

# Horse sense

By ERNEST V. JOINER



It seems to be this column's regular duty to abate rumors that something dire is always about to happen at Kinzua Corporation. No, the Kinzua Corporation isn't going to curtail production; it is working around the clock to increase production, and a third shift is planned at the mill. No, the corporation is not bankrupt. No, Kinzua isn't being sold to Louisiana-Pacific, or to anybody else. Yes, Howard Carrels, plant manager, is leaving the company as of the first of the year. No, its logging operations aren't stopping. The big concern of the company is to seek out and obtain even more timber stands. Allen Nistad, head of the corporation, told the Gazette-Times Monday that his home in Heppner, now under construction, will be ready for occupancy about March 1, at which time he will move with his family to Heppner. All these things are hardly in keeping with the actions of a company that is broke and abandoning ship. Meanwhile, it would lessen our load here if the people responsible for irresponsible rumor would just knock it off, at least for the holiday season!

Oregon State Police Officer Vic Groshens is a good lawman. We all depend upon him and his fellow officers for our safety and even our lives. Not long ago two Hermiston men, William G. Walchi and Jeffrey L. Karnowski, were arrested and charged with "recklessly endangering another person" in an incident in which the two men threatened and attempted to disarm Groshens in the performance of his duty. Walchi faced an additional charge of resisting arrest. Plea bargaining between the district attorney and the men's attorney resulted in dropping the charge of resisting arrest, then both pled guilty to endangering the life of another person, i.e., Groshens. In justice court they were fined \$305 each and given 90-day suspended sentences on this Class A misdemeanor which carries a maximum fine of \$1,000 and one year in jail. Offering violence to a police officer was worth only \$305 each and suspended sentences. They're lucky. If instead of offering violence to Groshens they had offered violence to a cow they could have been fined \$805 each and sentenced to 5 days in jail!

