

# Unopposed candidates victorious

Results of last week's Nov. 2 General Election contained occasional surprises for the anxiously waiting voter's ear. For many Oregon Carter supporters, Gerald Ford's dominance of the state was unexpected. Winning and losing gave ultimatum to seemingly pointed and pointless legislation alike.

Court, position two, was reinstated. He prescribes to the philosophy, "Let the punishment fit the crime." Supreme Court Judge, position three, saw the return of Judge Dean Bryson. He was characterized as having proven strong for an orderly government.

H. Howell back into office. An experienced trial and appellate judge, Howell was described as practical and industrious.

Supreme Court Judge, position five, welcomed incumbent Thomas H. Tongue back in.

Position four, Supreme Court Judge, brought Edward

tireless worker, Ralph M. Holman into the seat once again.

Court of Appeals Judge, position one, welcomed Lee Johnson in as supported; qualified candidate for the Court of Appeals.

Court of Appeals, position three, saw incumbent Chief Judge Robert M. Schwab return.

Position four, Appeals Judge William Lloyd Richardson gained the office saying he was a judge with experience, knowledge, intelligence and integrity.

Appeals Judge for position five saw 16 years Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton assume office.

Oregon Tax Court Judge again became the position of

incumbent Carlisle B. Roberts.

County elections were a little more suspenseful. Those candidates were not even listed with persuasive characterizations. The end result came as expected:

Justice of the Peace, 6th dist. Dolores Gribble

Director for the Soil and Water Conservation District, zone one, a two year term Floyd C. Copenhagen

Zone two, a four year term George Kennedy

Zone three, a four year term R.W. Bergstrom

Zone five, a two year term Albert L. Osmin

District at large, a four year term C.R. McElligott

Director at large, a four year term Douglas Fritz

## Billings vs Heppner

By Janene Searle

Editor's Note:

Janene and John Searle came to Heppner from Billings, MT, all of two months ago. The following is an article resulting from their reportedly preferred living situation here in Heppner.

When one moves from a city of over 70,000 people, Billings, MT, to a town of less than 2,000 people, Heppner, OR, the changes in lifestyles, conveniences, prices, etc., are a little overwhelming at first, but in most aspects, easy to adapt to. One of the most noticeable differences between Heppner and Billings is the pace of living. There is, of course, an everyday work routine here, but in a seemingly more relaxed atmosphere with less traffic, less hustle and bustle to work in. Having traveled three miles to and from work on the busiest street in Billings, it is a relief to get up in the morning and walk less than three blocks to work.

Another change for the better is the clean air. Living less than two miles from a major oil refinery in Billings, the reporter appreciates that no matter which way the wind blows here in Heppner, the air stays clean and pure and won't wipe out one's nasal cavity or lungs for the entire day.

People are friendlier in a small town like Heppner. In Billings, there was an attitude of mistrust, suspicion, and sometimes hatred among people, even in one's own neighborhood. The city was growing by leaps and bounds. So was the crime rate.

Unlearning big-city habits isn't easy, such as making sure the car, as well as the house, was locked every night, the fear of walking down the street after dark, and so on. Neighborhood unrest and fights ending with one neighbor calling the police on the other were commonplace.

Prices for such things as groceries, housing, gas, medicine, etc. were as a rule higher than the average family could afford sometimes. A gallon of milk in Billings was \$1.76 for 2 per cent, fresh fruit was unreasonably high, a loaf of bread at retail stores was 64 cents, hamburger was rarely under 90 cents a pound. A typical one-bedroom apartment with no frills rented for \$110-\$150 a month. The high rate of property tax was in part to blame for this; in 1976, some owners' taxes had doubled compared to 1975. Gas prices were in the high 50 cent range, slightly lower than in Heppner.

With the aforementioned disadvantages of city living, though, there were benefits, too, such as the convenience of shopping. One could find any type of shop or store within a few blocks or a few miles of home. One shopping center offered more than 50 stores, a theatre, and restaurants all under one gigantic roof.

Entertainment was easy to find, depending on one's tastes. For movie-goers, there were more than a dozen theatres, roller-skating enthusiasts had two large rinks to choose from, and sports fans could find anything from tennis to golf, along with public swimming pools, indoor and outdoor, a lake for swimming and sailing, and so on. Billings also boasted a 10,000+ seating capacity entertainment center, which hosted indoor hockey games, rodeos, ice shows, concerts, and more.

Everything considered, this reporter feels there are more benefits to living in a smaller town. When the basic needs of life can be met comfortably without wondering where the money will come from, the freedom from worry outweighs the inconveniences.

