

FROM THE CORNER

By ERNIE CERESA

The nursing home at Pioneer Memorial Hospital, although they received their permit from the Oregon State Liquor Control Commission still can't serve patients a drink, legally. They must apply for a federal revenue tax stamp. Cost \$54 a year.

When the stamp is obtained from the Department of Alcohol and Tobacco, the nursing home will have the same privileges as any night club.

The people in the nursing home will not consume a case of beer or a bottle of wine in six months, yet the government wants \$54 revenue from the dispensing of the liquor to the patients by the hospital and staff.

While on the subject of wine and liquor, I talked with Bob Koch, Pendleton, of the Oregon State Liquor Control Commission and asked what the law regarding wine for home consumption is in Oregon. According to Koch, the head of a household can apply for a permit to make 250 gallons of wine per year with no problem, however, a bachelor cannot make one drop, it's illegal. Talk about discrimination.

In a recent discussion with one of my spies we started talking about credit and charging items in the area. Most of the merchants will charge items to most of their regular customers without a second thought, as they feel this is good for their business. On very rare occasions someone will fail to pay his bill and the merchant is stuck for the cost of the item. Most people do not realize that extending credit is a courtesy on the part of the merchant.

My spy informed me of three men in the area who each had businesses. One extended liberal credit to everyone, the second extended credit only to his friends while the third extended credit to no one, it was a cash and carry basis, however he would accept collateral in lieu of his payments. All three of these men are now deceased, the first died without a penny, the second was also penniless when he died, while the third died a wealthy man.

The problem of trying to stop corporate farming also came up during the evening. If the entire north end of the county were all in family farms, what percentage of them would shop with the local merchants? How many residents of the lone and Lexington area today shop locally? I would be willing to wager most of them shop in either Hermiston or Pendleton, so I don't believe that family farming will benefit the local merchants.

Last week the Heppner City Police cited three persons within the city limits for illegally hooking their trailers up to the city's water and sewer. Although they had applied for a permit at City Hall their permits had not been acted upon by the Council. It had been general procedures to hook up a trailer or mobile home in the city then apply for a permit. This is illegal and anyone caught hooking up to the city water and sewer faces a possible fine up to \$250.

The Heppner Volunteer Fire Department would like your help. They are appealing to the people of the community to bring them any old toys in need of repair and painting so the firemen can have them ready for some youngsters for Christmas. This fine group of men, always willing to serve you, are now asking for your help. Please bring any toys your youngster may have outgrown or do not use to the Fire Station. Let's help make this a Merry Christmas for some of the needy youngsters of the area.

We are continually hearing of the \$6 billion food stamp program, plus the billions being spent for defense, foreign aid and other social welfare programs, however, did you know your tax dollar is being spent for the following programs: \$375,000 for a government study of the frisbee; \$159,000 teaching new mothers how to play with baby; \$29,000 to study the mating calls of the Central American toad; \$80,000 to develop a zero gravity toilet; \$238,000 to follow the study of migrating bats in Morocco and \$400 million to construct an American University in Japan.

These examples are not jokes, they are real. The question is why? Why not write our congressmen and senators and ask for an explanation of these programs. After all it's your money.



Heppner postmaster Hubert Wilson was elected President of the National Association of Postmasters for Eastern Oregon District. The district reaches from Arlington to Baker and from Hines to the Washington border. Wilson will assume his new duties Jan. 1, 1976.



"BOOOOOO..."

The mail pouch

EDITOR:

Please renew my subscription to the Gazette-Times. I have been a life-time reader of the Gazette-Times starting when I was a first grader in Heppner in 1922 or so.

I have enjoyed your news items from former years and I am surprised at how many names I remember. Your pictures of old buildings are of great interest also.

My mother, Anna Q. Thomson taught school in the school situated on the present hospital hill. My father, George Thomson was one of the three Thomson Bros. who later operated their General Merchandise store in the Heppner building pictured in the Oct. 2 issue.

I occasionally send clippings to my brother Ted Thomson who lives in Florida and to Bill Thomson, Burlingame, CA. We three Thomsons left Heppner after high school in the early thirties for college and careers, however, I still consider Heppner my home town after all these years.

BEATRICE BENNETT
Beaverton

EDITOR:

Prior to 1967, the Boy Scouts put out the American Flag in front of various business establishments in Heppner on certain holidays. They were compensated for their efforts and so a business agreement had been consummated. The flag brackets at that time were fastened to the buildings.

In 1967 the Boy Scouts disbanded and a void was created. (The Scouts reorganized about a year or so later).

A committee of Legionnaires contacted the business men in Heppner and Lexington to ask their opinions, and without a question, the majority were willing to continue the practice of flying the flags on certain holidays. Consequently an agreement was drawn up satisfactorily to both parties involved. The City Council gave permission to secure flag brackets on the parking meters.

