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Upgrade Highway 74!

If roads are your concern, by all means attend the Oregon Department of Transportation hearing to be held in Hermiston Nov. 27.

There is concern in Morrow County over the condition of Highway 74, which is narrow, pot-holed and dangerous with heavy truck traffic. When the state determines the priorities for the next six-year program, this route through Cecil, Ione and Lexington should rank near the top.

Morrow County Commissioner Dorothy Krebs said the county will be represented at the hearing, to be held in the Recreation Center in Hermiston, starting at 7:30 p.m., on the fourth Tuesday in November. She has urged that regular users of the road attend the hearing as well.

Morrow County, in many people's minds, is off the beaten travel paths. Certainly, the southern end of the county lacks the freeways and expressways that traverse the busy corridor extending from Pendleton through Hermiston and Umatilla to Irrigon, Boardman, Arlington and the west. Perhaps that thought should be amended to say we certainly are on the "beaten" path—it's too well beaten.

Because of weather conditions, logging traffic, deferred maintenance, or other reasons many routes in the county are hazardous for the motorists.

So, if you want better roads, speak up in Hermiston on Nov. 27.

It's a Contest

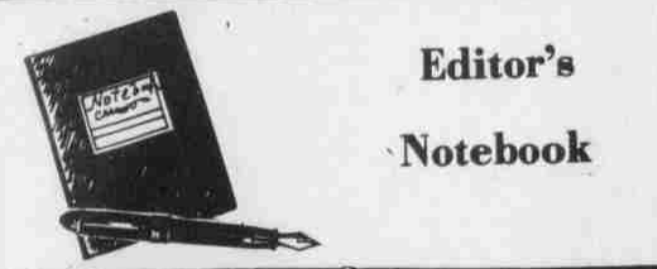
Is the fly season over in eastern Oregon? It would seem so—for the fly swatter in the office hasn't been used for some time. As newcomers to this region, we are wondering now if we shall be spared the annoying buzz of these pests until spring.

We've developed an adept hand and wrist in combatting the flies. It's a sport to see how many we can eliminate. Whenever the office door opens—in the summer months—an additional few invade our precincts.

Not long ago in a Hermiston motel, we noticed the manager using a different kind of fly catcher. It was a clear plastic pan on a handle. The inner surface of the pan was covered with a sticky adhesive. The motel manager would spot a fly on the plate glass window and trap it before the pest could buzz off. Soon the fly would be stuck, along with dozens of others. When the pan was full, it could be discarded and a fresh one attached to the handle.

The system the motel manager was using eliminated some of the contest that a swatter involves but at least seemed somewhat cleaner than old-fashioned fly paper.

Flies, by walking on contaminated objects and, in turn, people's food, can spread disease. But what is their place in the natural scheme of things? Perhaps someone could tell us.



Editor's Notebook

If you want to hear good news, dial the Farmers' Newsline on a toll-free number, 1-800-424-7964.

We tried it the other night and heard optimistic reports on corn, soybean and sorghum grain production, up overall by 3 percent from 1978's crop.

The reports are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They change daily at 4 p.m.

The reports are given by a professionally trained voice, in this case identified as "Kent Miller of the Department of Agriculture in Washington."

Perhaps it's not equal to dial-a-prayer but at least it's a diversion.

People from all over North America converged on Carson City, Nev., last week just

to whistle. They were entrants in the World's Second International Whistle-Off.

Some whistled while smoking cigars, or while dancing, or to bagpipe music. Sally Cohn, now of Portland, whistled with her fingers. On her return home from the whistle-off, she was interviewed on Channel 8—and Irene Anhorn of Heppner heard the show.

"Where did you start whistling?" Sally Cohn was asked, and she replied, "Oh, when I was in Heppner High."

Mrs. Anhorn recalled that Sally Cohn was Harold Cohn's daughter and graduated from the local high school about 1945. Her brother, Phil, also attended Heppner High.

