

Mayor of Hardman

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

The fellers got to talking about wimmen and witches at the country store Saturday night, and fer the safety of all concerned I better make it clear right off the bat that the wimmen we live with ain't the witches under discussion and, like they say, any similarities living or dead is purely incidental.

Clem Webster reported on a piece he had saw where colleges across the country have took to perviding places where students can write on walls. They hang butcher paper out and tell the students to work out and tell the students to work off their hates and loves by drawing pictures and writing words to their heart's content, and a heap of the young people are taking advantage of what they call "therapeutic release of tensions, frustrations and hangups." Clem said it looked to him like a cheap scapegoat plan, and he was full of faver of it. He reminded the fellers that a year or so ago a group of young folks at a church in town was give a old car and they done practical the same thing with it. They charged a dollar a lick fer folks to come by and smash the car with a sludge hammer, and they got a lot of takers. Clem recalled that a salesman that comes by the store said he bought three licks, one fer his old lady, one fer his boss and one fer a football team he had bet on, and that he shore got his \$3 worth.

It was Bug Hookum that wondered what the college students will do this summer when they're out of school, and on second thought Bug said he didn't want to think what they might do. As tight as summer jobs are all over, he said, a heap of young folks are having plenty of time to sit around and build up frustrations and tensions. Bug said he hopes they don't work theirselves up to the state the major league baseball team did that hired a witch to change its fortunes. He couldn't recall whuther she was to git rid of a hex on that team or cast a losing spell on the rest of the league, but Bug said it was another way to pass your troubles on to somebody else.

The fellers were general agreed that if the team with the witch riding their bats start winning, the idee is shore to spread to politicians and wives. The bunch at the store got some hexes laid on em at home a few weeks back when they discussed their idee of what the Scriptures say in the wimmen's place in the world, so they don't figger their old ladies need no help from practicing witches. Verily they said unto one another, it don't make no never mind what the Good Book said, wimmen are going to have the last and loudest word on everthing. The fellers didn't so much see the light as they felt the heat on that matter.

Speaking of wimmen, Mister Editor, I see where this speech specialist in New York says they are talking slower than they use to. He didn't say why, but we can rest assured it ain't because they're running out of somepun to say. You reckon they've slowed down to try thinking while they talk?

Yours truly,
MAYOR ROY.

Nazarene Church history

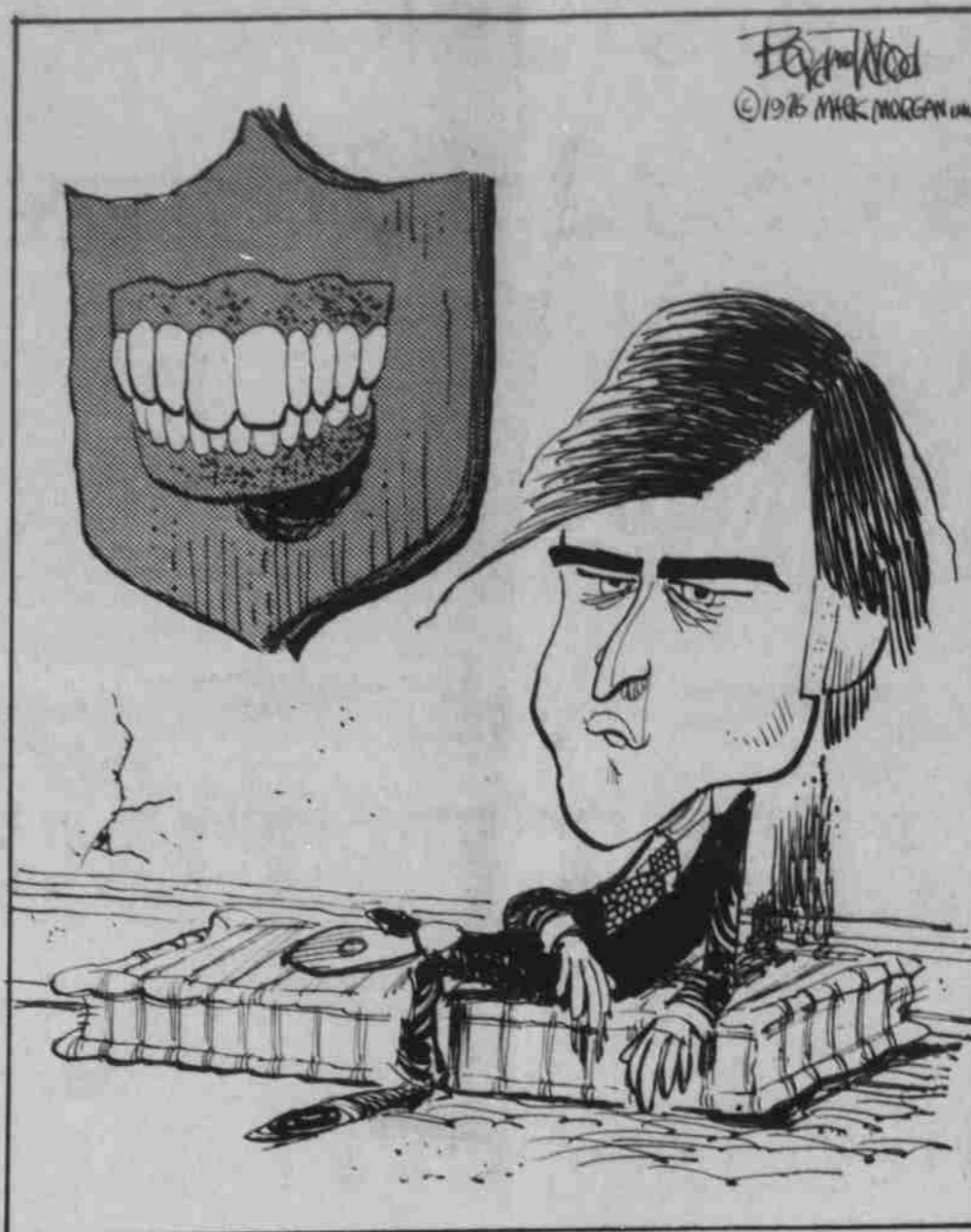
The Wesleyan Revival that saved eighteenth-century England from revolution reaffirmed the testimony and experience of the Early Church that God is able to forgive man's sins and cleanse his heart from all unrighteousness. A revival of this preaching and doctrine in the United States toward the close of the nineteenth century led to the formation of independent congregations that banded together in October, 1908, as the Church of the Nazarene.

