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Sifting through the TIMES

1929
Fifty years ago the Howard Lane Market in Lexington was broken into and cash, cartons of tobacco, a side of bacon, and a portable typewriter were taken. Three men reportedly were the culprits and one of the men may have left a calling card, a receipt from a Lexington store for some silk stockings which was found on the market floor. They tried to break into the store safe but were unsuccessful. One of the men took a bite into some cheese and left some very distinct teeth marks. The thieves made a grave error by taking all but one of the checks in the till. That check was written by a man who is a good friend of the name on the

receipt that was found. The thieves also had eaten some cartons of ice cream. The sheriff's office was successful in picking up finger prints.
A farm home owned by William Greener at Toll Rock burned to the ground. The cause, Greener thinks, was a defective flue. The loss was fairly well covered by insurance.

The Heppner High School football team won its third game of the year by trouncing Fossil 66-0.

The Firestone Co. was having a sales contest and local dealers Bergstrom and Kane said they wanted to obtain one of the prizes and also gain national recognition for Heppner because the leading winners in the competition would have their names announced over NBC radio.

The Star Theatre in Heppner had its first talking picture in the town. It was called "Hurricane."

The Order of Eastern Star group planned a Halloween party.

Ione lost to Condon 19-0 in a football game.

R.C. Phelps opened up a new funeral home in Heppner close to Halloween Day. The Phelps had been working on the parlor for about a month getting it ready for business.

The ambulance service was open day and night.

The Union Pacific Railroad announced low coach excursion fares to stimulate travel to the Pacific International Livestock exposition in Portland.

1954

Twenty-five years ago the Heppner Lumber Co. was sold by Orville Smith to Maurice Hitchcock of White Swan, Wa., and Dant and Russell Inc. of Portland.

The Morrow County Wheat-growers met in Lexington to discuss the possibility of beginning to grow Safflower as a crop in the county.

It was announced that a fire siren would be blasted at noon everyday as a test. If the sound came at any other time, it meant business.

A 4-H Achievement party was planned in Heppner and a Jug and Bottle Band, piano solo and a dance school were going to perform.

A fire completely destroyed the Walter Hayes Grocery in Boardman and caused smoke and water damage to two nearby apartments. The cause of the fire was unknown.

The Pioneer Memorial Hospital changed its visiting hours, according to hospital administrator Jack Angel. The morning hours of visita-

tion were completely eliminated and children under eight years of age would not be allowed to visit any patient at all. Angel said it is common practice to keep young children out of the hospitals because they can contact disease more easily.

Seventh graders through 12 graders were invited to attend the annual Soroptimist hayride to celebrate Halloween.

A Parents group met and decided the Heppner bands, from both the grade school and high school, needed new uniforms. They decided on some money-making activities so the goal could be completed.

Willard Herbison had to have his leg amputated from the knee down in order to save his life. Herbison was involved in a hunting accident. His condition remained very serious.

The first of the new Pontiacs and Chevrolets of 1955 were ready to be on display at Farley Motor Co. and Fullerton Chevrolet in Heppner.

The lighting fund to put lights on the rodeo field rose to slightly more than \$9,000 and was less than \$1,000 away from the goal.

Excavation was underway for the building of the new Heppner grade school.

1974

Bruce Young earned his Eagle Scout award. He was the first scout in 30 years to earn that high award in Heppner.

The school board decided to supply a bus and a driver for 12 kindergarten children in Irigoin as long as the parents of the children paid for the transportation. The young students had been going to school in a private van for the first two months of the school year but the parents said the van was over crowded and the situation created hazardous situations.

Ione began its Homecoming activities with a bonfire and pep rally to go along with the football games and a parade.

Heppner beat Pilot Rock 20-8 to hold on to the conference lead. Ione beat Arlington 52-34 and Wasco County beat Riverside 44-13.

Wind energy making a comeback in Oregon

Wind energy, an almost forgotten resource, is making a comeback in Oregon.

Until recently, few homeowners had taken advantage of Oregon's incentive program which offers a state income tax credit of 25 per cent—up to \$1,000—of the cost of a wind system. Since May, however, fifteen Oregon wind systems have been certified for tax credits by the Oregon Department of Energy.

Homeowners can also take advantage of a federal income tax credit which offers 30 per cent of the first \$2,000 and 20 per cent of the next \$8,000 spent on an alternate energy

system. "Oregon has good wind resources, but Oregonians in the past have not really considered wind as a source of energy," said David Philbrick, supervisor of the Renewable Resource Section for the department.

Philbrick said many homeowners are attracted by a new agreement that is possible between homeowners who install wind systems and several state electric utility companies. Customers of these utilities can receive credit on their utility bills for any excess electricity they generate.

Improving the Schools

With concern expressed that Oregon high school students are not learning enough of history, nor of geography and economics, the State Board of Education was to meet this month to do something about it—namely to stiffen the present graduation requirements.

