makers from manufacturing cars which produce poor gas mileage.

The legislation proposed by Stuckey would suspend motor vehicle emission standards until the end of the current emergency, and permit the removal of existing control devices.

Removal or modification of emission controls, according to central New York dealers, would increase mileage on most cars and could be done with relative ease.

According to Jim Barr, owner of Barr-Llewellyn Buick, Syracuse, "Any experienced mechanic could learn how to perform the operation in an hour or two." A check of several area auto dealers revealed the job would cost an average of \$14.

William Clark, president of the Syracuse dealers' organization, said mileage had dropped some 15 to 18 per cent in his cars since 1970. And a test conducted by a Syracuse Herald-Journal staff reporter revealed 20 to 35 per cent more mileage when emission controls were removed.

Use of oil is much more widespread than heating homes and powering cars and boats and driving the trucks of commerce. It provides electricity to light cities and helps keep the crime rate down; it provides power to drive the wheels of industry; and oil is the base raw material with which a score of industries survives. The plastics industry, petrochemical and other industries cannot exist without the raw material-oil.

How can we buy time to muster our internal sources of energy? How can we keep our people warm? Fed and clothed? Employed? The answer is obvious. We simply must not waste the oil we now have available to us. How can we stop the giant share of that waste? Get Congress to pass a repealer to the automotive emissions control laws on a year-to-year temporary basis. This will give us time to readjust our national economy. We can stop wasting in a number of ways, but most particularly by eliminating emission controls on farm tractors and the more than 30 million cars now on our roads, thereby gaining a 20 to 30 per cent increase in miles per gallon.

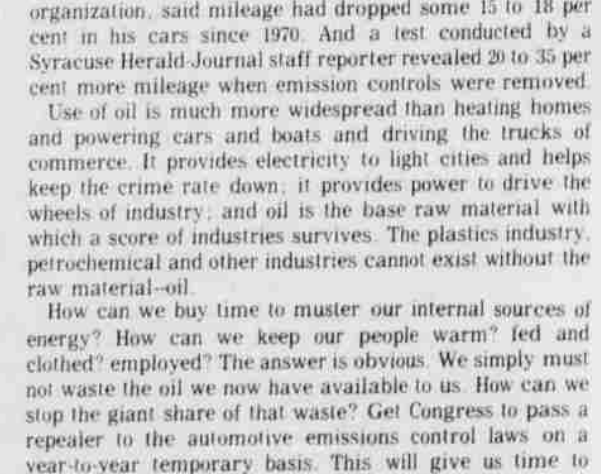
If enough Americans speak quickly and forcefully, even our greatest deliberative body, Congress, may move in a few weeks and let us make this saving, legally, for our own benefit and the common good. If ever there was a worthy common cause, this is it.

Date join me and write your Congressman, your Senators, your state governors and legislators; write to newspapers and periodicals; enlist the help of your friends; and tell them all you want emission control laws negated for the duration of the energy crisis.

I want none of your money—just your prayers and work toward this common goal. My efforts will be financed personally with some of the money our government lets me keep after taxes. This won't cost you but a dollar or two for stamps and paper. It will take a little time and in some cases a lot of guts. But this is a war we can win quickly if we get off our seats and onto our feet.

DeWITT C. LEFEVRE,
Beaver Falls, N.Y. 13306.

The early English were struck by the notion that elves shot at cattle with little bows and arrows, and that these arrow-heads could be worn to ward off lightning!



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Mayor of Hardman

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

They ain't nowhere like the country store, Mister Editor, to get the inside facts on the past, present and future.

Saturday night, for instance, Ed Doolittle brung up this matter of barns. He said he has noted that houses is bigger than barns these days, and that is a sure sign the wife is the boss of the house.

Ed said he had saw in one of his farm journals where barns as we know em is going the way of the buffalo. The are being replaced by metal buildings that look fer the world like them shopping center stores, so he figgers when we run out of somepun to eat and we have to plow up all the parking lots to raise food, we can use the stores fer storage.

Clem Webster broke in to say he would make a motion that the fellers invite Dr. Abraham Wolfson to our Saturday night sessions. Clem had saw by the papers where Dr. Wolfson is 92 years old, and he has decided he has talked enuff. He said talking was wasting energy, so he limits hisself to talking three days a week. Clem was fer inviting him on one of his talking days so he could explain how he stays quiet four days.

