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The 'Heppner connection' aboard Copenhagen ferry



An Historic View Ione, as it appeared in about 1900. The general store, at the left, was owned by the late Mat Halvorsen, who migrated to Morrow County from Norway. (See letter at right.)

County's advantage

The National Science Foundation, through the Oregon Forum, will sponsor a workshop in Heppner this Saturday titled "Elk Management in Timber Country." Speakers representing the U.S. Forest Service, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and other groups concerned with the state's natural resources will speak about what are often controversial management decisions.

Timber production is a major source of employment and revenue for Oregonians. When logging operations are undertaken the forest resources including recreational opportunities, are altered. The wildlife habitat is one area that is particularly affected.

During the workshop in Heppner, speakers will discuss the interrelationships between elk and timber resource management. The program is intended by the Oregon Forum to be balanced, with objective commentary on all sides of the issue. The workshop, to be held from noon until 5 p.m. at Heppner High School, is open to the public. It will be an opportunity for additional views to be included in whatever summary is prepared.

Heppner has an advantage in being chosen for the eastern Oregon location for the workshop. (A similar workshop is being held west of the Cascades.) Because there is no college here, the conclusions are less likely to be slanted by an academic-environmentalist viewpoint, according to a state official.

From that angle, mark one up for Morrow County.

A dumping ground?

Should Morrow County be the dumping ground for Portland's sludge?

The question could be moot, for the waste from treatment plants may be utilized in Portland rather than being barged up the Columbia River to a site in this county. However, concern has been expressed that a dumping ground would become just that and be lost to future agricultural uses.

The residue, it is feared, could contain metal particles and other elements that would not be good for crop development.

County officials recently said they had "forty or fifty questions" for the City of Portland before they would entertain the idea of receiving the sludge.

The dumping site would be on Boeing leased lands in north Morrow County.

Recently, the County Court was informed that Portland never intended the Boeing lands to be a "disposal" site. Instead, they wanted beneficial future results, such as soil improvement.

Dale Nunamaker, in charge of the project for Portland, said the city is constructing additional digesters so that the resulting sludge will be low in solid content and have some organic content.

Proposals for its use will be sought from private industry.

If used as land fill, whether in Morrow County or elsewhere, future uses could include recreation as well as farming.

Consider the Santa Clara area in California where San Francisco once dumped its solid waste (garbage). The site became a big recreational complex including golf courses, playgrounds and a Marriott "theme park" amusement center.

With safeguards, the idea could be a positive one for this area.



Editor's Notebook

So now we know. That is, we know how to spell "gasohol," from an advertisement in New Yorker magazine.

(The advertisement is of cocktail glasses bearing a "gasohol" label, and they're available at Neiman-Marcus, the Dallas department store.)

The Gazette-Times reporter at the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce luncheon last week spelled it gasahoi (with an "a"

for the second syllable) as he heard it, in reporting on a talk on the need for gasohol production, and indeed, we must admit, no one here at the Gazette-Times knew the difference.

New technologies create new words and without reading technical journals or even the New Yorker, it's sometimes hard to keep up with them.

1929
Fifty Years ago heavy smoke clouds drifted over eastern Oregon and caused alarm to the people of Morrow County. In less than one hour

the day was turned to a yellowish twilight and the sun was completely shut out from view.

High winds carried the smoke from the immense fires

which were raging in the forest areas bordering the lower Columbia River.

The flames were out of control in Stevenson, Wash. and Estacada, Ore. and pro-

perty losses were great.

Sportsmen had to alter their deer hunting plans. Because of the heavy forest fires, the hunting season was postponed. Oregon was experiencing a long period of drought that year.

The ladies auxiliary of the Episcopal church in Heppner had a dinner from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The cost was 60 cents.

Judge Alger Fee sentenced Lorren Olin to two years in the penitentiary as he was convicted of forgery.

The town of Heppner was readying itself for the upcoming rodeo. The price of admission was one dollar for adults and 50 cents for children. Parades, dances, rides for the kiddies and an Irrigon band concert were scheduled to highlight the event.

Leo C. Conney, of Boardman, on Friday the 13th, lost his balance and fell head first off of a silo 32-feet high and he miraculously lived. He suffered broken ribs and a dislocated shoulder.

1954

Twenty-five years ago the Gazette-Times ran a ballot in the newspaper concerning whether or not a city park should be constructed. The results of the survey showed that 72 townspeople were in favor of a park and only 11 voted against it.

Mrs. Clyde Crawford was attacked by an unknown assailant in her Ione home. Mrs. Crawford suffered two large bruises and was apparently hit on the head with a two-by-four. Her husband was away in the service.

About 40 to 50 chickens were running loose in Heppner's south end of town. The residents in the area were complaining that the chickens were ripping apart their gardens. The city council ruled to have the city marshal eliminate them by "any means he saw fit or deemed necessary," since no one knew who owned the fowls.

1974

Five years ago the big news in town was the search for a doctor. A doctor's search committee was formed and the committee hired Mrs. Helen Chenoweth of Orofino, Idaho to lead the town's efforts in recruiting a doctor. The goal of the committee was to raise \$3,000 to encourage a doctor to come to Heppner.