"A patronizing disposition always has its meaner side." Eliot

Sifting through the TIMES

1929
Fifty years ago Morrow County received \$7,620.27 in state highway funds to work on its roads. Concentration was made on the road from Heppner to Spray. The total state highway fund was \$548,552.82.

Experimental work was being done on a new spray to control the growth of weeds and the county agent, Charles W. Smith, said it could help farmers a great deal.

Dry weather continued in the county and it was causing an extra molt in many poultry flocks.

The district convention for the Order of Eastern Star met in Ione.

The Lexington Lodge of Oddfellows was given a new lodge hall when Mrs. E.D. McMillan donated the Leach Bros. store to the organization. Her former husband, was the principal owner of the store, had been a lodge member before he passed away.

The Heppner Lions Club met and decided to send a letter to the state highway commission saying more money was needed to improve the Heppner to Spray road.

Heppner High School beat Lexington in a football game 13-0 and the team continued its efforts to win the Upper Columbia Athletic Association football pennant.

Armistice Day was going to be celebrated by all the patriotic citizens with a football game against Hermiston and a dance.

Ione beat a light and scrappy football team from Fossil 42-0.

An ad from the Heppner Planing Mill and Lumber Yard said: "Will you be one of the unfortunates to awake tomorrow morning after Halloween and find your gate missing and the pickets knocked off your fence? We sympathize with you, but there is only one thing to do about it—order the lumber you need to make the needed repairs. Of course, we have it! Sudden services at reasonable prices too!"

1954
Twenty-five years ago elections were in the news as local voters turned out to support their favorite candidates. Morrow County voters seemed to differ in opinion compared to the rest of the state. In the senatorial race between Rich-

ard Neuberger and Guy Cordon, Cordon beat Neuberger in Morrow but Neuberger was the overall winner.

About 53 percent of the registered voters voted in the election.

The closest race was between Democrat Bruce Lindsay and Republican Harold Becket. Lindsay won by 31 votes, 788-757, to obtain the seat of county clerk.

Republican Charles Allen Tom easily defeated Mrs. Gladys M. Zell to retain the 2nd district state representative seat.

Alan Case won the only contested city council seat 261-222 over Jack Bailey.

Mrs. Mary Van Stevens became Heppner's first woman mayor as she ran unopposed and collected 406 votes.

The Heppner Library Board met and elected Mrs. James Thompson, president; Mrs. Marie Clary, vice-president; Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Ted Smith, librarian; and Mrs. Ted Smith, Mrs. Harold Becket and J.O. Turner, trustees.

About 125 young people gathered on Halloween night

to participate in the hayride which was being sponsored by the Soroptimist Club and the Lions Club in Heppner. Skits were given by all the classes and the seventh graders won the first place prize of \$7.50. The sophomore class was second with \$5 and the senior class third for \$2.50.

1974
Five years ago a 'Rap Session' was held at the Heppner elementary school and students, law enforcement officers, attorneys and members of the council on drug abuse from Umatilla and Morrow counties were present.

Approximately \$10,000 worth of heavy equipment had been sabotaged. The construction R.A. Chambers and Associates contractors who were working on the Valley View Estates. Persons had put sugar into the crankcases of two large caterpillar tractors, two backhoes and a forklift.

Terry Hirni was named to be the new mental health director.

Jim Ployhar and Jeannine Hammons were starring in the Heppner High School play "The Ten Little Indians."

69 pints of blood given on campus
Sixty-nine pints of blood were given at the blood drawing held on the Blue Mountain Community College campus, Oct. 23. The drawing was sponsored by the Associated Student Body at the college.

Business Directory

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

Salem Scene

Caution urged in shoplifting law

By Jack Zimmerman
Why would a statewide organization of retailers work diligently for enactment of an anti-shoplifting law and then caution merchants about using the new statute?

That appears the position of the Oregon Retail Council division of Associated Oregon Industries regarding Senate Bill 893, which provides civil procedures against shoplifters.

