

FROM THE CORNER

By ERNIE CERESA

Within the past few weeks, the number of dogs running at large within the city of Heppner has been brought to the attention of members of the Common Council, the mayor and the chief of police.

Citizens have asked members of the council to act at once on the dog problem, however, to date no action has been taken. This is a case where the cure is worse than the problem. Presently there is a city ordinance governing the dogs in Heppner, however, a state statute prevents the city from taking action.

Oregon Statute 609.090 states: when a dog is found running at large in any county, precinct or city, which by vote comes under ORS 609.040 to 609.130 or when a dog is a public nuisance described by ORS 609.095 to 609.150, every chief of police, constable, sheriff or deputy of either, or other police officer shall impound it or cite the owner or keeper to court. However, this section does not apply to the herdsman using the dogs for the legitimate protection of his flock against the ravages of animals.

All dogs taken up and impounded under this section and ORS 609.030 shall be held in an adequate and sanitary pound to be provided by the county court from the general funds obtained from dog licenses and from the redemption of dogs so impounded. However, in lieu of the establishment of a dog pound, the county court may contract for the care of such dogs. ANY DOG SO IMPOUNDED SHALL BE KEPT FOR AT LEAST FIVE DAYS FROM THE DATE OF SUCH IMPOUNDING BEFORE BEING DESTROYED OR OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF. ORS 609.090 continues stating the fines imposed upon the owner of the dog and right of the court to allow the dog to be given to a responsible person.

As stated above a dog becomes a public nuisance when the animal does one of the following: bites a person; habitually chases vehicles or persons; damages or destroys property of persons other than the owner of the dog; scatters garbage; habitually trespasses on private property of persons other than the owner of the dog; disturbs any person by frequent or prolonged noise; or is a female in heat and running at large.

Before you dash to the phone to call the chief of police or the sheriff and say a dog is making a nuisance of himself and you want the animal picked up, remember, there are no facilities in the community to keep the animal for the required five day period.

ORS 609.100 states that all persons owning or keeping dogs which have a permanent set of canine teeth shall not later than March 1 of each year or within 30 days after he becomes owner or keeper of such dog shall procure from the county clerk of the county in which he resides, a license for the dog by paying to the county clerk a license fee, the amount of which shall be determined by the county court. If the person fails to procure such license within the time provided by this section, the county court may prescribe a penalty in an additional sum not to exceed \$15 for each dog.

Some citizens will gripe the state recently made it more difficult to obtain dog licenses by demanding that all dogs have rabies shots before a license can be issued. However, these same people have never purchased the required license in the past. Last year approximately 20 dog licenses were issued by the county clerk. To date approximately 10 licenses have been issued.

Obtaining a license is not the solution to the dog problem in Heppner, building the necessary facility to house the animals would help. However, if the facility were built, both city and county would be faced with hiring an animal control officer to pick up the stray dogs. If the first phase was accomplished residents would be further taxed as personnel would be needed to feed and keep the animals free from disease while in the shelter for the required five days.

One simple solution to keeping some of the dogs off the street might be for some dog owners to keep their dogs at home. Presently dogs are following children to school and when the owners of the dogs are notified they say, "Rover always follows Billy to school, so what's wrong with that?" A recent dog count at the elementary school showed 14 dogs present at 8:30 a.m. Yet, parents call police officers and complain saying they don't want their children wallowing in dog dung or their child bitten by one of the animals.

While the city officials are aware of the problem, there is no simple solution, for having to keep stray animals in sanitary facilities for a five-day period ties the hands of the city officials.



"I Can't Hear You. I've Got A Concorde In My Ear."

The mail pouch

EDITOR:

How often one hears, "There is nothing to do in this community."

Last Thursday evening there was indeed something to do—a FREE concert was presented by the Blue Mountain College and Community Orchestra and it is too bad that most everyone missed it.

Those of us that were there appreciated all of the time and effort put forth by the orchestra and were really looking forward to an evening of fine music.

