

## Horse sense

By ERNEST V. JOINER

There are many who speak out against the sacred cow of education. If any of the militants in the teaching business wish to toss tennis balls down their commodes or threaten their lives, here are a few:

"(If the nation's teachers joined into one group) it would be the largest labor organization in the world—larger than the teamsters, larger than the American Medical Association, United Auto Workers, and I believe, the most influential organization in the nation."—David Seldon, president, American Federation of Teachers

"I suggest to you that education is the only system I know of which blames its product for its failure, rather than blaming the system. I suggest to you that every enrollee in a remedial manpower training program represents a failure of our public education system."—Lowell A. Burkett, executive director, American Vocational Assn.

"The problem of locking incompetent teachers into the schools by so-called permanent tenure laws must be resolved."—Dr. Calvin Grieder, professor of School Administration, University of Colorado.

"Teaching today requires far too many people. It ought to be possible to do the job with far fewer. Teaching is where agriculture was around 1750, when it took 20 men on the farm to feed one non-farmer on the town. We have to make the teacher more productive."—Peter Drucker, "The Age of Discontinuity"

"If grade school and high school costs continue to increase in the 1970s as they have in the past, the yearly cost per student by 1982 will be approximately \$10,000—or 30 per cent of the nation's gross national product (compared to the present 6 or 7 per cent)."—Fred C. Manasse, educational engineer

"If the Ford Motor Company were managed like our schools . . . a car would cost \$100,000."—Ibid

"I am not going to keep asking the public for more money for schools, because right now we are not drawing the distinction between schooling and education. As school operators, we do nothing to dispel a favorite public myth that the more schooling you have the better educated you are. Actually, we can offer less schooling and better education if we apply ourselves to it."—Dr. Harold Spears, chairman, UNESCO International Committee on School Curriculum.

"In 1946, 6.5 billion dollars was spent for education in the United States. Today, that figure is \$85 billion, and people are beginning to ask 'What are we getting in return.'"—Dr. Leon Lessinger, former Associate U.S. Commissioner for Elementary and Secondary Education

"Without faculty stimulus, financial contributions and other forms of assistance, the student revolt could never really have gotten off the ground . . ."—Robert Nesbitt, professor of sociology, University of California

"The worst enemies of American higher education are professors, or a minority of professors within it."—S.I. Hayakawa, former president, San Francisco State College

During Monday night city council meeting, Mayor Sweeney appointed Larry Mills to the council, following the resignation of Lerice Martin. Prior to the approval of Mills by the council, Warren Plocharsky asked Mayor Sweeney if any other applicants had been received for the position. Mayor Sweeney replied, "I have talked to various people regarding the council position and no one seems to want the job." It seems as though people are not clamoring for the position. Mills made mention to a councilman that he might be interested in the position. He was appointed to fill the vacancy Monday night.

Usually the Fourth of July is a peaceful day in Heppner. Most of the residents leave the area and go to the mountains for a few days of rest and relaxation. First the city received a flood alert Friday, at 2:55 p.m. from the Portland Weather Service. July 5, at 3:10 p.m. all power went off, when the grounding bank at Boardman failed. Power was restored at 7:16 p.m.

