



Sunshine whine

Daylight Savings Time (DST) goes into effect this Sunday, April 24. The move to DST is easily accomplished by setting clocks ahead one hour before bed time Saturday night. DST continues through the last Sunday in October.

The observance of daylight savings time was instituted especially for those people who like to milk cows in the dark, watch drive-in movies in broad daylight and consume more alcohol before sunset.

The law was finally passed for the benefit of attorneys who desired a few extra hours on the golf course after a trying day at the office.

Many people objected to daylight savings because it caused children to go to school in the dark. It was felt that they should have a little light on their subjects.

DST was first nationalized in a war effort and has since become highly prized for its energy saving qualities.

Chickens, as usual, (along with God's other creatures), will not observe daylight savings time.

If you have a hard time understanding daylight savings time, remember that the sun is always directly overhead at noon regardless of what time you say it is. When the sun is directly overhead, you set your watch forward one hour, thereby moving the sun back to 11 o'clock—which, when you think about it, is one of the better tricks you will ever perform in this lifetime.

I am not against daylight savings time, because I am quite capable of ignoring it. I cannot, however, forget that it was instituted by the government and for that reason I would be against it even if I liked it.

The ability to relax in the dentist's chair is a religious experience.

Some + enough equals X is the mathematical equation for guess what?

If you plan to be successful in starting a revolution, start with yourself.

It appears to me that the existence of man in this world is unnatural. If man really evolved here, it would be a better fit instead of the fits it is.

Could it be that people who can be understood are second guessing the listener, but saying nothing of themselves? In my book, that puts most politicians on the flip side of the human recording.

Many people I have talked with have some feeling for the thought that marriage and other close personal relationships fail because: We attempt to seek in someone else those things which can only be found in ourselves.

The greatest danger today lies in the man at work. Those who continue to work, and support the biggest bread line in world history, are tempted to shelve it all. When the shelf gives way, all those fancy little bottles of preserves in Washington go with it. Great will be the splat thereof.

When you criticize welfare, remember that some of the money is being spent locally. Second, remember that the same dollar spent in Washington is also a nonproductive expenditure—with office overhead to boot.

In spiritual life, many Americans think they are making progress when they trade the lust of the flesh for the lust for power.

It is pretty hard to set your affections on things above if you don't know what is there.

Some people think that faith believes all things, but according to the Good Book, it is love that believes all things. If you check your own experience with love, you may find this to be true. Children don't believe in adults because children are natural giants of faith. They believe because they love.

The practice of living together is for those who need the practice.

How do I like Heppner? What can you say about a town that builds its cemetery on a hill and its houses in the creek bed?

The comment was made that some people fall in love every week. "I wish it was that easy," she said. What I want to know is where do they find the time? At one time, I thought that people who fall in love every week were unstable. Now I wonder if they are more efficient.

People are upset with the number of bills in the hopper at Salem. Somehow, we must know that the odds are less with every bill that is passed, but the game goes on. Like many a poor gambler, our law makers count the odds of the game without considering the odds involved in going to the table.

If you think Alice doesn't live here any more, you ought to check with me.

Collins honored

Leonard Collins was honored at a retirement dinner Friday night, April 15, at Jeffers Hall in Kinzua. Collin had worked in the planer for 34 years at the time of his retirement the first of the year. Kinzua Corporation honored him with an inscribed gold

watch and the dinner. Those attending the dinner included Leonard and his wife, Kathryn, Gordon and Shirley Orr, Sandy Stuchell, Larry McGillivray, Harry Kennison, Marie and Joe Keys, Billie Joe and Patsy McMinn and Raymond and Deena Reid.

Jernstedt eyes drought relief action

This week four of us, two Senators and two Representatives representing the area east of the Cascades, held a conference phone call with Senator Hatfield. The main purpose of my part of the call was to discuss with him the federal government's part in any drought relief program. There has been appropriated, through two different measures, \$130 million for drought relief in 11 western states. This money is to be administered through the Bureau of Reclamation. The plan is to set up a Water Bank. Anything that is done would not affect any water right now held in the area. Twelve federal agencies are establishing priorities for the use of any such water that can be established as being in a bank.

