

# Sifting through the TIMES



I've heard a couple of people saying this week that they didn't appreciate reading the incorrect grammar that happened to slip off the end of my pen in last week's column.

They seem to think that young people at an impressionable age might pick up some bad habits from reading that kind of phraseology in the newspaper.

And I can certainly understand their concern on this point. Personally, I feel the contrast provided by reading my mismatched locutions next to the hopefully legitimate language employed throughout the rest of the paper, only tends to emphasize the importance of getting your p's and q's in the right order.

But my intention here, from the beginning, has not been to let clumsy semantics cloud the message. My aim has been to draw some of the interesting items from the past that might trip a dusty memory switch and open the gate for a few good recollections that might wander in.

For the young people, a mirror held to the past can often be as instructive as a window opened to the future.

That is my intention, nothing more, nothing less. If it means writing this column with my good friend Noah Webster looking over my shoulder, then so be it. I'll give it my best shot, but you still might have to begrudge me a little bloopers now and then. I can recall too many occasions over at the schoolhouse when I was dunking pigtails and throwing spitwads when I should have been tending to my lessons.

But those are days gone by, just like... This week in 1967 when the Times reported that, "If a person received a nickel a word for all the old stories and reminiscences at the Pioneer Memorial Picnic, he'd probably be a millionaire. The pavilion was well filled and all had a wonderful time renewing acquaintances and swapping tales." Same goes for this year.

Some words to live by that haven't faded like the paper they were printed on are found in this week's paper for 1957. Francis B. Nickerson, addressing the Heppner graduates, stressed the need for, "learning to accept oneself, recognizing personal characteristics, meeting failure as well as success and adjusting to adult life."

Shades of the present were found in the Times for this week in 1947. An editorial by then editor and publisher, O.G. Crawford, states, "Inquiries for houses and apartments are still far greater than the supply and new people find it next to impossible to find a place to live. How long this condition will prevail cannot be foreseen." Any predictions?

This week in 1937, the Times carried an ad for Waikiki Wedding, then playing at Heppner's Star Theater. "Featuring Bing Crosby singing 'Sweet Leilani' (among other songs) and Martha Raye clowning."

Heppner's Chautauqua heads the news for the week in 1927. "To be held in the big tent just off Main and Center Street, the show includes 'The Family Upstairs,' a nation-wide play hit full of clean, wholesome, real American comedy."

It wasn't exactly a fun and games week in 1917 when the Times printed the news that 621 Morrow County men signed up for duty with Uncle Sam on War Census Day. "Officials have expressed the opinion that the anti-draft propaganda which had been given wide circulation during the past week, had utterly failed."

One final note from the Wonder What Happened department. On May 13, 1915, the Times carried the following item: "A live, up-to-date library is an asset to any town. Such a library has Heppner within the gates. Are you a member?... Anyone can be a library member. The dues are small and within reach of every man, woman and child in Heppner... One dollar per year or ten cents every month entitles you to one book a week... There are now 840 volumes in the library with a new consignment on the way... We want your membership, you want our books. Join the library now."

## Bikes for charity event set to roll on June 4

A goal of 200 riders has been set by Alpha Theta chapter of E.S.A. International for their upcoming "Million Dollar Bike Ride."

The bike ride, to be held June 4, will start at Ruggs at 9 a.m. and proceed 20 miles down Rhea Creek to end up at the park in Ione. This will be the first such ride given by Alpha Theta since the program began in 1972 as a benefit for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Local volunteer riders from all ages are presently canvassing the community to find sponsors for the planned 20-mile ride.

According to Ellen Kennedy, local Bike Ride chairman, more riders and sponsors are needed. Sponsor

sheets are available at the local schools, both in Heppner and Ione, and at the R & W Drive-In.

This year's ride will add to the \$1 million dollars already collected by E.S.A. in the last four years to supplement the costs of operating St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

There will be prizes given to the first five people collecting the most money. Also, for the oldest and youngest riders, and the largest family group. A portable TV set will be given to the first person turning in at least \$150. Due to the great response of local merchants, the prize list may be extended. To be eligible for a prize, money must be turned in to either Sally Wilson or Rosemary Parks by June 15.

