FROM THE CORNER

By ERNIE CERESA

Monday, Heppner Police Chief Dean Gilman had a day off from his regular duties. He enjoys something different when not working so he decided to buy a basket of chicken and take it home.

As he entered the tavern to pick up his order, two men approached him and after a few unkind words to Gilman one of the men asked Dean if he wanted some trouble. Dean replied, "No, but I can order you some trouble in a hurry." "Well go ahead, said one of the men." So Dean picked up the phone and contacted Officer Chuck Holt. In a matter of minutes Officer Holt appeared on the scene. "Here is the trouble I ordered for you," said Chief Gilman as he and Officer Holt escorted the two men to jail, charging them with disturbing the peace. When they were outside the building one of the men asked Gilman who he was, to which Chief Gilman replied, "I am the big Chief of Police that is."

The two men appeared in Justice Court and after paying their respective fines were cautioned by Justice of the Peace Dee Gribble, "The next time you are in a strange town and decide to have a fight, don't pick on the Chief of Police."

Most residents of small communities take the responsibilities of the various departments for granted. They depend on the volunteer firemen to answer the calls as soon as they are received, without giving any thought to the men of the fire department or the various jobs they hold as citizens of the community. It is not the simplest thing to drop everything at the sound of the fire horn and rush to the scene of a fire, yet the men of Heppner's Volunteer Fire Department respond to every call in record time.

Contrary to many communities, the fire chief and the men of the volunteer fire department receive small compensation for their efforts.

Recently a home occupied by Mr. and Mrs. William J. Hunt, near the Willowcreek community, near Vale was destroyed by fire because the fire department would not respond to the fire. The Hunt's had moved into the community only two days previously and were not aware they had to become members of the rural fire department to receive fire protection. The cost of becoming a member is $10 per year.

The rural fire department must charge a fee for membership since they receive no funds from any other source to operate the department.

The firemen charge a fee for fighting fires, they receive $4 for the first hour and $2.50 for each additional hour. A portion of this money is put into a fund to help injured firemen. At one time the fire department went out on every call then billed the owner for the costs, however, many never paid their bill. The result . . . fight the fires of members only.

Presently there are two alternatives, either continue the way they are presently operating and hope everyone joins the rural association or form a fire protection district.

Whatever their decision, the Hunt's, their daughter, granddaughter and a new arrival within two weeks are in desperate need of clothing.

The Willowcreek Community Church, the Gateway Baptist Church, Ontario and the Malheur Enterprise are accepting clothing and donations to help the Hunts in their hour of need.

While the members of the Heppner volunteer fire department do not respond to all rural fires, they will respond to all fires with a radius of 7 miles from the city limits and they do this without checking a list to find if the home owner has paid his fee and eligible for fire protection.

Last week's paper caught the expert eye of a few of our subscribers as they noted a few errors in the paper. Last Wednesday morning we had trouble with our compugraphic. This is a highly sensitive machine and adjusts the written matter into columns. This machine must be on a circuit all its own as a fluctuation in the electrical power will cause the machine to falter. Electricity was not the problem, however, as Wednesday morning after resetting a story for the nth time, this is how the story appeared.

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A hurried and frantic call was made to Seattle and the source of trouble was found. A small bulb was not operating properly. A simple adjustment and the machine worked perfectly. However, if some of the news appeared to be written in a foreign language, the machine was to blame, not the operator.

P.S. This operator was about to climb the walls!!!

Mayor of Hardman

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

I know the dead of winter has hit out at our little place cause one morning last week I banged my head on a basket full of dirt when I come in the kitchen to git a cup of coffee to start waking up. The basket was hung from a cabinet handle on strings, and my old lady allowed as how her wandering Jew was in it. When I declared that he must be a little feller she lit into me good fer making fun of her plants, and in front of them to.