Senator Hatfield also agreed to contact the President and emphasize the importance of Governor Straub's request to establish 21 counties of Oregon (including Hood River, Jefferson, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam and Morrow in my senatorial district) as a disaster area. This step has to be taken first. We also discussed the possibility of making available interest free or low cost loans for those who are going to lose their cattle or this year's crop. We agreed that the full impact of the drought has not been realized, both in Oregon and Washington. D.C. The Willamette Valley and the coastal regions of Oregon are in pretty good shape as far as moisture is concerned. Citizens have been mowing their lawns for several weeks. It is the area east of the mountains that is hurting.

I certainly wish it were possible to legislate rain—instead of so much baloney!

I have previously discussed at length HB 2038, the tax rebate proposal, of which I am a sponsor. This bill would return two-thirds of your state income taxes paid, up to a maximum of \$300. This money was over-collected by the state and should be returned to the taxpayers.

Now there is a problem. That \$170 million surplus, which should be returned, is being spent. The majority leadership has gotten together and decided what programs are going to get their share of the surplus pie.

Not surprisingly, some of these programs are special "pets" of the individual leaders who are participating in the decision-making process. If the tax rebate measure fails to break out of committee—and at this time its future looks dim, it appears that there will be plenty of special interest projects ready and willing to spend our money.

This session of the legislature is now approaching the 100th calendar day mark. Although bill introduction activity has been at a feverish pace, few major bills have come out of committees for full floor debate. It still appears that nearly 3,000 bills will be introduced before the session is over, with 700 or 800 of them becoming law.

When this session will end is anybody's guess. There have been predictions that if Ballot Measure 1 (school finance "safety net") passes at the polls in May, we will be out in July, and that if it is defeated we will be here until August. The latest scuttle butt is that House Speaker Lang is preparing a sine die (last day) motion for June 1.

Letters

Are coyotes to blame?

Heppner Gazette-Times,
Dear Editor:

In answer to the statement in your paper made by Ray Gates of Spray, Ore., who said, "The only really good coyote is a dead one," might be reversed the other way about some of our two legged predators and murderers. But the truth is all animals and people cannot be set in the same class.

To say coyotes have put the sheep men out of business is a very challenging statement. For years now, Australia, the largest sheep raising country in the world, has worried and stewed about the lack of sales of wool and many have gone out of business because of less use for wool.

The fact is, with the lovely washable, warm and comfortable materials on the market today, who needs wool? I'm sure the majority of people don't consider mutton their choice of meat. You seldom ever see it in Heppner markets; so why use the coyote as a whipping boy to cover up for modern progress? Shows about as much sense as blaming the wolves for the shortage of big game animals in Alaska. Just a stupid cover-up for the extra amount of hunters that join the armies of thrill sport hunters each year.

Thank goodness our Governor Straub doesn't have such ridiculous ideas on wildlife. He writes, about Kelpie, that "It is a crime to keep a coyote in captivity," and that "the Legislature now has the time and ability to change that law." Even the people who were responsible for Kelpie's sister's death were sorry of the mistake they made, thinking she was a fox. To my knowledge, she had killed nothing, but was just fighting.

If coyotes were really to blame for the mutton pusher having to go out of business and making a shortage of wool, I'm sure the prices would be going up as all shortages of commodities have done, rather than be lowered.

To hate living creatures with such a vicious venom as Ray Gates does, is sad and pathetic. Hate is like acid. It can damage the vessel in which it is stored as well as the object on which it is poured.

Most sincerely,
Lois Winchester
Heppner

No-growth cultists

TO THE EDITOR:

What do we call people who conspire to sabotage all efforts to increase our energy supplies; conspire to make this nation MORE DEPENDENT on foreign oil; conspire to force HIGHER PRICES for fuel by limiting supply with resulting devastating effects on the poor and elderly; conspire to reduce power to industrial customers, thus forcing MORE PEOPLE OUT OF WORK?

The bitter truth is that these people MASQUERADE as environmentalists, frequently using your tax money to promote their deliberate no-growth sabotage and to convince the hordes of well-meaning environmentally conscious people that their efforts are "just protecting our environment." This betrayal of the innocent and well-meaning is just beginning to be recognized by the betrayed and their bitterness and anger could swell into a national disgrace.

Within recent months, the truth has begun to leak out from a formerly sympathetic press.

