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Out of the Ashes

In the wake of disaster, entrepreneurs often find needs to be filled.

So it has been with Mt. St. Helens, the "killer volcano."

A rubber-stamp manufacturer has issued a series of novelty stamps that people may use on their letters. A typical message reads: "This letter survived Mt. St. Helens, (Your Town), Washington," or "This is official Mt. St. Helens ash. It fell in my front yard."

And speaking of ash, northeastern Oregon has received a dusting of volcanic ash following the most recent eruption last Sunday.

Areas closer to the mountain, in particular the Columbia Gorge and Portland itself, received a shower that cut visibility and left a heavy coating over everything. Many people took to wearing surgical masks or gas masks, for the volcanic matter in the air can cause serious respiratory problems.

The volcanic fallout is a novelty that won't go away. In Yakima, we have been told, some people waited for it to melt—like snow.

The post office complained that samples of ash sent through the mails would leak out and jam the sorting machinery.

Even in Heppner, where the fallout has been minimal, an entrepreneur has seen the unique marketability of volcanic ash. Reportedly, he has been selling one-ounce souvenir packets at \$1 apiece.

Of course the greater market would be for the protective devices for the eyes and nasal passages—especially if Mt. St. Helens keeps on blowing.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

'Heppner is our home'

Editor:
During the past two weeks I have been astonished to be asked by friends and customers "when are you moving?"—"is your house for sale?"—"and is your business for sale?"

We cannot imagine how this misinformation has come about, but Heppner is our home, we are not moving and our business is not for sale. When economic conditions are as they are right now it is much better if we can maintain an optimistic and positive attitude rather than one of negativism.

I would like to close with a quotation from an article by Hank Crawford entitled "Small-Business Owners in Oregon" in the Oregonian, dated May 14, 1980. These

words say it all.
After a White House conference on Small Business: "Oregon small-business owners are uniting with the purpose and resolve necessary to make their views known on the critical economic issues that now face them and their customers."
"Consumers in Oregon should take heart for it is because of this growing small business awareness that buyers of goods and services will continue to have a wide choice of quality products at a reasonable price."

"SUPPORT YOUR HOMETOWN SMALL BUSINESS NEIGHBORS. IT IS JUST PLAIN GOOD BUSINESS."
Dianna M. Fifield
"Dianna's This & That"
Heppner, Ore.

Thank you for a wonderful birthday party to all my friends who arranged it, the Elks for the use of their hall and to everyone else. I was overwhelmed!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Salem Scene

Makeup of the Oregon Legislature is of great interest to those close to the scene in Salem.

And speculation about the composition of that body of 90 lawmakers begins to grow following each primary election. Results of balloting on May 20 this year are no exception.

The 1981 Legislature will be different than the group of solons which convened in 1979. The potential difference is interesting to contemplate.

One possibility emerges. That is the November election might produce the smallest percentage of turnover in some time. As a result of resignations, incumbents failing to file for re-election and primary defeats, there are certain to be 15 new faces in the 1981 Legislature. Two will be members of the Senate and 13 House freshmen will be seated.

What makes those figures significant is the fact legislative membership usually changes by 25 percent or more each biennium. Fifteen newcomers would be only a 16 percent change and produce a lawmaking body much more experienced than usual.

Another factor ripe for speculation involves the question of partisan power—specifically whether Democrats or Republicans will have numbers sufficient to hold positions of leadership. Two conditions, however, combine to quell speculation over the majority question. They are the ability of incumbents to achieve re-election and the significant number of GOP lawmakers who chose not to become candidates to succeed themselves.

For those reasons, most observers believe Democrats will again control both House and Senate. From a mathematical standpoint, Republicans can't possibly overturn long-standing Senate rule by Democrats. And although Republicans made inroads in the Democrat House majority in 1979, only 19 GOP incumbents will be on the ballot in November and it takes 31 to rule the 60-member House of Representatives.

That puts a lot of pressure on GOPs running for the first

time in districts that for the most part have more registered Democrat voters than Republicans.

