

## FROM THE CORNER

By ERNIE CERESA

Now that the season to be jolly has passed, I can get back to the news items at hand.

In recent months articles have appeared in this newspaper regarding juveniles and their drinking problems. The articles have apparently fallen on deaf ears as some high school students think it is big stuff to drink and then drive. Only one thing remains and that is to name the culprit in the newspaper if they appear before the Justice Court judge.

Recently a student was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. The arresting officer was asked by the student, if the name had to be given to the paper as the student did not want the name to appear. One of the reasons given the officer was that the student is involved in sports and did not want to be banned from the team.

If the student is embarrassed about a name appearing in the paper for driving while under the influence, why wasn't this taken into consideration before the arrest was made?

One thing more, "Please don't ask the police officers to ask this newspaper to withhold information. If you happen to be arrested and appear in juvenile court, you are protected by law, however, if you appear in justice court, it becomes an open record."

To the students if your name appears in the paper for driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or not remember, the arrest stands and will follow as a part of your driving record for many years.

On every employment application there is a space provided for arrests other than minor traffic violations, also if convicted. To all high school seniors, keep this in mind. The next time you decide to do some drinking.

It might be well to reprint the slogan of the Gazette-Times as a reminder, "If you don't want it published, don't let it happen."

While most of the residents of Heppner were enjoying Christmas Eve with their friends and family some vandals were having a good time, destroying property. Les Paustain reported to Heppner Police that persons unknown had stolen 62 of his outdoor lights. Lois Winchester also reported the theft of many of her outside decorative figures. The plywood figures were later found badly damaged in Willow Creek. Both matters have been turned over to the Heppner Police for investigation. I hope they find the culprits.

While on the subject of law and order, the Heppner Police Department has responded to 637 complaints as of Dec. 29. Of this number 66 were major crimes, including burglary, theft, criminal assault, forgery, etc.

The 637 complaints do not include any of the traffic citations issued by the City Police with the exception of major traffic violations, in which the operator had to appear in Justice Court. Minor traffic violations paid at City Hall are not included in the total.

Each of the 66 major crimes investigated by the police required many hours of filing detailed reports to be submitted to the courts by the officers, so the next time anyone thinks the Heppner City Police haven't spent a busy year take another look at these figures.



## SPIRIT OF '76

### The mail pouch

EDITOR:

At last and finally, after years of reading the Gazette-Times, an editorial has appeared that is worthy of some attention, ("From the Corner," Dec. 18, 1975.)

I fought a vivid, wordy battle against the importance of sports during my journalism years at Heppner High School. Sports in the Heppner community have always been over-emphasized. The athletic department has over-riden other departments in the school to such an extent that valuable, worthwhile programs and activities have been muffled, gagged, cut-off and ruined. Many students—other than so-called "athletes"—are having their interests and talents thwarted because of a lack of courage in those who bring change if they would only put their efforts to work. Too bad some things never change. (How about an Athletic Director for Principal? Or better yet, Superintendent?)

Unfortunately, nothing written will bring necessary changes. What is needed is a sturdy school board to straighten out this mess, and a large group of parents—particularly those of non-athletes—who will not be still or quiet another day and let this unbalance continue to grow worse year after year.

GREG DAVIDSON,  
Portland.

EDITOR:

This letter is to the Heppner Mustangs and the fans. I recently read a story in the Gazette-Times about the Mustangs and what poor sportsmanship they've shown.

I refereed the Heppner-Sherman game last Friday and I got a different attitude from the Heppner team, which was the best sportsmanship I've seen this year! I feel the boys should be congratulated for their sportsmanship, because it was a hard game to lose and they took it very good.

Maybe if more people would praise the team for good sportsmanship instead of knocking them for a bad game, their sportsmanship would always be good. So in closing I'd like to say congratulations on your sportsmanship last Friday and I hope you keep it up. This is the kind of sportsmanship our association likes to see!

DENNIS COOK,  
Pilot Rock, OR.

