

## Horse sense

By  
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Many of you recall when the Times, a few years ago, adopted the policy of publishing the names and details of juveniles accused of crime. We got into trouble with many readers. Indignant parents threatened everything from mayhem to legal action. We refused to alter the policy, and continued to publish news of juvenile crime as long as the State of California permitted us to do so. After the first year of publishing juvenile crime news, then Sebastopol Chief of Police John Pilgrim told us that the arrests among juveniles in Sebastopol had been cut by 50 per cent—exactly half of the number recorded the previous year when no public attention was called to their crimes. Strong pressure of judges, attorneys, sociologists and psychologists influenced the legislature to make it illegal for any newspaper to publish the names of juvenile offenders in most cases, thus ringing down an iron curtain on their criminal activities. Since then juvenile crime has skyrocketed. The entire country is in the grasp of young hoodlums who are seldom apprehended; and if apprehended, go through the revolving doors of the courts and juvenile hall, then back on the streets—wiser in the ways of crime and of the administration of softheaded justice.

A prestigious group of judges, lawyers, psychologists, sociologists and social workers who make up the Juvenile Justice Standards Project issued a report from New York Saturday. It reversed the thinking involved in coddling juvenile criminals and pandering to the "needs of the juvenile" with no thought of their victims—like those who terrorize riders on San Francisco's muni buses. The panel recommended that juvenile court proceedings "should no longer be closed to the public." It went further. It said state legislatures should fix maximum sentences and abolish indeterminate sentencing, a practice in this state. The punishment, it said, should fit the crime.

It is heartening to see that the Juvenile Justice Standards Project is sponsored jointly by the Institute of Judicial Administration at New York University and the American Bar Assn. It is just such people who called for secrecy in juvenile crime in the first place, and it is to their credit that they have heard the cries of outrage from grassroots America and changed their thinking. The California Legislature should proceed with all haste to throw off the veil of secrecy surrounding juvenile arrests and juvenile court proceedings. The spotlight of publicity is a deterrent to crime, juvenile or adult. The punishment should also fit the crime, and if Johnny is man enough to pull the job he's man enough to take the punishment.

Never mind inflation, unemployment and the energy crisis. First things first, you know. The U.S. General Services Administration wants 10,000 experimental lawn mowers under the Experimental Technology Incentives Program (Hah! You didn't even know we had one!) in order to discover a quieter lawn mower, one that won't drive your neighbor nuts early Sunday morning. If you have 10,000 quiet lawn mowers around the house, submit a bid before the Jan. 15 deadline.

As of Oct. 1 our Congressmen increased their annual pay to \$44,625. This is aside from the many funds, freebies and fringes enjoyed by each one, which runs from \$50,000 to \$100,000 a year, depending on how one's tastes run. With all the extras every Congressman should be able to live handsomely and bank his \$44,625. I have no doubt a Congressman is worth \$44,625, if that were all he got, because his pay isn't too far below the gross income of a Sonoma County Supervisor. It's the way they got the raise that hurts. It was one of those nimble pieces of chicanery which once caused Mark Twain to explode. "It could probably be shown by facts and figures that there is no distinctly native American criminal class except Congress." He was on the mark. The plan to quietly raise Congressional pay was conceived last February by Congressional leaders and President Ford. The conspiracy involved the attachment of an automatic pay raise as a "rider" to a minor piece of unrelated legislation. That bill, along with its rider, surfaced on July 25. It passed Congress without whimper of publicity on July 30. The only other time Congress has acted so quickly was in declaring war on Japan after Roosevelt had already declared it.

Result: from now on Congressional salaries and "inflation pay raises" recommended by the president go into effect every year without a vote. It's like postal rates, they're set to go up every Jan. 1 from now until doomsday.

It was a sneaky, immoral way to solve the problem of inflation for Congressmen without having to solve the problem of inflation for the rest of us. What's worse, the conspiracy makes Congress beholden to the Executive Branch. And when Congress is beholden to the Executive, a dictatorship exists. Richard M. Nixon's regime should have taught us something about dictatorship and the presidency.

### 20 Years Ago 50 Years ago

Someone goofed, the TB and Health Association sent out 1954 Christmas seals instead of the 1955 seals, as a result there have been some red faces among the offices of the TB and Health Association.

Paul Jones was re-elected to the three-year term as director of the Heppner Cemetery Maintenance District at a special election held here Monday. Other directors are Harold Becket and Mrs. Oscar George.

