

## Horse sense

By

ERNEST V. JOINER



Discussion on the hiring of another deputy for the north end of the county brought dissent among members of the budget committee, at their meeting last Tuesday, after the total cost was estimated to be \$22,200.

Of the total cost \$8,200 would go toward the deputies wages, with an additional \$8,200 to be spent on equipment; \$4,000 for new radio equipment and another \$1,800 for office equipment. At present there are four men working out of the Sheriff's department. Three of these men remain in the Heppner area, while the fourth is stationed at Irrigon.

If another deputy is added to the north end of the county will the two deputies be able to use the same vehicle, or will the county be forced to purchase another vehicle complete with radio?

One member of the budget committee voiced his opinion saying, "If any more deputies are hired, the City of Heppner will be forced to remove its parking meters, so the officers will not get parking tickets when they park their vehicles during their coffee breaks."

Embarrassing situation department... After all of the time taken for study and planning for a new clinic and doctors in the area, it sure is a shame that the Department of Commerce's Building Inspector had to place a Stop Work Order on the new clinic. In fact he placed stop work orders on every building in the subdivision, including the home of Allen Nistad.

One problem that still remains unsolved is what will the residents now living in the apartments do if the apartment buildings are faced with the same plight? According to Russell, the plumbing inspector, he has hopes of finding out, as soon as he gets the opportunity to inspect both the water and sewer lines.

All I can say, "It is a Mickey Mouse system, and a hell of a poor job." Maybe the people of Heppner should take a long hard look at some of the problems facing them if they plan to expand.

If expansion is their goal, a set of regulations and city standards are in order. The old saying by the contractor, "This is the way water mains were installed in any town, may be true, but to date it doesn't hold water in Heppner." EC

Orville Cutsforth made mention at the Chamber of Commerce recently that his wife's ambition was to have him bring an old one room schoolhouse to Heppner, for display purposes only. The school would be complete with all of the old time desks and other paraphernalia that some of the old timers used year after year.

Orville has located a school house but where to put it presented a problem, and the matter is still undecided. Some of the Chamber members suggested that the school house be located at Hager Park, while others named various locations.

One of the best solutions to Orville's problem would be to ask the City and other interested people to place the building on the site next to the museum and library building. If the building were completely equipped with desks and all the rest, why not use the building for small meetings? It's a cinch the meeting would not last long having to sit on those hard benches, with hardly enough leg room to stretch.

On the other hand if the city would approve the location, why not put in a pot-bellied stove and have the school open for conducted tours?

There might be many children visiting the area during the bicentennial that have never had the good fortune to get a look at a learning post of the past. Funny, but just walking into a schoolhouse brings back memories. EC

## The mail pouch

EDITOR:

Enclosed is my check for another year's subscription. In one of the editorial columns in the last few weeks the editor noted how many things he hated. While standing in a store yesterday I noted a small sign that stated: "For every minute you are angry, you lose sixty seconds of happiness." Emerson.  
Best wishes and lower blood pressure.

JUNE McINNESS  
Menlo Park, CA.

EDITOR:

Enclosed is my check for another year's subscription to the greatest paper that is, to an editor that leads with his chin, tells it like it is, and can take it as well as dish it out. Keep calling those shots!

ROBERT E. ALLSTOTT  
Hermiston



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"Gosh... I Don't Know... It Just Kind Of Blew Over."

## Jack Sumner reports

This week I am reporting on the salary negotiations with state employees. Herewith, is a summary of action to date.

Negotiations broke off between the major OSEA-AFSCME bargaining coalition and the Governor in February. Fact-finding was invoked. The fact-finder's report published late in March disclosed a management offer of approximately 21 per cent cash raises plus about two per cent fringes, with a total cost of \$180 million. The labor demand was shown at an average of about 35 per cent cash raises plus another 2 or 3 per cent in fringes, with a total cost of \$343 million. The fact-finders recommended cash raises of about 27 per cent plus two per cent fringes, with a total cost somewhere between \$229 and \$253 million. This would be an increase to the present salaries of about \$882 million.

