

By Tom Franks

Heppner may be on its way toward the establishment of a community theatre. "Culture is coming to Heppner," I heard someone say?

While community theatre does not spell overnight culture, it could give an edge to anyone wishing to argue cultural merits with Hermiston residents. On a percentage basis, I am sure both towns have their share of actors.

If the first production of this new group has merit, we will be armed with at least one opportunity to look down our artistic noses at the "Boom City." Boom City is the name given to Hermiston by a tired headline writer on the East Oregonian.

Heppner, however, remains Heppner, if you know what I mean. Thank goodness the big town press hasn't picked up opportunities like "Hep City Council" or "Hep city officials" or "Hep Hep Hooray."

Speaking of headline blues, we must take a few lumps of our own. Last week we had an article about an Elks' Club poster contest for grade school students. The headline came out "Feb. 13 last judging day for Elk's proctors." In a panic, we rushed to Webster's and sighed with relief because "proctors" isn't a word. If it were a word, it would fall somewhere around prostate and prosterium—which was why we were afraid to look in the first place.

February vacation

Valentine's Day has generated some extra interest this year. Since Oregon was admitted to the Union on Feb. 14, 1859, there has been talk of making Valentine's Day a state holiday. If the action is taken, Oregon would be on holiday on three of four Mondays in February. Counting weekends, administrative offices would operate only 17 days during the month and have 11 days off.

Lock and Key

Morrow County officials are considering steps to establish a holding facility for prisoners.

A look at costs paid to other counties for holding prisoners can be seen in part by looking at the list of county warrants published in this issue of the Gazette-Times.

Establishing a local "jail" is not going to be cheap, but the money spent would not be going out of the county. As we mentioned last week, the amount of travel involved in transporting prisoners could be cut down a great deal. The motto of most merchants is shop at home. I have enough community spirit to make most of my purchases here. If I am ever arrested, I think it is only fitting that I spend my time here, too.

Dog gone it

Several families on Fairview Way in Heppner have lost pets in recent weeks. The pets, both cats and dogs, were apparently killed by cars. While the residents are concerned about the pets, they are more concerned by the presence of fast moving vehicles which could endanger children who are also on the street from time to time.

I don't know everyone by the car they drive, but I have personally seen a couple of hot late model cars take up Fairview Way at a pace which would catch even an alert dog by surprise.

There is something to be said for common sense speeds in residential areas and keeping pets off the streets.

Liberation

For years I have been attempting to sort out the conflict presented by women's liberation or liber disease. It never seemed to me that the problem was planned by male or female. I have finally come to the conclusion that the basic problem is one of social morals. Some place in the dim past, we have assigned a number of human virtues by sex. Men were taught the "virtue" of freedom and bravery. Women were taught the "virtue" of being kind and faithful. It doesn't take much thinking to see the mess you can wind up with if you try to reassign virtues by sex.

My contention is that both sexes should have all the virtues suggested by human experience. Liberation certainly cannot rest in dumping one set of virtues for another. The idea as I see it is to keep what you have and claim the rest. If you consider the simple division of virtues given here, you can quickly see that liberation is as much of a challenge for men as for women.

Pastor's corner

Bruce Barton wrote a book about Jesus Christ, calling it The Man Nobody Knows. Many claims have been made for and against and by Christ. Millions of words have been spoken about Him. An almost endless chain of books has been forged to link His day and life with ours. In fact, more books have been written about Jesus Christ than about any other person who ever lived. Though born of Jewish stock, He is loved and worshipped in every nation. He is the universal Christ.

History itself centers in this unusual Man. Every time you write a letter, the date testifies of His birth. Every check, every dated document says, "Christ divides the centuries." All time is either B.C. (before Christ) or A.D. (year of our Lord, or after Christ). He splits the centuries.

He is the recognized master teacher of all time. The common people listened spellbound to His simple presentation of divine truth. Officers sent to arrest Him returned saying, "Never man spoke like this man" (John 7:46). Of Himself Jesus said, "I am...the truth" (John 14:6).

Christ was the master character of the ages. From Simeon Stylites, who spent thirty years atop a sixty-foot pillar in Syria, to Mahatma Gandhi, who fell a martyr to an assassin's bullet in India, seekers after holiness have pointed to Christ as the most Godlike of all men. He has influenced the world more than any other man, and all from only 3½ years of simple ministry.