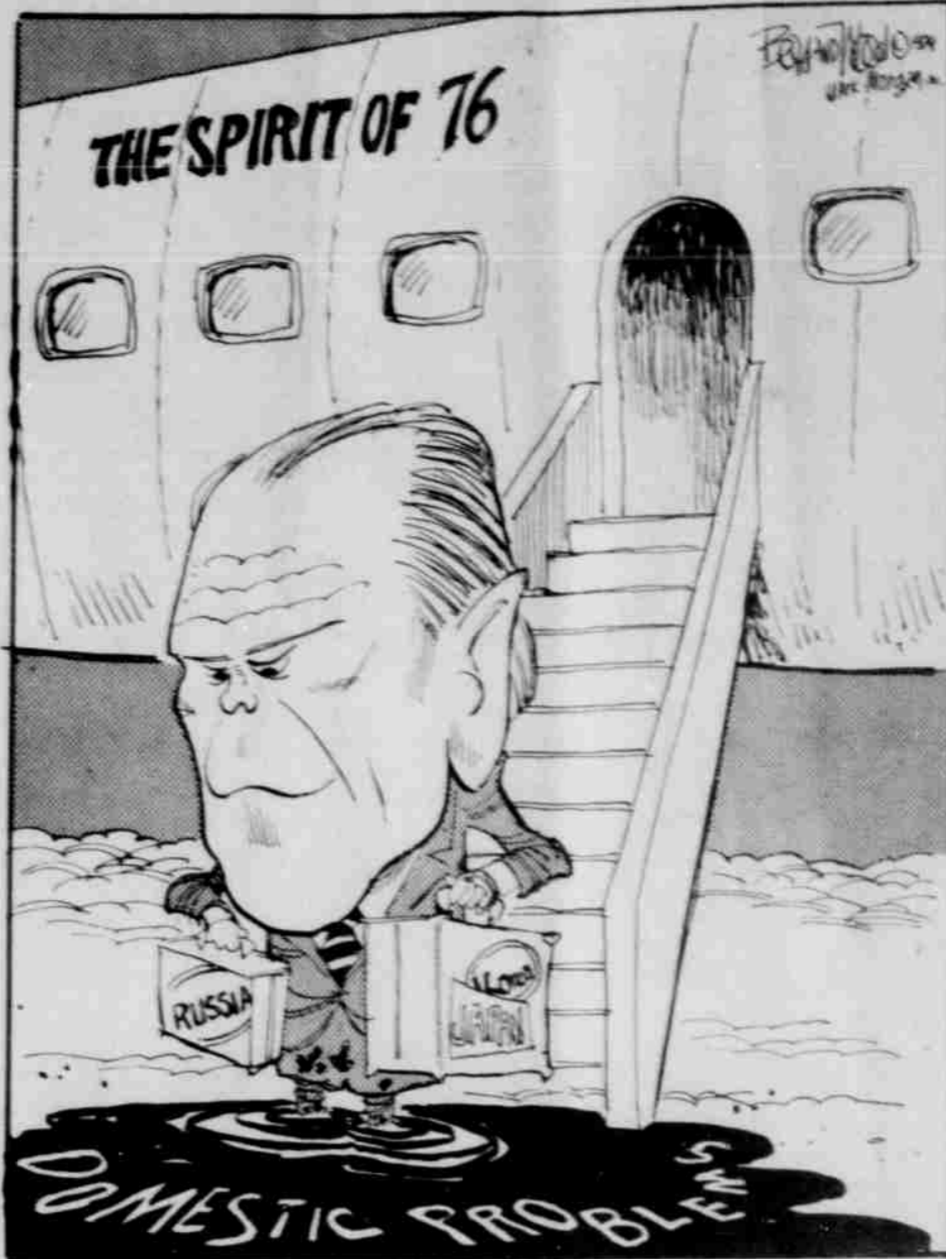
Yasir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization of international murderers and criminals, was honored a few days ago when he addressed the Un-United Nations. He told the cheering delegates that he brought with him a gun and an olive branch. If he didn't get what he wanted, the western world would get the gun. But if we capitulated to Arab demands, we earned the olive branch. That's the same "peace" proposal extended the world by Adolph Hitler, Ghengis Khan and other barbarians of the past. What he demanded is the death of Israel—and that the United States assist him in destroying that nation. How low the United Nations, dedicated to international peace, has sunk when it will lend a platform to a swashbuckling bully to virtually declare war against the western world by Arab nations. Here he was on the UN dias, a loaded revolver jammed into his belt, offering blackmail to the world and being cheered by the mongrel and motley representatives of 80 mongrel and motley countries. What person other than Yasir Arafat would be permitted to address the UN without first having been disarmed? To compound the villainy, the U.S. assembled the most costly guard protection ever given any individual in this nation's history to insure the safety of this arrogant terrorist. The U.S., just by sitting and listening to Arafat, dignified his presence there when our delegation should have walked out and refused to participate in the debacle, as did the Israeli delegates. Thus have we honored dishonor and dignified the blackmail offered by Arab supporters of the PLO.

It was this same cabal of so-called nations that on Sept. 30 voted 96 to 23 to kick the South African delegation out of the United Nations. Tell me, how does it feel, as an American, to have our relations with South Africa determined by Togo, Maldives, Uganda, Burundi, Mauritius, Tobago, Guyana, Chad, Albania and other noonticities? These same delegates can and will determine our policy in other matters, some domestic, in the years ahead. If you can even recognize five of the above-mentioned nations, all of whom have an equal vote at the UN, you are far above the average person in awareness of geography and politics. How does it feel to have nations you never heard of shaping the policies the United States must pursue? Think on it, and on this Thanksgiving Day be grateful that things aren't as bad as they're going to be. For example, next year the UN cabal may vote to ship all American wheat to South Africa at our own expense, as we have just done for Russia. If this happens, your next Thanksgiving bird (if any) could be stuffed with sawdust.