(The game between the Sherman Huskies and the Heppner Mustangs was a fine game and both teams displayed sportsmanship throughout the entire game. However, this was not the game I had reference to when I criticized the Mustangs for poor sportsmanship. I hope the Mustangs continue to display this type of sportsmanship in their future games. EDITOR.)

EDITOR:

At no time is the phrase "many hands make light work" truer than in the preparation for the Christmas Cotillion's benefit for the American Cancer Society. This event surely would not be possible without the wonderful support and the many contributions of time and materials. In the past six years, over \$52,000 have been donated, and we anticipate there will be a large sum to contribute again this year, which is our goal.

Thank you for the publicity which you so generously gave. The Cotillion Committee appreciates your support.

BARBARA SEGERSTROM,

EDITOR:

Thirty thousand acres, just a nice family farm, very efficient and productive. But twenty thousand acres owned by over fifty individuals who have pooled their resources by forming two corporations in order to develop and farm the land, a very inefficient and wasteful operation, one that must be eliminated from the State of Oregon. But there is a simple solution, just pass a law outlawing corporations and let the one with thirty thousand acres buy out the two nasty corporations. The result is then a fifty thousand acre family farm, again very efficient and productive. Such is the reasoning in the proposed anti-corporation amendment to the Oregon Constitution.

Under the proposed law to save the family farms the Shiek of Araby with his oil billions could purchase any amount of farmland he so desired as could any other person or persons less than five in number. Any corporation in the country could set up and finance some of their personnel in a separate small corporation and buy all the land producing some certain commodity, thereby, gaining control of all of a crop.

This would be allowed under this amendment. But two or three families with a total of six or more members would be prohibited from incorporating to even own and operate a farm of any size, even one hundred acres. And they call this "save the family farm." The writing of this proposed legislation would have been a credit to a group of eighth grade students.

ARNOLD BRAAT,  
Boardman.

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## Gleanings

R. A. Maxwell

● "Winds at selected coastal and Columbia Gorge sites are sufficiently strong and persistent to make wind power developments feasible for the future, says Oregon State University."

I have a couple of other prime sites which should be investigated. The wind is not only hot for heating but is extremely constant.

● You and I both used to laugh at the thought of controlling the weather. The very best we considered was "it sure would be nice." A license has been issued to North American Weather Consultants to modify the weather. They are trying to increase the snow pack and water supply level behind Pelton Dam, for more electricity.

● For those who frown at the price of milk consider... it costs \$9.93 per CWT to produce. The dairyman gets \$10.55 a CWT, which leaves .62 cents per CWT. Anyone want to become a dairyman?

● Under the heading "so what else is new" or "what else did you expect"...

Crime is reported up again. Oh well, no matter we will get slicker lawyers and bigger loopholes. In the end we can stand around and wring our hands in dismay, all the while doing nothing to really correct the trend.

● USDA report shows beef producers are refilling feedlots at a rapid rate. The number of cattle on feed in the seven reporting states is up 25 per cent from last year... Ops the next paper across my desk says total meat production is down despite filling of the feed lots. Oh well.

● Oregon State University has held the line on energy savings since the 1973 crunch despite increases in students, equipment and buildings. The university reduced its usage by 18 per cent in 1973 over 1972. Maybe the rest of us have managed likewise but I'll bet not very many. I'm going home and check the lights, how about you?

● Rings and jewels are not gifts, but apologies for gifts. The only true gift is a portion of thyself.

—R.W. Emerson

## C.I.A. and the Clergy

The Central Intelligence Agency has used United States missionaries in intelligence gathering operations, and has told Sen. Mark Hatfield it will not halt it. In acknowledging this past activity, both the CIA and the White House have refused Hatfield's request to bar such practices. The Oregon Senator will introduce legislation Monday to ban it. Hatfield said he seeks the same prohibition on CIA-missionary contacts that now is in effect for U.S. Peace Corps volunteers and Fulbright scholars. Hatfield said such past practices have brought charges against innocent missionaries, and have violated the separation of church and state.

