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## Stray Dogs

Man's best friend in a place like Heppner can often become a public enemy—and the police can do little about it.

The situation is one of at least 30 years' standing, according to Police Chief Dean Gilman. Referring to the power of any local municipality to pass laws for public health and safety, he said these do little good in controlling stray dogs unless there is a place to impound the animals. The state code, which supersedes city ordinances, demands that dog pounds meet certain sanitary standards and have a person in attendance to feed and water the animals, to vaccinate them and dispose of the unwanted animals in a humane way. To build an accommodation for animal control in Heppner would add to the local tax burden, although Chief Gilman had no specific figure to quote.

In an informal interview recently, the police chief used the term "30 years" in a loose sense. The state law regarding animal control may have been passed that many years ago. Before that time, animals caught as strays might simply have been put into an enclosure without proper care, and their disposal would have been unregulated except by whatever local standards prevailed.

To be truthful, a great many dogs, some of them apparently strays, do roam Heppner's streets. If they belong to anyone, they are not on a leash.

If such dogs are to be picked up, the police chief feels, there should be a place to put them. Of course neither Heppner nor any other city in Morrow County has a pound.

The solution might lie in a cooperative effort by the county's five incorporated cities—Heppner, Lexington, Ione, Boardman and Irrigon—in establishing a pound at a central location and hiring an animal control officer to attack the problem.

Together, the five cities might be able to afford a proper facility that would represent true friendship between man and beast.

## The Money Market

Uncle Sam is trying to make some windfall profits of sorts by marketing its collection of silver cartwheels minted at Carson City, Nev. from 1878 through 1893. There is a demand for these historic silver dollars. Too bad there isn't the same demand for the current \$1 coin that seems as rare as those dollars minted in the great silver mining era of the 19th Century.

Recently, from a casual inquiry of a teller at a Heppner bank, the fact was established that the bank is stocked with the Susan B. Anthony dollar—but there is little call for it. Merchants don't request a supply of the dollar coins, for cash register drawers don't have a slot for them. For customers generally, paper money seems more convenient to carry.

The Susan B. Anthony dollar is so little in circulation, that the Treasury Department recently announced an advertising campaign to "sell" the public on its use. The coins last several years longer than paper money, hence the replacement costs would be less in the long run.

As for the Carson City dollars, their silver content alone makes them more valuable than they ever were as a conventional medium of exchange. They weigh 412.5 grains apiece and contain 90 percent silver. Although the market price for silver fluctuates daily, when silver sells for \$12 per troy ounce, the silver content of the coin is worth about \$9.27.

The current \$1 coin may not be popular because of its smaller size—it could be confused with the quarter—and it is composed of lesser metals than silver. Besides, how could it be flashed in a money clip—like a wad of bills?

## Sifting through the TIMES

1929

Fifty years ago Heppner School Superintendent James M. Burgess announced his resignation so he could become the new assistant state superintendent for schools. He was known statewide for his accomplishments.

The Baldy Strang's Sun Set Artists were coming to Heppner for a concert. They were a vocalist and instrumentalist group.

The Heppner to Spray road was half completed but a lot more money was going to be spent. The road was finished from Heppner to Rhea Creek, a total of 16 miles. To grade and surface the rest of the road, it was going to cost almost \$400,000. Almost \$365,000 had already been spent.

Lexington was having a big carnival and dance at the school. The Heppner Black Cats performed.

Turkeys were on sale for 32 cents a pound for toms and 30 cents a pound for hens.

Dr. A.H. Johnston, after being a doctor for six years in Heppner, announced he was leaving to open a practice in San Diego. Before opening his practice there, he planned to go to Minnesota to attend a school to keep up to date on the modern practices.

A contracting company from Walla Walla had the low bid to begin drilling a well for the city of Heppner. Their price was \$10 a foot for the first 300 feet and a dollar a foot more for each additional foot. The well was to be drilled on land obtained from Frank Wilkinson.