Jest imagine, went on Clem, what four no-talking days could do fer saving energy in the country in general, and in Congress in particular.

If them Congressmen would use four days to think about what they're going to say the other three, we could have a economical lawmaking outfit like we used to have when we cut off their pay whether they were thru or not.

Partnermore, declared Clem, Dr. Wolfson's plan ought to be welcome at the White House. That is one place where silence is golden these days, was Clem's words, and it looks like the folks there was observing the no-talking days when the tape machines was running.

Incidental, Mister Editor, Josh Clodhopper made one of his rare comments at the session Saturday night. He come out strong in favor of President Nixon taking up fishing. He said is looks like tax and talk experts is going into ever angle of his life, but they is a American tradition of long standing that you don't disturb a man's privacy when he is fishing or praying. If the President prays out loud the investigators will want to hear both ends of the tape conversation, Josh said, so the only thing left is fishing and four days of silence.

General speaking, the fellers was agreed with Bug Hookum, that give a report on a decision by a judge in Brooklyn, N.Y. Bug had saw by the paper where the federal judge ruled that prisoners git to read the same newspapers everybody else in the county read. The case come up after officials of the jail said letting the convicts read the papers would upset em. Bug said let em read about the outside and they'll be glad they're inside.

Yours truly,
MAYOR ROY



Ladies expose reformer

BY LESTER KINSOLVING

Several national clergy reputations were made during the 1950s and 60s by Roman Catholic and Episcopal priests who engaged in civil disobedience to protest against racial segregation laws.

Now, some of these clergy have been elevated to rank of bishop - and are embarrassingly confronted with earnest requests that they civilly disobey the sexual segregation in canon (church) law by ordaining females to the priesthood.

One of the best known of these clergymen is the ultraliberal social activist Paul Moore. Shortly after his election as Bishop of the large and wealthy Episcopal Diocese of New York, Moore made the cover of Newsweek magazine.

An incredible pull job by this magazine's way out religion department portrayed the tall and attractive prelate as somewhat of a combination of Savonarola and Sir Galahad.

Less than a year after this effusive promotion, however, "St. Paul of Morningside Heights" appeared to have come a cropper.

For the same Paul Moore who had advocated disobedience where his country's laws of racial segregation were concerned, balked when called upon to disobey his church's sexual segregation laws.

Five Episcopal lady deacons pleaded with him to civilly disobey the very nearly repealed canon law which limits ordination to the priesthood to males. Bishop Moore, in something of a weird stunt, allowed them to vest and kneel in for an entire ordination service, but refused to ordain them with the laying on of hands.

His embarrassment was apparent when he refused to discuss with reporters what will happen if any of the five ladies proceeds to engage in priestly acts such as celebrating Holy Communion or administering penance.

For Moore has more than willingly used the press when demonstrating in front of the White House or in Saigon. But now, this same gentleman of the cloth, whom the young ladies turned so quickly from hero to heavy, explained weakly:

"I cannot perform this rite until the Episcopal Church changes it stand against women priests."

Obviously Bishop Moore was, and is, physically able to do so. And since there are at present two lady priests in the Episcopal (Anglican) Diocese of Hong Kong, it is doubtful indeed that the Bishop of New York would be brought to ecclesiastical trial.

Perhaps Moore, the hot prophet, is now compromising in order to avoid the possibility of outraging Anglo Catholic ("High Church") Episcopalians, who strongly oppose female ordination. For Anglo Catholics represent a significant segment of Moore's diocese.

In utilizing what might be called ecclesiastical statecraft in order to head off a possible High Church mini-schism, Moore is apparently learning that it is much less complicated to be an outspoken priest than to rule a diocese.

Like one prominent member of his diocesan flock named John Lindsay, Bishop Moore is learning that "Little Old New York" can be one hell of a place to govern.

This realization may be even more pronounced if the five lady deacons show up for the next of Moore's ordination services accompanied by that dignified, retiring and unobtrusive proponent of women's rights, the Honorable Bella ("The Hat") Abzug, Congresswoman from Manhattan.



"ADMIT IT, MADGE, YOU'RE ANGRY WITH ME AREN'T YOU?"