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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**'Sale may doom Hell's Half Acre'**

Editor:  
Well, is this the end of the Hell's Half-Acre? I'm told that

the Forest Service is scheduling a sale of the entire Willow Creek Watershed in 1980 and a

salvage sale in '81, with some nine miles of roads. I wonder if the people of Morrow County will stand for this destruction?

of fossils, a great earth fault from an old earthquake and primitive forests.

There are forces in Morrow County, both private and public, who would like to harvest every last acre of forest in the Heppner district of about six or seven hundred thousand acres, and out of this immense acreage there is not one acre preserved by the National Forest Service in its primitive state for future generations to enjoy.

If this area is sold it will probably be bought by some mill in Umatilla County and do us no good.

Is it too much for us to ask that this Hell's Half-Acre be preserved for our grandchildren to enjoy? I'm also told that all of the virgin forest will be sold by 1985.

O.W. Cutsforth  
Fairway Drive  
Heppner, Oregon

**'Time to clean up'**

Editor:

This past winter Morrow County experienced several storms that brought a beautiful, complete change to the landscape. The snow covered all the blight (litter) that we humans drop whenever and wherever we have no longer use for the object. The new fallen snow makes a beautiful scene that almost everyone admires and enjoys.

But, low, when it disappears, the blight on the landscape reappears, revealing all the garbage that people have discarded—refuse from the house, from last summer's gardens, from an overhaul job on a car, or from the candy wrappers, bottles, cans or school papers discarded on the streets by thoughtless individuals. The wind helps re-distribute much of the refuse, to the disgust of those who try to keep their property tidy.

Spring comes, making a neat cover of short green grass or plants. These plants come despite the covering of debris. After the growth

becomes four inches high it is time to get the mower out to keep that lovely, neat, green cover on the landscape. Of course, the debris must be stashed into the garbage can before mowing. A routine pickup (daily or twice a week) around one's property, whether owned or rented, would make the task shorter.

Keeping the weeds mowed during the spring months eliminates those tall, unsightly, seeded growth that tells everyone, "I don't care what my property and town look like." Sometimes the job takes more than a mower; perhaps clippers will be required.

But the feeling of making a tidy spot in one's community brings a feeling of satisfaction. The fleeting glimpse of the passers-by is theirs for that moment. What do your premises say?

Helen Martin,  
Chairman,  
Civic Beautification  
Committee,  
Ione Garden Club

This watershed of about 4,000 acres consists of the north slopes of the four mountains, namely Big and Little Baldy, Kelly Mountain and Arbutle, almost all with a dense growth of second grade timber. The Willow Creek Valley is one of the best watered valleys in eastern Oregon with the four permanent free flowing streams in Morrow County. Its wells are comparatively shallow which will be in danger if the headwaters are logged off. Snow twenty feet deep lies on the north slope of these mountains until June and July. Where does our water come from anyhow?

There are many attractions in this area. Hundreds of acres

**Sifting through the TIMES**

1930

Fifty years ago M.L. Case was planning on building a modern mortuary across from the Church of Christ in

Heppner at a cost of between \$8,000 and \$10,000.

The Anti-Saloon League of Oregon was planning to show a movie in Heppner on the effects of liquor on a person who is driving. It was a film on prohibition titled, "The Transgressor." The saloon, poverty, riches, comedy, tragedy, prohibition, bootleggers, crooked officials, traitors and true American citizens combined to tell the story of two young men.

The Heppner Rod and Gun Club scored 74 of a possible 75 points to win three of four events in the Oregon trapshoot contest. Claude Cox shot a perfect 25, Charles H. Latourell a 25 and Dr. A.D. McMurdo a 24.

Oratory contests were being set in Morrow County for grade school and high school students. A total of 43 students were scheduled to participate.

The thriller "Dangerous Paradise" was playing at the Star Theater in Heppner. It was based on a woman-hating man and a man-loving woman alone on a South Sea Island. Nancy Carroll starred along with Richard Arlen and Warner Oland.

1955

Twenty-five years ago Jeff Walker shot a seven-foot-long cougar that weighed 135 pounds five miles out of Heppner.

Senator Stewart Hardie of Condon introduced a bill in the legislature that would aid Morrow County farmers in controlling grasshoppers.

The Morrow County Farm Bureau opposed the idea of having property taxes on utilities.