Negotiations were active again following the fact-finder's report, and, although the unions indicated acceptance of the report, there continued to be some disagreement about the recommendations contained in the report. The Governor's offer was subsequently modified, both as to implementation and amount, raising the management offer to about 22 plus 2 per cent, or \$208 million, which the union again rejected. Negotiations have continued sporadically during April. The Public Employee Relations Board offered its good offices in an effort to get negotiations underway once more, and some moderate changes in negotiating posture apparently were made between April 14 and 16. But, it appears that the two sides are still separated by fairly significant differences about when raises should be implemented, whether they are to be across-the-board or selective, and by the amount. The OSEA union is mailing out strike vote ballots at the present time.

Some unionized employees are precluded from striking, but must depend instead on binding arbitration. Prison guards are in that category. A large number of state workers are not in formal collective bargaining units, and as a consequence have no right to strike in this current situation.

Although OSEA is not necessarily required to conduct a strike vote with its employees, it apparently wishes to determine the sentiment among its members regarding management's last offer, which has been communicated to all employees, and the union's demands. If the employees within bargaining units approve a strike, it could be called at the union's discretion after about May 10.

A strike, if called, obviously may not be a general strike—too many employees are not in bargaining units or are prohibited from going on strike. Also, there is no reason to expect that the union would or could obtain a complete stoppage in every bargaining unit which does exist. At this state, there are many unknowns, but lines of communication between labor and management continue to remain open.

If a settlement is reached, either before or after a strike is called, the Legislature must approve and finance any such agreement before it can be operative. If no settlement is reached before the end of the legislative session, the Legislature will be faced with dealing with salaries for employees within bargaining units and for those who are not. Altogether, the future still appears to contain too many unknowns to permit meaningful speculation on possible courses of action.

If you have any questions concerning legislative problems, please contact me at 107K Capitol Building, Salem, Or., 97310. My phone number is 378-8849. Information on bills or legislative matters can also be obtained by calling the toll free information number 1-800-452-0290.

Rep. Jack Sumner

## Senator Ken Jernstedt reports on legislation

A prevalent topic in Oregon government during this session of the legislature has been the need for streamlining the state's bureaucracy. That concern has been addressed by a number of measures, primarily addressing a realignment of existing agencies.

One of the major bills falling into this category is Senate Bill 613, a measure which has been a long time coming. The bill abolishes the State Wildlife Commission and the Fish Commission of the state, combining the two agencies into a new fish and wildlife commission.

As it now stands, the two agencies compete against each other in several ways. The legislature has recognized the problem in the past, but similar bills have failed to win approval in previous sessions. In 1973, the issue remained locked in committee—but this year, the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee moved the bill to the floor last week. That in itself is a significant step.

The proposed Fish and Wildlife Commission would be made up of seven members, appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. There would be one member each from the four United States Congressional Districts: one member from west of the Cascades and one from east of the Cascades; and one at-large commissioner.

None of the commissioners can be an office-holder of a sport or commercial fishing organization, and the commission—under a state fish and wildlife director—would have to keep full and concise financial records.

The current structure would be maintained to a degree by the establishment of both a wildlife division and a fish division within the proposed department. The significant difference here is the coordination and control which would be seen under one total agency.

The time is right for this reform. Look for Senate approval and favorable consideration by the House.

Things are picking up speed, as legislative committees make decisions on the massive amount of measures before them. Last week the Joint Trade and Economic Development Committee considered 26 bills in one meeting, sending just three to the floor and tabling, deferring or taking no action on the rest. Other committees are doing the same, as the informal April 15 deadline for committee consideration of measures originating in its chamber of the legislative assembly has passed.

Several committees are beginning to schedule 7 a.m. hearings to meet the workload, as senate committees must clear their dockets of senate bills as measures from the house come up for their consideration. A similar process is shaping up in the house committees.

