

TO MORROW AND TOO TOMORROW

By Tom Franks

An article from Ione last week brought to my attention that square dance graduates had to pass their test by dancing in oversized boots. After this test, they danced barefoot on a mattress!

It is hard to imagine adults getting recognition for something that I used to whale my kids for.

Almost as lively was the viewing stand taken by Jerry Sweeney and sons of Heppner. They watched the inaugural parade "while hanging from a statue in front of the Federal Building." Hang in there, Jerry.

Weather or not

What will become of the weather seems to be anyone's guess these days. The changes in pattern and type of weather in many portions of the world are resulting in both loss of crops and loss of water supplies. In addition, the weather changes place new stress on energy sources.

Reading about the situation has on several occasions brought up a mental picture of people running over the landscape collecting scrap lumber and dead wood for fire and hauling water by the bucket. Not exactly my idea of the good 'ol days.

Here I sit worried about getting my index finger stuck between the space bar and the typewriter keys. I can't think of anything to do about the water shortage. After we cut down on washing cars, taking a bath, watering lawns, etc., we have reached the limit.

Most of the people I know have long ago ceased drinking eight glasses of water per day unless it is diluted or polluted with something else.

Harold Kerr, county agent, just returned from the wheat growers' meeting in Hawaii. He told the Heppner chamber that it looked like it hadn't rained in Hawaii in years.

Myron Huston at the Hotel Heppner maintains an interest in Alaska from earlier days. Myron says the willows are in bloom near Fairbanks.

Up in Alaska, after the spring thaw, they say the divorce rate shows a marked increase. The statistical fact is fondly referred to as "The Spring Breakup." Suppose the weather will change that, too.

A better idea

I never documented this story, but heard that Henry Ford said it. It seems a reporter printed a story saying that Ford included mothers' milk in his diet on a regular basis. The reporter later met Ford on the street and inquired about his reaction to the article. Ford is said to have replied, "I don't care what you say about me as long as you spell my name right. It is F O R D."

In order to get all the names right, we would suggest that articles submitted to the Gazette-Times be typewritten, printed or very very carefully written if they must be submitted in longhand.

Deadlines fixed

To increase our ability to process dated news, we are asking that club reporters and others turning in club, social, and church events do so at the earliest possible time.

Any reports covering general events occurring from Tuesday through Thursday night should be in the Gazette-Times office on Friday. Events from Friday night through Sunday night should be turned in by Monday noon.

This schedule will allow us to handle more current news on Mondays and Tuesdays instead of spending Tuesdays handling news that is perhaps three to seven days old. We have no objection to working a 40-hour week and more if it isn't jammed between Monday morning and Tuesday night.

Assistance in this matter will help us produce a better paper.

Lincoln's Birthday

Monday, Feb. 7, will be observed as a holiday for Lincoln's Birthday, which in fact was Feb. 12, 1809. This year, Feb. 12 falls on a Saturday, and one could hardly make a three day weekend out of that. If the Monday nearest Feb. 12 had been selected, it would make two three day weekends running, since George Washington had the audacity to be born on Feb. 22. If Lincoln's birthday was observed on Feb. 14, it would also mean a three day weekend at the tail end of the pay period followed by a pay day and three working days, then another three day holiday. As you can see, such an arrangement might blow the entire month.

As it falls this month, paychecks are three days ahead of each three day holiday. If there was as much forethought in the remainder of government planning, we would indeed be blessed.

Storm door theft

To the Editor:

I am convinced that the meanest man in Oregon lives somewhere in the Heppner area. This is why I am writing to you. I have a 93 year old mother-in-law living in Heppner and she has lived there since she was one year old. She is doing the best she can to live out her life in her own home without becoming too dependent on anyone.

She is Mrs. Letha Archer, the daughter of a past pioneer, Mifflin J. Devin.

On one of the recently very cold nights, this meanest person came on to her front porch and removed the weather screen door. (She cannot hear very well.) She had this door put on to keep as much warm air as possible inside. Don't you think this is stooping pretty low to rob an old woman of such an item?

Yours Truly,
Mrs. Austin I. Smith

Who owns canal?

Dear Editor:

1907 (Wilson vs. Shaw) and 1972 (U.S. vs. Roach) Supreme Court rulings confirmed U.S. Panama Canal (PC) ownership—today we're informed we do not—why?