## Lobo presentation given at Chamber meeting

Barbara Divine, Heppner High School student, was the guest speaker of the November 8 Chamber of Commerce meeting. Since returning from

Japan this summer as a 4-H foreign exchange student in the Lobo program, Barbara gave a slide presentation of her Japanese experience.

The Lobo program is a fair exchange of Japanese 4-H members into American homes and American members into Japanese family structures. Touring with a group of 17 other youngsters, Barbara recalled her trip as, "Really fun and full of experience. I learned a lot."

Chaperoned by Bob Alger and Lois Reddman of the Oregon State Extension agency, the group arrived in Japan in mid-July, where each one was greeted by his or her host family. Barbara returned with the popularly

held opinion that, "Japan is very crowded. All the cities just seem to run into each other."

Giving a diverse talk ranging from the price of silk kimonoes, (\$5,000 to \$10,000) to frisbee—a loved pastime of Japanese as well as American young people.

## More power to people

Columbia Basin Electric has completed work on a new feeder line to serve the town of Lone, the Pacific Gas Transmission Co. pumping station, and the Willow Creek area just below lone.

Formerly, the rural area south of lone and the Rhea Creek area above lone was served on a line with the lone town area.

The new line will provide more capacity, better voltage level and should provide better service reliability.

The new line feeds from the lone BPA Substation to Jordan and connects with an existing line to lone.

Also, line oil switches have been installed on the Willow Creek line area below lone to

help sectionalize that load from the lone town area in the event of line outage problems.

A planned outage on October 29 for the lone area was necessary to connect the take-off of the new feeder line at the substation and to "cut in" a two way switch in the tie line between the new feeder line and the line now serving the Rhea Creek area above lone.

Much work at the lone Substation was completed "hot" prior to the 29th of October to hold the outage to about one half or one third of that otherwise necessary. Hole drilling, wire pulling, conduit installation and other work was done next to "covered up" high voltage conductor and facilities in the substation.

## Stolen

The Morrow County Sheriff's office has received word of a stolen firearm. Sheriff Ortho Caldera of Wheeler County is notifying surrounding counties of the description of a 243 Winchester, model 88 rifle.

The weapon was discovered missing on November 5. Time of the theft is thought to have been between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. that day. The rifle was taken from a ranch near Mitchell, OR.

## Jubilee Lake

### Repairs to be made

Winters of ice and snow have damaged the Jubilee Lake spillway. The 97 acre, man-made lake is located in the Blue Mountains, 12 miles east of Tollgate, OR. Scheduled repairs have been announced by Regional Supervisor of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Will Brown and Herb Rudolph, Forest Supervisor of the Umatilla National Forest.

Dedicated in 1967, the lake was a cooperative effort between the two agencies. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife constructed the dam and has the maintenance responsibility while the Forest Service did the site clearing and built a campground adjacent to the lake.

Due to the effects of seasonal icy conditions, the cement liner of the dam's spillway has been damaged. No road access to the dam has caused yet another concern. The original route for the

dam's construction equipment was flooded by the formation of Jubilee Lake. Since heavy equipment will again be required to aid in repair, another route of least ecological impact and economic loss has been decided upon.

A rather unique solution, the new route will follow around the now flooded lake shore. Consequently, the surface of Jubilee Lake will be lowered ten feet in elevation this fall. It will be held at this elevation until the project is completed next summer. The water level will be raised sometime during the fall or winter of 1977.

The purpose of lowering the water this fall is to prevent any flow over the spillway next spring.

Unfortunately, the lowered level will result in some inconvenience to lake users. The boat ramp will be dry and boats will have to be carried from the parking lot to the water's edge.

Another missing accommodation will be a distant bank from which shore fishermen might cast their lines. These problems will only last one summer.

Fingerling sized trout will continue to be stocked in the lake next spring by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife. The stocking numbers will be reduced because of the smaller volume of water.

The Forest Service will take advantage of the lowered lake level to gravel the bottom of a planned swimming area and clean some debris from the flooded lakeshore.

Questions regarding this project may be directed to the Walla Walla Ranger's office, Walla Walla, WA, the Umatilla Supervisor's office in Pendleton, or the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife offices in either Pendleton or La Grande.

## You litter-You pay

Heppner chief of police, Dean Gilliam, urges users of the new sanitary landfill to take precautions against the inadvertent loss of refuse en route to the dump. Accidental littering will not be tolerated.

It will carry a fine if left uncorrected.

Gilliam suggests preventing this from happening by tying down the load before you start. Driving slowly is another preventative measure

to be considered.