We could not believe the noise and loud talking and laughing that came from certain youngsters in the audience. It became so bad that the conductor felt it necessary to stop the concert and ask for silence.

If young people cannot attend functions on their own and be on their good behavior, they should perhaps only be allowed to attend if they are accompanied by and sit with their parents.

The people of Heppner do not have many opportunities to host such an orchestra and they will probably have even less now after the bad manners that were exhibited last week.

LIB DAGGETT

EDITOR:

My class is studying newspapers. Would you please send me one copy of your paper so we can use it in our room? Thank you.

DEBBIE NESBITT
Ida Patterson School
Eugene, OR

EDITOR:

Recently I attended a concert at the Elementary School by the Blue Mountain College-Community orchestra and wind ensemble. Before the concert began I was embarrassed by the small number of people who turned out to hear these talented people, one of whom is Heppner's own Shannon Kelly. I estimate fewer than 20 adults and probably 20 young people were in attendance.

Unfortunately the 20 young people weren't with the 20 adults, but were sitting in the balcony with their young friends. Some parents were conveniently seated in the lower section of the auditorium, unaware of the happenings upstairs.

I'll not go into detail except to say the conductor had to stop the program in the early stages to ask that the talking cease while the musicians were performing, then throughout had to contend with the noise caused by the going and coming of these same young people, some leaving and some trying to locate their friends. The fact that they left was an indication of their lack of interest, but more important an indication of their lack of manners or respect for the musicians and consideration for others in attendance.

When I pointed a finger, I noticed three pointing back at me, but what I'm trying to say is this: parents in this community have an obligation to their children and the community to either go to these functions and supervise their children or keep them home! I'm not especially turned on by concert music, but attended because three of my four children wanted to attend and I felt I'd better know where and what they were doing. As I said—three fingers are pointing at me, because I haven't always attended the functions and my children have, but I have delegated authority to friends or relatives to be in charge. I've discovered this doesn't work too well, so our kids miss some of the things we don't take them to or I find myself attending some of the things I might not attend if I didn't have children.

This isn't the first event I've attended in Heppner where disturbances by unsupervised young people distracted from the enjoyment of the program and it probably won't be the last. Hopefully, though, some parents who read this will see their responsibility to their children and take the responsibility in hand instead of expecting teachers or whomever else may have some authority to do YOUR job.

My opinion is that our children need to know that they are loved and that we are concerned about their behavior enough to see to it that they conduct themselves as they should. I consider this a parent's privilege and responsibility—not Mr. Ackley's if it happens to be a music function—or Mr. Bier's if it is a ballgame at the High School.

Maybe if we as parents can love our kids enough to discipline them, we can be proud of their consideration for others, either by their absence from events that don't interest them, or their attentiveness and lack of disturbances at the functions they do attend.

JUDY GOCHNAUER

Mayor of Hardman

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

Ed Doolittle had a handful of clippings and that squinty-eyed look at the country store Saturday night, so the fellers figured it would be easier on all concerned if they let him have his say. It turned out Ed was complaining all over more than anywhere else. He started by saying he hoped that feller in Maine was satisfied. Ed had saw this piece last summer where a agency was doing a survey on rural life up there.

They ask this one feller and he said his biggest problem was not being able to use his sled two months out of the year. Somewhere in Northern Maine there is a happy man, said Ed, unless the politicking in New Hampshire has built up a wave of hot air that could cause a thaw.

Speaking of politics, Ed saw where there are 90 some bills being sponsored in Congress to clean up the Congressional Record, but he said he would lay odds that the Record will keep right on being the trash basket of Congress. Congressmen like it because it has no relation at all to what they do. They can edit what they say so it makes sense in print, and they can add what they please to play up to the folks back home. Last year, Ed reported, there were 43,000 pages, and each page cost taxpayers \$278. That's \$12 million worth of everthing from recipes for Girl Scout cookies to three-hour speeches made on the floor of the Senate by senators on the same day they were inspecting military bases in London nightclubs.