The house is full of plants of all races and creeds. And the old lady is going from one to the other talking baby talk to em, and giving em what she calls liquid nurishment. They were on the back poch, and at the first cool snap she made me put plastic over the screen to break the wind. That wasn't good enuff when cold come, she had to have em in the house with her. She's got em overhead and underfoot, in hanging baskets and in them three-legged stools with buckets on top. She's showing them a heap more attention than I'm gitting, that's fer shore.

I couldn't stand to watch all the tender loving care them bushes was gitting the other night, so I done some reading. One piece that stuck in my mind was how much a housewife is worth. The Social Security researchers put the price at $4,705 a year. I call that pritty cheap labor this day and time, so I have let up some about finding potted plants everywhere from the bathtub to the bedposts. A feller has got to learn to go easy on $4,705 a year help that works 12 to 16 hours a day fer free, is my way of thinking, even if her value dropped sharp after age 54.

The subject of wimmen come up Saturday night at the country store. Bug Hookum had saw where this girl reporter come up with facts and figgers on wimmen in politics, and she claimed that not enuff are in it. To many wimmen, she said, are content to stand behind their husbands and say sweet nothings while the men enjoy all that power. Bug was strong disagreed. He said the only Democrats not running fer President must be bachelers, cause the rest send their wives ahead to prepare a place for them on campaign trips. Bug said politics in this country is at a place where running fer office without wimmen in charge would be like the sound of one hand clapping. The fellers were general agreed with Bug that nursery school may rock the cradle, but wimmen still rule the world, and we ought to list names on ballots like they are on joint bank accounts.

Actual, Mister Editor, me and none of the fellers would know how to come in out of a shower of rain unless our old ladies started hollering about how we would catch our death of cold, and about how they weren't going to spend day and night waiting on us like they do ever time we git laid up. The fact is, after a man and a woman lives together 30 or 50 year, they usual wind up griping about their own bad habits that their partner has picked up. I got a real bargain at $4,705 a year.

Yours truly,
MAYOR ROY.

Gleanings

R.A. Maxwell

• Here are some tid bits for your mental digestion.

• The United States Postal Service is in favor of more curbside mailboxes. It costs the government $50 a year for every doorstep delivery by the neighborhood mailman, but only $35 to leave the mail in a curbside box.

• Free enterprise and a free market have won at least one small skirmish.

April 1, 1976 will be the end of all "fair trade" laws in the U.S. The feds have finally decided the laws have been inflationary, costing you and I $2 billion annually.

Thank you Uncle.

• Did you ever think of this . . . This year many people will donate one day's work to their employers without pay.

They do this, not out of company loyalty, but because annual salaries are based on 365-day years and this year has 366 days.

At the same time, everybody renting a house or an apartment, making installment payments, or leasing a car, boat, store, office, or equipment gets that extra day's use at no charge.

OK, we'll take a little, give a little.

• If you think of the entrepreneur as a swinger flying around in his private jet, pulling off big merger deals, think again.

A new study tells you how you can identify the entrepreneur. These are leading characteristics:

—He actively seeks out opportunities to do new things.

—He states his objectives in amounts that can be measured.

—He takes moderate risks.

—He does the homework needed to find new opportunities and to reduce the risks in seizing them.

—He takes personal responsibility for getting results.

Gerald F. Smyth, executive director of programs for smaller business of the Irish Management Institute, is the author of the study.

According to "Nation's Business," published by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, Mr. Smyth also corrects a misconception on the size of the U.S. business. Approximately 90 per cent of U.S. firms have fewer than 100 employees.

Actually, says Mr. Smyth, the entrepreneur is the smart businessman who provides the goods and services giant corporations are too big to provide efficiently. He fills a need.

Hooray for us little fellows!

• "Tomorrow is one clean, beautiful day, the day on which dreams come true, on which the impossible things will yet be done, on which I shall have the nerve and the will to be and to do that which was too much for me in the grim battle of today. I believe in tomorrow."

