

VIEWPOINT EDITORIAL LETTERS COMMENT

Sifting through the **TIMES**

Much is happening in Morrow County that directly and indirectly involves and affects the people living here...and the people living here are getting involved. With more and more frequency, the area that lies within Morrow County's boundaries is being referred to in "Cinderella" terms; projections of great growth both agriculturally and industrially; prognostications of increased population and the need for

We are pleased to see a group getting started that—instead of burying their head in the sand—plans to build a platform with megaphones so they can get a better view of what is happening, then voice their opinion to the county court, the Port of Morrow and the business and industry that locates here. The Morrow County Economic Development Association deserves the support of those who have

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additional services provided by city and county governments.

These forecasts are true. Morrow County is growing because it has a lot of potential for growth and most importantly, a good foundation for growth.

There are some that are loath to growth of any kind; there are some that are uninterested, uncaring; and there are some who know it's coming and want it to be orderly and in the best interests of the county and the people living here—both present and future.

One such group sank their roots just this week and they are looking for people that wish to join them.

The Morrow County Economic Development Association is the offspring of a petition drive to establish a road from southern Morrow County to Portland General Electric's coal-fired generating plant on the Boeing Agri-Industrial Park lands south of Boardman.

The group will take the proposed Carty Road as their first project and have determined that to be responsible they should complete an economic analysis of the road—what it will mean in dollars and cents to Morrow County.

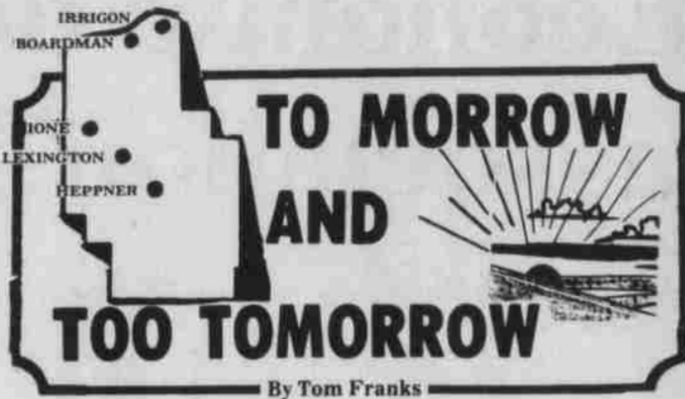
To do this, the group is seeking membership, with tax-deductible dues...and the membership is structured in such a way as to allow participation of individuals and business alike—each having one vote in matters, regardless of the amount of dues subscribed.

We feel this is positive action taken at a very appropriate time.

Generally in smaller communities, when growth hangs over a way of life established over many years, there is a feeling that arises that says "we don't want change here...we're happy the way we are."

When that isolationist attitude comes forth in a county such as Morrow the results can be disastrous. There is no one to watchdog the growth...to help steer it in the proper direction...it is virtually committing suicide.

the same goals in mind—self-preservation and betterment.



Can you make notes in a permanently bound note book? If you find it easy subtract five points. If you falter, give yourself five points because you have become a true member of our modern loose leaf society.

Sometimes I find it difficult to write at all because I know that most everything which is being written is nothing but a distraction from the real issues of life. Much that is written occupies our minds with little result.

The same holds true of our business and our spare time; until it can seem that life is a constant march of trivia between birth and death.

For those who realize the situation (it used to be called the rat race) there is the danger of claiming that what we do is more important than it really is. In my book this is the true Red Neck of our society. The second danger is admitting that what we do is of little importance and finding ourselves caught in a life marked by growing resentment. The third danger is dropping or coping out.

I can't offer any individual solution for the situation but I have found that accepting the fact that what we do is of little importance, and doing it anyway, is a step in the right direction. It is, after all, the judgement of time which sorts what is important from what is trivia.

If what we put in a loose leaf notebook is worth keeping somebody else will take the trouble to bind it for us.

Mary Melissa Bailey

Mary Melissa Bailey, 89, died at her home in Heppner, July 6.

She was born Feb. 5, 1888 at Waushara County, Wisc., the daughter of James and Sarah Borst Sherlock.

Mrs. Bailey was a Past Noble Grand of San Souci Rebekah Lodge, Heppner, an active member of the United Methodist Church, Heppner, and an avid gardener.

Funeral services were Saturday, July 9, at 2 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Heppner, with the Rev. G.E. Nikander officiating. The congregation sang sacred selections accompanied by Carley Drake, organist.

Casket bearers, all grandsons, were Richard Bailey, Ralph Bowers, Glen Bailey, David Bailey, Kim Parsons and Donald Hughes. Honorary bearers, also grandsons, were William Bailey, Kenneth Bailey, Larry Parsons and Roy Hughes.

Concluding services and

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

Mrs. Bailey was preceded in death by her husband, Nelson, in 1966.

She is survived by six sons; Arlo, Scappoose; Harold, Onalaska, Wash.; Nelson, West Linn; Francis, Tigard; Earl, Lower Lake, Cal.; and Albert, Redmond; five daughters; Margaret Stout, Olympia, Wash.; Elizabeth Johnson, Prineville; Ethel Bowers, Glendon Beach; Dora Parsons, Tigard; and Maude Hughes, Heppner; three sisters; Mabel Holver-son and Viola Husbands, both Portland; Fern Hodges, Grants Pass; twenty-nine grandchildren; sixty-three great and great-great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Contributions may be made to the United Methodist Church Memorial Fund in her memory.

"Smashing," is the caption of the a front page picture in this week's 1967 edition of the Times. The picture shows the sledge hammer swinging form of then Mayor W.C. Rosewall who delivered the first blow in the Jaycees car smash as part of the Sidewalk Bazaar activities.