A baby "twister" hit Heppner causing only minor damage except for a blackout for 3½ hours.

Seven Heppner High School students received straight "I's" on their report cards to top the honor roll. They were Nancy Anderson, Tom Currin, Lillian Elde, Dick Kononen, Sally Palmer, Barbara Prock and Patsy Wright. There were 21 students on the second honor roll.

Senator Ken Jernstedt introduced a bill in the legislature that would deter shoplifting. It stated that a merchant who has "reasonable belief" that a person has shoplifted can detain that person. Some merchants were wary of approaching a suspected shoplifter.

1975

Five years ago the City of Heppner voters did not have to vote on the city budget because the budget committee kept it within the six percent limitation.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Martin spoke at the Chamber of Commerce about their trip to the Holy Lands.

Country-western singer Pat Roberts performed at Heppner High School.

Very true yours,  
A.A. Johnson  
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**'Two new judges deserve public support'**

Editor:

I write to ask you to pay particular attention in the primary election campaign to the candidacies of two members of the Oregon Court of Appeals. It has a fine group of judges who work well together, and I hope that situation can continue.

The Court of Appeals is, in my opinion at least, the most important of the state's courts; it is where almost all appeals from the lower courts are finally decided. And it is widely known nationally; it entertains a constant parade of requests for information from other states on how it operates. It is the model for new intermediate appeal court systems in several states.

Two of its members are new: they face full campaigns and statewide elections for the first time within weeks of the time they first went into

office. As you know, those elections will be settled in the primaries; most judges do not run on the general election ballot.

The two are the newest members of the Court of Appeals, John Warden and Edward Warren. Warden filled the vacancy created by the elevation of Jake Tanzer to the Supreme Court. Warren fills the vacancy created by the recent death of Jason Lee.

I have known Warden, in particular, well for nearly 20 years and have followed his judicial career closely and with interest. We have served on a couple of public bodies together. I know that he is respected by attorneys, witnesses, litigants and jurors who have appeared in his court. I know that he is held in the highest regard by those state judges who were circuit judges at the same time he held office. I know that both

intellectually and personally he fits will into the group now on the Court of Appeals. I know his appointment helps fill a geographic gap which has existed on the court. I think he deserves your endorsement.

Judge Warren, the newest member of the court. I do not know equally well. But I have checked carefully on his record as well as that of his opponent. Suffice it to say that if you do so I think you will, as I have already done, decide that he is clearly the superior candidate. He has specialized in appellate law and came to the court directly from private practice. I think the court needs judges who come from the practice of law as well as those who have moved up to it from a lower court.

Robert W. Chandler  
Chairman and Editor  
The Bend Bulletin  
Bend, Oregon

**'Changes in drug law irresponsible'**

Editor:

As you are aware, the past legislative session established an Oregon Controlled Substance Committee charged with the duty of classifying or reclassifying controlled substances.

That committee has sent out a proposed change in schedules which I have gone on record as officially opposing and requested a public hearing.

With every speaking engagement I have, I am bringing it to the attention of the public that the committee intends to reclassify what I consider some of the most dangerous drugs in our area and effectively destroy drug-

law enforcement.

Presently, Schedule I substances are class A felonies if they are furnished (maximum of 20 years) and class B felonies if they are possessed (maximum of 10 years). Schedule I includes LSD, mescaline, peyote, heroin and psilocybin. Marijuana is a Schedule I substance, however, the penalties are different, depending upon amounts, money, etc.

The proposed changes include lowering all of the above drugs to Schedule III, lowering cocaine from Schedule II to Schedule III, and lowering marijuana from Schedule I to Schedule IV.

Penalties for possession of

Schedule III substances are one year in the county jail (a class A misdemeanor). Selling a Schedule III substance would be a class C felony (maximum of 5 years.)

By lowering marijuana to Schedule IV, possession of large quantities of marijuana would result in a maximum of 30 days in jail. Sales to persons under 18 would result in a maximum of one year in the county jail.

I consider these changes to be totally irresponsible and I trust that we have your support in this area.

Ulysses J. Stapleton,  
District Attorney,  
Klamath County,  
Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601

**'Carter's program relies on inflation'**

Editor:

President Carter's so-called Anti-Inflation Program should be correctly called Carter's Inflation Program Number Two.