One thing I can chortle about during this period of zooming sugar prices is that I don't like the stuff, and never did. While I seldom eat sugar, I am sympathetic to the industry because I have a nephew who is a tailgunner on a C&H sugar truck and he needs the job. There's something wrong with our economy when it takes six pounds of money to buy five pounds of sugar. Another thing I see where the price of soft drinks has doubled because they contain this expensive sugar. Right next to them on the grocer's shelf are packs of dietetic soft drinks that have doubled in price because they have no sugar at all! Then you see where a can of fruit packed in heavy syrup, which means a lot of sugar, costs much more than it did last year, but a can of dietetic canned fruit, which has no sugar at all, is about 20 cents a can higher.

Every time I mention the high cost of beef I'm told that it costs a lot more for the rancher to feed the animals this year than last. That I can understand and accept. But when I asked the grocer how come a can of oysters costs twice as much now as it did a year ago, and he tells me it's because it costs more to feed the oysters this year, it's going too far!

Morrow County teachers and the school board are holding discussions on salary agreements for next year, which involves higher pay and extended fringe and retirement benefits for teachers. Since whatever agreement is reached in these negotiations will affect all the people who foot the bill for any additional costs, I believe both sides should be able to communicate freely with the taxpayers. However, I am informed that neither side is to issue a public statement on these negotiations without the express consent of the other. Under such a policy it is doubtful that Morrow County citizens, other than those involved in the negotiations, will ever learn the entire truth about what is going on. I think this policy augurs ill for a free flow of information. Traditionally, the school board has been free to state its case without teacher approval, and teachers have been free to publicly state their case without having it rubber-stamped by the board. In that manner both air their cases and the public forms an opinion. Under the present procedure of not informing the public except where both sides agree to do so is, I believe, not in the interests of the public and hinders the flow of information which the people need to know and understand their institutions. Interfering with the flow of information to the people can only result in increased lack of appreciation for both teachers and administration.



## The mail pouch

EDITOR:

Your "Horse Sense" thoughts on the Congressmen who quietly raised their annual income is both timely and thought-provoking when the facts are known. These public servants are sometimes anything but public servants, and their jump in salary is one example. This \$42,500 to \$58,400 raise certainly seems to be a good example of lining their own pockets while fleecing the taxpayers' pockets.

It is encouraging to know that at least two Representatives from Iowa are critical of the attempt.

The \$60,000 or so that some are making from outside speaking engagements also doesn't improve the public service image.

While the voter turn-out record of some citizens is low it seems our Senators and Representatives would at least set a better example to follow. There is absolutely no excuse for the voting records of some Congressmen on many important bills. Perhaps 50 per cent would be a conservative figure to remove from office should their voter attendance records not be changed in a hurry. Some have definitely passed the point of no return as useful public servants.

The truthfulness about these servants of the people was clearly brought out over 15 years ago (1956) in a Signet book called "Washington Lowdown," by Larson D. Farrar, a correspondent on Capitol Hill for about 13 years at the time of publication. This book certainly lifts the lid off the nation's Capitol for all to see. Mr. Farrar's lively report exposed the fraudulent misuses of taxpayers money. It also gives a survey of the background of the big-wigs and the details of hushed-up big deals that made million-dollar fortunes for a few powerful officials.

If American citizens were as well informed in politics as they are in the sports field, then a large number of our Senators and Representatives would have to shape up or ship out.

A little known fact worth knowing and not forgotten by all is your informative statement—that if a Congressman spends as much as three terms in office and is subsequently defeated, he can still retire at a handsome salary for the rest of his life.

Thank you for the enlightening thoughts in your column on self-raised salaries for Congressmen.

CARL M. MARQUARDT, Lexington.

EDITOR:

The following was addressed to Ms. Harnett and Weatherford of the museum and library

I want to thank you for the very pleasant welcome you gave myself and my family during our short visit to your library and museum. I had a very satisfying time looking through the museum and the information you have gathered about the Heppner family, and especially your town founder, Henry Heppner.

Although, the Navy and the requirements of graduate school have not allowed me to continue my genealogical research at this time, I do intend to pursue my family genealogy along Heppner lines as soon as possible. I will forward to you anything I find that may relate to Henry Heppner.

