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## Why Not a Debate?

Recently, Congressman Al Ullman was a Heppner visitor. Now, Denny Smith is coming to town.

Separated by about 10 days in their two visits, the candidates are giving Morrow County voters a chance for comparison. They haven't debated from the same platform. Nor are they likely to, at least in their respective primary-election campaigns. At this point, Mr. Ullman contends that his 23-year record in Congress speaks for itself. Why hold a debate, when measures he has introduced, his statements over the years, his votes and his seniority that has led to chairmanship of the House Ways and Means Committee pretty well represent the man and his philosophy? Opponents argue that Mr. Ullman has lost touch with his home district.

When he came to Heppner, the congressman did seem to have the appearance of a fiscal conservative. He urged the necessity of reductions in government spending and the adoption of a balanced budget as part of the war on inflation.

These pocketbook issues are now the main concern of all the voters. And this is where Denny Smith is attacking the incumbent, as a "big spender," the advocate of a regressive tax on goods and services, and a man different in his image at home, where he supports frugality, from that in Washington, where his committee passes on all the legislation to extract money from the people.

Formal debates between politicians are often hard to arrange. It would be interesting to see them, however, in the same meeting hall and hear them respond to questions on this year's "gut issues."

## In Plain English

According to a publicity release from Salem, the state Department of Commerce has been asking for public donations to finance the rewriting of the state building codes into simple English. Only \$12 has been collected so far.

Apparently, the Legislature believes the codes could be written in a more understandable way. Rather make an appropriation for a project estimated to cost \$20,000, the lawmakers felt there should be voluntary support from the public.

Jane F. Huston, state Director of Commerce, said one person contributed \$10 and another \$2. Neither person made any comment on why the donations were made. Ms. Huston believes the project is so important she will seek the money from foundations or other organizations. One appropriate group to tap might be the Oregon Bar, whose members in their role as legislators or counsel to government agencies or special-interest groups, draft most of the laws. Perhaps the laws are designed to obfuscate, not clarify.

In any case, good luck, Ms. Huston.

## It's blackmail against the Olympic athletes!

I was always under the impression that blackmail was illegal. But it really isn't. It happens all the time.

And frequently, those occasions are right here at the Valley Herald. Blackmailers can be very courteous to downright nasty.

Smiling and very soft spoken, the lady walks in the door two hours past deadline with an item about her Friday Afternoon Club that's going to meet on Monday. When informed she's too late, she says: "That's okay, the Tum-A-Lum Tooter will print it if you don't."

A guy slams the door and shouts: "If you don't do a full-page feature story on my three-pound cucumber, I'll just take this scoop to the Umapine Sun!!!" threatens the self-impressed gardener.

"If you can't get me 20,000 business cards by four o'clock this afternoon, I'll just take it to Walla Walla!!!" blackmails

another guy.

It happens all the time, and to other people, too. "If you can't sell me this chair for thirty bucks, I'll get it somewhere else at the same price," yells a "customer" at the local furniture store.

Now, I'm sorry to say, President Carter has stooped to the same cheap tactics.

Since he has no real power (thank goodness) over the U.S. Olympic Committee to keep them from going to the summer games, he's reaching into the old blackmail bag.

Here are the threats:

1. If the Olympians don't stay home, we'll just revoke the Olympic Committee's tax-exempt status. That means freely-given contributions would be taxable... a move that would devastate Olympic fund raising.

2. Although we don't think it's such a good idea, Congress has authorized a \$4 million

grant to the committee. Carter is seeking to revoke that. PLUS gain the authority over the Olympic Committee in case of emergencies.

For a country which has always spoken out strongly for keeping politics out of the Olympics, I find this sort of U.S. policy despicable. If either (or both) of Carter's threats goes through, the Olympics and politics will forever be intertwined. No longer will we be able to point a finger at Russia and the East European countries for sending paid athletes to the Olympics.

The President still seems to believe the Olympics (and our boycott of them) is the key to the Afghan Crisis.

I believe the key lies close to home—somewhere around Washington, D.C.