So universal was this movement that even then all parts of the United States were represented in 228 congregations, comprising 10,414 members. At the same time, similar movings of this revival were leading to the formation of churches in Canada and the British Isles which would soon become a part of this growing church.

A warmhearted church and a victorious Christian life, founded on faith in the Word of God, have attracted many to the fellowship of the church during the succeeding years. Heartfelt religion resulted in fervent lay witnessing and a missionary concern. The Church of the Nazarene has grown until now there are 566,904 members in 6,602 congregations. Most of these churches (4,727) are in the 50 states. One thousand eight hundred seventy-five are distributed throughout Canada, the British Isles, continental Europe, Australia, and more than 50 other world areas.

In today's rapidly changing world, God's grace and the need of the human heart are changeless. The Church of the Nazarene offers to people today the same warmhearted church and victorious Christian faith that have made it attractive throughout its history. The uncertainties of this atomic age, the failure of a high standard of living to satisfy basic human needs, and the inability of education of science alone to solve the problem of sin and morality affirm the relevance of the church's message and the urgency of its God-given mission.

Pastor G. E. Blackburn
Heppner Church of the Nazarene



THE MARYLAND TROPHY

Water rates 'ridiculous

The City of Heppner will vote on a new levy Monday, \$32,138 outside the six per cent limitation.

Among the items recommended to raise is the water rates for the city. The city's water rates, as they are now, are termed "ridiculous" by more than one budget committee member.

This paper would have to agree.

For the first 1000 gallons of water, city patrons pay out \$3.50. After that, it's \$.50 for the next 2000 gallons and just \$.15 for each additional gallon up to 13,000 gallons after that.

After those 13,000 gallons, the increase per 1000 gallons is only \$.10.

Using these figures, calculations say this: the first

1000 gallons will cost the patron \$3.50. And, the next 79,000 gallons will cost just \$9.20.

After the first 1000 gallons, the average for the next 79,000 gallons would only be just \$.12 per 1000 gallons!

In many cities across the state, residents wouldn't wrinkle their nose at paying upwards and more than \$25-\$30 a month.

In Heppner, even with a hearty garden, chances are slim that running water at all hours of the day, a person would ever end up paying for more than \$15 or \$10 a month.

This levy calls for bare necessities and we urge you to vote "yes" Monday.

W.C.P.

Levy's compared

The proposed levy vote Monday calls for \$32,198 over the six per cent limitation. Last year there was no levy outside the six per cent limitation.

The chart below represents this year's budget and last year's budget comparison. As you can see, revenue sharing monies, general government, fire department and garbage collection monies were all higher last year than they are this year.

Revenue sharing is one of the major pligs in the city's levy proposal. Because of the reduced federal funds, the city must go to its citizens for more money to run the city.

According to one budget committee member, revenue sharing will probably be a thing of the past next year. It has been cut in half this year.

Usually, federal funds are spent by cities for capital purchases. However, as they will do again this year, the cities revenue sharing funds will be dispersed throughout the budget for items that include regular street repair, police expenses, etc. A \$2000 sum has been set

aside toward a new police car for the only capital purchase.

The tax base this year is \$39,137. If the levy vote goes down Monday, the city will have to cut back even further and use the \$39,137 to finish the fiscal year.

Last year's total operational budget was \$531,031. This year it is a lower \$400,510.

HEPPNER BUDGET, BY DEPARTMENT

1974-75		1975-76
\$59,526	General Government	\$59,010
70,465	Water & Utility Department	73,427
25,425	Sewer Department	29,500
10,500	Fire Department	8,343
47,120	Police Department	50,558
28,690	Street Department	55,951
1,679	Garbage collection & Disposal	1,666
9250	City Swimming Pool	9,830
3717	City Library	4,236
35,704	Revenue Sharing	16,925
292,076	Total Operational Budget	309,446
	(No added general fund)	

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