In short, the deliberate, efficient 1975 Oregon Legislature continues, with the only potential stumbling bloc: the volatile state employee salary issue. What is entering into that controversy now is less and less money to allocate, as the Joint Ways and Means Committee continues to distribute general fund monies to agency, commission, board and department budgets.

As many have indicated, the state employee salary issue will ultimately end up in the hands of the legislature. But what many have not considered is the possibility of a special session to iron out the difficulties if no agreement is reached before the legislature concludes its other business and goes home this 1975 regular session.

Sen. Ken Jernstedt

## Mayor of Hardman

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

Ed Doolittle told the fellers at the country store Saturday night that it's a bald face shame the misery some folks have to go through in this land that is flowing with milk and honey. The way some reports in the papers put it, Ed allowed, the only Americans half way well off is them that's getting food stamps, cause as late as last week Ed said he hadn't read of a cutback in stamps.

This one piece Ed said he saw was about some of the folks that is having to take pay cuts. For instant, Ed reported, there is old Henry Ford's boy. He was paid \$865,000 by his pa's company in 1973, but last year he had to skimp along on just \$290,000. They ain't no way Henry Jr. can live in the manner to which he is accustomed, Ed said and with car sales what they are so far in 1975, it's a wonder the pore feller could scrape up gas money to git from Michigan to California where he got caught driving drunk a few weeks back.

General speaking, Ed went on, starvation wages seem to be the coming thing fer all big wheels excepting politicians. Cutbacks has even worked down to \$60,000 a year airline pilots that has agreed to take a 10 per cent drop. Henry Jr. and some of them railroad presidents that is pulling down a measly \$400,000 a year had better set their cutbacks up on percentage. If they cut Henry Jr. as much this year as they did last, he'll wind up in the hole more than somewhat.

Zeke Grubb broke in to say he could see this kind of thing coming last fall. That was when Joe Namath set still fer a 10 per cent slice off his \$300,000 a year wage fer playing football. Zeke said these company heads is jest going to have to put themselves up fer auction like Namath and that baseball pitcher Catfish Hunter done. Namath now is talking about agreeing to a \$4 million deal to play in another league. Hunter got his \$3 million and he ain't worried a bit that he went from millionaire to bum by losing his first two games. He can buy and sell a ball park full of fans and never touch his principal, Zeke said.

And speaking of wage cutbacks, Bug Hookum told the fellers he liked the idea Senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina come up with, but nobody else in the Senate did. Helms hit them fellers where they live, Bug said, when he proposed that the wages of senators be tied to the national debt. Ever time the debt is raised, Helms said, the salaries of them that agree to raise it ought to go down. The trouble with that deal, declared Bug, is that Helms didn't take in account that no politician is ever willing to put his own money where his mouth is. The congress giveth, but the congressmen never taketh away, unless it's somebody else being took, was Bug's words, and the only way them fellers will take a pay cut is to git voted out of work.

Yours truly,  
MAYOR ROY.



## New standards for Episcopal Church

By LESTER KINSOLVING

If the feminist Episcopalians win their current and well-publicized battle for female ordination to the priesthood, their victory may well be Pyrrhic.

For their campaign methods are rapidly eroding the entire disciplinary system (and thus the organization) of the three million-member denomination.

These womens libbers apparently get their jollies by making the all-male Episcopal House of Bishops look as helpless and hapless as a House of Ostriches. But the ladies may well discover that by the time they win the battle, the war will be over and the denomination will no longer be Episcopal (under the leadership of bishops) but rather Congregational. The Congregationalists—now called the United Church of Christ—allow female ordination.

As one example of the current disintegration of Episcopal discipline, TIME magazine quite accurately headlined a recent story as "DODGING THE ISSUE." For the four bishops who staged an ordination service for 11 women last summer—and freely admitted breaking the church law they had all vowed to uphold and enforce—all got off scot free.

A Board of Inquiry concluded that while there was indeed violation of church law, the issue was "doctrinal," which requires a vote of two thirds of the entire House of Bishops in order to be brought to trial.