—Dan Zimmerman, Valley Herald, Milton-Freewater, Ore.

## SALEM SCENE

### Students to learn of business world

Nearly 200 Oregon high school students and their teachers will take a week out of their traditional vacations this summer to discover firsthand just exactly what goes on in the world of business.

A total of 156 sophomores and juniors and 30 of their teachers selected from throughout the state will converge on the campus of Oregon College of Education in Monmouth in the mid-Willamette Valley west of Salem. They will gather July 20 and spend a week participating in an unique economic education experience designed, according to sponsors: "To clear up any foggy ideas about business."

Students and their teachers will be attending what is entitled "Oregon Business Week," a joint venture sponsored by the Oregon Council on Economic Education, state Department of Education, Associated Oregon Industries and OCE—in cooperation with Chambers of Commerce, the Institute of Public Affairs Research and Foundation for Oregon Research and Education.

The joint venture is patterned largely after similar activities in the states of Washington and Idaho and leading the Oregon project is Paul Hathaway, vice president of Northwest Natural Gas Co.

"Oregon Business Week is an extension of programs in neighboring Washington that have attracted thousands of eager students and teachers during the last five years," Hathaway explained. "The Washington program has proven so popular it draws 1,600 students to the campus of Eastern Washington University at Ellensburg on four successive mid-summer weeks.

"And judging from initial response from Oregon students and teachers, Business Week is generating the same kind of excitement in our state."

Students and teachers selected to participate receive full, expense-paid scholarships that include board, room and all instruction materials. They provide only their travel to and from Monmouth, Hathaway said.

Scholarship funds are provided by individuals, businesses, Chambers and other civic and fraternal organizations interested in making available what is

described as practical experience in the American private enterprise system.

Scholarship recipients will be selected from among more than 350 applicants living in 20 geographical statewide districts established on the basis of student populations.

"The vast majority of all applicants this year will either be tapped to receive scholarships or named alternates in the event some student or teacher cannot attend at the last minute," Hathaway said.

Each day of the week-long crash course in practical economics will be filled to the brim with lectures, seminars, discussions and demonstrations designed to equip the citizen of tomorrow with tools that lead to business success, according to Hathaway.

Each company will participate in a week-long computerized business management game and compete to simulate the most successful business enterprises.

A major morning speaker establishes the theme of each day's study, followed by concurrent seminars delving into details of that day's theme. Afternoon discussions and workshops explore each theme in greater detail and an evening speaker recaps the subject matter. Three times daily each company will meet with its advisor to discuss more fully the subject matter presented and work on their computer games. Afternoon and evening recreation activities also are scheduled.

Friday, July 25, will probably be most rewarding of all," Hathaway said, "because that day will be devoted to an examination of career opportunities in business and graduation exercises at which Gov. Victor Atiyeh has been invited to speak."

A total of 67 active members of the Oregon business community will make up the faculty for Oregon Business Week, said Hathaway.

"Students are being warned in advance not to be surprised if their company advisor turns out to be the president and founder of one of Oregon's major industries," he declared.

## Sifting through the TIMES

**1930**  
Fifty years ago workers drilling a well for the City of Heppner struck artesian water that would provide an estimated 700,000 gallons of water a day. The well water was struck at a depth of 210 feet and many rejoicing citizens rushed to the scene.

Morrow County Grain Growers directors were named and they included H.V. Smouse of Lone, R.W. Turner of Heppner, N.A. Clark of Eight Mile, R.B. Rice and

George N. Peck of Lexington, Clark Stevens of Hardman, and C.C. Hutchcroft of Morgan.

Heppner and Lexington both had decreases in population from the 1920 census, according to preliminary reports. Heppner had a population of 1,324 in 1920 compared to 1,188 in 1930. Lexington had 180 in 1930 compared to 264 in 1920.

Billy Cox of Heppner received honorable mention in a national song-writing contest for high school students. "The

Dear Old School on the Hill" was the name of his song.

**1955**  
Twenty-five years ago two-thirds of the lone High School faculty resigned. Eight of the 12 teachers there said they did not plan to come back the next year. There was no apparent reason for the heavy losses.

