



By Tom Franks

"Come Forth"

Standing in a photographic darkroom one day, I turned inside myself to search for something and I called out with my heart, "Come forth."

From deep within, someone rose and ran to meet me. I could not hear the steps or see the runner.

All I knew as I looked into that dark place was no more than you know. Someone was coming to meet me, someone I needed to see, someone who wanted to be with me.

In several instants, the runner came into view and it was me—a child of four and six and eight and ten and twelve—a child of no age but the age of a child.

And then I knew the beginning of all the sorrows began that day, when with a self-important stride, I took the first step of many, leaving him behind.

And still he ran, and I could feel his running now and my mind was still, for my heart knew he was running across many years.

In seconds, he was before me and we embraced. There were no words on his part.

He is not dead; he only sleeps. My mind searched for the day of the funeral. I could not locate it.

With my arms around him, I hurt. How can I repay the years—but I had paid for them and it was alright.

What happened

What has happened to your dreams? Where are the children that you once were? I see them missing so often in the fight against "What is Out There." The State Versus—Kelpie Versus—Olds Versus—Ecology Versus—Women Versus—Men Versus—Indians Versus—Circumstances Versus.

At best, why argue the merits or demerits of this world? It was well said by the Bard—"The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, but in ourselves..."

Babies

A daughter, Jill Suzanne, was born April 21 to Mr. and Mrs. David Charles Hunt, Fossil. She weighed six pounds and five and one-half oz. She has a brother, Stacy Charles.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Denzil White, Kinzua; Mr. and Mrs. Alva Hunt, Fossil. Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hertz, Santa Cruz, Calif., are great-grandparents.

A son, Ryan Seth, weighing seven pounds and one oz., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Steven Nevala of Kinzua on April 26. He joins a sister and brother.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Nevala, Baker, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Key, Kinzua. The baby's great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R. Burkett of White House, Tex., and Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Coffelt, Baker.

Obituaries

Frank Ayers

Frank James Ayers, 78, Heppner, died Sunday, April 24, in Heppner.

He was born Dec. 28, 1898, near Heppner, the son of James and Ella Wattenburger Ayers.

He was united in marriage to Elsie Furlong at Walla Walla in 1949.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 27, at Sweeney Mortuary Chapel at 2 p.m., with the Rev. Steve Tollefson officiating. Tom Franks sang, accompanied by Mrs. Carl Marquardt at the piano.

Casket bearers were Eric Anderson, Steve Anderson, Charlie Anderson, Ellis Coxen, Gerald Coxen and Ray Ayers.

Concluding services and interment were at Heppner Masonic Cemetery with Sweeney Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Ayers is survived by his widow, Elsie, Heppner; a sister, Edna Coxen, Salem; a brother, Clayton Ayers, Heppner; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Marjorie Craber

Marjorie May Craber, 62, Heppner, died Monday, April 25, in Heppner.

She was born Sept. 28, 1914, in Portland, Ore., the daughter of George and Eva Thomas.

She was united in marriage to Dallas Craber, July 13, 1941, at Hardman, Oregon.

She was an ardent fisherman, having deep-sea fish-

ed as a girl and stream fished during her years in Eastern Oregon. Other hobbies were knitting and gardening.

Funeral services will be held today, (Thursday), April 28, at 2 p.m., at the First Christian Church, Heppner, with the Rev. Edwin Sikes officiating. Carl and Betty Marquardt will sing "I Know Whom I Have Believed" and "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story," with Mrs. Marquardt at the organ.

Casket bearers are Floyd Jones, Raymond French, Dallas McDaniel, D.O. Nelson, Allen Hughes and Elmer Palmer.

Concluding services and interment will be at Heppner Masonic Cemetery with Sweeney Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Craber is survived by her widower, Dallas, Heppner; a son, Donald Craber, Mehama, Ore.; and one grandchild.

James Cowins

James G. Cowins, 79, died Saturday, April 23, at Delamarter Care Center, Pendleton.

Mr. Cowins was born at Heppner and lived here nearly all of his life. He was an Army veteran of World War I, and a life member of Heppner Elks' Lodge No. 358.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, April 26, at Heppner Masonic Cemetery, with Burns Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Cowins is survived by a daughter, Ruth McNeill, Pendleton; a sister, Lydia Lieualen, Salem; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. A daughter, Rae Warfield, preceded him in death in 1948.

Property taxation review

In recent days I have had more phone calls on House Joint Resolution 7 (HJR 7) than any other measure during my three sessions in the Oregon Legislature. Rightfully so. HJR 7 affects most everyone. Let us talk about the background on this bill.

Certain real property has been exempted completely or partially from property taxation over the years. Examples include, but not limited to, churches, fraternal organizations, schools (both private and public), libraries, war veterans, farm use land, Western Oregon timber, water associations, non-profit electrical distribution systems, property of Indians, public buildings (state, county and city), hospitals, cemeteries and others. This is a lengthy list, but anyway, you can get the idea. The total value of this property is significant, amounting to approximately \$12 billion. This represents a value equal to one-third the current true value of our state.

HJR 7 would repeal these exemptions and put all real property on the tax rolls on Jan. 1, 1988. However, the measure also provides that during the next ten years the legislature may review any real property tax exemptions and re-enact them by one of three means as follows: (a) by a referendum to the voters (b) passage by the legislature, or (c) put the property back on the tax rolls and provide state funding to offset the taxes charges. Of course, if none of these actions are taken, then the property would be subject to property taxation at its true cash value.

