

The Heppner
GAZETTE-TIMES
VIEWPOINT

A free press

"When the press is free and every man able to read, all is safe."
— Thomas Jefferson

"The press must be free; it has always been so and much evil has been corrected by it. If government finds itself annoyed by it, let it examine its own conduct and it will find the cause."
— Thomas Erskine
Scottish jurist

The First Amendment "... presupposes that right conclusions are more likely to be gathered out of a multitude of tongues, than through any kind of authoritative selection. To many this is, and always will be folly; but we have staked upon it our all."
— Judge Learned Hand
American jurist

"Without a free press there can be no free society. That is axiomatic. However, freedom of the press is not an end in itself but a means to the end of a free society. The scope and nature of the constitutional guarantee of the freedom of the press are to be viewed and applied in that light."
— Justice Felix Frankfurter
U.S. Supreme Court

"The function of the press is very high. It is almost holy. It ought to serve as a forum for the people, through which the people may know freely what is going on. To misstate or suppress the news is a breach of trust."
— Justice Louis Brandeis
U.S. Supreme Court

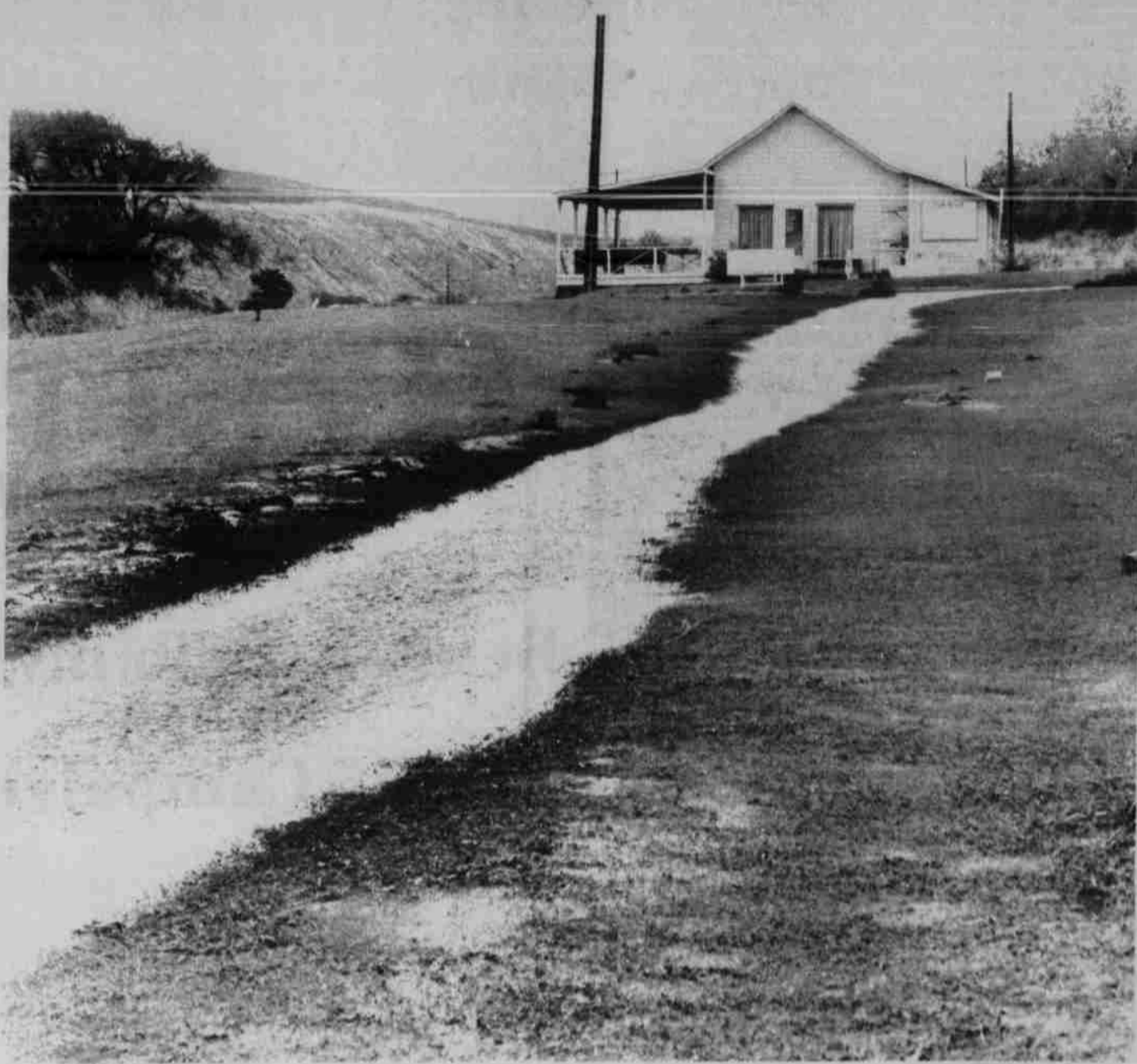
"I cannot assent to that view, if it be meant that the legislature may impair or abridge the rights of a free press and of free speech whenever it thinks that the public welfare required that to be done. The public welfare cannot override constitutional privileges, and if the rights of free speech and a free press are, in their essence, attributes of national citizenship, as I think they are, then neither Congress nor any state, since the adoption of the 14th Amendment, can, by legislative enactments or by judicial action, impair or abridge them."
— Justice John Marshall Harlan
U.S. Supreme Court