A rock club band is to hold its first meeting in the rear of the Heppner Hotel lobby. Harold Sanders Sr. will advise anyone who is interested in taking up lapidary work.

A coffee hour feted two newcomers to the area. They were Mrs. Tommy Burdine and Mrs. Dick Brunner.

#### MASONIC INSTALLATION

Joint installation of officers for the Heppner and Lone Masonic bodies (A.F. & A.M. R.A.M.) will be held Dec. 16 at the Heppner Masonic Hall. At 6:30 p.m. Masons and wives will join Ruth-Locust Chapter O.E.S. for a potluck dinner. Ladies bring salads or dessert.

Heppner Lodge No. 6, A.F. & A.M. chose new officers for the coming year last Saturday night. C.J.D. Bauman was elected W.M.; F.E. Farrior, S.W.; R.W. Wightman, J.W.; Frank William, treasurer and L.W. Biggs, secretary.

Claude Cox, manager of County Creamery Company, departed for Portland last Sunday.

Sam E. Van Vactor, who was orator at the Elks Memorial Services Sunday afternoon, departed for his home at The Dalles yesterday.

Charles McElligott, who is a farmer of the lone section, was doing business in this city last Tuesday.

Activity in debate is assuming a paramount place on the high school calendar this year, with the goal of working up to a representative high school team which will meet and cope favorably with teams from neighboring schools.

#### MEETING NOTICE

The Morrow County School District will hold their regular meeting, Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m. at the District Office, Lexington.



"Going My Way?"

## The mail pouch

EDITOR:

Recent discussions among farm people about the initiative for the maintenance of family farms and which will restrict large conglomerate corporations from farming indicates that individuals both from the farm and the city, should be careful that he takes enough time to learn what the initiative really says before he takes a stand.

The current best sources of information are: W.C. Harris, Master, Oregon State Grange; Don Willner, attorney at law, Portland, and Clyde Docktor, who is employed by the legislative committee on Trade and Economic Development, Salem.

DON PETERSON,  
Vice President  
Oregon National Farmers Organization

EDITOR:

I see where Mr. Sraub, the Governor, stated he had lost a near and dear friend, meaning Mr. Holly Holcomb. That figures for I've been watching Mr. Straub's accumulation of near and dear friends for the last eleven months and they're getting more weird day by day. The Holly Holcomb coin if it had two sides, in all the years that I've known him, I've only seen the bad one. I am personally getting damn sick and tired of the press and the ding-a-lings in Salem of making angels out of hypocrites.

About 25 years ago, I was Chief of Police of Scappoose. One morning I received a call from a local merchant stating he had been assaulted and robbed. On arriving at the scene, I found Mr. Holcomb there. The merchant apologized later, and he felt it was a professional job and thought the State Police should enter the case and I completely agreed with him. During this briefing there were two bits of evidence that was brought out that I thought was necessary in closing this case. I asked Mr. Holcomb, who was in charge of the St. Helens headquarters of the State Police, if he would take the case and that I would help him in every way that I could to clear up this case. I told him that it was impossible for me to handle the case because I had no crime lab, no detective department and I felt that I was paying state taxes as well as the gentleman who had just been assaulted and robbed and felt we deserved this protection, but I could see very plainly that Mr. Holcomb was completely ignoring my pleading, for he wouldn't even take the two bits of evidence, which I thought should have been run through the lab. Believe it or not, I kept my word in keeping him informed. I even went so far as to find beyond all doubts the individuals that committed this crime. I made a written report of my findings and brought it down and laid it on his desk and he was behind it, the desk, I mean. That report was completely ignored and soon as I left, it was filed in the waste basket.

This action made it very clear that the State Police have no other purpose than revenue hunting. So in the case of Mr. Holcomb versus Mr. Wampler, I can certainly understand Mr. Wampler's position, but what is more pitiful and disgusting is to see the "Black Robe Mafia" that are operating the halls of "Injustice" could let this bruise inflicted by Mr. Holcomb fester into a cancer that destroyed two men and their complete families. For this miscarriage, the "Black Robe Mafia" must be pretty proud.

Yes, there may be two sides to the Holcomb coin, if so, in my 30 years knowing him, I never once seen the good side. He fit snugly in the operation called the Salem mess. My sympathies only go out to Mr. Wampler and the two families that were destroyed so needlessly because the operators of our "Halls of Injustice" didn't do their homework. Because of Mr. Holly Holcomb's actions in this case, two felons today are enjoying their freedoms.

OTTO H. JORGENSEN, JR.  
Scappoose.