## Jernstedt reviews legislative action

### Land use, energy bills escape committee

As the session gets nearer its end, the pressures increase and the activity in committees and on the floor becomes more frantic. One day recently we had 39 measures on the calendar for third reading and final passage. Last week we had marathon committee meetings the first few days and two sessions on each of the last two days. There had been talk of one night session and a Saturday session also, but fortunately, these were abandoned.

Senate Bill 570, the major piece of land-use legislation for this session, was passed out of the Environment and Energy Committee on which I serve with a "do pass" recommendation. It amends Oregon laws with regard to land-use planning and regulations.

Although the changes made by this bill are numerous, a couple of significant ones should be noted.

In the past, government has been able to make changes in land-use designations without notifying landowners. Under SB 570, landowners who would be affected by a land-use decision would have to be notified by first class mail and the procedure would be funded by the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC). This is a definite protection for property owners and is long overdue.

A second significant change relates to LCDC's ability to take over land-use activities. Currently the agency can move in and take over planning if it feels the local governments are not doing the job. Any land-use disputes between a local jurisdiction and the LCDC would be settled by the courts under SB 570.

This bill will probably hit the Senate floor very soon now.

The proposed Domestic Rural Power Authority (DRPA—a top priority pet of Governor Straub's), set up in SB 320, is having a real rough time, although the Governor thinks it is finally on its way. The general idea is to share Bonneville power between private and public utility organizations at preferential rates.

As passed out of the Environment and Energy Committee, DRPA contains two triggering mechanisms. First, the measure would become effective only if Congress fails to work out a regional power generation and utility rate equity program. Second, the bill provides that if the courts rule that DRPA must have a three-member commission instead of one appointed official, the Governor would name two additional people to run the Authority until the next election.

Along with these amendments, the bill also contains a "sunset" clause and would be erased from the statutes in 1981.

The Governor's biggest problem with DRPA is the fact that the bill now goes to Ways and Means for approval before coming to the floor. The Co-chairman and one member of Ways and Means cast two of

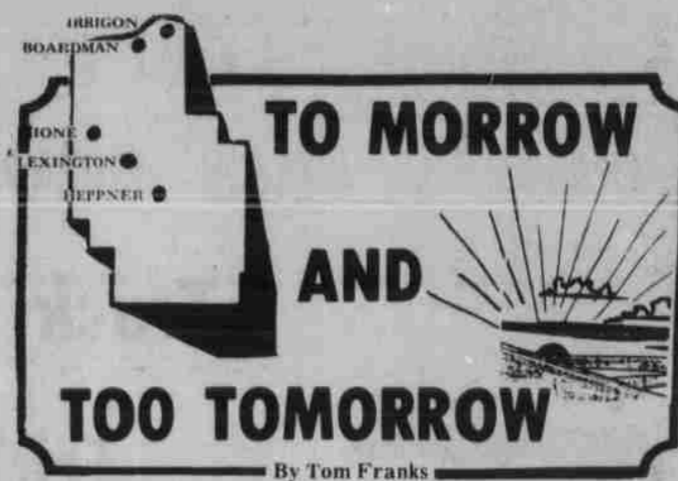
the three votes against DRPA in Environment and Energy.

For more than two years, construction of two more nuclear plants at Pebble Springs, Ore., has been halted by suits brought by environmentalists, court decisions, and delays in the state's Energy Siting Council hearings and decisions.

I believe that we must have additional new sources of energy and that it is ridiculous to lose tax advantages and the economic impact of these billion-dollar investments to Washington, just across the river from the proposed Oregon sites.

So I was particularly pleased this week to become one of the principal sponsors of a measure which is supported by the Governor and which would give the state, not administrative rule by the Siting Council, the power to set siting and operation standards for nuclear power and other energy plants. This bill would significantly speed up decisions on whether to grant licenses or not, and would reduce the chances of time-consuming lawsuits.

We need the Pebble Springs plants on line. Let's get on with it!



By Tom Franks

The "Big Three" in life, most may agree, are faith, hope and love.

More than 20 years ago, I started asking people the question, "What is faith?" During this time, I have found hardly a person who cannot tell what hope is and what it is they hope for. Likewise, people seem to know when they love and what they love.

Regardless of any other workings, hope and love are generally identified with feelings. This is not to say that love and hope involve feelings alone.