Morrow County Assessor Joyce Bergstrom was elected secretary-treasurer of the Oregon State Assessors at their annual convention in Gold Beach.

Wheat farmers in Morrow County harvested a near record crop in 1974.

Sifting through the TIMES



Legislative Report from the State Capital EXCLUSIVE to Oregon's Weekly Newspapers from Associated Oregon Industries.

Salem Scene

By Jack Zimmerman

The bicameral Oregon Legislature meets biennially. Bicameral means two chambers—Senate and House of Representatives. Biennial means once in two years.

That leads us to believe state senators and representatives get together in Salem for a spell once every other year and the rest of the time they're free to do their own thing. Right?

Wrong! True, the two-chamber Legislature does convene on the second Monday of odd numbered years to enact laws, approve a budget and provide for wards of the state. But the meetings aren't brief.

Throughout the 1970's they have lasted an average of almost six months. And throughout the same decade there has been mounting pressure to establish a full time, continuous lawmaking body.

Only a lingering traditional attitude that part time citizen lawmakers perform the function more satisfactorily than full time professional politicians has kept Oregonians from embracing the continuous legislative concept.

But the part time keeps getting fuller and professionalism increases apace.

There's a certain sense of inevitability about the situation. State government grows because its population increases and so do the concerns of its people. Those concerns prompted introduction of 2,435 legislative proposals while lawmakers sat in regular session for 178 days earlier this year. A total of 964 were sanctioned—903 of which are new laws or amendments to existing statutes.

Once approved by the Legislature, those laws provide the various agencies of state government with the power to impose new regulations or change existing rules. This rule-making process occurs during the interim—the time between adjournment of one regular session and beginning of the next.

But the process doesn't entirely shift to state agencies. Legislators remain busy during the interim. A special

session of the Legislature has been called following each regular session so far this decade.

For many years only the Governor could call a special session. During the '70's the people decided to give lawmakers the power to convene themselves to deal with special problems. The people also have given senators the power to rule on gubernatorial appointments.

The full Senate already has met for this purpose once and has scheduled five more one-day sessions between now and the winter of 1980.

Then there is the Emergency Board. Enlarged to 17 members during the regular session this year, the E-Board meets monthly in Salem for two-day periods to appropriate money to fund emergency situations.

And there are administrative responsibilities during the interim. There's the Capitol Planning Commission—involving four lawmakers. Legislative Administration Committee involves 11 more. Legislative Committee on Data Processing has seven members and Legislative Counsel Committee another 13. Executive Appointments Committee has nine members.

There are other standing committees—Trade & Economic Development, 13 members; Energy Policy Review Committee, six members; Revenue, 15 members; Judiciary, 15 members; Sunset Review, 13 members, and Reapportionment, 13 members.

The House has nine special interim committees, each with seven members—Aging & Minority Affairs, Agriculture & Natural Resources, Education, Environment & Energy, Housing & Urban Development, Human Resources, Intergovernmental Affairs, Labor and Transportation.

The Senate has three special task forces that will study specific issues for 90 days and others will be appointed later in the interim. The first three are Energy Conservator, seven members, Intergovern-

Editor:

While on a recent trip to Norway to visit relatives and see the place where my father and his father were born and raised, we experienced a meeting that proved to be unusual.

First, I should identify myself. Most of the oldtimers of the Ione-Heppner area knew Mat Halvorsen, my father, who farmed near Ione and for some time had a store in Ione. At one time he had the hotel and livery stable there. He was born near Lesja, Norway, and migrated to Morrow County in December of 1887.

In August we, Mrs. Halvorsen (Margaret), Mrs. Wm. (Carole) Rosenbalm of Ann Arbor, Mich., and myself, while on a boat to Copenhagen, met a Mr. Richard Johnson. After inquiring where he was from, the conversation went something like this:

Halvorsen: "Whereabouts in the States are you from?"

Johnson: "California."

H.: "What part of California?" J.: "Los Angeles."

H.: "We live in Medford, Oregon." J.: "I've never been in Medford but have been in Pendleton, Oregon."

H.: "My wife was born and raised in Pendleton." J.: "We've been in Heppner. Do you know Paul Jones?"

H.: "Oh, yes, everyone knows Paul!" J.: "Paul's wife (Gladys, now deceased) was my father's sister."

H.: "I went to school with one of Gladys's brothers in Pendleton (Henry)". J.: "That was my father."

I then introduced my wife (Margaret) and daughter (Carole) to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson.

Needless to say, this meeting on the far side of the earth was quite unusual.

I am enclosing a picture of part of Ione taken around 1900 that shows Mat Halvorsen's store. It was taken from a large picture of Ione.

Lewis Halvorsen, my younger brother, has lived in Ione for years. He and I have seven first cousins in Norway. They were born by the family name Sangrud but have since changed it to Sangro. Both names have been applied, as is the custom, to the name of the farm. The farm is now operated by Ivar Sangro, of the family's fifth generation.

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