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How's Our Economy ?

Housing starts and the real estate market have been badly affected by the high cost of borrowing money.

A Portland newspaper reported recently that a lending institution there had laid off 40 loan officers. They had handled mainly consumer loan applications. An executive said the money wasn't available for borrowers, and the loan officers were sitting at their desks with nothing to do. In a similar indication of current economic trends, a real estate firm has closed several of its branch offices in the suburbs of Portland.

The rippling effects spread out. In some parts of the Pacific Northwest, lumber mills have curtailed production or shut down altogether.

Sometimes, one wonder how industries and businesses are faring in Morrow County where Kinzua Corporation's sawmill and plywood plant represent an economic mainstay.

As a privately held corporation, it doesn't report on production, an executive said. However, its output is sold widely throughout the United States.

However, the community can take comfort in listening to the life-rhythm of industry here—the regular traffic of logging trucks through the town on their way to the Kinzua Mill, where their loads are cold-decked for eventual processing into lumber.

The traffic starts as early as 6 a.m. and proceeds all day. Whenever a person steps into a Main Street crosswalk, he usually must wait for the passing of a logging truck. The giant tree trunks, trimmed of branches, stacked three or four high, now are slightly snow covered as they take the journey from stands in the Umatilla National Forest or from Kinzua's own tree farms to the mill yard.

As long as the logging-truck traffic continues, the woes of the money market seem far removed—at least to a casual observer in Heppner.

Editor's Notebook

Newspapers frequently receive classified advertising insertions that offer terrific job opportunities for those that respond. One came recently with the heading, "Earn $1,000 weekly!" It purported to provide applicants information about jobs on the "Alaskan-Canadian Gas Pipeline." Persons were to write to an address in California.

So far as we are aware, the pipeline that may eventually carry natural gas from Alaska's Prudhoe Bay through Canada to the American Midwest and the Pacific Coast is still something of a dream.

While a consortium of companies does have plans to construct a pipeline, the financing is yet to be arranged and the award of contracts would be months—if not years—in the future.

We sent a copy of the ad that came to our place to Gov. Jay S. Hammond of Alaska. Last week we received a reply from Edmund S. Orbeck, Alaska's commissioner of labor. He says: "We have made a continued effort to inform people in the lower 48 states that these job ads are nothing more than a rip-off...Mr. Q__'s firm will be visited by the postal inspector in the very near future."

The State of Alaska has fought such advertising, through whatever legal and persuasive means it can, because for years people looking for high-paying construction jobs have landed in Alaska without the means to support themselves. The jobs they sought either were non-existent or the hiring was being done through local unions. The newcomers, then, became a burden on the Alaskan relief rolls.

So the moral is that advertising offering high-paying employment in Alaska, Australia or other distant parts of the world may well contain the elements of fraud.

It is rather startling to be awakened at 1:30 in the morning by a telephone call but this one was appreciated—it was the Morrow County Sheriff's Office letting us know that one of the doors at the Heppner Gazette-Times had been found unlocked.

One of the duties of the Heppner police patrol at nighttime, is to check the doors of business establishments. Sometimes, carelessly, they have not been secured. There is always the danger there might be a burglary in the making. An unlocked door is like an unlocked car—an invitation to trouble.

In any case, our thanks to the Heppner Police and the sheriff's dispatcher for keeping safe watch over the community.

Sifting through the TIMES

1929

Fifty years ago Morrow County Schools had more pupils than ever before. Enrollment in the elementary schools was the largest as it jumped 29 percent more than the year before from 612 to 792. The high school enrollment only jumped two percent from 272 to 278.

Heppner residents were pushing for better roads as the Lions Club was still pulling for more improvements in the Heppner-Spray road. The road from Heppner to Pilot Rock was also in the news as 13 Heppner businessmen attended a meeting in Pilot Rock to show their interest in improving the road. A joint resolution was passed and was to be presented to the state highway commission urging the resurfacing and oiling of 13 miles of the highway between the two cities.

The Elks Club had its memorial services in honor of the departed comrades of the organization.

Dean Goodman and R.L. Benge had trouble when they returned from Portland along the Columbia River highway. Frost and a thin coating of ice made driving conditions slippery and Goodman's car went off the road onto a fill and Benge's car skidded and turnred around the opposite direction facing oncoming traffic. Neither driver was hurt.

"What Anne Brought Home" was the name of the comedy-drama play that was being put on by local residents. The main theme of the play was that Dudley, Anne's husband, had a hard time proving to everyone that his fish farm was not a foolish idea.

1954

Twenty-five years ago two new X-ray units were given to the Pioneer Memorial Hospital by Laxton McMurray. Administrator Jack Angell said it was as good as any equipment in the state. McMurray was a former Ione rancher who had moved to Salem. Each machine cost $3,000.

The county school census showed a slight drop in attendance at most of the county schools. Heppner was down five students to 617, Boardman had the largest loss as the school lost 10 students from the previous year and had 157, and Ione had the largest gain up 17 to 202 students. The total was 1,376 compared to 1,420 the year before.

The county courts made an offer for the county to purchase the Paterson Ferry that ran between Irrigon and Boardman but the offer wa refused. The owners wanted to retire and get out of the business. A bonding company tentatively said it would okay the offer but it changed its mind. Instead the company wanted to buy the ferry and retire it so the people would have to use the Umatilla Bridge that was being built. Residents in the county wanted to keep the ferry operating so the county was trying to buy it for $200,000.