—Graphic Monthly

Limit setting vs. punishment

Terry D. Hirni, ACSW

In the last article, we talked about the first year of life and the importance of making a child feel secure, warm, and loved in order to develop his dependence on the parents. We also discussed how difficult it will be for parents to teach their child morals and values unless this dependence is developed.

Between the ages of 1½ to about 6 years, a child learns most of the values and morals that will remain with him throughout his life. The child goes through the stage that Erik Erickson termed "autonomy vs. shame and guilt," when a youngster is learning that he is separate from his parents, and that his parents have very little control over what he does if the child really wants to do something. Along with this discovery, though, if the child has developed a healthy dependency on his parents, is the feeling that he wants his parents to continue to love and accept him, and that this may be withdrawn if the child does too much wrong in the eyes of the parent. A child may be saying "no" to his parents at the same time he is doing what they requested. This gives him the feeling of autonomy, because he chose to do the task, while at the same time staying in good with his parents.

One very common way of teaching a child or an adult what is appropriate is limit setting. The parent may tell the child, "stay in this room," or "be back home by 6 p.m.," or "you can eat anything on this shelf." The parent is being specific about what he feels is appropriate for the child. Limit setting is very important for people so that they know fairly specifically what is expected of them—in other words, some kind of structure around their behavior. Laws are basically a limit setting method which structures a person's behavior.

If an individual does not abide by the limits set on him, then he suffers the consequence—punishment. Without the fear of some type of punishment an individual will not abide by a structure or limit setting because a good reason does not exist for him to do so. The punishment may be loss of a privilege, a spanking, a fine, jail, or fear of loss of love from a loved one.

When an individual does not have limits set on his behavior, then he may accept that behavior as appropriate. A problem which frequently arises with children is that they may learn initially that certain behavior is inappropriate, but then their parents may not set limits on that behavior or punish them for that behavior. This can be very confusing for the child, and he frequently interprets his parents' attitude as not caring or not loving him. The child then may keep testing his parents by doing other inappropriate things to see if his parents care enough about him to set limits on the harmful behavior. If the parents still do not respond to the child's inappropriate behavior, the child may adopt that behavior as a consistent part of himself. A frequent example of this seen in this area is the teenager's heavy use and abuse of alcohol. Limits have not been set by the youth's parents involved, hence these youth adopt it as part of their everyday social life at a very young age. True, "kids will be kids" at times, but parents still have to be parents.

An important part of limit setting and punishment is CONSISTENCY. If parents allow thier child to do something one time but not the next, their child has a difficult time figuring out what is right and expected of him. Being consistent is a very hard task for anyone but very important. Some of the most disturbed children I have worked with did not come from homes which were too lenient or too strict but from homes whose parents were very inconsistent. A person needs to be able to predict what will happen if he does something in order to feel secure. If Bob goes some place he's not supposed to and is punished, and this is consistent, then he is able to feel secure about the results of his behavior. If a parent is very lenient one time and then very strict the next time, the child has a difficult time deciding the degree of inappropriateness of his behavior.

If a child doesn't abide by the limit setting and needs to be punished then the punishment should fit the crime. If Bob was to spill pop on the floor and not clean it up and his parents grounded him for a month, the punishment is far more severe than the wrongful act.

Another helpful way to figure out what the punishment should be is that it should somehow relate to what the child did wrong. If Bob spilled pop on the kitchen floor and didn't clean it up, then the parent might have him mop the whole kitchen floor. The punishment relates and fits the crime.

Limit setting and punishment add security, comfort and love in a child's life. A child who does not know what his limits are will not only feel unloved but will also hate himself and everyone else.

Farm Corporate Act

There will be a special meeting at the Lexington Grange Hall Tuesday, Feb. 17, 7:30 p.m. to discuss the Farm Corporate Act.

This is a county kick-off meeting discussing the problem of large corporate developments in the state, nation and world.

