

# Ullman gives report during Heppner stop

# Police Report

Making a whirlwind sweep through his Second Congressional District following a marathon closing week of lawmaking in the U.S. House of Representatives, Rep. Al Ullman took time for an appearance at a no-host dinner in Heppner last Wednesday.

Noting that lawmakers worked round-the-clock to complete legislation prior to last week's Congressional adjournment, Ullman commented that "Congress isn't really fun like it used to be."

The chairman of the powerful Ways and Means Committee stated that the

recently completed session "was a good Congress for Oregon." He pointed out that nearly every Oregon water project included in the Public Works Bill vetoed by President Carter was kept alive.

"Oregon's water bills were good, solid proposals," he commented, "they were not pork barrel projects."

Ullman also expressed pleasure over the Congressional tax relief package, which he stated was "not as comprehensive as the one we worked with with President Kennedy...but it's a good bill."

President Carter's previously poor relations with Congress are on the upswing,

Ullman reported, especially in light of the Camp David summit agreement, which the Eastern Oregon Congressman characterized as "something real that he put together right—it was not just propaganda." Congress, he said, has "had to put him right on some things, but we're now at the point where we can work together...Carter is a well-meaning man and we're getting squared away better with him."

However, Ullman said, "I'm still concerned about some of the people he has around him at the White House...But I think we'll see a better working relationship with the

President next session."

While noting that the Willow Creek dam appears likely to at last become a reality, Ullman said he was aware of, and concerned over, sweeping Army Corps of Engineers' flood plain designations for lone, and possibly for Heppner and Lexington as well. Ullman indicated that he was uncertain, at this early point, about what he could do towards easing the growth-crippling flood plain designations. He said he and his office would continue to monitor the situation and do what they could to help.

Ullman said he has not abandoned hope for removing

the U.S. Navy from the Boardman Bombing Range, where thousands of acres of potential cropland are currently being used for sporadic target practice. But at this juncture, he noted, "I can't be too optimistic. He added that (Washington Gov.) Dixy (Lee Ray) has not been too cooperative towards putting the bombing range back in Washington, where it belongs."

The dinner featuring Ullman, attended by about 50 Morrow County residents, was held Wednesday night in the West of Willow.

A car owned by a laborer working at the Carty coal-fired power plant near Boardman was broken into by thieves on Sunday, the Morrow County Sheriff's office reported.

Stolen from the car were a 7 mm rifle with scope, a .22 caliber automatic rifle, and a Fuzzbuster radar detector unit, worth a total estimated value of more than \$800.

Deputies said a prying device was used to open a

wing window to unlock the car, owned by Daniel Huffman of Clarkston, Wash. The car was parked at a PGE mobile labor housing camp south of Boardman, where Huffman was staying.

Debra Petit, 21, of Lexington, was treated at Pioneer Memorial Hospital for minor injuries received last week when the car she was driving smashed into a rock wall along Hwy. 74 near the junction of lower Rhea Creek

Road near Lone, Sheriff's deputies reported.

The accident occurred after the Petit woman lost control of her vehicle, after one of the front tires blew out, according to a report on the accident.

Heppner city police are investigating an incident of malicious mischief, in which vandals broke out the rear window of a vehicle owned by Douglas Carey of Skyline Apartments in Heppner.

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## Barge link a boon to area wheat growers

Pacific Northwest wheat growers escaped the worst of the most serious rail transportation problems in history only because of the Columbia River barge system, says a transportation expert.

Cecil Brennan, Portland, of Grain Transportation Consultants, told the fall workshop of the Oregon Wheat Growers League the barge lines responded very well in the crunch.

"The Northwest is fortunate in that big river. Without it, we'd have seen some real problems" in moving grain to export points. More than 85 percent of Northwest wheat is exported.

Brennan said farmers must speak up more about rail transportation problems. "We must make ourselves more vocal, more visible," he said.

Growers should seek a stand-by grain export subsidy to meet competition from the European Economic Community and other exporters, said Rich Pennell of North Pacific Grain Growers, a

regional cooperative, and Dick Baum, Portland, president of Western Wheat Associates, a farmer-financed marketing organization.

Pennell praised the trade development act now moving toward passage in Congress. "It's a real forward step," and includes a victory for wheat growers who for 15 years have battled a rule that requires exported grain to be shipped in U.S. vessels.

Growers must keep an eye on international trade negotiations, Pennell said. "You're in the big leagues."

Each country in Asia where Western Wheat Associates works presents different problems, Baum said. He said growers must face the facts that the world has a plentiful supply of wheat and that Asia has produced more rice this year than its people can eat.

"We're in a sensitive position. This will be the most difficult year in a long time," Baum said. He predicted continued firm prices for wheat, partly because of the U.S. farm program which cut

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