Gordons, a store in Heppner, was having a dollar day sale to open the holiday season. Shaving sets, baby

books, brooms, compacts and records all were only \$1.

The Star Theatre in Heppner had the movie attractions "Charming Sinners," "They Had to See Paris," "The Lady Lies" and "Frozen Justice." Coming next week was "Simba," the most talked about presentation of African jungle life ever made.

1954

Twenty-five years ago Mrs. James Lindsay was elected master of the Willows Grange.

The Wilson's Men's Wear store had the popular Samsonte luggage for sale as Christmas gifts.

Farley Motor Company in Heppner advertised the 1955 Buick Even back then when gas was less than 30 cents a gallon, the more miles per

gallon sales pitch was a popular sales tool. The new Buick averaged 4.8 miles more per gallon than the Buicks six years before with the same size engine.

Heppner High School had a section in the paper for news and in it, Barbara Prock wrote that the "H" on the hill was going to be made into concrete with the construction planned for Nov. 28. The sophomores class had a successful dance called the "Twirl Twirl."

Case Furniture Co. was showing off its new aluminum Zenith freezer-refrigerator.

The paper for the week was only four pages long so the workers could take some time off for Thanksgiving.

1974

Five years ago the problem of busing kindergarten children in the Boardman area was a major problem confronted by the school board. Don McElligott opposed the school board plan to charge the parents of the 11 students 25 cents per mile per day to take the children from Irrigon to Boardman.

Two doctors were coming to Heppner to see if they would be interested in setting up a practice. Gary Harper, from Little Rock, Ark., and Dr. John Green, from Albuquerque, N.M. were planning to come to town.

Bill Rietmann won \$35 from the Gazette-Times for guessing the mystery person, Sam Miller.

Lahekin Fire, a three-year-old mare belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beamer of Heppner, won first place in the Oregon Cow Cutting Horse Association's Futurity. Bob Mote was its rider.

Avelonio Padilla Gomez, a Boardman migrant worker, was charged with first degree

murder in the court of Charles O'Conner, justice of the peace, for the fatal stabbing of Vicente Sayatte Ortiz. Gomez, who speaks no English, was going to have a court-appointed attorney. Four illegal aliens were being held as material witnesses.

The Soroptimist "Turkey Hop" was being planned for Nov. 30. The music for the dance was to be provided by Jim Ackley, pianist and vocalist, and Matt Greenup, drummer. The duo featured soft and medium pop selections.

The paper featured a section for businesses to write their own stories about their stores as a news-ad story.

Heppner lost in the first round of the state playoffs to Pine-Eagle 19-7.

Four Heppner football players were selected to the league's all-star team. On the offensive team were John Kilkenny, Mike Mills, Jerry Gentry and Wade Padberg while Padberg and Kilkenny were also chosen on the defensive first team.

## Taxes paid for older citizens

The Oregon Department of Revenue paid 18 counties \$2.3 million on behalf of older Oregonians who are deferring their property taxes. Morrow County was not one of the counties.

Under the state's deferral program, homeowners age 62 and over can defer their taxes. The taxes, plus six percent interest, are due when the home is sold or earns more than \$1,800 a year in income. The taxes can be repaid sooner, however.

## 'Thank You, Heppner for hospitality'

Dear Faculty, Student Body, and Boosters:

The Lost River Booster Club would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your hospitality and friendly courtesy extended to our football team and rooters during last Saturday's game with your excellent football team. It is this type of attitude which creates the good feeling which should be obtained in high school athletics. The refreshments were delicious and appreciated by all the Lost River rooters who attended the game from our school.

Good luck to your football team in its endeavor to obtain the Oregon State Football Championship.

Yours truly,  
Bill Beasley, President  
Lost River Booster Club

## LETTERS... FROM OUR READERS

### 'Democratic platform caters to Marxists'

Editor:

I hereby resign as Foreign Policy Chairman of the Platform and Resolutions Committee for the state Democratic Party of Oregon. I accepted the job with the hope that I could add some degree of rational thinking in matters of America's security and interests. I know now that this is presently impossible as the Platform Committee has already met in my absence to write the first draft of the 1980 platform which caters almost exclusively to Marxist interests in this country and abroad. I will not lend my

name to this treason.