I received a copy of your town newspaper and have sent copies of the articles back home to the family in Ohio. Please thank the editor of your newspaper for me.

Again, thank you very much. I hope you will continue the interest in your founder. We members of the Heppner family are delighted to have a city named after one of us. I hope Heppner, Oregon will always be as nice as it was the day we visited. Thank you.

JOHNE FITZHUGH II, Suisan, Ca.

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# Mayor of Hardman

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

Well, I hope you ain't got a turkey shortage at your house. The way things has been running, we're short of whatever we need at this time. Now that we can buy as much gasoline as we can afford, we're having to pay highway robbery prices for antifreeze, if we can find it. It use to be that the Government would buy up everything to keep the price up, now it looks like we're doing the same thing without Government assistance.

They say Thanksgiving is a truly American holiday, and I reckon that's right. It's a time we think back to gitting this country started and how we are built on freedom of individual choice. This is all good, and we all have got a heap to be thankful for. But in the shape the economy is in right now ain't exactly what we have in mind for Thanksgiving.

The fellers took up the general state of the country during the session at the country store Saturday night, and being the week afore Thanksgiving, they were looking for silver linings in the clouds. For instance, Bill Weatherford said President Ford's WIN plan reminds him of the blanket trick of cutting off one end and sewing it on the other end to make the blanket longer. But when you got one party in the White House dealing with the other party in Congress, Bill said, it's like the feller that saddled his horse backwards. Folks poked fun at him when he was in saddle looking north on a southbound horse. He got mad and said the saddle wasn't on wrong, and anyhow how did they know which way he wanted to go.

Ed Gonty said he had heard that the only way to put a stop to this country's spending was to gag and hogtie Uncle Sam. We don't want to do that, Ed allowed, but we had ought to try and sober him up, cause he keeps spending money like a drunk sailor. Ed said it looks to him like the questions in economics stay the same in this country, but the answers change with ever Administration. Through it all, he said, the federal budget keeps growing. It took us 185 years to reach a budget of \$100 billion, nine more to double that and only four more to add another \$100 billion, Ed said, and he allowed that he can't see how taxing more and borrowing more so we can spend more will help the situation.

General speaking, allowed Zeke Grubb, they ain't much way to figger this wonderful country of ours. He had saw where you got to be in pritty good shape afore you start taking exercises, and he said they may be what we need, to get in shape to get in shape.

But we keep working on our problems, Zeke said. He reported where he had saw the new policy at the University of Delaware says students can't drink by themselves, but they can in bunches of 10 or more, which proves that somebody in this country still believes there is strength, or somepun, in unity.

Yours truly, MAYOR ROY.



## A church head elected to Congress

BY LESTER KINSOLVING

Ever since the Presbyterian minister-soldier John Witherspoon signed the Declaration of Independence, Congress has been comprised of some clergy members.

But now quite probably for the first time in American history, the ranking officer of an entire denomination has been elected to the House of Representatives.

Joseph Fisher, who won election in Northern Virginia's 10th District, is Moderator of the 450,000-member Unitarian-Universalist Association, whose 1200 branches extend across North America.

Moderator Fisher accomplished what many political observers described as the most stunning upset of the 1974 election. He defeated the 11-term incumbent, Republican Joel T. Broyhill, dean of the state's congressional delegation.

Among a number of reasons for this upset is the fact that Congressman Broyhill took a position far more typical of most ecclesiastical leaders. He refused to discuss the issues in public with his opponent present, just as he had refused to do so with his eleven previous opponents.

Such refusal to allow voters the inimitable opportunity of comparing candidates during a face-to-face discussion of the issues is no longer permitted in the United Presbyterian Church. For five years ago, upon motion of a student delegate ("commissioner") from the University of Oregon, the Presbyterian General Assembly adopted a new procedure. All candidates for the post of Moderator are required to appear together on the platform to give brief statements of their positions and to answer questions from the floor.

After one hour of seeing how each candidate deals with each question in turn, the General Assembly, having been provided with a sometimes devastating scrutiny of the candidates, can cast votes on the basis of being far better informed than by either autobiographical brochures or word of mouth.