Primary speakers will be W.C. Harris, Master, Oregon State Grange; Bob Elkins, state president of the Farmer's Union; and Don Willner, candidate for attorney-general and legal counsel for sponsors of the referendum to change the state constitution.

The meeting is sponsored by Morrow County Grange, Morrow County Farm Bureau, Farmer's Union and the National Farmer's Organization.

This meeting will be the initial sendoff or starting point to acquire 60,000 signatures for the ballot.

Mankind's Lifesaver

By Rev. Edwin A. Cutting

There are times when life is pleasant, with hardly a worry. On other occasions pain, anxiety and a deep fear take away any joy that one might have had, so, when troubled people turn to many panaceas for solving their predicaments.

Psalm 107 lists four disastrous situations which humans can fall into and what provided relief:

"Some wandered in desert wastes, hungry and thirsty, then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

Some sat in darkness and gloom (in prison) for they had rebelled against the word of God, then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

Some were sick through their sinful ways, then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

Some went down to the sea in ships—and were at their wits end (a storm). Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed. Then they were glad because they had quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven. Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for His wonderful works to the sons of men."

Psalm 107, portions.

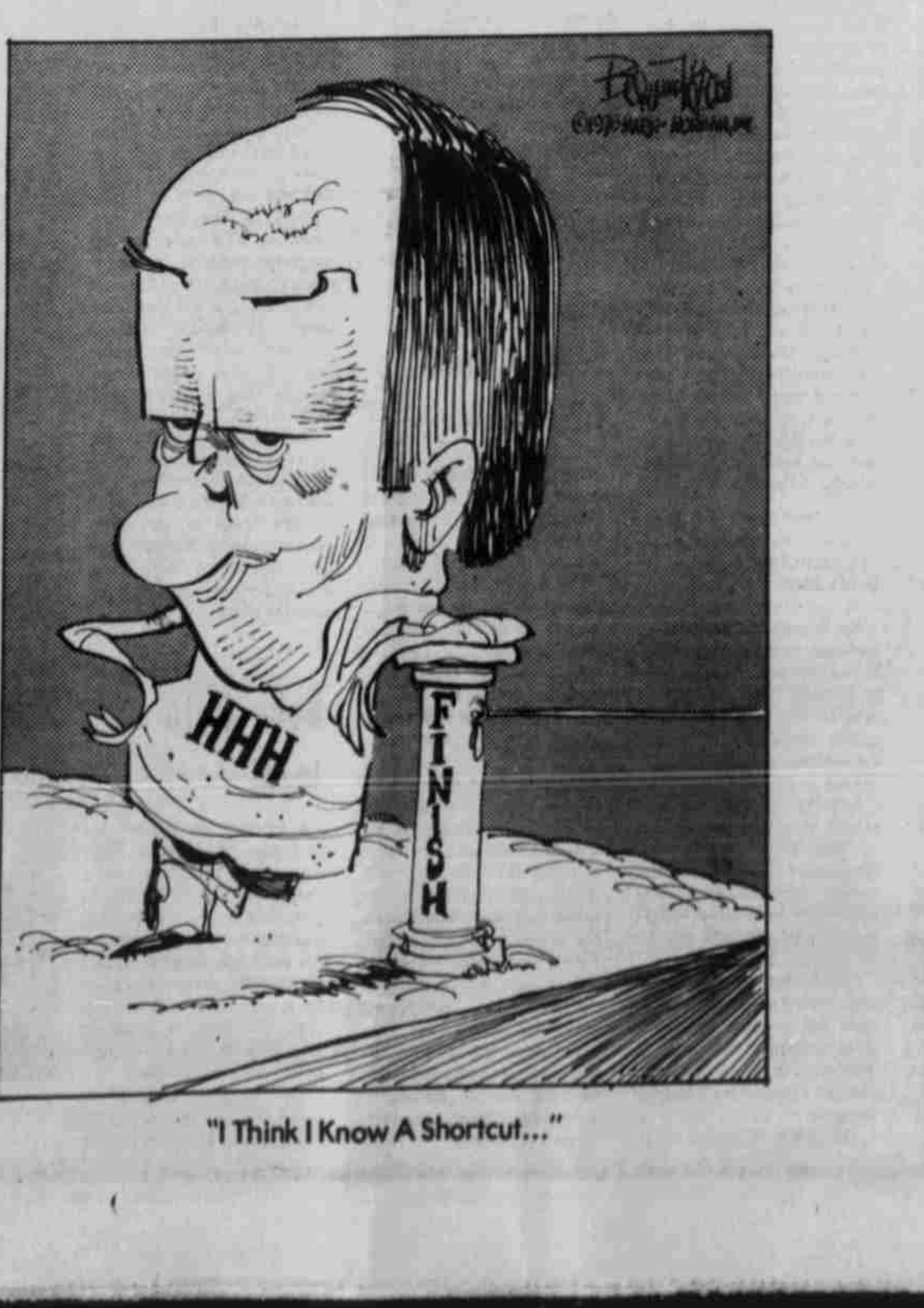
Storms arise in the ordinary course of life. Hardly anyone can escape suffering, conflict, temptation, humiliation, doubt or fear to some degree at one time or another. Troubled times may be mild and short, or they may be as fearful as danger of immediate shipweck. How skeptical we are at such times that any power can trample the turbulent waters into peaceful calm.