Laverne Van Marter, county chairman for Easter Seals, said that statewide in Oregon, sales were down \$40,000.

Morrow County was the first county in the state to go over its goal for the Cancer Crusade Drive.

The Seventh Day Adventist Church was dedicated by Pastor Robert E. Becker.

Heppner TV co-op was planning its first showing on cable TV. It was going to take place at the Heppner Civic Center.

Two-county track meet for 14 B high schools was going to be the first event to be lighted at the Heppner Rodeo field under the new lights.

**1975**  
Five years ago Delpha

Jones, chairman of the Morrow County Historical Society, told the Chamber of Commerce that graves from the pioneer days were going to be cleaned and marked as one of their projects.

Eric Thompson won top honors in the pinewood derby race for the local cub scouts. He won the time trials event but Kenneth Gochnauer won the best model design and came in second in the time trials.

School board member Jerry Peck of Boardman resigned after serving for seven years.

One American Legion Auxiliary selected Terry McElligott and Lori Bergstrom to attend Girls' State in Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Sherman announced the upcoming wedding of their daughter, Barbara, to Gary Watkins.

Heppner's track team won the Morrow County Invitational. In the Invitational, Heppner won 10 events and Jerry Genry set a school record in the javelin with a toss of 178-2.31, feet further than the previous record.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Renewable Energy petition an opportunity for Oregon

Editor:

In 1980 Oregonians have a unique opportunity to gain control over their energy future. Already citizens in fourteen Oregon counties have placed measures on the November ballot to form People's Utility Districts (PUDs) and start the process of replacing PGE and PP&L. PUDs offer consumers local control over energy decisions and lower electric rates.

To provide renewable sources of power for our new PUDs and assure Oregonians a reliable supply of safe electrical energy, Oregonians for Utility Reform, Sen. Walt Brown, Sen. George Wingard, and EWEB Commissioner John Bartels, have sponsored the "Oregon Renewable Energy Development and Conservation Act of 1980" initiative petition. Petitions are now available for signature gatherers since the Oregon Supreme Court rejected Pacific Power and Light's challenge of the ballot title.

The renewable energy petition will finally allow us to get the conservation done and renewable energy sources underway. The initiative implements Oregon Constitutional Article XI-D to make existing state bonding capacity available for low-interest loans to individuals, businesses, local governments, and consumer-owned utilities to develop solar, wind, geothermal, alcohol fuels, low-head hydro, wood-waste, and conservation.

In 1980 Oregonians will be able to vote on the "Oregon Model" of public power and renewable energy when we collect the necessary 55,000 signatures to place the "Oregon Renewable Energy Development and Conservation Act" on the ballot. Write Oregonians for Utility Reform, P.O. Box 12763, Salem, Oregon 97309 for information and petitions.

Sincerely,  
David McTeague  
290 18th St. NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

## Gov. Atiyeh recruiting to fill state board seats

Recruitment of Oregonians to fill executive appointments which are part-time volunteer positions on the state's more than 200 boards and commissions is a continuous year-around process, according to a member of Gov. Vic Atiyeh's staff.

Shirley Woodrow, special assistant to the governor for executive appointments, said the governor encourages state citizens to apply for these positions as participants in "Oregon's citizens government." She explains that, "Our talent search is to identify interested citizens who have not participated before as well as people with broadly based perspectives in government.

Those interested in applying should identify which boards or commissions they are interested in and then request an "interest form" and other information from: Shirley

Woodrow, Special Assistant for Executive Appointments, Office of the Governor, Dept. 480, State Capitol, Salem, Oregon 97310.

## Film on air bags offered for showing

"The Automatic Answer," a film on automobile airbags and automatic safety belts, is now available on a free loan basis.

The 11-minute film, prepared by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, describes how airbags and automatic safety belts operate and how they protect automobile passengers in frontal collisions.

To request the film, contact the Insurance Information Institute, 1218 Third Avenue, Suite 2203, Seattle, Washington 98181, or call (206) 624-3330.

## Business Directory

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