"When we allow the CIA or any other government agency to use our missionaries while in the mission field in foreign countries or at home to perform political and intelligence operations, we pervert the church's mission and bring discredit upon the foreign policies and credibility of the United States," Hatfield charged.

"This practice tarnishes the image of the United States in foreign countries, prostitutes the church and violates the First Amendment separation of church and state," Hatfield said.

"In this country, the church is not an arm of the state and the state is not the tool of the church."

In letters to Hatfield, both CIA Director William Colby and White House Counsel Philip Buchen acknowledge using missionaries, and both refused to stop it. Hatfield had asked for executive action to stop the practice, negating the need for legislation.

"In many countries of the world representatives of the clergy, foreign and local, play a significant role and can be of

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## Learning Disabilities

By James Angermeyer, MA

The words "learning disabilities" are being used more and more in educational and psychological circles. They are also being used more frequently by parents who view them with a combination of mystery and dread. They are used synonymously with brain-injured, neurologically impaired, pseudo-retarded, brain damaged, cerebral palsied, perceptually handicapped, interjacent and exogenous. Children with learning disabilities are viewed as everything from exceptional children and special children to slow learners and under achievers.

Estimations of its occurrence in the population range from a conservative 3 per cent to a staggering 45 per cent of all age groups. Even assuming a 10 per cent figure as a maximum, Heppner with about 1500 people, could have up to 150 people who suffer from some of its many variations.

Among those who have or are assumed to have had learning disabilities are some famous and infamous people, including Napoleon, Thomas Edison, and the daughter of one of our more recent Presidents, who remained virtually a non-reader until the age of 23, when special tutorial help was finally obtained for her.

The concept of learning disabilities as a recognizable and treatable condition was only formulated around the time of World War II. For many years, its existence was supported by a handful of imaginative neurologists, psychologists, and special educators. Today, learning disabilities are treated as a real and important cause of much of the underachievement in public schools. Classes and seminars are taught in most colleges as a requirement for teacher certification, and research into its causes and treatment is supported by many public and private organizations, including the National Association of Children with Learning Disabilities (NACLD).

Children with learning disabilities are, of course, not like other, "normal" children; nor are they really quite like each other. Happy, confident, curious, and relatively mature once a week (or day or hour); gloomy, irritable, out-of-touch, and babyish the next.

In schools, they are often found in special education classes, if they are fortunate enough to be in a school system that has such classes; or in the lowest reading groups if they are not so fortunate. They are often seen as hyperactive and as behavioral problems. Their peers view them as "stupid," "wired," "dumb," or retarded. At home they suffer from the frustrations of their parents and the teasing of their not so unfortunate brothers and sisters.

One happy note for the victims of learning disabilities and their parents is that, as more research into the condition is performed, the one fact that stands out clearly is that it is treatable! Children no longer suffer their way through schools and subjects that are out of their reach. Books and magazines are no longer "off limits" to them because they can't read, and they need no longer suffer from the contempt and frustrations of their parents, teachers and classmates.

In future articles, we will examine more closely the causes and treatment of learning disabilities, and how they can be recognized early.

## Mayor of Hardman

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

It was kind of a winding down time at the country store Saturday night. Ed Doolittle's girl that works in the city still was visiting her folks, so the fellers had to call Ed down a time or two on account of he was of such a strong mind to talk all night on what a mess life is getting to be in the cities and how we had ought to give more thought to how good life is out here in the country. The fellers was agreed that Ed sounded like a broken record, and that if Ed's girl was having it as rough as she tells her folks ever Christmas she ought to stay home and hide under the bed.

Natural, allowed Zeke Grubb, this is a time fer families to be close and to review the year that's about to end, but Zeke recalled that back in the summer Ed's girl was reporting where she had took in this concert in the park and that free art show, and that it was to bad that culture couldn't git out in the country. It just seems that folks look fer the bad side right now to offset the good reason fer the holiday, was Zeke's words.

Fer instant, went on Zeke, the papers allus carry items on the holiday traffic deaths, and they don't bother to compare em with other times. We are supposed to think folks don't git killed in wrecks except on holidays. And there's allus that angle on ever story, like the young feller that fell off his motorcycle in North Carolina and lay aside the road cause nobody would stop. This might of happened any time of year, but it was turned into a Christmas story cause it showed we don't care about one another.