The board would add to the number of credit hours required in United States and world history courses for a student to receive his diploma.

The Oregon Historical Society News recently commented on that. It said that it was surprising that very few departments in four-year colleges require their majors to take history courses. It pointed out that "the modern, unhistorical or antihistorical attitude is unique in the history of civilized man as a widespread social phenomenon."

In any case, the revised standards for high school graduation are to cover not only history but courses in personal economics, mathematics and science. The state board recently adopted the recommendation of State School Supt. Verne A. Duncan for one year's instruction in written composition.

Some local school systems, it can be pointed out, have more than exceeded the state requirements for the issuance of diplomas.

The ability to communicate through the written and spoken word is perhaps a young person's most valuable asset. One often hears appalling slips of grammar and sees atrocious examples of spelling. These may reflect a cultural upbringing as much as school instruction.

In the television and stereophonic age, the aural senses may draw a greater response than the visual, which would encourage reading.

However, let's applaud the state board for trying to improve the curriculum of Oregon high schools.

A Good Place to Shop

Heppner merchants will hold a Halloween moonlight sale this Friday night, Oct. 26, from 7 to 9 p.m.

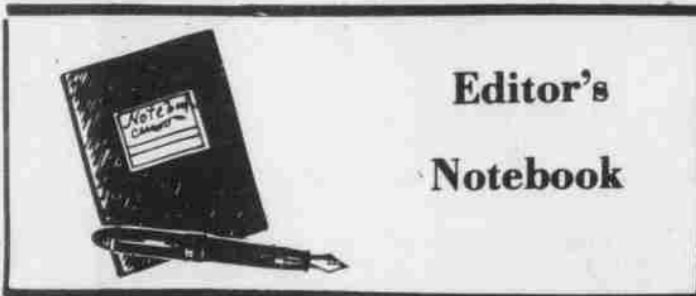
It will be a fun time to shop—with store owners and their help donning costumes as witches or goblins, and high school girls dispensing hot apple cider. The event, of course, is intended to draw the public's attention to the availability of merchandise in their own home town.

The Halloween sale is under the sponsorship of the Retail Merchants Committee of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce. The group has done much preparatory work to make the sale a success.

Junior high school children have designed posters to publicize the event. These will be placed in store windows to let people know they should visit downtown Heppner that night.

Sales people are to be in costume in keeping with the Halloween theme. Shoppers may vote on the costumes they think are best and the winners are to be hosted to a restaurant dinner by the Chamber of Commerce.

The occasion will be lighthearted and entertaining. The serious reminder, however, is that Heppner is and will continue to be a good place to shop.



Editor's Notebook

Once upon a time, jobs taking the United States Census—every ten years—were political plums. It depended on which party controlled the national government who got to be the enumerators.

Well, "the times they are a changin'." Now, anyone may apply to the Oregon Job Service office (in Hermiston) for the first Morrow County census job, which would involve both using the telephone and a car to go calling on people. (See the "Help Wanted" ad in this issue of the Heppner Gazette-Times.)

According to a story by Watford Reed, in the Oregon Journal, of Portland, letter carriers will distribute census forms west of the Cascades, then they are to be mailed back by April 1.

In eastern Oregon (or "east of the crest of the Cascades") householder will receive the forms in the mail but must hold them until a census taker picks them up.

Kelly Fitzgerald of Seattle, public information coordinator for the Census Bureau, was quoted as saying the mail would be used in areas where there are "excellent address lists." Evidently these haven't been developed for this part of the state.

The census is expected to count 222 million people in the United States. There will be about 225,000 workers in the census nationally. "Uncle Sam would have to hire about three times as many if all the information were gathered by door-to-door callers," Ms. Fitzgerald said.

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Gold hunter travels the road

For Leon Creel of Milton-Freewater, the road to success is paved with gold. He travels the country buying gold and silver in the form of old jewelry, watches, rings, and coins. He has lived in Milton-Freewater for 17 years. He is on the road three to five weeks at a time, staying in the larger cities of the country buying, for "Immediate Cash!", people's keepsakes for his company, Michael A. Graham & Associates, Inc. of Woodland Hills, Calif. The current price for gold ranges around \$379 an ounce and for silver, \$15.80, varying from day to day.

Creel told the Valley Herald of Milton-Freewater recently that it's hard to predict the gold craze from day to day but people bring him gold and silver because they need cash. "And they need it right now."

Daryl Wallace of Independence, Ore., works in a world of silence. He is the proprietor of a shoe repair service, trained in his trade by Jim's Shoe Service of Salem which is funded by the Oregon State School for the Deaf.

He communicates with his customers, the Independence Sun-Enterprise says, by reading people's lips, using gestures, and writing on paper. Repairing shoes has given him an independence not enjoyed by many handicapped people, he feels.