More than 70 per cent of ships transiting the PC originate-terminate voyages in the U.S., according to Hon. D. Flood (D-Pa.)—today we're informed we don't need it—why?

Art. 4, Sect. 3, Clause 2 of U.S. Constitution states: "The Congress (U.S. House & Senate) shall have power to dispose of and make all needful rules and regulations respecting the territory or other property belonging to the United States..."

Are we to believe that the PC is not U.S. property so a two-thirds Senate vote can surrender the PC to Panama?

That which exists must become more of itself or less. Does giveaway of the PC represent a \$7-billion plus investment, addition of 7,000 plus sea miles to the New York-California voyage, loss of the West's last strategic waterway, strengthening Soviet power, and weakening U.S. defenses increase U.S. potential? I think not!

John O'Malley (Copley News Service) says look through the USSR's eyes. Soviets declared—in Lenin's time—their long-range plan to possess the world's strategic waterways. Does Communist control of the PC sound beneficial to the U.S.? I think not!

Bismark stated: "A nation that surrenders territory voluntarily is a nation in decay." Let us demand immediate cessation of the surrender of our strategic territory to the Panama-Cuba-Moscow axis.

Sincerely,
Derrill C. Briden
5650 S.E. 85th Ave.
Portland, Oregon 97266

Jack Sumner

Sumner introduces funding bill for county fair increase

The Legislature is now in the fourth calendar week of its 59th Session. When the third week concluded last Friday, thirteen bills already had gone through committee hearings and had been voted on by the full House.

More than 350 other House Bills already have been referred to legislative committees for public hearings and recommendations. The session is off to an active start.

The House Aging Committee has voted out HB 2049. The bill would require the Department of Human Resources to provide an annual summary of programs and services available for the senior citizen.

The measure includes the requirement for a continuous information program by Human Resources which would aid Oregonians of 60 years of age or older in determining eligibility, status, and local contacts for further information. The measure is now in Ways and Means Committee for consideration of the cost of putting the measure into effect.

I am introducing a bill to require the agencies that make up the state government to submit Zero-Base budgets effective next biennium. This is a concept where each agency must examine all programs and justify their existence each budget period. It goes a step further than the "Sunset Law" which requires this same close examination

Jernstedt asks school finance

State Sen. Ken Jernstedt this week asked Morrow County residents to supply him with personal opinions on the question of school finance. "A number of proposals have now been formulated and

publicized and will soon be voted on in committee and on the floor of both chambers," Jernstedt said. Since the issue of school finances is one of the most important facing the present

legislature, Jernstedt has asked Morrow County residents to answer the ten questions in the accompanying questionnaire and clip and return the entire questionnaire to his office in Salem.

FFA'ers apply for degree

Four members of the Heppner F.F.A. Chapter have completed and sent in applications for the State Farmer degree. The State Farmer is the highest degree in which the State Association can award.

To earn this award, an F.F.A. member must meet certain requirements and qualifications.

From the Heppner Chapter, Bruce Young, Ken Grieb, Krynn Robinson, and Jack Yocom are competing for this degree. The State Farmer recipients are selected by the F.F.A. State Officers, through an application, record books, and an interview.

Officers will be interviewing these four candidates on Feb.

3 and 4. The members receiving this degree will be awarded at the Oregon F.F.A. State Convention, held Mar. 20 through 24 at Pendleton.

Other coming events that Heppner F.F.A. members will be involved in are:

Feb. 12...District Leadership Contest (Public Speaking & Parly Pro)

Feb. 20...District Proficiency Award Selection
Mar. 1...Heppner F.F.A. Banquet (Tues. night)

Mar. 14...District Books Judging

Mar. 20 to 24...State F.F.A. Convention—Pendleton

Apr. 13...Shop, Skills Contest—Mac Hi (Wednesday)

Electric use grows

Columbia Basin Electric reported the members' KWH use for 1976 was up 8.5 per cent over the previous year. The sales were 114,892,037 KWHs. The average cost paid per KWH was 1.25 cents.

Irrigation sales represented the largest source of class of revenue with \$377,722. The total sales to the members was \$1,437,136 for the five county service area.

The Cooperative plant in-

vestment reached 8.18 million as of Dec. 31, 1976.