But there is another possibility that evolved during primary balloting this year. Largely overlooked so far by political pundits is the likelihood the 1981 Legislature will include a record number of women.

Women first attained seats in the Oregon Legislature in 1915, shortly after voters approved Abigail Scott Duniway's initiative providing women's suffrage. And we have had distaff members in either the House or Senate every session since.

The Senate in 1979 was the first all-male Upper Chamber in some time. But 14 women served in the House last session. Their numbers grew steadily throughout the Seventies. The 1971 session boasted only seven women. The total was 10 in '73, eased upward to 11 in '75 and hit an even dozen in '77.

There is every reason to believe voters will seat more women this coming election than they did in the 1979 Legislature. Three incumbents and one newcomer are virtually assured membership because they are currently unopposed.

Opposition could surface between now and Aug. 26 in the form of independent candidates or if partisan write-in campaigns develop. Both eventualities appear unlikely however, and successful campaigns against the individuals involved seem even more remote.

Of the 14 women who served in the 1979 House of Representatives, two failed to seek re-election and one incumbent was defeated during the May 20 primary. Of the 11 incumbents seeking re-election, eight face opponents in November.

Altogether, 22 women are seeking House seats and two are going after seats in the Senate. One Senate candidate already eliminated a veteran male incumbent during the primary and only six women will be up against male incumbents in November.

Changes due in Legislature

BY JACK ZIMMERMAN

Incumbency is no guarantee of re-election. A total of eight incumbent lawmakers lost positions in the Legislature in the 1978 general election and two were women.

Three races next November have women opposing each other, so women are virtually certain to win those contests. Add the four now unopposed and you get seven positions almost cinched. Six incumbent women face male opponents in November. If two are defeated by men as were a couple of women incumbents two years ago, that would produce a total of 11 women in the House.

And only three of the remaining candidates would have to win to produce the same number that served in '79.

The likelihood more than

three will be victorious is strong. A total of nine women were victorious over male candidates two years ago while 11 men prevailed against female opponents. If the same odds develop this fall, 16 women will be members of the 1981 Legislature.

And if all female candidates this year win their November contests, the total number of women lawmakers would equal all freshmen of both sexes who served in 1979—two dozen. That's more than 26 percent of the entire Legislature.

A number of the 14 women serving in the House in '79 managed to unite an effective caucus on several occasions.

And as their numbers grow, only the most calloused chauvinists will ignore the potential of a new voting bloc capable of exerting profound influence in Salem.

Sifting through the TIMES

1930
Fifty years ago the Heppner Library Association membership drive was underway and \$150 had been collected.

Dr. D.C. Poling, director at radio station KOAC, spoke at an American Legion program on Memorial Day. The Legion firing squad honored dead soldiers at the Heppner Cemetery with a gun salute. Camp Fire Girls decorated the graves. Heppner businesses were closed in observance of the day.

A farmer's field day and picnic sponsored by the Willows Grange was planned at the Hynd Brothers ranch.

Captain Charles W. Smith's winning team of the crow and magpie shooting contest was guest at a dinner provided by the losing team headed by C.L. Sweek. The dinner was prepared by the women's auxiliary at the Episcopal Church.

James Howell of Boardman was one of 489 students who were scheduled to receive diplomas from Oregon State College.

Dr. L.E. Griffin of Reed College in Portland spoke at one's high school graduation. Seven students graduated that year.

Thirty seniors graduated from Heppner High.

Heppner baseball team, which had not won a game all season, had a bright spot in its season by beating the first place team from Arlington in the final game of the year 7-5.

1955
Twenty-five years ago Clyde Beard, principal at The Dalles High School, spoke at Boardman's graduation on "Can Termites Chew?"
A dry kiln building at the

Heppner Pine Mills plant was being moved as part of a remodeling project.

A new dentist, Bob Bliss, was starting a practice in Heppner.

Free swimming lessons were to be given at the lone swimming pool.