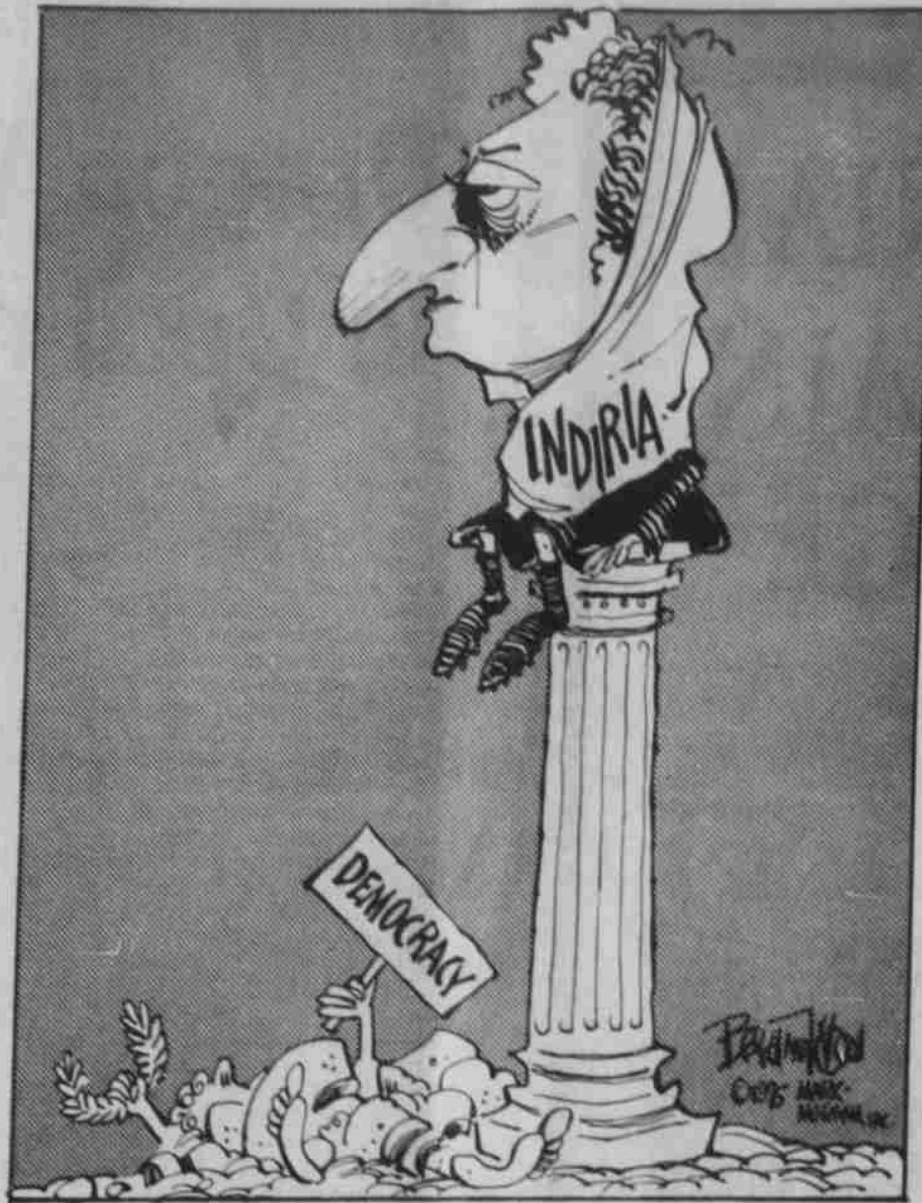
Sunday, July 6, the power was off again from 4:15 a.m. until 5:32 a.m. At 11:10 a.m., 10 poles were hit by lightning and once again residents were without power. Power was finally restored at 4:27 p.m.

In the meantime vandals threw some beer bottles into the city swimming pool and the pool had to be closed to remove the broken glass. During the three-day holiday the county sweltered in heat upwards of 100 degrees. Tavern owners closed their taverns when the beer started to get warm, creating chaos for the indulgers.

While the power outage was in progress Saturday night, one lone man was seen barbecuing two hot dogs on a willow stick in the gutter by the Northwestern Motel.

The largest class to graduate from Heppner High School was holding its 10th annual reunion Saturday night at the Elks Lodge. No electricity to prepare the dinner for the 90 guests. Jim Rogers managed to cook the meal on the gas range. Suddenly as he was preparing to serve the meal the lights came on. Rogers heaved a sigh of relief for a few moments; however, the air conditioner at the Elks had stopped working. Oh, Happy holiday!