Introduced at the request of ORC, the bill passed during the 1979 regular session of the Oregon Legislature in Salem and became effective Oct. 3. But ORC representatives now are urging retail merchants to think twice before utilizing what has been described as an effective weapon in the fight against an increasingly significant crime.

Law Adequate
"Our attitude has nothing whatsoever to do with adequacy of the law itself," answers Otto J. Wilson, ORC director. "The law contains precisely the provision we sought during the legislative session. It is not flawed in any way that we are aware."

"We just want to make certain merchants in particular fully understand proper procedure for its use before they take advantage of its provisions."

Wilson went on to explain a statewide educational program for store owners and operators has been under way for nearly two months and likely will continue for many months to come. "Our education program—conducted in cooperation with Chambers of Com-

merce throughout Oregon—was a basic part of our presentation to the Legislature," he explained. "Although not a part of the bill, a thorough education of those eligible to utilize the statute is essential to its successful application in our state."

May Seek Damages
The law, patterned largely after a similar two-year-old statute in the State of Washington, permits retail victims of shoplifters to seek damages and penalties from shoplifters.

"The new law is not a substitute for criminal prosecution," Wilson detailed. "The criminal law still exists and remains another weapon against shoplifting."

The reason for seeking the new civil law, he said, is because for many valid reasons the criminal procedure was insufficiently effective by itself. Experience in as many as eight other states led ORC and a majority of Oregon lawmakers to agree the new civil procedure is necessary if the crime that costs Oregonians as much as \$80 million a year is to be controlled.

"Many people don't comprehend the difference between criminal and civil legal procedures," Wilson said, "and that is the first hurdle we must overcome in educating merchants."

Apprehension First
For instance, merchants must still apprehend shoplifters, call police to make an arrest and make charges against the individuals involved.

"This much of the process is identical whether

criminal or civil procedures are involved," Wilson continued.

Once these steps have been properly completed, criminal proceedings are brought by local prosecuting authorities. As often as not however, local authorities have been reluctant to prosecute. The reasons may range from the size of the theft involved, overcrowded court dockets, the volume of more serious crimes against persons and so on.

"In other words," said Wilson, "existing criminal statutes haven't provided the certainty of punishment so important if the crime of shoplifting is to be discouraged."

Appropriate Consequences
The new civil procedure—properly utilized—can provide the certainty that appropriate consequences await those who steal from stores.

It permits merchants to send a demand letter to a shoplifter asking payment of actual damages, a penalty equal to the retail value of the goods in question and an additional penalty of not less than \$100 or more than \$250. Amounts of damages and the initial penalty may vary in every case, according to Wilson, depending on the cost of the merchandise, whether it is recovered, age of the shoplifter and other circumstances.

If a merchant receives no response from the demand letter, he sends a second. And if that request also is ignored, the shoplifter can be taken to small claims court.

"Major reason for enacting this new civil procedure," Wilson said, "is to prevent crime. It is not meant to be used to harass the innocent or to alienate anyone. "And it must be used properly to achieve proper results."

Letters From Readers

Grocery coupon outdated

Editor: Please be a lot more careful about checking the dates in the advertisements you run. Last week's paper, dated Oct. 25, carried a large ad for grocery specials in Hermiston. At the top it states "Prices effective We., Oct. 24 thru Tues., Oct. 30," but the one item I was most anxious

to buy, a coupon sugar offer, says in small print "good only on Oct. 24"—which made me sad because I didn't read it until the afternoon of Oct. 25—and couldn't get into Hermiston immediately, anyway.

Sincerely, Ida Farra, Heppner.

11 million crimes cited during '78 in FBI report

More than 11 million Crime Index offenses were reported to law enforcement agencies in 1978, two percent more than in 1977 and nine percent higher than in 1974. Attorney General Benjamin R. Civiletti announced recently.

The 1978 total represents an average of 5,109 offenses per each 100,000 persons residing in the United States, according to the statistics compiled

by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The violent crimes of murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault, which collectively represented 10 percent of the total volume of Index offenses, increased five percent. The more voluminous property crimes of burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft were up two percent.