When Measure 9 was being debated in the fall of 1976, these "NO-GROWTH CULTISTS" conspired to convince the public that their only interest was safety; particularly the safe disposal of spent nuclear fuel. The public was unaware that these same people were conspiring to sabotage every proposed federal deposit site. THEY JUST DIDN'T WANT ANY MORE POWER, PERIOD.

They blocked the development of our enormous shale deposits. Their excuse was POSSIBLE destruction of mountain contours. They blocked every attempt for new hydroelectric dams. They blocked the Alaska pipeline for years, thus escalating costs and delaying production.

They opposed plans for pipelines down the Alcan to bring washed natural gas to our energy oriented economy.

They blocked by injunction the granting of off-shore leases off the New Jersey coast.

They blocked the production of low-sulphur coal which could permit a massive shift from precious oil to plentiful coal at generating plants across the U.S.

They continue to block every effort to develop additional nuclear plants anywhere and everywhere.

Their goal is to block the increase of energy supplies and to force us to rely completely on conservation to meet the crises they have contrived.

If you lose your job when the energy squeeze reaches your employer, if the cost of fuel shrinks your income or forces a cold home, if you like inflation, higher prices and staying home, then be sure to say thanks to the NO-GROWTH CULTISTS because they have had you, but good. Their conspiracy may accomplish what no external enemy could i.e. to bring America to her knees. Now, what do you think their next logical step will be?

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Pastor's Corner

Jesus

Often when a person thinks about Jesus of Nazareth, we visualize a "sweet Jesus," one that is a caspar milque toast. A few years ago, in an underground newspaper, a completely different image of Jesus was portrayed. It was a description of Him as would appear on a warrant for His arrest.

WANTED—JESUS OF NAZARETH

Wanted for—sedition, criminal anarchy, vagrancy and conspiracy to overthrow the established order. Description—Dresses poorly, said to be a carpenter by trade. Ill-nourished, has visionary ideas, associates with common working people, the unemployed and bums. Is an alien, believed to be a Jew.

Name he goes by—Prince of Peace, Son of Man, Jesus the Christ, light of the world, etc., etc., etc.

Additional information—a professional agitator, wears a red beard, has marks on hands and feet, the result of injuries inflicted by an angry mob led by respectable citizens and the legal authorities.

The picture of "sweet Jesus" misses a major aspect of the character and work of Jesus Christ. For an understanding and realizing the depth, the dimension and meaning of Jesus as the Christ is a lifetime undertaking, one which is never completely finished. But the more we realize and understand about Him, the more we understand the revelation of God in Jesus Christ.

Steve Tollefson
United Methodist Church

Sumner says action nill on capital death law

This week I feel I must write about HB 2321, the Capital Punishment Bill before the Legislature this session. HB 2321 is now in the House State Government Operations Committee and has had two hearings to date after which no action was taken. The committee will probably not take any more action on this legislation until the Judiciary Committee comes out with a sentencing package.

I am shocked and outraged over the recent incident of kidnapping and murder in my district. The victim lived near my home and my neighbors are shocked and disbelieving of such an occurrence in a small, quiet Eastern Oregon farming community.

I once read a news bulletin which described the execution of Gary Gilmore in Utah as the first in this country in 10 years. This is definitely not so! People get executed every day all over this country—by murderers like Gary Gilmore and Michael Olds! I would like to repeat again my remonstrance before the Oregon House of Representatives on

April 11, stating that "had the State of Washington imposed a death sentence on this man, two people would be alive today and a killer would not have been running loose, his whereabouts unknown. We must consider the Capital Punishment Bill (HB 2321) so that in the future we may avoid this type of senseless tragedy."

Criminals are becoming celebrities in our society today. They get big writeups in the papers, books are written on them. People should remember that they don't see the crime a criminal commits. They don't hear the victim's screams of anguish and cries for help. They don't see the blade of the knife or the bullet or the blood. They see the killer after it's over, when he looks like the nicest guy in the world.

Readymade opinions on crime sprout in every corner of the state. There are more than a hundred bills on crime before the Legislature proposed by four interim committees and dozens of individual legislators. Why so

many readymade opinions, so many committees, so many bills?

I think that members of the Legislature sense the public mood and their sensibilities are stimulated by overcrowding in all state penal institutions and by the human and political risks that go with overcrowding. They are reluctant to build more fortress prisons. They are even more reluctant to pay for them, but they cannot agree on where to put the extra bodies.