A Nazi youth of Nazi heyday said, "Hitler looms so large, and Jesus Christ seems so little." Yet the name of Hitler has gone down in infamy, whereas the name of Jesus Christ rises higher and brighter with every passing year.

Surely a man who has so affected human lives as He deserves your careful investigation. Do you know Him? Sure you have questions, but You Can Find The Answers and those answers will change your life.

Lloyd W. Perrin, Pastor
Heppner Seventh-day Adventist Church

Sunset Law may curb gov't growth

One of the main concerns expressed by my constituents last session and this has been the growth of state agencies and the increasingly larger budgets devoted to this bureaucratic proliferation. About the only way to curb the growth of state government is to cut the purse strings.

I am one of the sponsors of a measure which has been nicknamed the "sunset law." Should it pass the legislature,

sixty-one state agencies may find their sun setting in the west if their existence cannot

Ken Jernstedt

be justified. Before termination, continuation or reestablishment of an agency, legislative committees reviewing agencies would hold public hearing and receive testimony from the agencies and the

public. Agencies would have the burden of demonstrating a public need for their continued existence. Such reviews would be made every six years.

Means Committee is experimenting with this idea by asking the Department of Transportation, which includes the Highway Division

each two years and funded according to merit.

The Local Government and Elections Committee held a hearing on SB 354 this week.

tem. Senate sessions are getting more lively as time goes on. We are acting on an average of about eight bills a day now. At least one-third of the sixty-odd bills sent on to the House have been budget bills. The legislature has gotten off to a fast start, with more than 1,200 measures introduced in the first month. This amounts to nearly half of the total number introduced during the 153-day session two years ago. There are bills on all kinds of subjects. There is a bedsheet bill, repealing a law requiring bedsheets in Oregon hotels to be at least nine feet long. Another one would make every registered voter in Oregon a notary public. And then there is the bill that would require a dentist's prescrip-

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Editorially speaking

Each session the legislature would study one-third of the agencies listed in the bill. This bill is also good from the standpoint that the state agencies, which get only a cursory study by the legislature at present, would also get a good looking-over during the interim.

Another proposal which would promote economy and efficiency in state government is the zero base budget concept. The Joint Ways and

and the Motor Vehicle Division, to develop a brand new budget, starting from scratch. The purpose of this technique is to emphasize program performance. In the past state agencies have added new or expanded programs without enough in-depth analysis and have tended to automatically expect at least as much, if not more, funding as had been granted previously. Under zero base budgets, programs would be examined closely

This bill is part of the Governor's plan for corrections. It would provide considerable monetary and advisory help from the state in having local communities deal with second and third class felons, especially the first time offenders. Testimony is running heavily in favor of the concept of the bill, although

Legislature eyes touchy issues

Certainly the 1977 Session will not be looked upon by posterity as a dull session. There are enough controversial issues floating around this session to satisfy anybody's desire for good hot debate.

Some of these issues, however, will probably not go

Jack Sumner

beyond the committee hearings level. There is one mea-

sure in particular—adoption of the death penalty—that will receive its due share of vocal testimony from those in favor and opposed to its passage. In addition to this issue, the Oregon Legislature is beginning to consider emergency measures that would mitigate the potentially disastrous effects of the drought currently plaguing the western states.

The death penalty was originally established by Oregon voters in 1864, abolished in 1914, reinstated for first-degree murder convictions in 1920 and abolished again in 1964. An attempt to reinstate the death penalty has taken the form of HB 2321.

Under HB 2321, a person convicted of first degree murder would not necessarily be sentenced to death. Though the U.S. Supreme Court has said that in order for a death sentence to be constitutional it must be uniformly applied for certain offenses, the proposed Oregon death penalty would give considerable discretion to the sentencing judge. The judge must have a separate sentencing hearing for the defendant if he is found guilty. The judge would consider whether the defendant acted intentionally and whether it is probable he would commit further criminal acts of violence. In addition, the defendant would receive an automatic review by the Oregon Supreme Court of his or her death sentence and the Governor would have the right to commute any death sentence.

The current drought affecting Oregon has potentially disastrous effects not only on our economy but also on the many amenities water has provided us. This problem is especially critical in our district.