"A free press stands as one of the great interpreters between government and the people. To allow it to be fettered is to fetter ourselves."
— Justice George Sutherland
U.S. Supreme Court

"I do not believe also in the abolition of free inquiry, or that the ideas represented by 'freedom of thought,' 'freedom of speech,' 'freedom of press' and 'free assembly' are just rhetorical myths. I believe rather that they are among the most valuable realities that men have gained, and that if they are destroyed men will again fight to have them."
— Thomas Wolfe
Author

"There is a great disposition in some quarters to say that the newspapers ought to limit the amount of news they print; that certain kinds of news ought not to be published. I do not know how that is. I am not prepared to maintain any abstract position on that line; but I have always felt that whatever the divine Providence permitted to occur, I was not too proud to report."
— Charles Dana
Newspaper Editor

"A free press can of course be good or bad, but most certainly without freedom it will never be anything but bad. Freedom is nothing else but a chance to be better, whereas enslavement is a certainty of the worse."
— Albert Camus
French Author



An unexpected and temporary water hazard appeared Tuesday on the number one fairway at Willow Creek Country Club, the result of heavy rains. Weather observer Don Gilliam said Tuesday's precipitation set a new record for the month of August with a little more than a week left in the month. The 1.27 inches of rain that fell Tuesday has also made it's mark on wheat that remains standing. Some farmers have noticed considerable swelling of kernels and unless the weather dries quickly, sprouting will be a concern.

LETTERS

Candidate explains absence at fair and rodeo

Editor:

I am writing to express my apologies to everyone, that I won't be here this weekend for the rodeo parade.

I'm getting married Saturday afternoon and as you might suspect, the distance between my home in East Marion County and here is such that I just couldn't make it.

I will be in Heppner and Morrow County, though, for several weeks during the campaign. My first week here will begin September 7.

If you have any questions about my campaign please feel free to contact my local chairman, Mike Sweeney.

Again, I'm sorry I was unable to attend the parade.

Sincerely,
Chuck Bennett
Democrat for State Rep. District 55
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...have something to say?

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Sifting through the TIMES

Fifty years ago this week, government trapper Adam Knoblock of Heppner captured two bear cubs, one black and one cinnamon colored, in Morrow County's Blue Mountains. Pleased with his live capture of the animals, Knoblock drove into Heppner on a Saturday night in late August to display the cubs in wire cages fastened to the running board of his auto. He took the cubs back to his farm house, made collars for each, and chained them outside.

Knoblock apparently underestimated the cubs' intelligence, as the animals unsnapped themselves from their leashes and stole off into the night. For the next several days, neighboring farmers reported seeing the bears at various points around the countryside.

Twenty five years ago this week, Cpl. John L. "Louie" Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Smith of Heppner, was released from a prisoner of war camp at Panmunjon, North Korea.

The Morrow County soldier had been captured by Chinese Communists in December of 1950, remaining a prisoner until 1953. His parents had not heard from his since they received a letter Smith had written in 1952.

During this week in 1918, the featured entertainers scheduled to perform at the upcoming sixth annual Morrow County Fair were announced. Topping the entertainment bill were Campbell's American Band of Portland, soprano soloist Jane Burns Albert, and baritone soloist Hartridge Whipp.

Ten years ago this week, Ron Currin took first place money in the bulldogging event at the Morrow County Rodeo. Larry Smith of Canby won all-around cowboy honors, and Lexington's Tom Martin was the champion amateur calf roper.

During the same late August week in 1968, a new well was drilled at the Willow Creek Country Club, which provided 300 gallons per minute to irrigate the golf course fairways and greens.

Carl Bergstrom of Ione was wrapping up his 61st consecutive wheat harvest, having first started in 1907.

The 1968 harvest was quite different from earlier years, when Bergstrom used six horses to push a grain header, with wheat selling for prices as low as 70 cents per bushel.

Five years ago, top national rodeo performers flocked to Heppner to compete in the 1973 Morrow County Rodeo. Number one rated RCA cowboy Larry Mahan flew his own plane to Lexington, spent two hours at the rodeo winning bronc and bull riding events, then left with \$322 in prize money.