More than 200 persons attended the second annual Memorial Day Friendship picnic at the Heppner fairgrounds. About 70 persons signed the guest register as being from out of the area.

The Gazette-Times said it did not have some of its weekly news items because the mail service was closed Memorial Day which caused some of the news to be late for deadlines.

1930
Five years ago the Morrow County Rodeo Court made its first appearance at the Pioneer Memorial Picnic. On it in 1975 were Princesses Donna Rea, Barbara Palmer, Mary Ann Proctor and June McLean with Queen Mickey Hoskins.
The county sold some of its equipment at an auction for the first time in 10 years.

Michael Mills of Heppner received a \$300 scholarship from Oregon State. Jerry Gentry was presented the Jim Barrett trophy as the top athlete in the school.


Heppner City Council allowed Orville Cutsforth to move a one-room schoolhouse onto the city park off Main Street.

Carolyn and Don Cole purchased Elma's Apparel and Flower Shop.

Dick Sergeant replaced Clifford Green as president of the Heppner Lions.

"Quote"

"They talk of professional women. Personally I have never met an amateur."
Sir Winston Churchill



REA loan okayed for Boardman phone firm

The federal Rural Electrification Administration has approved a \$9.5 million loan to Telephone Utilities of Eastern Oregon, Inc., Congressman Al Ullman has announced. The money will be used to upgrade telephone service in Boardman and other towns.

The loan, made at 2 percent interest, will be used to construct facilities to connect 1,193 additional subscribers and construct 778 miles of new line.

In addition, the firm will be upgrading service not only in

Boardman but Lakeview, Long Creek, Mitchell, Paulina, Pilot Rock and Ukiah.

The loan also will be used to construct new central office buildings at Mitchell, Long

Creek, Ukiah, and Paulina and an addition to the central office in Pilot Rock.

1980 Northwest Region Collegiate RODEO Finals

Roundup Grounds
North Grandstand
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Saturday and Sunday, May 31 and June 1—1:30 p.m.

Blue Mountain Community College Rodeo Club
The Current No. 1 Team in the Region!

Adults—\$3.00
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Bring the Whole Family and Enjoy the Fun!
See the Rodeo Stars of the Future in Action!

Billy Stevens, Stock
Ron Chambers, Announcer

Crews removing forest windfalls

H.B. Rudolph, Forest Supervisor of the Umatilla National Forest, announced that maintenance crews are busy removing windfalls and slides that happened during the winter on Forest Service roads.

National Forest users are cautioned to drive carefully and watch out for fallen trees and large rock on the roads.

Against Social Security taxation, Ullman says

Oregon Congressman Al Ullman has told senior citizens he is absolutely opposed to the taxation of Social Security benefits.

"Basic Social Security will remain unchanged," he said. "You've worked all your lives for these benefits and the Congress has an obligation to maintain them."

"I intend to see that you keep those benefits," Ullman said in a speech at the new Senior Center in Milwaukie.

Referring to the recommendation of a Social Security advisory commission, Ullman said, "As long as I'm chairman of the Ways and Means Committee those benefits will not be taxed."

"Where would an elderly widow on Social Security get the money to pay income taxes?" Ullman asked, citing a woman in Baker who told him she had \$20 left over each month after paying for rent, utilities, medicine and food.

"Inflation is the most insidious of taxes," he said. "It strikes hardest at the elderly and poor."

"The first steps toward easing inflation involves cutting federal spending, but these reductions cannot be accomplished at the expense of the poor and the elderly," Ullman said.

"Cutting benefits for those least able to afford it is not the solution to our inflationary problems. We just can't let the weight of inflation, as well as the cure, fall on senior citizens."

Ullman told the seniors that he opposed the 10-cent tax on gasoline because American consumers already have suffered too much.

Another 10 cents on the already high cost of gasoline is not going to produce much additional conservation, but it will be a particularly hard burden for the senior citizens and others on fixed income in this vast state," he said.

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