Years ago a steel safe was installed in the treasurer's office at the court house. The safe weighs approximately two ton and cannot be easily moved. There is no wood flooring under the safe to hold the weight. The floor had been removed and the safe rests on solid rock and concrete. About 30 years ago, the combination to the safe had been removed. Last Thursday employees decided to move the two-ton safe to another location. In preparation of the move, the doors were slammed shut. The pins fell and the safe could not be opened. Monday afternoon workers finally succeeded in opening the safe with the help of a sledge hammer and torch. The right door of the safe has a hole about 18 inches square in it, however, I have been assured that when it is repaired I won't be able to see the marks made by the hammer and torch. In the meantime I hope no one closes the door. E.C.



You've Come A Long Way, Baby

## The mail pouch

EDITOR:

Would you please help us by printing the following in the next edition of your paper?

Mrs. J.D. Logan  
Walla Walla

Mrs. John Logan and her daughter, Laura Logan of Walla Walla, Wa. wish to thank all those who stopped and helped at the scene of our accident, 3 miles south of Irrigon, Or., close to midnight on Sunday, June 29. Your assistance in saving our 4-year-old Shawalla Morgan horse will long be remembered. We are very sorry we can't thank you individually, but in the confusion we failed to get names and addresses. Hopefully you will read this. Again, our thanks. You were great!



It's Lincoln's Birthday, dear—remember? He freed the slaves.

## Oregon students study in New Zealand

Oregon State University's first students in an exchange program with Lincoln College, New Zealand have found something familiar—exams.

The five agricultural students who left Corvallis for Christchurch in January ended their first semester June 20. They plan to return to Oregon and OSU studies during the Christmas holidays.

"It seems odd that the winter is just setting in here and folks at home are getting out their cutoffs," said Juli Plath, Portland, a junior in soil science at OSU and the only woman student in the visiting group.

"Lincoln College is quite cold in the winter. We've been having hard frosts for about three weeks."

She spent the May school holidays on a field trip to the west coast of New Zealand's South Island and also toured part of the North Island.

"I am constantly amazed at the tremendous variety that I find here," she said in a letter to James Oldfield, head of the OSU Department of Animal Science who coordinated the exchange program.

"I only wish that I had more time to explore—a year hardly seems long enough."

Miss Plath has been working on a soil project near Oamaru, south of Lincoln College and near the east coast of the South Island.

The soil, very stony and shallow, is under irrigation through a government program. It has cost the government and farmers \$3 million each," she said.

There is much controversy whether it is sensible to try to improve these soils instead of putting the time and money into better soils. The argument seems to be between the soil scientists who favor bolstering a poor area vs. the soil scientists and agronomists who favor the greater return from better areas.

The other OSU students are Jeffrey B. Johnson, Grants Pass, a junior in agricultural economics; Dale Killingsworth, Fossil, a junior in agricultural engineering; Clinton Krebs, Ione, a junior in agricultural economics, and Marvin Pangborn, Bay City, a sophomore in agricultural education.

## Mayor of Hardman

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

Ed Doolittle come to the meeting at the country store Saturday night with this report where the FBI says crime is higher among folks out of work than with them that has a job, and that crime in the country is running even with crime in the city. Ed said that bit of detective work is about as surprising as President Wilson's discovery that "as more and more people are put out of work, unemployment results."

You can believe liars figger, but figgers don't lie. Ed allowed, but you can take a set of Government findings and go any way you want to with em. For instant, Ed said the FBI report didn't say nothing at all about the Senate's report that the FBI and the CIA probable are pulling off more crimes against the people than the people are against themselves, not to mention the CIA's habit of planning killings and overthrows in other countries. Ed said he took the FBI report to deal with civilian crime, not that of the Government's top internal and external police outfits.

What the report means, Ed said, is that even in this modern day idle hands still is the Devil's workshop. People that can't find nothing better to do will wind up doing somepun they got no business, was Ed's words. As fer the country-city crime rates, all that means is that there is no more difference in rural-urban crime than there is in the way folks talk, dress, the houses they live in, the food they eat and the TV they watch. The more the country is different, the more it's alike. Ed said. The boy in the big city slum and the one that gits into town off the ranch one night a week is watching the same evening news. Ed said, and unless they're gitting a heap of help at home, their minds is being shaped by the same things. It don't take no \$30 a hour social psychologist to figger out why they wind up smoking the same dope and robbing the same stores.