EDITOR:

The members of the Soroptimist Club takes this means of saying thanks to the fellows that policed the grounds at the Turkey Hop, to the orchestra for the music and to the young folks for the courtesy shown. The members that were there say it was a quiet evening and all enjoyed themselves dancing and visiting.

THE SOROPTIMIST CLUB  
Heppner.

## Stimulation

By Terry D. Hirni, ACSW

Last week's article was the first of two about the essential needs which must be met in order to ward off depression. The first article was on companionship, and this will discuss stimulation, upon which a person depends for interest, excitement, and/or turmoil.

Like companionship, the degree of need for stimulation varies from person to person. Some people are fairly satisfied with the routines of life, while other people seek out stimulating employment such as being a policeman, fireman, or pilot, and stimulating hobbies, such as auto racing, skiing, or mountain climbing.

Being involved in some stimulating activities which are satisfying and healthy is a positive reinforcement for a person's self-esteem (his feelings about himself). The need for stimulation comes from the need to feel good about oneself, and some type of challenge is needed to bolster the self-esteem.

Generally, a person learns different means of stimulating himself within the environment in which he is reared. A person in California may play tennis, swim or water ski to obtain stimulation; while the person in the Pacific Northwest may hike, climb, hunt, or water ski. The number of stimulating events available also depends upon where the person is living.

One complaint I hear very frequently from both adolescent and adult clients is that there isn't very much to do in the Morrow County area. Usually these people are depressed as a result of feeling that their stimulation need is not being met. When a person becomes fairly depressed his energy level goes down. Hence, he doesn't have the energy to participate in even those stimulating events which may actually be available.

In Morrow County, there are generally two categories of depressed people who are not getting their stimulation needs met: (1) the new resident in the community who got depressed before he can find something stimulating to him, or (2) the long established resident who is bored with the events he previously considered exciting. The new resident may come from an environment which has different hobbies or interests; hence, he cannot find them in this area. Before he discovers he will have to find new hobbies and interests, he becomes depressed to the point where his energy level is too low for him to be active. Many of the established members of the community have lost interest in their hobbies and may be working at their employment 12 hours a day simply to meet their need for stimulation.

If a person is unable to find healthy ways of satisfying his need for stimulation, he may seek out interests which are destructive both psychologically and physically. Some of these unhealthy means of seeking stimulation which may bring people to the Morrow County mental Health Clinic are alcohol abuse, drug abuse, affairs, or gossip. The alcohol and drug abuse are also ways of combating the depression besides satisfying the need for stimulation. Affairs are a frequent way of trying to bolster one's self-esteem, since sexual stimulation can make a person feel more manly or womanly, whichever the case may be. A gossip lives through vicarious fantasies of what they think or know other people are doing. The telling of the story becomes their way of living out of their needs for stimulation. The gossip may change the story just to make it sound more interesting and self-stimulating. Frequently, the gossip wishes he could live out some of the stories he passes on about others, but he feels too inadequate to attempt to find active, rather than verbal, stimulation.

Another pathological (unhealthy) form of seeking stimulation is to live out certain neurotic needs which are usually unconscious. Some people may race cars or climb mountains not only for the stimulation, but the feeling of being in control over one's life. In the 10 years I climbed mountains as a hobby, I was always very conscious of the motivation behind why a person climbed. Some people who fear death, climb in an attempt to prove they are not afraid of death and to exert control over when they are going to die. Along with this, is their need to do extra daring stunts that usually end up getting them killed. I didn't care to be on the other end of such a person's rope. A similar situation is the suicidal person who feels it would be a cowardly thing to commit suicide, so he unconsciously kills himself in a climbing accident. One such "accident" occurred a few years ago. The worst part was that the suicidal person killed two others with him in the process.

As pointed out in this article, the need for stimulation is so great that a person is sometimes willing to risk his life in order to obtain stimulation. This illustrates how important it is for a person to think highly of himself. He may be willing to die or to destroy others in order to obtain a high self-esteem and to avoid depression.

Next week, Jim Angermeyer, Morrow County's Mental Health Clinic staff psychologist, will begin a series of four articles on learning disabilities.

## Mayor of Hardman

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

The fellers at the country store was not at all bothered Saturday night by Bug Hookum's report that a drought was overdue. Clem Webster said that with the variety of problems farmers and ranchers deal with all the time, one more calamity won't upset em. If it ain't the drought, Clem allowed, it's the flood, freeze, hail, heat and insects, or the bottom falls out of the market the week they're ready to sell. To top it off, Clem went on, they usual find out that jokers in air condition offices in New York was buying and selling their crops and cattle four months ago, and making four times what they sold for after they gambled on em and sweated over em.