Zeke said he thought on Christmas day that we don't have to look fer evidence that peace on earth and good will toward men ain't caught on yet. He said Christians are fighting Moslems in Lebanon and Christians are fighting one another in Ireland and there still are folks mean enough to beat and rob a 104-year-old blind man and wife fer a few dollars. But all that don't make Christmas any less, Zeke allowed.

General speaking, the fellers was with Zeke that Christmas is a time of promise, and it can't hurt to look fer a cloud with a silver lining.

It was Bug Hookum that reported where the post office is showing some good signs. He said the mail still is moving at a big loss, but Congress final has come around to the idee that trying to make the mail pay its way was a bad idee. Bug had saw where money fer the mails now will come from Congress, and the Postal Service will have to make up a budget and ask fer funds to operate just like other Government services.

Clem Webster cheered the fellers with word that somebody in Washington had confessed that some Federal agencies ain't needed, and had said we ought to phase out the Consumer Products Safety Commission in just six years, which is short fer phasing out anything in Government.

With that, Mister Editor, the fellers broke up to go home and see what Christmas leftovers they could git their old ladies to warm over fer a late supper.

Yours truly,  
MAYOR ROY.

## Our just God

By Rev. Gordon E. Blackburn

Bud Robinson used to use this illustration to show how much greater God is than the devil is. God can take a man who is as crooked as the roundhouse, give him one touch, and make him as straight as a gun barrel. But let the devil take a straight man, and if the man will yield himself completely to the devil's power, he can make him too crooked to sleep in the roundhouse. The devil has the power to make a man crooked, but it takes God to make a man straight.

In Psalms 11 we see the state of the righteous and the wicked in contrast. Fear sees only the things that are near. Faith takes in the larger distances.

The righteous are trustful. Their confidence is in God, not in self. They are despised. The ungodly despise them and tell them to flee. They are tried. Abraham was blessed as he endured temptation.

Let's look at Job. He lost all his earthly possessions. All his thousands of animals were destroyed and his sons and daughters were killed. God blessed Job because Job stayed true to God. His animals were replaced twofold and he lived to have many more sons and daughters.

The righteous are loved. The Lord is always watching over His own. He loves with an everlasting love. God's love is stronger than death. The world's sins cannot quench God's love for us.

The wicked are against God. The Lord sees their wickedness. He sees our inner thoughts. There are no secrets between man and God.

Now let's look at some impossibilities: It is impossible for pride and humility to live under the same skin.

It is impossible for you to be a teacher if you are unwilling to be taught.

It is impossible for you to be a leader if you are not willing to led.

It is impossible for you to be a commander if you are not willing to obey. It is impossible for a man to climb Zion's hill carrying a load of conceit. It is impossible for a man to be any better on the outside than he is on the inside. It is impossible for a man to walk straight if he lives a crooked life. It is impossible for a man to succeed in life if he spends his spare time sitting on a goods box and talking about how the government ought to be run. It is impossible for a man to be a booster as long as he is a boaster.

It is impossible for a man with a level head, a clean heart, a big soul, a good experience, and a loving disposition to fail. It is also impossible for a man to fail who has been cleaned up and cleaned out and filled up and sent out.

The end is fearful for the wicked. God's love for righteousness is not arbitrary. If perfect justice is not attained in this life, it will be in the next. This seems to be the ultimate motive for the psalmist's confidence—perfect justice.

What better motive to serve God can we have than this eternal life with our Lord in Heaven.

## Packwood and revenue sharing

"Recently, fear has been expressed by state and local officials, municipal employees, and participants in government programs such as senior citizen centers, that revenue sharing may die. This is to advise you on the status of revenue sharing renewal, as I see it," said Sen. Bob Packwood.

As you know, re-enactment of a major program such as revenue sharing requires the support of a majority in the Senate and the House of Representatives, and the sup-

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