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## Winter's Test

"I like the four seasons," a businessman commented last week as the wind stirred up a small blizzard and Main Street was heaped with snow.

Adverse weather such as the Pacific Northwest has experienced in the past few days tests the resiliency of the human spirit. Most people cope, adding more clothing as required and turning up home heating devices. Because of delayed deliveries by suppliers, the local stores may be low on inventories so shoppers buy what is available and rely, otherwise, on what they have in their cupboards at home.

What a cold spell does emphasize is that there is no place like home—if it is warm.

A warm house is a good refuge in any storm. Let the winds blow, let the snow fall, a good roof overhead and well insulated windows and doors do as much as anything for family comfort when it is frigid out of doors.

The winter storms that blocked even the best maintained highways last week underscored, too, the dependency of modern society on the private auto for transportation. People traveling between eastern Oregon and Portland found themselves stranded in the Columbia Gorge, where the snow piled up as much as five feet, according to reports. Not only were people delayed in their journeys, but motor-truck deliveries of merchandise. The only transportation that did move, and that with difficulty, was the railroad.

Amtrak reported its Pioneer passenger train ran as much as six hours behind schedule and had standing-room only accommodations as it made emergency stops to pick up people whose cars had stalled.

Another casualty of the weather was the regular delivery of morning newspapers from Portland. The newspapers normally are sent by trucks of the Oregon Film Service to distribution centers like Pendleton, where contract mail drivers pick up the bundles and take them on to Heppner and other small towns. The storm disrupted the schedules, of course, causing Wednesday's and Thursday's papers to be distributed on Saturday, and Friday's and Saturday's papers on Monday morning.

Donald Sterling, editor of the Oregon Journal, said, in a telephone call placed to him, that the newspaper had sent its reporters by Amtrak to report on the storm from The Dalles. He would have to consult with his circulation manager to determine why the train wasn't used for newspaper distribution.

The chinook wind and rain last weekend brought a quick end to winter's severity, at least for now. Winter may not be over but at least it manifests itself in a variety of ways. The occasional harshness of climate makes one realize that if winter is here, spring can't be far behind.

## JUSTICE COURT

The Morrow County Justice Court in Heppner has been closed most of the last two weeks because Charlotte Gray was sick but it has been open this week.

Cases that were handled for the week ending Jan. 14 are: Danny Lee Wilson, Main St., P.O. Box 401 in Heppner — no

brake lights — \$12 suspended fine.

David Troy Williams, 1823 N. 12th Ave. in Pasco — speeding — \$29 fine.

Robert Steven Powell, Heppner — no liability insurance — dismissed, unable to locate defendant.

# Sifting through the TIMES

**1930**  
Fifty years ago the Heppner Lions Club was looking into the possibility and cost of putting street signs up within the city and putting business address numbers on the stores. Prior to this time, only a few residents knew the names of the streets and it was kept secret from the general public.

Two more marriages took place in Morrow County in 1929 than in 1928 but two more divorces also took place, eight compared to six the year before.

Heppner's basketball team was preparing for its first game of the season as Boardman was coming to town. Heppner had four regulars returning in Henry Robertson, Rodney Thompson, Harold Gentry and Nolan Turner. Heppner was in the Upper Columbia Conference consisting of Ione, Lexington, Boardman, Arlington, Condon and Fossil.

Funeral services took place for Civil War veteran J.R. Bailey.

Heppner High School students purchased a projector for the showing of educational films. A small admission price was going to be charged to defray the cost of the rental of the films.

**1955**  
Twenty five years ago Oliver Devin, a senior boy at Heppner High School, came in third place in the Morrow County Livestock Growers meat identification contest. He was one of several boys in the homemaking class, where he learned about different cuts of meat. Mrs. Roy Orwick won first prize and Mrs. G. Hermann placed second.

The Star Theater in Heppner was closed for two days for the installation of a new larger screen that was 21 feet wide, seven feet wider than the older one. The theater could now show Cinemascope and wide screen motion pic-

tures so the managers could show a wider variety of films.

The Morrow County Grain Growers new dock, three miles west of Irrigon, was in operation, the first barge load of wheat was loaded and it was going to be transferred to an ocean liner in Portland and then shipped to Japan.

**1975**  
Five years ago Dr. Joe Gifford visited Heppner from his practice in Pendleton. He said he may set up a practice here if the community will provide the clinical facilities for a year. Another doctor, Dr. Richard Carpenter, also of

Pendleton, was also contemplating a practice in Heppner under the same conditions.

The crime rate in Morrow County for 1974 was low according to Sheriff John Mollahan. Only 79 complaints were recorded for the entire year.