At least one heavy Presbyterian favorite has been upset by this careful examination (an examination to which any aspiring leader should willingly submit).

Yet in the 3 million-member Lutheran Church in America, the incumbent president, the Rev. Dr. Robert Marshall, loftily refused an invitation to discuss the issues prior to his reelection last summer.

He was invited to do so by the first man in history of the denomination who has ever dared to campaign openly for the presidency, the Rev. Wallace Fisher of Lancaster, Pa.

Paster Fisher faced an uphill fight—during which one of his fellow pastors warned: "They'll crucify you!" For President Marshall had completed one four year term—with two immediate presidential predecessors whose tenures amounted to 24 and 26 years respectively.

When candidate Fisher asked for an opportunity to address the pre-convention Synod meetings across the country, he received no invitations. (Candidate Dr. Marshall, as the denomination's incumbent president, needed no such means to become known to the voters.)

Paster Fisher's supporters then requested the list of convention delegates from denominational headquarters in Manhattan. But they were informed by the denomination's incumbent secretary, the Rev. George Harkens, that the Executive Council (over which incumbent candidate Marshall presides) had decided against providing any such voters list to any group.

Yet the fruit of this ecclesio-political high handedness was at least a momentary embarrassment to incumbent Marshall. For instead of the usual acclamation of election on the first ballot, the incumbent president failed to attract a majority vote—due to 168 votes for the rebellious Pastor Fisher.

And while Marshall won eventually, the convention ordered a study of open election procedures.

EDITOR:

In response to your article and editorial pertaining to the arrest and conviction of Mr. Stipe for shooting Steve Thompson's heifer, in the view of a recent past conviction in this state, it is the feeling of the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association that this person received a light sentence. Two men butchered a cow belonging to George Russell of Vale, Oregon. They were arrested in March, convicted in May, and sentenced to four years in the state correctional institution by the Malheur County Court.

We would like to point out that the Oregon Cattleman's Association and MCLGA pay a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a person or persons stealing or shooting members' livestock. The MCLG board of directors have voted to pay a reward for the information that led to the arrest and conviction of Mr. Stipe. The OCA board of directors have agreed to pay rewards as a result of the convictions in the Malheur and Morrow County cases and in one other case where the convicted persons haven't been sentenced yet.

In the past it has been disappointing to livestock interests to find in arrests and convictions of livestock shooting and theft only to see the courts hand the guilty party a slap on the wrist type of sentence.

Although we may sympathize with other segments of the public who decry minimal sentences for criminal acts against society, we do make our living from the raising of livestock and feel that sentences should be stiff enough to discourage the destruction and theft of these most important tools of our trade.

MORROW COUNTY LIVESTOCK GROWERS ASSOCIATION, EDDIE BROSNAN, President.

(ED. NOTE—I agree. My point is not so much that Mr. Stipe's punishment was too severe, but that those who commit crimes of equal gravity too often receive lighter sentences than those meted out to cattle thieves and cattle killers.)

EDITOR:

I am calling attention about your write up about the man that shot a cow. Also anyone that will shoot a cow or other privately owned animal should be punished. If they can't tell a cow from a deer or elk they shouldn't be hunting. There has been far too many cattle and horses killed in our fields to think it should just be passed by. Also too many so-called hunters shoot at a moving bush. If you can't see the object don't shoot.

As for killing a cow or deer there is certainly no comparison, but all are breaking the law, which we should be taught to uphold rather than encourage to lie and cheat.

As for Sam McMillan's letter I doubt that more men were killed in Heppner than most other towns. We just hear and remember in a small town where we know most of the people.

As for the case concerning the cow, it may have been a little tough. What would you do had it been your office or press room, just put him on the back and let it go at that. I'll bet a penny it would have been a different story and you would have did your cussing and howling plenty loud.

P.S. maybe you will print this. I know some go to the waste basket and not printed if it don't suit you.

Also I hope the paper will improve with time.

MARTHA VAN SCHOIACK, Heppner.



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