None of them 90 bills will live, declared Ed, because the Congressmen believe in changing the Record the way they believe in full employment. That is, they are strong fer everybody having a job, but not theirs. And keeping a good report going into the Record can't hurt their job security, was Ed's words.

Ed dug out a clipping of another study done by Department of Commerce economy experts to find out where and how state and federal tax money is spent. What is scary about his report, Ed declared, is that they found out there are more than 80 million Americans being supported by taxes, but fewer than 72 million have jobs outside Government. This means the balance has swung, Ed said, and there are more folks living off the taxpayers than there are taxpayers.

Zeke Grubb broke in to say it ain't no wonder we spent \$74 billion more than we took in this year. The wonder is we got people running fer offices with promises to give more money away to more folks fer more good reasons. Zeke said seeing the root of our problem is like the feller that read a Department of Agriculture report where onions ain't fit to eat. The next day he saw where two fellers died after drinking a mixture of varnish, paint thinner, lemons and onions. He figured they got to many onions in it.

It may be, Zeke said, that we got to much give in our Government mixture.

Yours truly,
MAYOR ROY.

Oregon Police graduates

Benton County District Attorney James M. Brown, Chairman of the Board on police standards and training announced that Basic Recruit Class No. 58 with 40 police recruits will graduate from Oregon Police Academy at Monmouth, OR, Friday, Feb. 20, 1976.

Among the graduates is Wayne Maxam, of the Heppner Police Department.

The academy is an integral part of the training program administered by the Oregon Board on Police Standards and Training and is designed to furnish training for city and county law enforcement officers from throughout the state.

The 40 students graduating from the seven-week course will be joining the other 2127 officers who have successfully completed the academy in previous classes. Thirty-one different law enforcement agencies are represented by the graduates of this class.

David A. Baleria, Jackson County Sheriff's Department

was elected President by members of the class and Michael A. McGraw, Jackson County Sheriff's Department was elected vice president.

Lyndon A.S. "Tuck" Wilson, Portland, Oregon Attorney will present the graduation address for the ceremonies which commence at 1 p.m.

Other officials on the program will be James M. Brown, Board on Police Standards and Training, who will act as Master of Ceremonies, Dr. Ernest M. Ogard, Jr., Social Science-Corrections, Oregon College of Education, member of Board on Police Standards and Training; Dr. Jack D. Morton, Dean of Students, Oregon College of Education; and Leo App, special agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Families of the recruits, police chiefs, sheriffs and other city and county officials will be among the assembled guests.

A reception for the graduates and guests will be held immediately after the graduation exercises.

Branding Time

The last of the circuit riding preachers

By Robert E. Allstatt

I am just a plain old Oklahoma country boy, and apt to say, aint, taint, maters and taters. Today I will bring you a little corn bread message.

As the Mayor of Hardman would say, "Let's get this hay down where they can eat it."

I was sitting on a rail fence, observing the cattle as they came through a chute—red, yellow, black and white ones. Each bore a mark or brand, some deeply scarred, caused by carelessness, disregard, and neglect. The branding iron was too cold, it did not burn deep enough. Some parents are branding their children by this type of conduct.

On a few cattle the flesh had been cooked, causing a big ugly scar, never to heal properly. The iron was too hot. Are we branding our children with too hot an iron, suspicious attitude, no dating, no confidence, no participation in school activities, only in Church programs, too strict a curfew.

Some had a perfect brand, the iron with a perfect temperature, needs but little pressure, applied gently it leaves a beautiful mark or brand, that quickly heals, to be read of all men. Think it over?

Galatians 6-17. The Apostle Paul said, "From hence forth let no man trouble me, for I bear in my body the mark (or brand) of the Lord Jesus." Paul the murderer, thief, liar, and persecuter of the saints said he was born in sin and shapen in iniquity (Branded by Satan) the Prince and power and ruler of the air.