About six inches of snow fell on Morrow County and when, after a warming trend came and the snow melted, a wind storm whipped through the county. Wind speeds were estimated at 75 miles per hour.

## Ullman says windfall tax measure 'vital'

Oregon Congressman Al Ullman said the Windfall Profits Tax bill now in the final stages of action in Congress should increase dramatically incentives to de-

velop alternative energy sources at the state, local and individual levels.

In a speech to the Salem Chamber of Commerce last week, Ullman said prompt action on the legislation is vital.

Ullman said the tax will recapture approximately 227 billion dollars in oil producer profits over the next decade. The bulk of the revenue will be used to provide assistance to low income people hit hard by rising fuel bills.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Denny Smith hits Ullman for pay hike

Denny Smith, candidate for the United States House of Representatives in the second district of Oregon, has criticized Rep. Al Ullman for voting himself a pay raise in the last session of Congress.

Smith, in a campaign stop last week in LaGrande, said that Ullman's vote for a 5.5 percent pay hike is an affront to the people in Oregon's second district.

"For Ullman to vote himself a pay raise which will bring his salary in 1980 to \$60,662, while we in Oregon attempt to cope with a 13 percent inflation rate is a disgrace," said Smith.

In an earlier speech before the Ontario Lions Club, Smith called for an amendment to limit the number of terms that representatives or senators may serve.

"We have far too many people in government who spend most of their time trying to get re-elected," said Smith. "By limiting the number of terms, we can get rid of the professional politicians and start to regain control of government spending."

Smith would limit representatives to four two-year terms, senators to two six-year terms, and the presidency to one six-year term.

"Having presidents able to serve only one six-year term would enable them to be more of a statesman," Smith stated.

### What's the ONE issue you would discuss?

Editor: This letter is to mention that I have filed for candidacy with the Secretary of State of Oregon to run for U. S. Congress as a representative of Congressional District 4.

I am a Republican. This would be a good time for you to write to me, ask questions, and define for me the ONE key issue you would like to discuss.

Here is an excerpt from Harvard Magazine: In an originally self-suffi-

### Electric power from Willow dam

Editor: Army Corps of Engineers plans for Willow Creek Dam look just right, with one exception. No electric power production is featured. With energy in short supply today, none should be wasted.

Admittedly the quantity of discharged water will be small. But Allis Chalmers Corporation now has generators available which obtain electricity from any amount of water flow. These "tube" type turbines are available in sizes anywhere from 50 to 5,000 kilowatts. I'm sure other manufacturers can supply similar units. It's also feasible to install these mini-generators at most dams which presently have no power output.

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cient rural agricultural society. population pressures on the land begin to increase and the farm sizes to decrease through subdivision of land by succeeding generations, until the farms reach non-economic proportions. Then, under bad weather conditions, some of the smaller farmers go bankrupt and their lands fall into the hands of money lenders and the larger landholders. In this way there is an accumulation of landholdings in the hands of some, while more and more of the smaller farmers become landless laborers who rely on wage labor for their subsistence. With large numbers of landless laborers, the landlords are able to hold wages down to subsistence level or below. This forces the laborers to move from rural areas to seek better opportunities in the cities. The cities, however, unlike the cities of Europe during the start of the industrial revolution, are not sources of massive industrial employment. Hence there evolves in these cities a complex dual society in which the small proportion of citizens who are engaged in the modern sector, and who receive reasonable wages and other benefits of modernization, coexist with large numbers of people who live in a hand-to-mouth existence based on odd jobs carried out in an informal sector. In the same cities, wage rates in the organized and informal sectors can differ by as much as a factor of ten.

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Talent, Oregon 97540

**Lexington news**  
Delpha Jones

Lexington City Council met for its regular meeting on Tuesday evening. The main topic was the public trend to change from oil heat to wood heat and various safety projects. Ed Baker, the fire chief, told the group that anyone wishing may get a voluntary chimney safety check from the fire department.

It was also stated that those people with the wood stoves controlled by a thermostat, must, at sometime within a 24-hour burning period, open the door and burn high for at least five minutes to control the creosote deposit in the chimney and stove.

Any questions on this may be answered by calling Baker. If one is planning to install a wood-burning unit, a building permit is now required.

Lexington Grange will meet Monday, Jan. 21 at the hall. This will start with the pancake supper served by the men, followed by the regular business session. Slides shown by Ken Smouse are the scheduled program for the evening. All members are urged to attend the regular meeting.

## Thank-you for small favors

By Bill Hall  
The Power County Press  
American Falls, Idaho

"Thank you for not smoking," says the sign, laying down the law of the premises in the most cordial language it can muster.