This conclusion was described as "a cop out" by Bishops William Creighton and John Walker of Washington, D.C.—both of whom went on to announce that they will ordain no men to the priesthood until allowed to ordain women. The two prelates also served notice that unless the denomination's highest governing body, General Convention votes to allow this in 1976, they will ordain women to the priesthood regardless.

This dramatic defiance, announced to a press conference, was slightly deflated when Bishop Creighton conceded that there is no shortage whatsoever of Episcopal priests—and, in fact, parochial employment in his diocese is "very tight." What actually amounts to a priest surplus of more than a thousand men is, being alleviated, however slightly, in Mexico City. For three priests—all with more than ten years' service, but all male Mexicans rather than female Americans—were unfrocked on March 8, for the following grounds, as announced by national Episcopal headquarters in New York:

"Conduct unbecoming a priest and violation of ordination vows."

Nobody in the New York headquarters (which financially supports the Mexican dioceses) knows precisely what conduct and what violations.

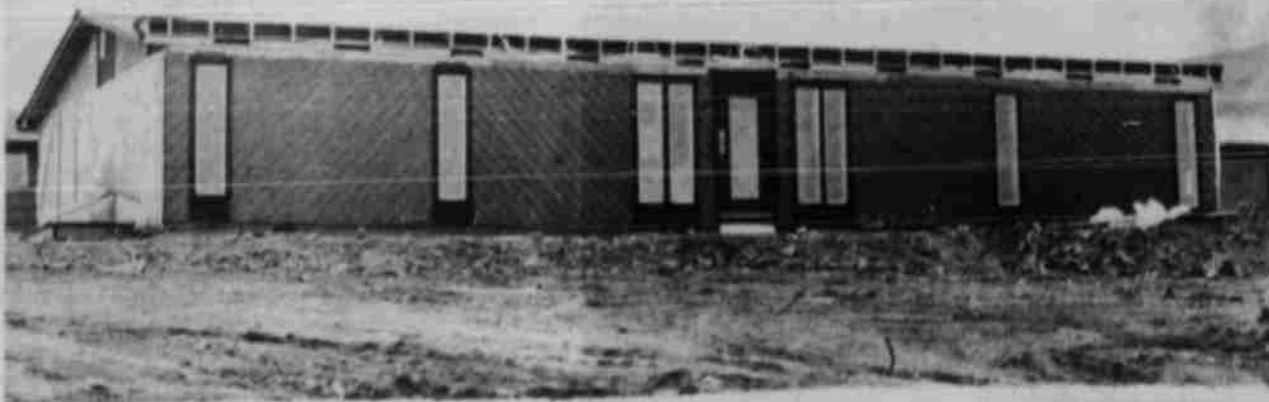
Did these three Mexican priests possibly ordain women? Or is it possible that they have formed some sort of clergy "Fellowship of Fornicators"? (There is no such evidence or indication.)

But if such a hypothesis is beyond imagination in the current Episcopal Church at the prestigious Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass., there is a recently organized "Ad Hoc Committee on Fornication," written evidence of which has reached this column.

Co-Deans Harvey Guthrie and Edward Harris emphatically dismiss this organization as "an in-house joke." But students hardly seem to regard this as mere college (or seminary) humor. During an interview—with anonymity guaranteed—this writer was informed:

"There are at least two couples living together and we don't believe they should be treated any different from the married students."

One of the two founders of the Ad Hoc Fornicators is Seminarian Lynne Gustafson, whose petition filed with Co-Dean Harris states among other things: "For at least five years, people have felt free to cohabit openly in EDS (Episcopal Divinity School) housing. Many couples who have cohabited on a permanent basis have felt that they should assume the responsibility for the implicit financial obligation..." Miss Gustafson also advised in writing: "Wear your 'Equality for Fornicators' button openly."



HEPPNER'S NEW MODULAR CLINIC, with both sections in place. Workmen are busy putting the finishing touches to the building, as they hope to have it completed by May 15.