Two other provisions in the bill are that property exempted by the Constitution and Laws of the United States are not affected and any re-enacted exemptions must be granted for a definite period of time or it would be void.

This measure has passed a vote of the House Revenue Committee, but is being retained there until another bill is prepared and ready for consideration that would implement the mechanics of HJR 7. Both bills would be voted at the next General Election in 1978. If approved by you, the voters, the points I have made about the bill would become effective.

My intent is not to alarm you, but to inform you. A look at the history on this legislation shows that it has been considered in committee for several sessions. Thus, having not been successful in the past, it would appear that this measure will not pass this legislature. If it does, then you will have the final say.

I feel that it is a very detrimental and useless piece of legislation. It would hurt many who are just trying to

mind their own business and put property on the tax rolls that would have to be paid by the taxpayers. Therefore, the exemptions would be re-enacted which would simply require more legislation in the future and more cost to the taxpayer.

If you would like any information concerning this legislation or other legislation of interest to you, please do not hesitate to contact me. My office phone is 378-8815 and my address is H276 State Capitol, Salem 97310.

Letters

Back Sumners proposal

Dear Editor:

My highest commendations and congratulations to our Rep. Jack Sumner for the stand he has taken to get people on the ball to sign petitions and gather enough names to get capital punishment back to the vote of the people. Why doesn't everybody write him and ask for his petitions to sign and back him in this worthwhile save lives project?

What a sad commentary of humane nature to ignore and show apathy about crime and violence unless it really concerns us or those near and dear to us. We read of it every day in the news media and hear it on TV, but rarely lift a finger to try to halt it in some way or other. Now that Olds has committed two murders in Eastern Oregon so close to all of us, I'm hoping it will give every person in Oregon the incentive to write Gov. Straub and tell him it is high time to reinstate capital punishment. Here is a chance to do something besides talk. Write Rep. Sumner for his petitions and help him promote HB 2321. How in the name of common sense and dignity could anyone argue that capital punishment would not halt more murders, crime and violence is beyond me. How can we so easily forget the paroled murderers Bowles, Gilmore and Marquette, who have been released to do in more helpless victims by the numbers?

If religion stands in anyone's way of not backing this kind of punishment, I would suggest they read St. Mark 9, verse 42.... "And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea." It should be reinstated for kidnapping as it was in the Lindbergh case years ago. As anyone can recall, that was the end of kidnapping for years, until the law got soft and began to pardon everyone.

Sincerely,
Lois Winchester
Heppner, Oregon

White man's miscarriage

To the Editor:

In reading the fate of "Kelpie" in the news media, it sure makes one stop and wonder at the absence of intelligence of the people that have full charge of our law-making establishment. It just frightens me sick, to think that an American citizen, and "Kelpie" certainly fits in that category, can be charged, prosecuted and jailed without the due process of the law, while innocent and living under the protection of the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the Law of Common Sense.

This maneuver would certainly stagger one's imagination. But I can say this to "Kelpie": there are thousands of these cases happening every day here in the U.S.A., in our Courts, as well as our Legislation. I, for the life of me, can't figure out what happened to "Common Sense." I used to think those kind of decisions were made by Communists, or in some uncivilized part of the world, but I have been badly mistaken.

For several hundred years, the Indians have had to live by white man's laws, then the colored slaves, our war protesters, and I could name a list that would go into the hundreds or even thousands that are the victims of the white man's miscarriages, stupidity, and viciousness. To them, and "Kelpie," I am ashamed of this mess, called "WHITE MAN'S JUSTICE."

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About those sheep

Dear Editor:

In response to Lois Winchester's letter, I would like to say coyotes are very definitely a reason many sheep growers have gone out of business.

The domestic supply of both wool and lamb is below the present demand. The Coos County Wool Pool sold, last week, for 83 cents in grease basis. Lamb is currently selling for 55 cents to 59 cents per pound live weight. It is not prices that cause a sheep grower to give up.

Coyotes are responsible for about an 8 per cent annual death loss of sheep and lambs nationwide. How long could any business be expected to last with that kind of devastation?

Australia is no longer the top sheep producing nation in the world. In the last ten years, Russia made a determined effort to produce all the wool and lamb it needed to clothe and feed its vast population. In 1976, Russia became the No. 1 sheep producing nation of the world. Russia does not use oil for a synthetic fiber industry. It relies on natural fiber.

In contrast, the United States now has the lowest number of sheep since Colonial days. It relies on oil to clothe its people. Seventy per cent of the clothing on the market today is petroleum-based. President Carter in his energy messages told us the domestic supply of oil is nearing exhaustion. Where do we find ourselves if the OPEC nations won't sell to us?

"Who needs wool?" was the question asked in the article. Such short-sightedness is unforgivable.

Lois talks of hatred, yet she insists on name-calling of those engaged in the sheep industry. This term "mutton pusher" she likes to use reveals her own lack of broad-mindedness. She should remove the beam from her own eye before she attempts to remove the splinter from another.

I am proud to be in the sheep business. No other animal has contributed more to the comfort of mankind than has the sheep. Jesus thought enough of the profession that he referred to Himself as the Good Shepherd. In John 10:11 in the Bible, Jesus says He expects us to defend our sheep from the predator. That is exactly what I intend to do.

Dorothy Krebs
Past President
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