Even so, anyone not legally blind with one good ear knows the public thinks not half enough offenders are locked up. However, with all of the varied interest in the Corrections System I am fearful that the Legislature will not act on any meaningful deterrent to crime this session. The time has come for all of us to take a rational look at crime and at our criminal justice system.

Because it appears that the Legislature does not have enough votes to support passage of HB 2321 and because our Governor has already publicly announced on several occasions that he will veto any legislation dealing with capital punishment, an initiative petition may be the way to get this matter on the ballot for the 1978 General Election for a vote of the people. In order to be placed on the ballot, 61,646 signatures must be obtained. I am appealing to you to please let me know your feelings regarding this matter, as it will help me determine if there is interest in supporting such a petition.

Crime occurs in all societies at all stages of development. The evidence indicates that the volume of crime increases with unemployment, increases when people are torn from their moorings and drift to cities, increases when neighborhood bonds are disrupted.

The evidence indicates that crime is a young man's game. Most crimes are committed by males between 14 and 29. There must be a deterrent for the worst of these crimes. Michael Olds was quoted as saying after his capture, "I have nothing to lose." Perhaps he would have acted differently if Oregon had the death penalty and it was his life that would have been lost.

Please feel free to contact me regarding this at 378-8815 or write to me, Jack Sumner, H276 State Capitol, Salem, Ore. 97310.

Heppner officer awarded trophy

Marine Lieutenant Colonel Herman W. Winter of Heppner is one of a 13 man legal unit of Marine Corps Reserve Officers awarded the annual William Butler Remy trophy for outstanding legal work. Brigadier General Robert J. Chadwick, USMC, announced.

Lt. Col. Winter, along with nine officers from Portland and three other officers from Albany, Corvallis and Lake Oswego, make up the Volunteer Training Unit 12-4 (LAW) of the United States Marine Corps Reserve headquartered in Portland.

Dispatcher starts work

Theresa Hyatt of Heppner has joined the Morrow County Sheriff's Department as part time day dispatcher at the Courthouse.

She replaces Douglas Gunderson.

The commendation with the trophy cited the officers for "organizing and maintaining a comprehensive legal assistance program for members of the regular and reserve establishment and their dependents, for conducting programs at Oregon law schools explaining the military justice system and for providing assistance to the regional office of the Veterans' Administration."

VTU 12-4 (LAW) is commanded by Circuit Judge George A. Van Hoomissen (Col. USMC Res.) of Portland. Other members of the unit are either lawyers or law students.

The trophy, named in honor of the first judge advocate of the Marine Corps, General of the Navy, Colonel William Butler Remy, is awarded annually by the Judge Advocate of the Marine Corps to the most outstanding legal unit in the Marine Corps Reserve.

Straub expands drought information services

Governor Bob Straub announced today he is expanding the state's drought informa-

tion service to be more responsive to the "critical needs of Oregon agriculture."

The governor said he has directed Leonard Kunzman, director of agriculture, to immediately install a toll-free telephone line at the State Department of Agriculture headquarters in Salem.

He said, "As the drought continues to worsen in eastern and southern Oregon, the plight of agriculture in those regions becomes more critical. The toll-free line at the Department of Agriculture will put farmers and ranchers in contact with people who can help them."

Leonard Kunzman said the new telephone line will be in operation beginning Tuesday and will remain in operation during normal working hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

"We will have information on what federal and state assistance is available and where to go to get it. Perhaps one of the most pressing problems now in agriculture is on eastern Oregon ranches where livestock water is drying up. We have inventoried the

state's supply of tank trucks and trailers capable of hauling water. By calling in on the special line, ranchers will be able to find out how and where to get in touch with water haulers," Kunzman said.

He said the number to call for agricultural assistance is 1-800-452-9102. Straub said he has asked President Jimmy Carter to declare an emergency in 21 eastern and southern Oregon counties and make federal assistance available to these areas as soon as possible. The governor's office reported action on the request is expected within "the next week or 10 days."

Editor's Note: Lack of moisture became even more critical in most portions of Morrow County this month as precipitation lagged behind normal for April. April is generally one of the better months for rainfall in the county.

General concern among farmers was evident. The more optimistic have given themselves another two to three weeks before folding up any crop prospects for this year.

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