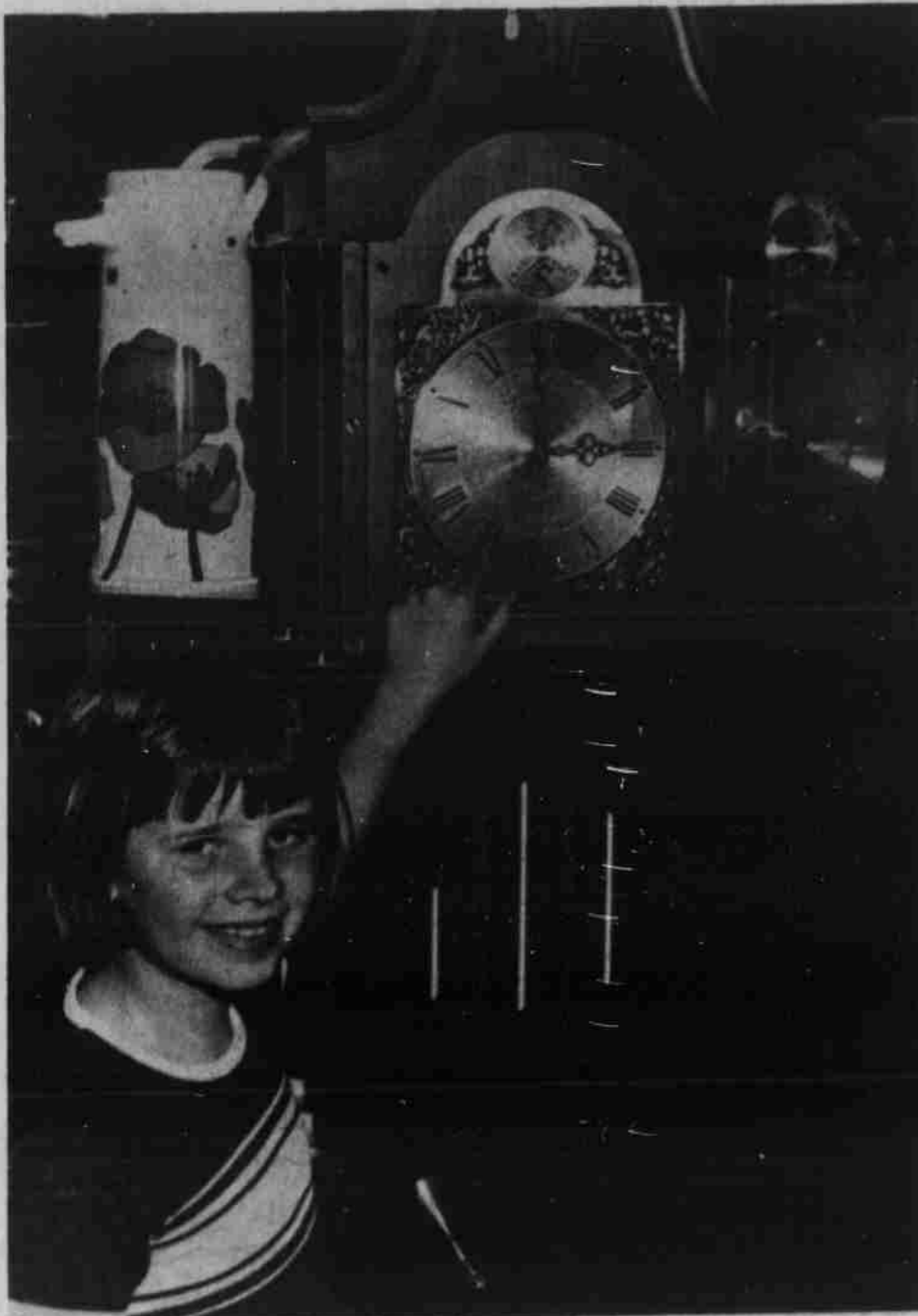


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Leah Cooper, 7, reminds everyone to turn their clocks ahead one hour to mark the return of daylight savings time which officially begins at 2 a.m. Sunday, April 25. Leah is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Cooper, Heppner.

School Board meets Rodeo at Rufus

The regular meeting of the School Board District was held Monday night at the A.C. Houghton Elementary School, Irrigon.