Bug had this item that said droughts in the Midwest have been running on a 22-year schedule, and that we better expect a long dry spell. To make it worst, Bug said more land now is in cultivation, making the problem of duststorms during the drought and erosion when it's over even more of a danger. Clem claimed that even if the prediction is based on solid facts, it don't do nothing but change a poor risk to a sure loss. And that, Clem declared, ain't never discouraged a farmer yet.

General speaking, Clem said, the farmer is a dollar short and a hour late ever time. He had saw this report where scientists final feel they can lick the bowevil, but now that we got all the man-made fiber and all the India cotton coming in from Hong Kong and Japan, our bowevil probable is half starved already. The history of farming has been from glut to famine, Clem said, and nothing short of love fer the land will keep a man trying to make a living working like a dog when he rides the ups and downs.

Ed Doolittle said he had been reading some U.S. Agriculture Department pamphlets on the subject, and he saw where according to some figgers there won't be no crop land left in this country in another 20 year anyway. At the rate folks are moving into the country and calling it the suburbs, Ed said, what ain't covered over the blacktop parking lots and concrete interstate cloverleaves will have a house on it. Ed said USDA studies show that more than a million acres are used fer new homes ever year, and by his calculating the shopping centers must take up another 10 million. Counting the half-million acres the USDA says we're losing to soil erosion there won't be any left to wash away when the floods end the next drought, was Ed's words.

On top of that, went on Ed, he had saw a FBI report on last year's crimes, and even that is moving to the country. The rate of increase in major crimes was higher in rural and suburban areas than in the cities. Ed saw some promise here. He told the fellers there is two ways to make sure crime don't pay. One is to let the Government run it, and the other is to keep it down on the farm, where hardly anything pays.

Yours truly,  
MAYOR ROY.

## Advent, A time of expectation

By EDWIN A. CUTTING, Pastor  
Heppner and Echo United Methodist Churches

Many denominations of Christianity observe the four weeks previous to Christmas as the season of "Advent", which is a looking forward to an event of great importance. A youngster said to me the other day, "I'm going to get a new bicycle." I replied, "That will be nice. Do you have a bike now?" The lad answered, "I have an old one, but Daddy's going to get me a new one when he has the money." This young fellow was filled with expectations, and it probably won't be too long before he is riding a new bicycle.

Centuries ago, before the birth of Christ, the common person of the Mediterranean World lived a haggard, drab life. A father worked long hours with little pay for his labor; dark, uncomfortable houses were families' abodes; sickness without intelligent treatment, and pain without sedatives or surgery was the lot of all except the very wealthy. And there was no hope of man's life ever bettering. It is no wonder that the people dreamed of a future in which there would be an assurance of food on the table, a relief from physical misery, with justice and peace among mankind, and an encouragement for a satisfying existence after death.

Into that fearful world prophecy was fulfilled, however not completely, as God visited earth in the life of his son Jesus. Through this visitation, people saw the goodness of God revealed and the means by which there could be peace on earth and a better way to live.

A familiar Christmas song has these words:  
"Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Risen with healing in his wings.

If humankind today would but relinquish its self-centeredness and fully hail the Son of Righteousness, Jesus Christ, there would be peace among men and women with goodwill and beautiful living every day.

Since this is not the case, we still look forward in our own lives for a time of healing, both physically and spiritually. In the book of Mark in the New Testament are recorded many examples of Jesus healing the body and soul of ailing persons. This power is available today; it can be ours if we would expect to be healed. This healing of body may come through the ministry of physicians and medical techniques, by means of prayer, and by faith that God is willing and able to heal the body or purify one's soul. Christ, sometimes known as "The Great Physician" can cure today as well as he did in Galilee if we expect him to and are willing to open our lives, to his ministry of healing.

A doctor, at the Mayor Clinic, recalled how as a small boy living on the Wisconsin farm, a physician was called in to treat his seriously ill brother. While the anxious parents watched, the brother was examined, and the doctor counted out pills for his treatment and said to the worried couple, "Have no fear, your son is going to get well." Their faces immediately lit up with great relief.

That's what happened to suffering people that Christ came in contact with; their faces lit up; their lives were changed—made whole.

We can expect this to happen in our time also. The Star of Christmas is still the light for the world. In this Advent Season we again search for the healing brightness of God's glory.

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