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Courts' dispositions vary

In recent weeks two game violations—involving what is generally termed "poaching"—were disposed of in separate Eastern Oregon courtrooms.

In the first case, Justice of the Peace Dee Gribble, here in Heppner, let the "poacher" know that game violators in her court would not receive just a "rap on the hands". For that she is to be commended.

EDITORIAL

The second case was heard before District Court Judge Richard J. Courson in Pendleton. The Judge chose to lightly "sentence" that violator. For that Judge Courson should take a look around and determine what makes Eastern Oregon the attractive place it is.

JP Gribble heard the case of a man arrested for illegal possession of a game animal, a deer taken in closed season. The JP levied a fine of \$1,000, none of it suspended.

Judge Courson heard the case of a man who had four salmon in his possession, during closed season. The spawning salmon were taken from the North Fork of the John Day River, the only 100 per cent natural run of salmon left in Oregon. The Judge saw fit to fine the individual \$27.

Figures that are several years old indicate that a single spawning salmon is worth about \$700 to the residents of the State of Oregon; a big game animal such as elk, about \$1,800. The Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission is charged with setting seasons for hunting and fishing to protect the herds of animals and runs of fish. Poachers, however, must feel the game laws were made for someone else because as soon as the deer start looking good around the first of June or the spawning salmon are thick in the waters, the poacher goes to work.

Hence, considerable amounts of time, effort and tax dollars are needed to enforce fish and game laws.

Then, when one of the 110 Oregon State Police officers assigned to fish and wildlife law enforcement brings to court a game violator within proper and just procedure, the court should make an appropriate disposition of the case.

We think appropriate disposition would be a fine at least that of the minimum bail schedule, if not the maximum fine for a Class A misdemeanor, which is \$1,000.

We commend Justice of the Peace Dee Gribble for her past record concerning the disposition of fish and game violators, and we hope that other courts in the State of Oregon will continue—or in some courts, begin—to deal harshly with those who perpetrate a most premeditated crime against all of the people of Oregon—poaching.

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Sifting through the TIMES



Weather topped the front page headline of this week's 1967 edition of the Times... '95 Degree Weather Hastens Harvest Time.'

"With five consecutive days topping 90 degrees in temperature, crops are maturing fast and first barley is expected to be harvested by the first of next week in Morrow County."

Hopefully the warm dry days continued through the weekend for the Father of the Year barbecue hosted by the CowBelles. Doug Drake was selected for the award that year.

The clear days must have been conducive to flying as the Times reported expansion and improvements due for the county-owned airport in Lexington.

A front page picture this week in 1957 showed City Superintendent Vic Groshen and Frank Hamlin working on the installation of a two-mile section of new water line connecting the main line with the Willow Creek wells.

The same issue carried an editorial suggesting that Heppner youngsters refrain from riding their horses on the downtown streets and sidewalks.

"The City Council has received complaints about the increased horse traffic downtown but declined to pass an

ordinance to restrict such riding."

"One problem we forgot to mention in that connection is the street cleaners detail. It's a real stinker."

Ten years earlier, the Times reported another round in the county's continual bout with the budget issue.

"Faced with the necessity of preparing a budget before the fiscal year expires, the county court last week did some slashing that will be reflected in immediate suspension of some activities and a quite general curtailment of other in the 1947-48 period."

At least there was some good news for the diminutive in town as the Times reported improvements to the city drinking fountain near the Masonic building, "to make the source of supply more available to small folks."

This week's 1937 edition tells of a new police alert device in Heppner. A red light located at Willow and Main which could be "lighted from the telephone office to tell police when needed."

Wisdom from this week's 1927 Times front page includes: "The college boy or adult citizen lacking respect for women or confidence in their power, judgement and goodness pays a poor compliment to his own mother."

Schedule now for fairgrounds

Persons interested in scheduling the use of the fairgrounds and buildings should contact caretaker Phyllis Wallace at 676-5111.

Anyone interested in reserving booths during Fair Week in August should contact Liz Curtis at 676-9454.

Historical Society meets

Directors of the Morrow County Historical Society and others interested are notified of the quarterly meeting Tuesday, June 28, at 7:30 p.m. at Secretary Ruth McCabe's home south of Ione.

Oddfellows plan Friday potluck

The Lexington IOOF Hall will be the site of a pot-luck supper Friday, June 24 featuring and address by Oliver Cresswick, past Master of Oregon Oddfellows. Cresswick will speak on plans for a

new Oddfellow Home and the financial obligations involved. All Rebekahs and Oddfellows are urged to attend with dinner starting at 7 p.m., and the meeting immediately following.

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TO MORROW AND TOO TOMORROW

By Tom Franks

Many people think the life of a newspaper reporter is exciting. From the inside you may soon find out that it

COMMENT

takes about two years to cover the scope of subjects that "modern" journalists deal with.

In the spring every two years you can expect something about UFO's or Sasquatch and the way out stuff. The bulk of marriages come along about the same time.

The big stories are only the little stories which happen to people who are in the "big" public eye of the chance which places a reporter in the position to cover a new twist to an old story.

What is happening in a very real sense remains the same only the names change.

Which brings me to a point of philosophy. If everything is changing then change must be constant.

Here in Heppner I have yet

to meet a person who claims to want things to stay just the way they are. All the people who want change or progress talk about all the people who don't want change. Apparently, I don't run in the same circles because the people I know want change.

To find out if you are one of those people who really want change ask yourself if you are one of those people who is willing to pay for it? If you are not willing to pay for anything you are not willing to change.

The other possibility is that you may resent living in this world where everything has its price.

In the final analysis there isn't much difference between a person that resists change and a freeloader. Both are along for the ride.

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Friday, June 24 Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.	Wednesday, June 29 Senior Citizens, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 25 Crab Feed, 6:30-8:30. Dancing, 9 p.m.	Thursday, June 30 Liars Night No Regular Lodge.

Elks & out-of-town guests only.
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