The board approved the sale of approximately three acres of land by bid. The property presently houses the mobile home of Jim Bier, who would like to purchase the school property for his homestead.

Three quotations were received for the appraisal of the school district property. The board considered all of the appraisals high and approved the superintendent to conduct the necessary surveys and appraisals.

Following an interpretation from the attorney general's office the board approved that Lincoln and Washington's birthdays must be school holidays. For the fiscal year 1976-77 the first day of school will begin Sept. 6 and the final day of school will be June 3, 1977.

Mr. Daltoso, chairman of the long range planning commission, recommended to the board they retain and not trade any school property in the Boardman area as it is advantageous to the school district. Two proposals had been received previously and both requests had been refused.

Vets may receive more benefits

The Department of Veterans' Affairs granted 4,067 veterans' farm and home loans in the January-March quarter just ended in the amount of \$103,453,765. H.V. Saalfeld, director, reported. Saalfeld said this compares with 4,390 loans in the preceding quarter for \$121,787,423 and 2,964 loans in the January-March quarter of 1975 for \$67,039,886.

Loan applications for the quarter just ended totaled 5,142, against 4,162 in October-December 1975 and 4,803 in January-March last year.

Saalfeld said that if Measure 1 passes in the May 23 primary election, loan applications are expected to snow-

ball because an additional 25,000 veterans would be eligible. The measure would grant the loan to Vietnam Era veterans who came to Oregon after their military service and lived here for two years prior to May 1, 1977. Under present law they must have entered service from Oregon to qualify.

Also, World War II veterans who came to Oregon after service and lived here for two years prior to December 31, 1965, would qualify. Presently the two years of postwar residence—unless the veteran entered service from Oregon—must have been before December 31, 1952.

The board voted to allow the Morrow County Health nurse to set up her office in the district building, Lexington. The courthouse does not have adequate space to accommodate all county offices. An upstairs room will be the new quarters for the health nurse in the future, following some remodeling work.

Requests for Audrey Booth, first grade teacher at A.C. Houghton for a leave of absence to further her college education was approved. Also approved was a maternity leave of absence for Kathy Peck.

Approved the sale of several vehicles which are seldom used and depreciating in value. Approved the following personnel: Margo Sherer who was hired to replace Lorene Montgomery as a cooks helper, Ione; Cheryl Ammons and Josephine Montoya, Title 1 aides at Riverside and A.C. Houghton School.

Following the regular meeting an executive session was held to discuss a teachers notification for contracts which was not returned within the legal deadline of April 1. No action was taken.

Ken Rogers assaulted

Heppner City Police working in conjunction with the Sheriff's department arrested three suspects in the assault of Ken Rogers, Heppner, last Friday morning.

Arrested were James B. Eaton, Condon, Mitchell Lynn Kirkpatrick, and Ronald W. Reeves, both of Prineville. Eaton and Kirkpatrick were arraigned in Justice Court Tuesday. Eaton was charged with assault in the first degree, while Kirkpatrick was charged with theft in the first degree. Reeves is a material witness. The men were released to consult counsel.

Rogers was attacked and hit about the head as he stood near his apartment at 147 W. Willow at approximately 12:05 a.m. Friday.

Rogers was taken to Pioneer Memorial Hospital and later transported to Good Samaritan Hospital, Portland.

Complete details of the case are not available as police have been unable to question Rogers because of his head injuries.

Trout Season opens April 24

For many Oregonians spring is "officially" here when the general trout season opens. This year that date is Saturday, April 24. Winter has laid a gentler hand on the high country this year and it looks like anglers will have a few more waters to choose from than they have the past several opening weekends.

As always early in the year, water will be cold, some areas will be inaccessible because of snow and ice, and many rivers and streams will be high and muddy due to snowmelt runoff. To offset this, though, there are plenty of areas where water conditions will be favorable and fish should be starting to feed more actively as weather and water warm up.

Anglers are reminded by the Department of Fish and Wildlife that most coastal rivers remain closed for another month to protect young salmon and steelhead which will be migrating to the ocean feeding grounds. The streams in northeast Oregon are also remain closed until May 22.

There are other opening day exceptions and a few regulation changes from last year, so anglers who have any question about which waters open April 24 should consult the 1976 angling synopsis.