I have watched in awe as elements in both of our major political parties have worked to strip America of her ability for a reasonable defense, attacked our socio-economic structure via power shut-downs and alleged consumerism-conservation groups, taken our rights to property in the name of Land Use Planning, have almost broken the American Family with pro-dope, abortion, and liberal school policies, have given American interests to Marxist dictators in Central and South America, Africa, Asia, the

Mideast and the Carribean.

Now our leadership stands sniveling and apparently paralyzed as armed Marxists march in the Carolinas, slaughter and kidnap Americans around the world, hold our diplomats hostage in Iran and slowly starve the gentle people of Cambodia into oblivion.

I have given up hope that the forces running our governments and legislatures were somehow working in America's interests and going the extra mile in hopes of world peace. I can come to no other conclusion except that pro

Marxist elements have slowly infiltrated our governmental agencies and legislatures and that until the working class and Christian people can become interested enough to take back their government, they would be prudent to store plenty of non perishable food and arm themselves to survive the chaos that will surely follow.

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### 'People uninformed of federal regionalism dangers'

Editor:

Here is an editorial that appeared in the July issue of the California Mining Journal entitled "Shootout With Regionalism."

In a confrontation covering several months the good guys and the bad guys have been staging a face-out on regionalism, and while the ammunition consisted of testimony exchanged by contestants (rather than bullets), the heat was on and the aim deadly.

The motivating force for the battle stemmed from a blue-ribbon committee of twelve Illinois Senators and Representatives appointed as a result of Illinois House Joint Resolution No. 8. This committee was charged with conducting a comprehensive investigation on "regionalism" and delivering a report of their findings to the legislature. The report has now been delivered—and it's dynamite.

Ask the average citizen what regionalism is and you'll get either a blank stare or an "I don't know." This does not necessarily denote ignorance

They have been very carefully "un-informed."

How can this be? Simple. In 1969, then-President Richard Nixon quietly and without fanfare, by means of a mere executive order, divided the United States into 10 regions, each comprised of two or more states. Each region has a "capitol" and is administered by appointed (not elected) officials who wield tremendous power through their control of federal handouts.

No citizen or state government had a vote or a voice in the formation of these regions.

One lone man simply said, "Let there be 10 regions," and there they were—all neatly staffed and financed with taxpayer funds and ready to carry out all federal plans and edicts. That, my friends, is regionalism.

During the prolonged investigation, the committee learned that federal programs using the regional approach to administration, planning and development, have proliferated from only a few to some 2,000 sub-state organizations. Testimony from irrefutable sources revealed that the

federal government "undoubtedly" has been the "main force" in the establishment of these offices and agencies.

The committee concluded there is substantial evidence which indicates the federal government, by promoting regional planning agencies, is encroaching upon the traditional rights, powers and duties of state-elected legislators and all units of local government.

Far from being accidental, this encroachment has been the result of deliberate federal policy to enforce federal rules and regulations on the states in return for federal funds. There really is no free lunch.

While the committee is by no means averse to cooperation among diverse state governments in activities which enhance the goals of these governments, it vehemently condemns regional agencies headed by appointed directors who are not accountable to elected legislators or the public.

## We invite letters !

The Heppner Gazette-Times invites letters for publication. They should concern matters of general interest. They must be non-libelous in nature and in good taste. Preferably, letters should be typed, double-spaced, on one side of the sheet of paper only. Letters of diverse viewpoints may be published and their appearance in these columns does not necessarily reflect the opinions of this newspaper.

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**This migratory bird swims**  
Unlike other migratory birds, the penguin does not migrate by flying to new destinations each fall and spring. The penguin swims. It is the only bird that travels that way, the National Geographic Society reports.

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