His first program called for a 7 percent wage and price guideline. It did not work. It resulted in a double digit inflation.

His new program calls for an 8½ percent lid. When wages are increased, this amount is passed from the farmer, to the oil company, to the transportation system and on to the processor and then to

a multitude of other channels. We can expect another wild jump in inflation.

His method of balancing the budget relies on inflation to bring in additional taxes, along with 10c a gallon gas tax and his expensive Windfall Profits Tax. These taxes are highly inflationary and should be correctly labeled additional taxes.

The simple way to control inflation is to stop the printing press. He has asked that the national debt be again increased. Each time the debt is increased, the existing money

supply becomes less valuable. Our Congress and Senate should stop this program in its tracks.

Our country has never been so short of leadership. This applies to both the executive and legislative branches of our government. It is time we had a lot of new faces in Washington. Why send the same ones back when they have created our multitude of problems.

Very true yours,  
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Coos Bay, Oregon 97420

**Farmers in Politics**

It has taken the herbicide issue to develop in farmers a sense of political power with the same kind of tool that labor unions or environmentalists often utilize.

Wheat farmers, in particular, have organized the "Agricultural Political Action League" to attack a question that has become vital in Oregon. The matter that has brought them together is the possible ban, through an initiative on the November ballot, that would seriously restrict the use of chemical pesticides.

The issue has been brought home to Morrow County by a letter issued to local members of the Oregon Wheat Growers League.

"What would you do," it asks, "if it were illegal to use 2,4-D or other phenoxy weed killers on your crops? If you were like we are, it would reduce your yield by at least 20 percent or so—besides raising your total costs of farming."

Statewide, the campaign is being carried on by the newly organized political action group. The farmers want to be ready, should sponsors of the petition succeed in their required goal of 60,000 signatures by July 3 to place the anti-herbicide question on the ballot. The farmers would then mount a political education campaign to counteract whatever claims might be cited.

The Agricultural Political Action League is "just like any other political action committee," says its president, Earl Pryor of Condon. "The teachers have them, the truck drivers have them, along with all other politically active organizations. APAL works for agriculture."

Unmentioned in Mr. Pryor's list were the environmental groups who seem to be behind the move to ban the farmer's working tools—2,4-D and other phenoxy chemicals.

The farmers deserve public support so they may win this fight, in order to grow and harvest their crops economically and so, feed the nation.

"He who borrows sells his freedom." German Proverb

**Council to canvass ballots**

There will be a special city council meeting for Heppner tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall for the purpose of canvassing ballots of the March 25 election, according to Mayor J.F. Sweeney.

**For the Open Primary**

A year ago in Oregon a House Committee went through the motions of hearing testimony about the possibilities of an open primary, one in which every registered voter could vote.

Oregon politicians are good about listening, but based on what they heard nothing much happened.

Independents still must wait for the Republicans and the Democrats to select their choices for office so that all of us can vote.

In those hearings of a year ago the Republicans, who have about 35 percent of the registered voters, were in favor of an open primary.

The Democrats, who have more than 53 percent of voter registration, were against an open primary.

Obviously, the influence of the majority ruled and no move toward an open primary took place.

Does it really make a difference that all of us have a hand in selecting our candidates to run for office. We think so.

During our last primary election only 43 percent of the registered voters turned out to pick the candidates for the general election. That means that a solid minority was responsible for sorting out the men and women who are presently holding office. If there is a crisis of confidence in our government, there's a clear possibility that part of it can be attributed to the fact that minority candidates are offered for a majority vote, which makes little sense in a democratic republic.

Let's move to open up the primaries in Oregon to the independent voter.

TV editorial, KATU  
Channel 2, Portland

**● Oregon Politics**

**Electrical Workers back Ullman**

Congressman Al Ullman, who represents Oregon's 2nd District covering eastern Oregon, Marion County and parts of Clackamas and Linn counties, has received the endorsement of the Oregon State Association of Electrical Workers.

The association is made up of Oregon locals of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, AFL-CIO. The union has 7000 members in Oregon.

you every success in the coming elections and you can count on us to support your campaign in every possible way," said R.W. Ayers, secretary-treasurer of the association, in a letter to Ullman.

Ullman, the senior member of the Oregon Congressional delegation, is seeking re-election to the House of Representatives where he is chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. Ullman has served in the House since 1957.

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