Ten out of the top 15 RCA cowboys in the nation turned out to compete for the nearly \$10,000 in prize money offered that year. The high-ranking RCA performers took home the lion's share of the rodeo purse. Other cowboys came from as far as Australia and Iowa.

SALEM SCENE

BY Jack Zimmeran

Business and government are cooperating again

Business and government are cooperating again.

They're doing it voluntarily. Everyone stands to benefit—especially consumers concerned by steadily mounting prices they pay for food in the neighborhood supermarket.

Most news involving business and government these days tends to picture the two as adversaries, with the former accused of wrong-doing and the latter attempting to correct an alleged fault. The fact business and government conduct many activities as allies in a spirit of frinedly cooperation seldom generates headlines.

But here's an example that will attract the attention—and gratitude—of food shoppers.

This cooperative program is officially entitled "Sanitation for Health and Profit." It is being coordinated and conducted through joint auspices of the Oregon Retail Council, the State Department of Agriculture and the Department of Food Science and Technology at Oregon State University.

While not unique in the United States, the Oregon program is among the first to be conducted along guidelines

established by the national Food Marketing Institute in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Food and Drug Administration.

Essentially, it is a course of instruction and certification for food market personnel. It is designed to provide greater understanding of good sanitation and food handling procedures in order to achieve high standards of product integrity and reduce spoilage and waste. Full curriculum includes preliminary home study and a long, one-day course including food protection, sources of contamination, food-borne illness, food spoilage, employ hygiene and work habits, housekeeping, sanitation and pest control and testing for certification.

Course sessions—which are being conducted at various locations throughout the state—begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 4:30 p.m., followed by a one-hour test of students taking the course so far this year have been store managers and managers of meat departments.

Operating as a permanent and continuing program however, the ultimate goal is to expose every level of food market personnel. The reason it must be offered on a continuing basis is the fact most food markets experience close to a 100 per cent employee turnover each year and new employees create a need for almost constant training, according to an industry spokesman.

Current courses are limited to an enrollment of 30 students and have been conducted or scheduled in Pendleton, Portland, Eugene and Corvallis.

"Ultimate success of the program depends almost wholly on the willingness of food market owners and managers to make certain their employees participate when classes are conducted in their area," declared Otto J. Wilson, director of the retail division of Associated Oregon Industries.

Wilson said response from major food chains has been particularly gratifying so far and he expects participation to increase as additional classes are scheduled. Cost of the course is \$25 per student and additional information can be obtained by contacting the Department of Food Science & Technology, OSU, Corvallis, or by writing the Oregon Retail Council, P.O. Box 12519, Salem, OR 97309.

Impetus for the course was generated initially by industry, consumer and government members of the Agriculture Department's Bacterial Standards Review Committee—a panel that spent more than a year studying sanitation in food markets. Wilson said the Oregon course admirably fits the bill for employe training but is only the first of an ultimate two-part program that will be expanded to include consumer education as well.

"Actual details for the consumer education part of the program have not been firmly established yet," he said. "But progress will be achieved on a person-to-person basis as food store employes become trained and pass their knowledge along to customers and as retailers begin emphasizing proper food care between purchase and consumption.

Product integrity means providing the food-buying public with merchandise that has been cared for in a manner that enables the customer to take it home while at a peak of potential palatability and nourishment, Wilson explained. What happens between the time it is purchased and placed on the dinner table is something else.

Oregon's food markets, government officials and scientists recognize the greatest waste and potential for food health hazards exist in the home. So, in addition to making certain proper health standards are maintained in the marketplace, they are cooperating to promote better conditions at the point of ultimate use.

That food markets can improve their profitability through employment of sanitary practices is not difficult to understand. By the same token, consumers employing similar practices at home are bound to achieve food-budget savings.

And both combine to promote better health and enjoyment of the food we eat.

Not to be overlooked is the fact markets must charge prices adequate to cover their costs of doing business. Any time those costs can be reduced, profits increase. And profitable businesses are in the best position in a competitive system to extend that profitability to customers in the form of lower prices.

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A Simple Rhyme

by Katherine Rozelle Farrar
(Editor's note: This week's selection by Mrs. Farrar was written to commemorate her 83rd birthday on Aug. 29.)
Let me write a simple rhyme
Of simple living of my life and time
Let it follow no special plan
Be filled with man's love for man
Let him not too good; not too bad be

Mayhaps a midstreamer like me
Let him lend
Let him borrow
Reach for a good tomorrow
Reach to all
Forgetting color or creed
Friendship is our greatest need
Ah, yes—a simple man
A simple rhyme
Of simple living of my life and time