And so since 1967 each flag has been unfurled and retired around 180 times. You see, each flag has to be put up and then taken down. Since this requires physical energy and time, a service has been rendered and consequently cannot be classified under a contribution. Both parties have contributed something of value and have received something of value in exchange. Our great American Flag and the integrity of the American Legion are only incidental in this transaction.

It costs each business 50 cents each time a flag is handled 20 times a year. All the original business men paid \$5 for each flag, which was also our cost. If a business changes hands and the location remains the same, then no initial \$5 is charged. It has been already paid by the original owner. In the last eight years, we have replaced almost all the flags at our own expense which now is \$8 per flag.

We regret that mistakes can occur because we have new officers each year and the businesses have also changed hands. It is the Legion's frailty that some new owners have received statements for a service that they were unaware of, especially if the new owner has retained the trade name of the previous owner.

I should like to emphasize the fact that this program is strictly voluntary, and no one has ever been or will ever be pressured to participate in this program. We encourage anybody to fly his own flag. We have supplied flags free to various citizens who fly them every day. It is against all our principles to deny any citizen the privilege of flying his own flag.

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to all the merchants who have helped us in our flag program.

The basic purpose of the American Legion is to serve, not to take. We accept contributions from our own members only.

I hope this will clarify our fundamental concepts to the disgruntled businessman and terminate any potential sensationalism that seems so gratifying to certain members of the media.

ARNIE HEDMAN
American Legion Post 87

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

Future development in the north part of Morrow County was made possible by the recent meeting of the Planning Commission.

The commission approved an application for Kenn Evans requesting a zone change for 80 acres from qualified farm to light industrial. Evans told the commission he plans to construct a truck stop and a restaurant on the property, located at the junction of Paterson Ferry Road and Highway 730. Further development is subject to the approval of the commission.

The property is being purchased from A.L. Conforth by Keeco Inc., Kenn Evans, contract buyer.

A variance application by Kinzua Corp., seeking a setback requirement on Hwy 207 was denied. The Planning Commission allowed Kinzua Corp. 60 days to re-submit the variance with proper justification or remove the building.

The application involves a small oil storage shed which sets about 50 feet from the highway. The shed was constructed without a building permit or a variance from the planning commission.

Another application for Kinzua Corp., to construct a security guard house was delayed until the November meeting to allow Kinzua the opportunity to provide further information. The guard house would be built near the oil storage shed at the east end of the plywood plant.

An application by Oregon Potato Inc. requesting a zone change from farm to farm residential consisting of 15 acres on Paterson Ferry Rd, south of Hwy. 730, was postponed until the Nov. 24 meeting.

A final plat of Boardman Acres Subdivision, located approximately 3 miles southeast of Boardman was given final approval by the commission.

Preliminary approval was given to Desert Delight Subdivision for the preliminary plat. The subdivision is located 2 1/2 miles southeast of Irrigon and the parcel contains 20.67 acres.

Pat Wright, county health nurse, announces she will give flu shots at her office to those who were unable to attend the flu clinic. The flu shots will be available until Nov. 14, and the charge will be \$2. She suggests she be called first, the number is 676-9911.

Fuller Wellborn Russell appeared in Justice Court recently on charges of want and waste of game. He pleaded non contented and was fined \$205 by Justice of the Peace Charles O'Connor.

James R. Murray was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor, resisting arrest and escape.

He appeared before Justice of the Peace Charles O'Connor, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to seven months in the county jail or ordered to pay a fine of \$1,065. Murray is currently serving his sentence in the county jail.

The State of Oregon recently allocated \$5,000 to Morrow County, enabling the county to replace road signs that are not reflective and to replace old or worn out signs or markers.

The county commissioners are thinking of the feasibility of completing the survey and making the necessary changes where needed.

Morrow County is now \$32,343 richer. A check paid by the State of Oregon was refunded from major oil companies for an over charge on asphalt during the past 20 years.

The court approved the purchase of a new vehicle for the county roadmaster. Bids will be accepted in the near future.

A three-quarter mile farm road owned by Mr. and Mrs. Rasom, Eightmile, will be deeded to the county. This will allow the county road department to service and improve the road.

Morrow County Juvenile Director, Carolyn Davis, attended an all-counties Correctional and Juvenile Directors meeting in Portland recently.

Miss Davis is leaving for California this week. While on vacation she plans to attend a seminar pertaining to child abuse and neglect in San Diego, CA.

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Mayor of Hardman

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

Bug Hookum wasn't in the brightest of moods when he got to the country store Saturday night, and the discussion didn't do much for his disposition. Bug came in with the mulligrubs on account of this piece he had saw about people being recalled for checks on bad parts. He said he was expecting a notice to turn hisself in any day.