The Oregon Legislature is taking action on measures that will help to conserve our scarce water reserves. One of the proposed laws being considered is SB 337. This bill would require all toilets installed after Jan. 1, 1978 flush only 3½ gallons per flush. The average toilet currently uses between 5 and 7 gallons per flush.

In addition, the Governor is looking into the various impacts the drought could have upon agriculture and certain businesses that may be affected and how the state through various agencies could help in emergency situations.

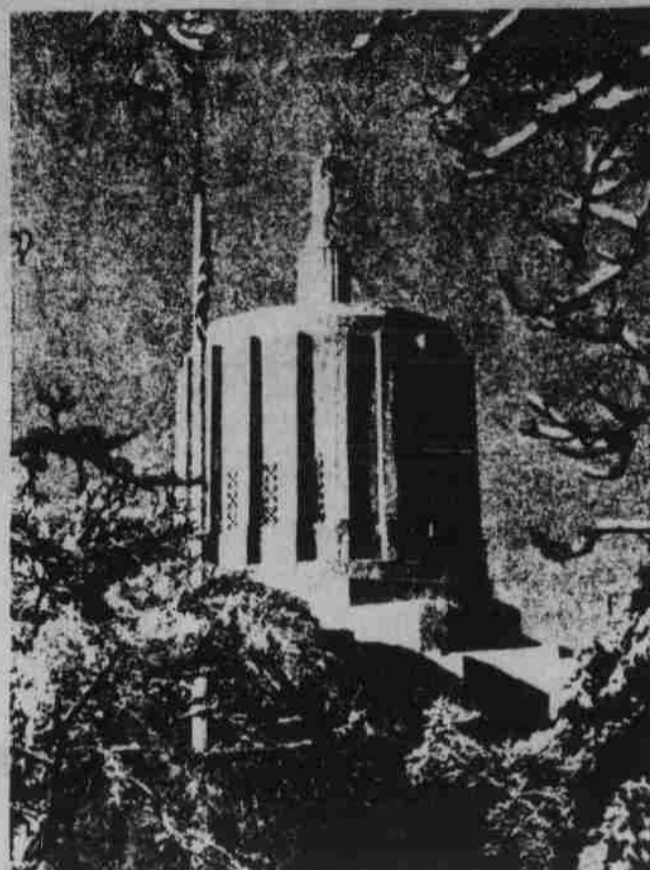
I have introduced legislation that will establish a Small Business Supply Commission. This bill is HB 3058 and it

would authorize a three member commission appointed by the Governor to determine whether small sawmills are purchasing appropriate amounts of state timber, according to prescribed formula, and to develop small business "set-aside" program for state timber sales if small business timber purchases are inadequate.

I have introduced HJM 10 to memorialize Congress to enact laws providing for legal entry by aliens to perform needed seasonal labor. This could be a means by which the seasonal labor supply would not be under duress by the immigration authorities and allowing for the complete harvest, without waste, of all our perishables. A labor supply is not currently available to do this task.

Another bill I have introduced would allow the State Superintendent of Public Schools to allow a special election for a school budget after three election failures. The purpose of this bill would prevent school districts from closing for want of a budget because one of the uniform voting dates would not be available before the school had to close.

If you have any questions concerning legislation I have introduced, please feel free to contact my office anytime. Phone 378-8815 or write H276, State Capitol, Salem, Oregon 97310.



there are some constructive criticisms to be evaluated. I favor the bill, but am concerned about the very definite problem with the many "repeaters" that we have to handle in our corrections sys-

tem for the purchase of an electric toothbrush! Please contact me at any time about your concerns. My office phone is 378-8850. My office is S317, third floor of the new Senate wing.

Heppner Elk's Calendar

Thur., Feb. 17

Election of new officers
Lodge—8 p.m.

Fri., Feb. 18

Happy Hour, 5-7 p.m.
Dinner, 6:30-8 p.m.
Nelson Duo

Sat., Feb. 19

Nelson Duo
Dancing 9-2 a.m.

Tues., Feb. 22

Senior Citizens, 4:30 p.m.
Work Night

Wed., Feb. 23

Senior Citizens, 4:30 p.m.
Pinochle, 7:30 p.m.
Indoctrination, 7:30 p.m.
Boy Scouts, 7:30 p.m.

Thur., Feb. 24

Lodge, 8 p.m.

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