In the John Day Valley, Bates Pond will be stocked with rainbows and access should be good. Canyon Meadows Lake is still blocked by snow and there is a lot of snow in the campground. Fairly heavy ice cover could give way before the 24th but the lake won't be stocked until late May. There is usually a good carryover population of Brook and rainbow trout.

Other waters that should be easily accessible and will be stocked for the opener include Dollarhide Ponds, Carpenter Ponds, Long Creek Ponds, Roe Creek Reservoir and Wineland Lake.

Magone Lake remains a question at this writing. It has ice cover and there is heavy snow below the lake. It could open by April 24 depending on the weather. Same conditions apply to Bull Prairie Reservoir.

Field Day planned SATURDAY

A full day of judging and educational events for all interested 4-H and FFA members is being planned for Saturday, April 24, according to Mike Howell, County Extension Agent.

Activities and events for the day will include livestock judging, hay judging, meat judging, plus a home economics judging contest. Afternoon activities include an English riding demonstration, 4-H presentation contest, FFA public speaking contest, plus displays and demonstrations. This event is being sponsored by the Heppner Lion's Club. Awards will be given for all judging events.

Cong. Ullman speaks in Heppner

"This is a bicentennial as well as an election year and we should take a look at some of our goals and find where we are going," said Congressman Al Ullman speaking before 65 people at the Elks Lodge, Heppner, Friday.

There are many presidential candidates, and the people are looking for leadership, however, some of our candidates are evading some of the most important issues before the people. Some of these issues include:

Inflation is presently in the double digit figures and without the proper leadership the inflationary figures will continue to rise. Interest rates are high, some as high as 9 per cent for the property owner, which means the property owner has to rebuy his home every nine years. Interest rates on these short term loans should go down or we will have to continue to have inflation to justify the interest rates.

While the social security picture seems sound today, we should be looking 75 years into the future. Presently a small group is paying for the social security of the older people in the country and unless we anticipate a no growth population period the present system will have to be examined and re-evaluated.

Inflation has hit the highest peak in health insurance. While most people need to have health insurance the price they have to pay for the insurance is out of reach. We should be thinking of lowering the health insurance. He stated he was not in favor of the government paying for everyone's insurance but there are people in the lower income bracket who need more assistance than they are presently receiving.

The welfare reform program requires some action. Some welfare recipients who are able to work should do so, but

federal regulations will not allow this action.

Speaking on the energy problem, Cong. Ullman stated, "Most people are not concerned with the energy problem, and we are becoming more and more dependent on other countries for fuel." By 1977 we should be in a massive conservation program, however, we are not. Cong. Ullman stated that the price of \$1 per gallon for gasoline was not in the distant future. He also stated the country should go to coal and nuclear plants to serve the energy of the nation. Ullman predicted revenue sharing would be extended by the House within 60 days, if we are lucky, and by the Senate this Fall, however, I can't say when it will be funded. "Let's just take it and run when we do get it," said Ullman.

Answering a question from the floor by O.W. Cutsforth, regarding the U.S. Navy bombing range, who said, "Boeing will take over the land 30 seconds after the Navy moves out. Ullman said, "The land belongs to the Federal government and legal procedures should be taken to see that the land reverts back to the State of Oregon, rather than the Boeing Company.

Speaking on the inheritance tax issues, he said, "We will try to increase exemptions." They should go to \$150,000 and we could allow exchanges between spouses. "We should evaluate the ranches for productivity rather than real estate value."

When asked about his feelings on the United States giving up the Panama Canal, Ullman stated, "It is time we began assessing our strategic positions in Central America and Panama. We still have a critical world situation and the United States should keep control of the Panama Canal."

High bids received

Bids were opened for the construction of various projects within the Morrow County School district Wednesday at the district office, Lexington.

A total of 8 bids were received for the various projects with 3 of the bidders bidding on all of the construction work. They were McCormack Construction, Pendleton; The Timber Co., Hermiston and Riverman and Sons, Portland.

Riverman and Sons were the low bidders for the A.C. Houghton Elementary School with a bid of \$398,000. They were also the low bidders for the construction work at Riverside High School Boardman with a bid of \$186,000. Low bid for the construction of the shop at Lone High School went to Gaines Construction

Co., Burns, with a bid of \$174,000. Eastern Oregon Construction, Pendleton received the low bid for the shop at Heppner High School with a bid of \$294,000. Window Industries Inc. Portland submitted the low bid for replacing the windows at the Heppner Elementary School with a bid of \$34,300.