In an interview given through an interpreter, he said inflation has been a worry. "People are always complaining about my prices, but what am I to do?" He said also some people, especially those who enter the shop for the first time without knowing he is deaf, are nervous and leave without writing a word or getting what they came for.

William O. Douglas, Jr., professional actor and mime, is teaching his art to fifth and sixth graders in Canby, Ore., using as his studio the old Ladd Hill Grange Hall. His efforts are being funded by the Clackamas County "Artists in the Schools" program, according to the Canby Herald.

Douglas, 47, said he grew up in an academic atmosphere. He is a graduate of Whitman College. After serving in the Army, he did post-graduate work at the Sorbonne and the University of Grenoble, where he earned a master's degree in comparative literature. His true love has been the theater, and in Paris he studied under Etienne Decroux, known as the "Father of Modern Mime," and Marcel Marceau.

Eventually Douglas returned to the United States, performing in night clubs and the stage and television. He has been in Portland for a few years.

Does the name sound familiar? He is the son of the retired Supreme Court justice.

Letters From Readers

Lowest type of people are dog poisoners

Editor:
I shall truly miss my faithful and worthy canine friend, Herman Rickert, who died in such a despicable way from the evil, cruel hands of a poisoner.

In my estimation two of the lowest, vicious and most irresponsible people are the ones who do the horrendous deed of poisoning their neighbor's dogs and dumping their unwanted puppies on the highway at the mercy of traffic and the elements, with no food or water. Why don't people have gumption enough to have their animals spayed and neutered rather than allow this indiscriminate breeding, and then expect someone else to assume their responsibilities of caring for and raising them?

In the last few weeks a buff-colored shepherd type pup and two poodles have been dumped at my place.

This time of year people need to be reminded that their dogs need an adequate dog house to protect them from the

cold winter weather. Chained dogs without exercise get cold just like people would. They have feelings the same as we do. Please treat your dog like you would want to be treated. I wonder how many people would like to trade places with their dog? I would encourage dog owners to make house pets out of their dogs. This way the animal owners get much more companionship, guardianship and better relationship with their dog.

In winter, outside dog's water should be checked several times daily in case of freezing. (My dogs drink water day and night.) Water should be available for them at all times.

A committed Christian who knows what his religion is about, will do his utmost to put a stop to any kind of cruelty to any animal. A Christian who participates in or gives consent to cruelty to animals had better re-examine his religion or else drop the name Christian. The protection of animals is a human duty. Not only an affair of a devoted and kind people but a thing of our conscience. May God bless the helpless creatures.

Lois Winchester,
Heppner.

PTA lauded by Gov. Atiyeh

Editor:
A good education requires a cooperative effort between parents, teachers and students. For many years the Oregon Congress of Parents, Teachers and Students has been a unifying force, bringing together these necessary elements for the educational benefit of Oregon children.

The PTA is the largest single volunteer group whose only purpose is to see that quality education is provided for all Oregon children. The PTA believes that open discussion of educational issues between parents and educators is the best method for avoiding conflicts and preserving the high standard of education in Oregon.

Therefore, as Governor, I hereby proclaim October 1979 to be PTA Month in Oregon and urge all Oregonians to explore the benefits available to them and their children through active participation in the PTA.

Vic Atiyeh
Governor of Oregon

Historical Society says 'thank you'

Editor:
The Morrow County Historical Society wishes to thank those who helped make the annual meeting a success. The quilt display was most interesting and beautiful—the music furnished greatly enjoyed. Our special "thanks" goes to the Heppner school volunteer group who did such a fine job—Sonja Biddle, Ella Mae Green, Dianne Samples, Vicki Smith, Susan Johnson, Steve Gross and John Campbell a last year graduate, pianist Jo Jean Stevens and director Kitty Coon, and Mrs. Smouse and Mrs. Marquardt and Bob Stevens. A former Morrow County teacher Joe Feathers and wife Betty who took time to speak to us. These meetings are greatly enjoyed and it is a time for meeting old friends. Thanks Again Everyone!

Morrow County
Historical Society

Conservation in wood use seen priority

The United States must learn to conserve wood, rather than increase timber production, if there is to be enough wood to meet society's future needs, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture M. Rupert Cutler said recently.

"Today's natural resources are becoming scarcer and more difficult and costly to extract," Cutler said. "Now and in the future it may well be cheaper to conserve than to produce additional resources. We must restructure our policies to address these new realities."

"We must deliberately seek to hold down the rise in demand for raw timber by meeting consumer demand more efficiently," he said. "We can do this by increasing the recovery of wood fiber in high-value products, by improving the efficiency in using wood products for construction and other purposes, and by developing wood fiber recycling systems to reduce our reliance on new wood fiber," he said.

Cutler said ways to improve efficiency include:

- Using experimental truss-frame house designs that could save a billion board feet of lumber a year;
- Using smaller pieces of lumber to make wide-width and long lumber could save another billion board feet per year; and
- Making stronger papers from lower quality pulps.

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