The Coop serves 3,427 member accounts over 1,338 miles of line.

The cost of power was the largest expense item at \$426,818.00.

The local utility conducted a strong maintenance program in 1976, and as a result, the distribution maintenance expense went from \$73,665 in 1975 to \$108,350 in 1976.

Training session attended

Mrs. Elbert Eppenbach, Mrs. Dick Price and Mr. Donald Eppenbach, along with Pastor and Mrs. Carl Wright of the Community Baptist Church of Irrigon, attended a church leaders' training event, Sunday afternoon and evening, Jan. 30, at the First Baptist Church of Milton-Freewater.

Conducted by five leaders from the Portland area, this training session was attended by representatives of all the American Baptist Churches of Umatilla and Morrow counties.

Handicapped data asked

From Feb. 1 to Mar. 1, the Morrow County School District, in cooperation with the Oregon State Department of Education and other public agencies, will be collecting data related to physically, emotionally, learning disabled, and mentally handicapped children through age 21.

The handicapped child census is required under Public Law 94-142 and federal support will be based on this

count.

The data to be collected will include the coded name of the child, grade level, age, birthdate, county of residence, school district, handicapping condition and level of service provided.

The data will be confidential and available only to state and federal agencies for reporting and planning. For information, call John Edmundson at the Morrow County School District office, 989-8123.

SCHOOLS - FINANCING QUESTIONNAIRE

- The state currently pays 28.5% of school operating costs from the general fund. What would you favor: 29.5% 33% 40% 50% Other
- Property taxes account for about 60% of school financing. Should schools be supported from: Income taxes Sales Taxes Property taxes Other
- School districts may now hold 6-8 budget elections per year. How many would you favor: 6-8 Unlimited number Maximum of 2
- If a school budget is defeated repeatedly, would you favor: (a) Using the previous year's levy, with voter approval of any additional amounts OR (b) Using the previous year's levy plus an automatic 6% increase OR (c) When money ran out, closing the schools until a budget could be passed
- Should the school finance burden be assumed by: Those with children in school Everyone Everyone except senior citizens
- Should basic education (including reading, writing, arithmetic, science, history, literature, career education, vocational training) be fully financed by the state, and the cost of physical facilities and optional activities (such as athletics, music, drama, etc.) be funded locally? Yes No
- Which do you believe has more to do with school budget deficits: High property taxes Dissatisfaction with the job schools are doing in educating students
- Do you feel there is enough local control of schools? Yes No
- Are you satisfied with discipline in your school district? Yes No
- How do you rate your local school district as to the job it is doing educating young people? Excellent Good Fair Poor

Please Complete

- Age: Under 25 25-40 40-60 Over 60
- Work: Salaried Self-employed
- Residence: Homeowner Renter

Please return to: Sen. Ken Jernstedt
5317 State Capitol Building
Salem, Oregon 97310

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RHEA Pastrami and Swiss cheese on toasted rye bread, with French fries and hot mustard	WEST OF WILLOW Tender roast beef slices in a soft French roll to dip in Jim's sauce, with fries
BALM FORK Moist turkey on white bread, with fries	SHOBE Ham slices on old-fashioned white or rye bread, with hot mustard and fries
BUTTER CREEK Ham, pastrami and Swiss cheese on French bread, with hot mustard and fries	COLUMBIA Tender steak strips on French bread, with fries

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Cheese	\$3.00	Sausage	\$4.00	Mushroom	\$4.00
Pepperoni	\$4.00	Black olive	\$4.00	Combination	\$5.25

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Pastor's corner

Love is the reason for creation, the order of creation and the end of creation. All of creation, the universe and everything in it, including ourselves, exists because of the overflowing of God's love. God did not create us because He was lonely. Our infinite and loving Creator is never lonely. We are products of the super-abundance of His love.

Love is not only the reason for creation, it is the order of creation. Jesus states this in the great commandments, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind...and... You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

The order of love is to love God with your whole being, making this the highest priority in your life; to love your neighbor as yourself, having the same concern for others as you do for yourself and to love yourself, being at peace with yourself. This order applies to our lives and ultimately to all creation.

Likewise, love is the end of creation, the goal toward which history and all of creation is moving; when all people and all of creation exist eternally in a relationship of love with God and with each other.

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