Paul accepted Christ as Lord and Savior. He no longer bore the brand of Satan in his body, he bore the mark or brand of the Lord Jesus. The love of God, for God is love. There are many marks, words and brands of love.

Love is spelled example . . . children learn by example, Jesus never said, "I love you, I love you," Jesus proved His love by example and good deeds. Are your children awakened of a morning by laughing, singing, visiting, praying parents or Dad and Mom screaming at each other . . . coffee is too weak, the toast is burnt black, the eggs too hard and the bacon is raw . . . branding our children by example.

Love is spelled talk . . . is the communication gap closed between you and your teenager? They say I am so lonely, yet surrounded by people. Silence real or imaginary grows like a cancer. Teenagers feel not wanted, not needed, not important; not in the "in" group at school, not a kid, not an adult. They also say it's not easy to be a teenager. Brand them with talk, not too hot or cold, use judgement, tempered with the love of God.

Love is spelled eat . . . in grandmothers time a baby's first expression of love was expressed with it's first meal. In this age they get their first meal from a drug store or a goat staked out in the back yard. Jesus ate with publicans and sinners. He attended a wedding feast, he broiled fish on the sea shore. Mothers, do not become too busy to prepare a delicious wholesome meal for your children, they will love you for it.

Love is spelled time . . . the time we spend with our children is precious and priceless. Turn off the idiot box, that has replaced the Bible and family altar in your home. Brand them with love of God spelled talk—eat—example and time. Let your children know they are wanted, needed, respected and loved. A good iron man or parent never gets in a hurry to apply a brand for it never wears off, one will wear it for life. The Apostle Paul said, "I bear in my body the mark (or brand) of the Lord Jesus." I have not had the pleasure of meeting some of your parents, but I have met some of your teenagers. Dad and mom—your brand is showing!

Gleanings

R.A. Maxwell

• For anyone who felt that a \$1 donation would be of little use, consider . . .

In 1974 a total of \$31.9 million was checked off and will be distributed to eligible presidential candidates.

Just shows that a lot of tiny bits put together makes a whole lot big enough to matter.

• Why be a writer, newspaperman or otherwise? It probably stems from a desire to help and is well stated in a book by Larston D. Farrar.

He says "This desire, by itself, reveals that the person who has it has a yearning, perhaps formless but still alive, to help transmit knowledge and feeling to others, or to educate and amuse them, so that mankind may be helped in its stumbling, halting, seemingly aimless march toward true progress."

Farrar further states, "It is my belief that if the world makes any true progress, it will be based, for the most part, on the thinkers who become writers, or writers who think. Everything begins with an idea. Every idea, if it is to last and to grow, must be put down on paper."

• Do you have any money coming to you? Now don't say no so quickly. The Department of Labor, wage-hour division, is holding \$13,712 for 257 unlocated individuals. If you want to check on it, write to Dept. of Labor, Wage-hour division, Room 4097 Federal

Office Building, 909 First Ave., Seattle, WA 98174. All of this money belongs to Oregon people. Lots of luck.

• Did you know that in 1910 there were 100 electric car manufacturers in the United States. In 1975, only 1,000 persons used electric cars to commute. The government has now developed a new battery which will give five times the power of lead-acid batteries. Maybe in the near future electric cars will be the in-thing.

• Are you one who thinks the new ordinances regarding smoking in public places is new? Not so—in the 1880s New Orleans passed a law forbidding smoking in city streets. In 1920 the South Carolina Senate passed a bill making it illegal to smoke in a public eating place during meal hours. As one who has to breath second hand smoke, I shout hooray.

• Through unity of action we can be a veritable colossus in support of peace. No one can defeat us unless we first defeat ourselves. Every one of us must be guided by this truth.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

A pair of spoons tacked close together on the wall will make a broom or tennis racket holder.

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