Often the cry for help is heard by a close friend, professional counselors and God himself. Deliverance comes and one can Thank the Lord for his wonderful works.

One thing we often do when in trouble is to make it worse by exaggerating the woes and minimizing the chance of rescue. We think we'll never get over an illness; we believe nobody was ever humiliated as we were; we wonder if our children will ever grow sensible. On and on we pity ourselves, even to giving up faith in the Almighty.

Yet, through the pounding surf our cry is heard by the Divine life saver and we can be delivered from our distress.

Give thanks to the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to the sons of men.



"I Think I Know A Shortcut..."

The mail pouch

EDITOR:

I am writing this letter to correct possible misconceptions resulting from erroneous information contained in your article on the Advisory Board's recommendation against renewing Dean Naffziger's contract as basketball coach (front page—Feb. 5 edition).

The two documents you mentioned in this article were not petitions, but instead were lists of people who intended to speak one way or the other, and the attending members of any organized delegations they represented. Only five people from each group spoke before the Advisory Board. Since those of us who spoke for Mr. Naffziger were not representing anyone but ourselves, our names were the only ones on the list speaking in favor of his renewal.

The implication that I presented a petition to the Board and was unable to find even ten people in the community to sign it is "totally false" and damaging to Mr. Naffziger and those of us in the community who support him. I certainly hope that this letter corrects some of this misinformation and will lead to greater care in reporting facts as they are, and not as someone might want them to be.

CHUCK STARR
Lexington.

ED. NOTE: (According to the dictionary a petition is a formal written request made to superiors. A document is a paper bearing evidence, proof or information. According to all reports all persons present who had signed the petition were called before the advisory board. The story was reported without any implication of discrediting either you or Mr. Naffziger.)

EDITOR:

I agree with the letter written by Mike and Evelyn Elder. Sportsmanship is for everyone, team players, parents, student body and teachers, not just a few.

My husband was a coach, not basketball, and he always told his boys it was an honor to be in uniform and a member of the team. Many boys are unable to play due to illness or laziness. There is also the problem of drugs.

Some coaches find many problems that a student is suffering from which his parents do not know about. My husband had a boy who suffered from poor vision, and another who had problems with his feet.

I think all the people who signed the petition against Mr. Naffziger should check on their background and see if they have done all they could to help their own child.

Your next coach could be a lot worse and have no interest in sports.

Through the years I have followed the Heppner teams and they have always shown good sportsmanship.

So team keep on. We like to win but remember there must be a loser too.

Name Withheld by request.

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