The bids for the required work came in higher than anticipated as they totaled \$1,052,000, while the estimate for the related work totaled \$652,000. The bids received by the board were \$99,500 over the estimate.

None of the bids received were approved and a special meeting was held Wednesday night to review the bids after the architect reviews the plans for construction.

Corporal Lee awarded

Marine Corporal Robert E. Lee, whose wife Glenda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kendall, Spray, OR, has been awarded a Meritorious Mast while serving with the 2d Light Anti-Aircraft Missile Battalion, Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, AZ.

He was personally commended by his commanding officer, for his outstanding performance of duty with the unit.

A 1969 graduate of The Dalles Senior High School, he joined the Marines in February 1975.

Geneticist to report on cattle

Jim Brinks, Colorado State University geneticist, will report on beef cattle improvement Friday, April 23 at the annual Beef Progeny Testing Field Day, Hermiston.

The program at the Hermiston Station of Oregon State University's Columbia Basin Agricultural Research Center will begin at 10 a.m. with a tour of animal pens. The animals and their feeding program will be discussed by extension agents.

After a herd bull display directed by Willard Wolfe, fieldman of the American Hereford Association, Spokane, and Charles Gavin, extension agent from Enterprise, the program will move to the Umatilla County fairgrounds, Hermiston.

There, Al Raiston, OSU animal nutritionist, and Tom Davidson, who is in charge of the Hermiston Experiment Station, will discuss the progeny testing program which provides detailed information on feeding, growth and carcass evaluations.

After lunch, Jack Davis, director of the Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station, will discuss the role of the Experiment Station in the beef industry. Dave Church, OSU animal nutritionist, will report on straw and finishing rations for beef cattle.

Brinks will speak at 2:15 p.m. His topic will be "Tools for Beef Cattle Improvement and Their Use."

The program will be sponsored by the Columbia Basin Agricultural Research Center, Animal Science Department and Extension Service of OSU and the Umatilla Cattleman's Association.

Money and banking

A film depicting the story of banking and money was presented to the Chamber of Commerce by Jim Wishart, vice president of the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

In the early 18th century it was forbidden by law for the settlers to mint their own money so the barter system was used as a means of exchange. Business growth was restricted and there was no credit. The money collected in taxes from the early settlers was sent to England.

Alexander Hamilton was the first secretary of the treasury and the Continental Congress began printing paper money, however, as there was no reserve fund to back the paper money it was worthless. Local banks were allowed to print their own money for the expansion of agriculture and business, but most of the money printed was kept in the larger cities. Every state had its own regulations and money was available for dams, bridges, railroads. The honesty of most banks left much to be desired as anyone with \$2,000 could open a bank one day, sell stock in the bank worth \$50,000 and close the bank shortly thereafter.

Federal banking which had relinquished its role in banking was brought back into banking, the start of the National Bank Act, as they started printing the first greenbacks.

In the early 1870s all of the railroad tracks stopped at the

Mississippi River as there was no method of crossing the large river. James Eads designed a bridge to cross the river and paid for the construction of the bridge from his own funds and in 1874 the bridge was opened. Railroad ties were laid connecting the east and the west and travel throughout the nation was linked together. Soon afterwards banks started offering checking accounts to their customers. In the early 20th century banks were offering interest to customers and money was assured to meet the needs of the people.

Prior to World War I the United States needed money to meet the demands of the war, as Americans needed money for guns, munitions, ships, etc. Following the end of the war in 1918, the war machines turned out other products including autos and farm machinery for the average person. At one time these had been considered luxury items for the rich.

The Federal Reserve Bank was started in 1920 and federal money was expanded.

The stock market flourished until the panic of October 1929. By July 1933 9,000 banks had suspended payments to their customers, plunging the country into one of the worst depressions in its history.

When the banks re-opened and the stock market recovered in the mid 30s they provided services never dreamed of by Hamilton.



This vehicle driven by Steve Kemp, 22, Hermiston apparently went out of control late Sunday night. The car hit a concrete bridge on Gale St., and continued into Willow Creek. According to reports Kemp is suffering from a dislocated hip and minor cuts and bruises. A passenger in the vehicle, Edwin Winkelman, Lexington received cuts and bruises and has been released from the hospital.