Or at least that was once the intent. The originator of those signs wanted to soften the rude blow of the plain, old blunt "No Smoking" signs and accomplish the same result. Thus the clever ploy of thanking people for complying with a house rule before they have actually decided to comply with it. It's a bit like saying, "Thank you for the lunch you are about to buy me."

The original intent was civil but there is now something sanctimonious about the way those signs are used, something haughty and superior, something insincere—a command disguised as a pleasantry.

Less offensive is another popular sign that pretends to issue a command but is really trying to josh people out of lighting up:

"No smoking. Anyone caught smoking on the premises will be hung by the toenails and pummeled into unconsciousness with an organic carrot."

"Thank you for not smoking" is really pretty cheeky. It declares another person's bad habit to be so much more wretched than your own that you dare put up a sign about it. How superior the sign is can best be appreciated by felling the sting of the same sort of thing directed at one of your bad habits. (Oh, come now, surely you have one.) What if, wherever you went, there were signs reading:

Thank you for not humming country music.  
Thank you for not owning a cat.  
Thank you for not being bald.  
Thank you for not wearing a tee shirt with a cute slogan on it.  
Thank you for not using the word cute.

Thank you for not being a sober Methodist.  
Thank you for not being a liberal Republican.  
Thank you for not looking like a druggist.  
Thank you for not bringing your ugly mother.  
Thank you for suppressing the urge to disco.  
Thank you for not standing still in your jogging shoes.  
Thank you for not asking my astrological sign.  
Thank you for not talking about health food.  
Thank you for not making a pass at my wife.  
Thank you wife for not passing out.  
Thank you for not running off with a priest. (We'll have nun of that.)

Thank you for not wiping your nose on my sleeve.  
Thank you for not being from Spokane.  
Thank you for not playing Stravinsky on your pocket comb.  
Thank you for not raving about square dancing.  
Thank you for not being the Ayatollah Smith.  
Thank you for parking your snowmobile in the quicksand.  
Thank you you for not coming in here without a sack over your head.

Thank you for not having your hair teased.  
Thank you for not having hair.  
Thank you for not being a ghost of Guy Lombardo.  
Thank you for not eating bullfrog tacos.  
Thank you for not kissing the dog.  
Thank you for not knowing the way to San Jose.  
Thank you for not saying "Have a happy day!"  
Thank you for not spilling the sheep dip.  
Thank you for not being pathologically sincere.  
Thank you for not asking how to spell Engelbert Humperdinck.  
Thank you for leaving your roller skates outside the teahouse.  
Thank you for not doing fat jokes around Santa Claus.  
Thank you for not putting up any signs.  
Thank you.

## Older homeowners may file for tax deferral

Older Oregon homeowners can file now to defer their property tax payments. The sign-up period for Oregon's Senior Citizen's Property Tax Deferral Program is Jan. 1 to April 1.

To qualify, the owner must be at least 62-years-old as of March 1, 1980, have a recorded

title to the property or be buying it under a recorded sales contract, and live on the property.

Persons participating in the program may still be eligible for the state's Tax Relief Plan and the Homeowner and Renter Refund Program (HARRP).

## Business Directory

### Auto Parts



### Heppner Auto Parts

234 N. Main Heppner 676-9123

### Floor Covering



### M & R FLOOR COVERING

Carpet, Linoleum, Ceramic Tile, Kitchen Cabinets, Rapco Insulation

422 Linden Way Heppner 676-9418

### Furniture

### CASE FURNITURE

Carpet, Linoleum, Counter Tops Installed  
Beauty Rest mattresses, Fabrics and Accessories,  
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Heppner

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For all your Insurance needs

Telephone 676-9113  
Laverne VanMarter, Jr.  
Howard Bryant

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### Home Remodeling

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Ken Fifield In Business For 12 Years 676-5051

### Medical Supplies

**MEDICAL CENTER PHARMACY**  
Free Mailing Service On Prescriptions Hospital Supplies  
Mon-Fri. 9-6 p.m. Sat. 9-1 p.m. Located in the Medical Center  
1100 Southgate Pendleton 276-1531

### Monuments

### SWEENEY MORTUARY

Cemetery, Grave Markers Granite, Marble, Bronze  
676-9600 or 676-9226  
Serving Ione, Lexington & Heppner p.o. Box 97

### Office Equipment



Service calls every Wednesday in Heppner, Ione and Lexington

332 S. Main St., Pendleton Telephone 276-6441  
811 N. First, Hermiston Telephone 567-2731

### Petroleum



**GLENN DEVIN**  
Chevron USA, Inc.  
Commission Agent  
676-9633

### Title Insurance

Heppner Boardman  
**Morrow County Abstract & Title Company**  
Title Insurance & Escrow Service  
676-9912 481-9261