According to Bug's report, the Food and Drug Administration has found bad heart valves of the type 65,000 people are walking around with. Bug told the fellers that if heart pacers like he's been wearing fer five year start going to the bad he's in big trouble. It's bad enuff when your original equipment wears out, declared Bug, but when you can't git dependable replacement parts you might as well take the wheels off the old buggy and store it on blocks under the barn shelter.

Clem Webster told Bug he ought to be thankful he can git spare parts to keep going. Clem said folks a generation ago would of died quick of ailments we're walking around with today. We're controlling with a pill a day a heap of problems that would of been hopeless 30 year back, was Clem's words. Farthermore, went on Clem, if Bug's pacer has to go in fer a check, it probable will mean somebody has come up with a better one that'll do him a even better job.

General speaking, the fellers sided with Clem in saying that Bug was upset fer no cause, but Bug allowed it was a case of whose bull was being gored, and if their heart was being run by a battery, they would feel a heap closer to this recall notice. Bug said ever time he's asked how dependable is his pacer, he thinks of what the astronaut said about being shot up in rockets. How would you feel, the feller said, if you was setting on 200,000 parts, each one supplied by the lowest bidder. No matter how careful you put somepon together, it can't be careful enuff when you life hangs in the balance, was Bug's words.

The fellers moved on to mention other wonders of modern medicine til Zeke Grubb got to talking about copper bracelets fer rumatism and steel balls hooked to the ears to cut the appetite. By the time Zeke got around to report on this piece he had saw on bartenders counseling drunks the fellers started to fall out ever which way. Zeke said he was worried about a move in the country to have untrained folks in contact with the public deal with problems like drunks and suicides, and Bug said he was fer anything that got people talking instead of looking the other way.

Actual, broke in Ed Doolittle, whatever works is good. When men got haircuts regular and listened to their barbers they had fewer worries and now everybody is long haired and jittery. If you think a ball hooked in your ear makes you lose weight, thinking it will is a long way toward making it so, Ed allowed.

Yours truly,
MAYOR ROY.



IS THE METHODIST
CHURCH SICK?

By LESTER KINSOLVING

"United Methodism is a sick denomination," said the Lubbock, Texas Methodist Pastor, in addressing 2,000 Methodist clergy and laity this summer.

"Our membership has declined by one million in seven years," noted the Rev. Edmund Robb, "with worship attendance declining by almost the same percentage—this at the same time conservative denominations are showing very rapid growth."

The main reason for this notable falloff in the nation's second largest (10 million) Protestant denomination was cited by the Rev. Mr. Robb as: "Weak, ineffective ministerial leadership... Evangelicals pay the bills, receive members and follow the program determined and directed by liberals... under the suggestion that it is 'disloyal' to question the program... one part of the bureaucratic brotherhood automatically affirms every other part. It is part of the long-established survival mechanism and the ritual of being a 'loyal United Methodist'."

Methodist bishops were at one time powerful enough to be the spearheads of Prohibition. From their clergy there was generally extraordinary obedience, since the Bishop would decide just where every pastor would be assigned in the regular moves they were obliged to make every three years.

Today there appears to be a wide and somewhat confusing variety of leadership among the bishops. In Knoxville, Tenn. for example, Bishop L. Scott Allen attempted to order the Knoxville News-Sentinel (A) not to assign reporter Jan Maxwell to cover his annual conference, and (B) to submit all reporting to him for his advance approval. (He failed on both counts.)

In the Chicago area, by contrast, Methodist pastors have been allowed to permit their church buildings be used for staging areas for violent Students For A Democratic Society (S.D.S.) demonstrators, as well as a meeting of the Community Party, and a Wisconsin drama group which had enlivened Madison with a Production of Peter Pan—in the nude.

In San Francisco, however, Bishop R. Marvin Stuart has been overwhelmed by dwindling Methodism's sickest exhibit, wildly radical black militant A. Cecil Williams. This hot prophet has converted the heavily endowed Glide Memorial Church into an ear-splitting, eye-popping emporium for the worship of the Rev. A. Cecil Williams. Atlanta's Methodist Bishop forced that city's First Methodist Church to invite A. Cecil to their pulpit during the last General Conference. By striking contrast, when A. Cecil reached what may be his pinnacle of publicity—by hosting a convention of whores—Bishop Stuart explained limply: "I have no authority over any local church facilities... I must express my reservations about the endorsement of prostitution that I believe is implicit in granting permission to a Convention of prostitutes to use meeting rooms in the Glide facility... Jesus had compassion on the woman taken in adultery... But he left the woman with the words 'Go and sin no more!'"

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