People can tell you when they were in love, if they are in love, when they have hope or when their hopes were dashed. If it is safe to say that most people experience love and hope as a feeling, why do so few feel faith?

Some people can talk for hours about being in love and about their hopes. Yet, many of these same people draw a blank, or lay the groundwork for a college term paper, when you ask about faith.

Here is 20 years' worth in a paragraph. You can be in love, you can have hope, but you must exercise faith. All three of these are human functions. Love, hope and faith can be identified by the absence, if not the presence, of emotions which are more common to each of us than is our level of intelligence or our respective physical abilities and talents.

Faith is not a human function particular to people of a religious nature who live somewhere outside the ball park of everyday existence.

The most I will say about faith, as an emotion, is that it feels better than hope, but is not as strong as love. Love must be active for the exercise of faith. Love makes faith work. Hope is the target for the operation of faith.

This example is more than simple, but serves, nonetheless. Let us take a man who really loves to fish and goes fishing on

### Who is Pulling the Plug?

It gets hot in the summer. And when it gets hot, kids get restless. And when kids get restless, things tend to happen.

At best, they get bored. At worst, they seek unproductive outlets.

A glance at the Police news on page three shows where some of their outlets can lead — to senseless destruction, brought on by a feeling that they have nothing better to do.

This is not to say that the presence of a city swimming pool is the answer to juvenile crime. The issue is far too complex to be resolved by such simplicity.

But providing a source for summer recreation is certainly a step in the right direction.

The young people in this town want a place to swim — whether in a competitive team framework or just for a respite from the summer sun.

We need to give them that place.

The operation of the pool was a major topic of discussion at the last city council meeting. Not a single citizen of Heppner was there to contribute and opinion.

The city council does not lurk in dark places, plotting to conduct city business while your back is turned. The door to the meeting was open. No one entered.

You still have another chance. The council will meet Monday, June 6, in city hall to again discuss budget matters.

The opportunity is there — don't blow it again.

JMS

## VOLUNTEERS!

**WE NEED YOU**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KEEP THE HEPPNER LIBRARY OPEN ON A LIMITED BASIS— WE NEED YOUR HELP.**

The Library Board of the Heppner Public Library is considering the possibility of operating the library using volunteer help.

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a weekend with the hope of a good catch. Now we borrow one of the best paragraphs ever written on faith. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." To make it fit our simple example, it would read like this: Now faith is fish in the creel (the thing hoped for), the evidence of things not seen (the operation of love exercising faith to substitute fish for hope).

On the negative side, the opposite of faith is not doubt. Doubt is an opposition to faith, but not its opposite. It is the lack of love and our inability to understand that brings doubt. (Check your own experience.)

The lack of faith and its opposite is guilt! What does the empty-handed fisherman say? If he doesn't lie, he says, "I didn't do very well today." Even if he says the fish were not biting, we often hear the tone of personal responsibility. Sounds like guilt to me. Some psychologists call it projection. A student of religion might call it self-justification. But behind it all lies guilt and behind that a lack of the exercise of faith.

Even if we cannot identify faith within ourselves at first, it would be my observation, after 20 years of asking, that we can assume a level of faith equal to the level of our love. Your level of guilt can indicate your failure to use your love to exercise your faith to make your hope a reality.

Faith, then, as a human function is both an exercise that we feel and a result that we see.

It is love, then, that prompts us, belief that puts us in position and faith that gives substance to our hope. Faith in this sense is not something to be placed in someone else, but something to be exercised in relation to our own hope.

We would think it was pretty silly. Our fishing friend, if he has faith in fish, isn't likely to catch any.

You can love another person and trust another person, but you cannot faith another person or hope another person. You can, like the old timers say, "Pin your hopes on another person." In the same way, you can pin your faith on another person, but it remains your hope and your faith and to be honest, it doesn't work very well if it works at all.

Good fishing.

## Game biologist moves to LaGrande

Jack Melland, who has been here ten years as a game biologist with the Oregon State Department of Fish and Wildlife, will begin work in the La Grande office on July 1.

Ward here. Jack will now be the regional habitat biologist for the Northeast Region of Oregon.

His wife, Ann, an artist, will also be missed here. Her paintings have been displayed frequently.

Melland has assisted Glenn

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