Zeke Grubb had another report where the U.S. Department of Agriculture says it costs as much to live on the farm as it does in town. This went over with the same kind of shock that Ed's FBI findings did. Zeke said living expenses for a farm family averaged \$10,786 in 1973, a whopping jump from the \$3,308 it cost in 1955. The USDA didn't have income figgers for 1955. Zeke said, but he said he would guess that the pattern pretty much holds true that wherever you live today you're finding that you have a lot of year left over at the end of your money.

General speaking, Mister Editor, folks that move from the city to the country are expecting the best of both worlds. They got the idee of living cheap, but still having their garbage picked up twice a week. They're looking for a steak at balloney prices, and you don't find them bargins these days. I see where a U.S. Mint inspector said our money was meeting all the "physical requirements," but he meant the money, not fer the folks that spend it.

Yours truly,  
MAYOR ROY



## Demon-driving for church attendance

By LESTER KINSOLVING

Even as Hollywood began cashing in on second runs of "The Exorcist," news dispatches from Great Britain indicate that demon-driving has provided a rather sensational ecclesiastical box office in at least one parish of the Church of England.

Just east of London in the Essex town of Hainault, the Rev. Trevor Dearing, 41, announced to a capacity congregation of 600 that he would "conduct a mock-up for the photographers."

"The photographers" were part of a large press corps, on hand to cover a widely announced sacerdotal spectacular: a 21-year-old allegedly former prostitute named "Denise" (no last name listed) was scheduled to have the devils driven out of her by Vicar Dearing.

The Rev. Mr. Dearing was about to commence this anti-demon dry run, when "Denise" leapt up, emitted a piercing screech, collapsed convincingly full length upon the floor and began writhing, while at the same time screaming that "Jesus is dead!"

As if on cue, the Vicar roared a response: "Jesus is alive, you mocking spirit! Get out of her now, in the name of The Lord!"

Immediately the screeching "Denise" hushed and ceased twitching, whereat the Vicar announced: "I have just cast out the spirit of mockery."

"Praise the Lord!" chanted the congregation as "Denise" was taken away from the church and to a neighboring hostel, by private car.

The Rev. Mr. Dearing had informed his audience that during the previous week he had relieved "Denise" of three additional demons. But reporters learned that 18 months previously, this same "Denise" had been devil-divested by Dearing at a similar "deliverance service," but that she had resumed her veneral occupation.

Dearing's bishop, the Rt. Rev. John Trillo, had originally issued a ban on such services in his Diocese of Chelmsford. But in the glare of TV lights and reporters notebooks, Bishop Trillo apparently relented—provided, he insisted, that the Rev. Mr. Dearing have a physician in attendance. For in the north of England, near the Yorkshire city of Leeds, exorcism had resulted in disaster.

Another vicar, the Rev. Peter Vincent, led five other adults in conducting a six hour exorcism of what they identified as more than twenty different devils (such as incest and bestiality) which they believed to have inhabited Michael Taylor.

Within minutes of the conclusion of their effort, at dawn, the exorcised Taylor went home and promptly murdered his wife. Taylor told the court that he believed her possessed by Satan, as an explanation of why he had gouged out her eyes and torn out her tongue. (He went on to strangle the pet poodle as well, in his apparent belief in dog-devils.)

Exorcist Vincent's bishop, the Rt. Rev. Eric Treacy of the Diocese of Wakefield, absolved this vicar of all blame for the lethal results of the exorcism—because, said the Bishop, Vincent and his friends were "sincerely motivated."

But Taylor's defense council, Harry Ognall, told the court that the Rev. Mr. Vincent and his friends were "truly responsible" for Mrs. Taylor's death and should be with Taylor in the mental hospital where he is presently incarcerated.

Among other disclosures regarding his weird rite, Vicar Vincent told the court that during the exorcism at his church: "The windows were opened so that demons expelled from Taylor could leave if they wished."

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An estimated 200 people traveled to Ione July 3 to see the fireworks display. The annual event is sponsored by the Ione American Legion.