Landfill hours are from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday of each week. If a resident wishes to use the fill during the week, they are asked to contact Ervin Anderson, Heppner.



## Editorial & Viewpoint

### Growup carefully

In covering this area during the past week—one big issue seemed to reoccur over everything else. The prospect of growth and its effects apparently has some people perplexed, others excited, and still others seem a little afraid.

Growth, as when it comes to a child, feels and is awkward for a time. Still, with some careful guidance concerning where to direct that growth and what branches to extend into, ideally the end result is a person not only confident in goals sought, but strong in the foundation from where the growth began in the first place.

Planning is an integral instrument of expansion. It is necessary so that the essential character of a community or area is not lost amid development. It is needed so that inadequate facilities are not carelessly adjusted in order to cope with growth.

Recent governmental studies reveal more and more metropolitan people are moving into rural areas. People in this area are unspoiled enough to venture a hello to a stranger on the street. It would be very sad to see growth bring on a guarded urban air to the personality here.

The point is not to allow newcomers to transplant ways of life they are trying to get away from, here. Rather, invite their individuality to become additions to the lifestyle that already exists.

Spontaneity usually works for handling matters at hand, although it tends to lack responsibility for results of the future. las

## Support appreciated

Editor:

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all Oregonians for their support of my candidacy. Our voters did face a tough choice in the race for Attorney General, and my opponent, Jim Durham, was both a highly qualified and an effective candidate.

Most of all, thanks to Oregonians for their turnout in record numbers which proved, again, that we take our responsibility seriously and intend to keep the system working well.

Jim Redden  
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## Use 'veto' power

Editor,

Are we going to have another depression? If the economy keeps going the way it is, it will be very probable. At the rate the economy is going, we will be in the first stages of a depression, in a month or two.

Can we, the American people, stop it? Yes! We can tell the governors, the representatives, the congressmen, and our President, what we want and how we want to do it. We can picket and demonstrate our feelings. Not violent demonstrations, but peaceful, democratic demonstrations.

Demonstrations are democratic; they came with the first democracy of Greece and the semi-democracy of early Rome. In Rome, the people could sit on the steps of the main governmental building and say "veto!", which is Latin for I forbid.

So let yourself be heard and let yourself be an influence in your country. For this is a democratic country. Democracy is Latin for "ruled by the people" and the people are you!

Yours sincerely,  
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## Insurance changes

Unemployment, a distasteful word to many out-of-work Americans and surely all tax payers. Yet, being hard to swallow doesn't make it go away. Because of this, Unemployment Insurance was initiated. Now, under new laws signed by President Ford, change in this coverage which has expanded to more than 9 million people has been initiated.

This new legislation will now provide practically universal coverage by the unemployment insurance program. When provisions of the new Public Law 94-566 are in effect, approximately 84 million jobs, or 97 percent of the labor force will be covered. Five major areas will be affected.

Coverage is extended to 9.1 million new jobs, most of them with local governments.

Increases are made in the taxable wage base and in the tax rate paid by employers to offset the severe drain on unemployment insurance funds during the 1975 recession.

Eligibility requirements are tightened up.

The method by which added weeks of benefits are made available to the long term unemployed is modified to make the program more responsive to economic ups and downs.

Lastly... A National Study Commission on Unemployment Insurance is created to take a critical look at the program and make recommendations for any needed changes.

## Inhumanity unnecessary

Editor,

How many people in Heppner have had dogs or cats poisoned? It's not a very pleasant experience to watch an animal suffer after being poisoned! Especially where kids are concerned.

If the person who is doing this terrible thing would call the owner to complain, it would save a lot of heartache. Visit them, if they can't be reached by phone.

We hadn't had this dog very long. Some unfeeling person had dumped it at the roadside, crippling it. Well, Dale brought it home, caring, and the dog became a part of the family.

All I can say is it takes a very low type of person to do this deed and someday it might be THEIR pet!

There's lots of small children in this area, including the Day Care Center next door, who could get hold of the poison and then, think—What would happen?

Ruby Munkers



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## Thanks for Your Support

I would like to thank the campaign workers who helped with my campaign. Without the help of the local people, the contest would not have been as close as it was. I hope that I can count on your help in the future. I acknowledge Jack Sumner's victory and wish him a productive legislative session.

Many have asked for the vote totals for Representative District 55, so I have included the unofficial totals.

	Bellamy	Sumner
MORROW	1542	861
GILLIAM	719	420
SHERMAN	856	433
JEFFERSON	1949	1745
WASCO	377	519
CLACKAMAS	1352	2837
MARION	384	611
LINN	445	805
TOTAL	7424	7991

Sincerely,  
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