"Being a former Ford-Mercury dealer here, it took a bit of courage for the mayor to administer the blow to the old Mercury which was donated by Ceglia's Wrecking Yard."

The Jaycees took in \$39 at 10 cents a poke and lost of people welcomed the chance to release a few of those pent up aggressions. No comment was available from the old Merc. In other news of a decade ago, the Times reported that many heads were turned askew as satellite searchers scanned the sky seeking a sighting. The subject of the celestial sleuthing was none other than Echo I.

Sliding back another 10 years, this week's 1957 edition of the Times featured another sky sighting of a less familiar nature.

"Two Heppner men Wednesday noon got a brief but good look at a fast moving object that Air Force officials call UFO, Unidentified Flying Object, but what the men graphically describe as a flying hat.

"The two, Morgan Medlock and Buddy Taylor, told the Gazette-Times last night by phone from their Forest Service post at Bull Prairie guard station, that they sighted the object while piling brush near Crawford Spring. They estimated the object to be about half the size of a forest service power wagon truck and said it was traveling at terrific speed.

"Medlock said the best description of the object was that it was round, shaped like a hat and was brown in color. As it

disappeared from view, after about 10 seconds, they described its sound as a sort of Plup, similar to the sound of a small bullet shot into the water."

Reported this week in 1947... "This newspaper has challenged other counties in the state to come forth with an active county official as old or older than Morrow County's treasurer. The challenge will be more difficult to meet as of today for Leon W. Briggs has added another milestone in his trek toward the century mark. Today is his 88th birthday and he is planning his campaign for another term as treasurer."

This week's 1937 edition includes a Jim Rogers look alike peddling Chevrolet motor cars of the Ferguson Motor Company. Also, a warning from the local judge who said, "Truckers of wheat, forget that extra trip!"

"That's the admonition of Judge Bert Johnson, who calls attention to the added destruction of highways and endangering lives of others on the road by truck drivers who have a tendency to step on the gas in order to make an extra haul a day."

Arthur Brisbane had flying on his mind this week in 1927, writing, "At this moment of flying enthusiasm, one word of caution is necessary and expert flyers remind you of it. Don't go up just to know how it feels unless you know the pilot and the machine."

"There are unsafe machines, plenty of them, including many bought second hand from the United States government. There are unskillful pilots and others skillful but reckless."

"Barring dangerously bad weather, bad pilots and unsafe machines, flying is now safe. But be careful!"

Letters to the Editor

To the editor:

In November, 1976, the people of Oregon by a margin of 659,327 to 273,738 defeated Ballot Measure 7, clearly indicating they did not want a tax check-off scheme to direct additional tax dollars to political campaigns.

The Legislature apparently wasn't listening.

The House by a margin of 35 to 22 and the Senate by a margin of 20 to 9 have passed HB3233, another scheme to give tax check-off money to politicians.

If it becomes effective, HB3233 will give the political parties about \$800,000 in tax money each biennium with no restrictions other than a prohibition on use of the money in the primaries or to pay campaign deficits. We will be using tax money to fund a permanent professional political bureaucracy.

This is precisely the kind of political arrogance our initiative and referendum laws were designed to prevent. Only 30,823 valid signatures are needed to stop this law until the people have a chance to vote on it.

I hope everyone who reads this letter and who has been searching for a direct way to express his or her indignation at the 1977 Oregon Legislature will mail me a commitment to

collect at least 20 signatures to refer HB3233 and a stamped, self-addressed envelope. I will return a petition form for a true people's campaign to stop tax payments to professional politicians.

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Vacation Bible school at Nazarene Church

A Vacation Bible School will be scheduled on a series of five mornings, July 15, 22, 29, Aug. 5 and 12, at the Heppner Church of the Nazarene. Sessions will be held for children ages 5 years through 14 years.

This year's theme is "The Family of God."

As with last year's school, the children will be having Bible stories, crafts, music, refreshments, and fun. All the children of the community are welcome to attend.

There is no charge to attend these special Friday morning sessions. The time will be from 9:45 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Obituaries

Irma (Phillips) Renoe

Irma (Phillips) Renoe, 86, born at Moser in 1891, died July 3 in Longcreek while visiting relatives.

Mrs. Renoe had lived in the Hermiston-Irrigon area for the past 20 years. She was married Feb. 3, 1917 in

Heppner. Mrs. Renoe was a member of the First Church of Christ Scientist.

She is survived by her widower Charles at 610 Newport, Hermiston; sons Douglas of Stanfield, Phillip of Portland, George of Sacramento, Cal.; daughters Alice Smith of Heppner, Lucille Schaffer of Portland, Jennette Powers of Lostine, Helen McClintock of Longcreek; 25 grandchildren and 32 great grandchildren; brother O.M. Phillips of Alama, Wash., and sister Arvilla Dowley of Covelo, Cal.

Funeral services were Thursday, July 7, in John Day at the Driskill Memorial Chapel.

Burt Tucker, Pendleton

Burt H. Tucker, 86, Pendleton, a one-time Heppner resident, died July 6 in Pendleton. He was born at Monroe, Wash. and had been a resident of Pendleton for the past two years.

Mr. Tucker was a veteran of World War I and a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 2455, Montesano, Wash.

Graveside services were held Saturday, July 9, at the I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Monroe, Wash., with Burns Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Tucker is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Harold (Evelyn) Coulter, Heppner; a sister, Bessie Pearsall, Monroe, Wash.; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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Honoring



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July 16 at the Fairgrounds Pavilion

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Mary Anne Proctor and Princesses

Teresa Proctor Krynne Robinsin Deborah Palmer Donna Palmer

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