The Lundell family in Ione held a family reunion and 72 people attended.

1974

Five years ago the 25th annual Farm-City Luncheon was held at the Elks Club with Republican State Representative Stafford Hansell the main speaker.

Delpha Jones was named the acting chairman of the newly formed Morrow County Historical Society.

Dr. Stan Bezek came to Heppner from Denver to see if he wanted to start a practice here. He said he was "impressed" but that he would not start a practice unless another doctor came to Heppner too.

The Heppner Common Council discussed the possibility of having parallel parking on Main Street but the issue died on the floor when no one made a motion to vote on it. The main opposition came from the merchants who said parallel parking would cut the number of spaces down by one-half. Police Chief Dean Gilman said the parking should be changed because the present conditions are dangerous. Mayor Jerry Sweeney said "Many of the people in Heppner are not used to walking a block to the store."

The Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce nominated Harold Kerr, Don Cole, Ray Boyce and Marshall Lovgren to serve two-year terms as the board of directors.

The President Listens

The White House does pay attention to its mail, as the following letter indicates. It is the government's acknowledgment of a "public opinion" wire sent by the Heppner Gazette-Times's owners to the White House expressing their support, "as neither Democrats nor Republicans," of President Jimmy Carter in the Iranian crisis.

The White House receives tens of thousands of letters and telegrams, particularly in times of trouble. It is interesting to note that they are sorted out, and answers prepared and sent. Incidentally, if one's thought can be expressed in 15 words or less, Western Union's "public opinion" service is a quick and economic way of placing one's views before the President or any other public servant.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

November 21, 1979

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Sheldon
165 West Willow Street
Heppner, Oregon 97836

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon:

Thank you for your communication to President Carter concerning the grave situation in Iran.

Since the first word came that our Embassy in Tehran had been seized, the President, aided by his senior advisors, has been directing the efforts of our government to secure the safe release of the Americans held hostage there.

We have been assured repeatedly that those being held will not be harmed. We expect no less.

We welcome the release of some of the Americans who had been held in the Embassy in Tehran. We are thankful the ordeal is over for them and that they may soon be reunited with their families. We strongly urge that the authorities in Iran now move to secure the safe release of all those still being held. Their ordeal is not over.

The situation is extremely difficult and delicate. The efforts we are pursuing cannot always be exposed to the glare of publicity. You can be sure, however, that we are pursuing every avenue open to us to secure the release of all the hostages. Our actions will continue to be guided by that overriding objective.

The Administration welcomes and appreciates the restraint that has been shown by the American people. As the President has said, "We must continue to exhibit such constraint despite the intensity of our emotions. The lives of our people in Iran are at stake."

Sincerely,

Hodding Carter III

Hodding Carter III
Assistant Secretary
for Public Affairs and
Department Spokesman

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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.

Many interesting talks before Humane Society

Editor:

To people interested in humane work, I would like to report my attendance at the 25th annual meeting of the Humane Society of the United States (Humaneness in Action, a Heritage for the Future) held in Orlando, Florida, Nov. 7-10. It was most exciting and inspiring.

Many interesting speeches were given by President John A. Hoyt, Dr. Amy Freeman Lee, Coleman Burke, Donald Coburn, Roger Caras, Bernard E. Rollin, Ph.D., Dr. Michael Fox, and R.J. Hopkins, executive director of the Royal Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Many workshops of all kinds were held in the afternoon sessions. The Society now has seven regional offices covering 36 states. It also has an office in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, a Humane Education and Nature Center in East Haddam, Connecticut, and an active branch in New Jersey.

Through the years, materials and publications were developed on virtually every issue and have grown to a point where a multi-page order form is needed to list the more than 100 publications currently available.

Anti-trapping continues to be a major thrust of the Humane Society of the United States. They are supporting Rep. James J. Florio's legislature, H.R. 1297, to ban the leg-hold traps. From its inception the society has carried forward an aggressive investigation program. In addition to the extensive work done uncovering cruelties in laboratories and slaughterhouses, the society investigators have worked tirelessly to stop the mistreatment of horses and cattle at rodeo events, barbaric and illegal dog and cock fights, the soring of Tennessee Walking horses to accelerate the refinement of their fancy gait, the staging of "bloodless bullfights," cruel "coon-on-a-log" contests, and their variations; the inhumane raising, transportation and confinement of food animals, the abuses of animals used in science education, the needless and cruel killing of wild horses, greyhound coursing and other such evils.

The promotion of humane education has been a fundamental Humane Society of the United States focus of programing from the founding of the organization. Anyone wishing information or material could write to Humane Society of the United States, 2100 L St. N.W., Washington D.C. 20037.

Lois Winchester
Heppner, Oregon

Many men at Valby deserve plaudits

Editor:

I appreciate the glowing and almost heroic description of how I single-handedly saved Rita Sumner's shed from burning when her house burned down. But it wasn't quite that way. Any accolades should go to the men of the Valby congregation who worked as a team to help save the shed. I was only a small part of the effort. But thanks anyway!

John S. Maas

Labor union sponsors award competition for students

Oregon high school seniors may compete in a written examination sponsored by the AFL-CIO that tests their awareness of labor and industrial affairs.

The contest will be administered at participating high schools on Monday, March 10, 1980. A total of $3,900 in scholarship awards will be given.

The program is dedicated to May Darling, longtime social studies teacher at Washington High School in Portland. Students interested in competing may inquire from the high school counselors.

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