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Said in jest, old phrases truly meaningful

Sometimes, just to irritate people a little bit I like to take time-worn phrases and play dun. I with them, like taking what is meant strictly in jest literally ("Boy, are you dumb!" "Nope, I can talk just as well as you can.") So imagine my delight when I ran across some facts and figures behind some of those time-worn (and possibly worn out) phrases we hear so much.

For example, exactly how slow is molasses in January? Well, on January 15, 1919, a storage tank in Boston containing two million gallons of molasses ruptured and killed 21 persons. Now, we know it gets cold in the northeast in January and we know molasses is a slow substance; but, those 21 people were not crept up on by the gooey stuff. An eight foot wave of it picked up a railroad car and sent it through the side of a building; one man tried to outrun it and was overtaken. The fastest sprinters can go about 25 mph, and this fellow (who reportedly did survive) surely wasn't going that fast—the molasses probably was.

Now, have you ever wondered how much a hill of beans is worth? Well, lets assume a hill of soybeans 50 feet high with a

diameter at the base of 200 feet (that's a respectable hill, I think). That makes a volume of 2,467,250 cubic feet or 165,248 bushels. The closing price for a bushel of soybeans on the New York Commodity Exchange on November 14, 1978 was \$6.70 per bushel—that means the hill is worth \$1,107,164. That should make the bean growers happy as clams.

And, just how happy is a clam? Good question. It all depends on one's definition of happiness. If we can take the usual human standards of long life and true love a measures of happiness (and who knows how a clam feels about anything?), the clam should be a happy creature. The rings on a clamshell are like the rings on a tree; clams have been found that are up to 150 years old, and the little things remain sexually active throughout their lives. In fact, they may never die of old age. What's their secret?

Perhaps clams live longer because they don't have the stress of having to keep up with the Joneses. These days, that may be rougher than you think: Reginald Jones, head of the General Electric Corporation, took home a salary of \$687,000 in 1977.

And where does Mr. Jones keep his money? Probably not in a silk purse. If he did keep it in a silk purse, it probably wouldn't be made of a sow's ear. Or, can you? Dr. Arthur Little did in 1921. He boiled 1,000 sows ears until he had a gelatinous substance which he spun into thread and made into two purses with feel of finest silk. This effort to prove that nothing is impossible led to the development of synthetic fabrics.

Incidentally, Dr. Little founded a research firm that in 1977 produced a lead balloon that did fly. Made out of extremely thin lead foil, one of the three that were built tore during inflation and one, while being reeled in after its successful flight, broke away and flew out over the Atlantic, never to be seen again.

Finally, how fast is greased lightning? Well, a standard, tacky bolt of lightning averages 335,000 miles per hour. We can assume that greased lightning would be somewhat faster.

Lee Hauser,
Dayton, Wash., Chronicle

Foil the Burglars!

As school vacations begin and many families prepare for summer travel away from home for extended periods of time, Heppner Police Chief Dean Gilman offers a number of tips to help prevent home burglaries. The month of June is officially being observed by the International Association of Chiefs of Police as Burglary Prevention Month.

"Even though your house will be empty, it should appear as though it is 'lived in'", Chief Gilman suggests. He recommended that one or more lights should be connected to an automatic lamp timer which turns them on at dusk and off at bedtime, thus creating the impression that someone is inside.

Chief Gilman offered the Police Chief's Association list of precautions as sound advice for anyone planning to be away from their homes for any period of time:

1. Close and lock all doors, including porch, basement and garage. Use pin-tumbler cylinder locks on outside entrances and safety latches on the windows.
2. Connect a lamp to a Time-All automatic timer to turn lights in the home on and off each evening. Since sound is a deterrent, connect radio or TV to a timer.
3. Protect all doors and windows with an inexpensive, portable burglary alarm which sounds whenever someone attempts to break in.
4. Light up your porch and yard with outdoor lights to increase the likelihood that an attempted burglary would be seen. These lights can also be timer-controlled, if desired.
5. Be sure all screens are fastened from the inside.
6. Never leave valuables lying around, keep them in safety deposit box.
7. Notify your police department when you'll be leaving and how long you expect to be away.
8. Cancel all deliveries to your home. Also, be sure to discontinue the newspaper or arrange to have it sent to your vacation address.
9. Have a neighbor, or your post office, hold all mail until your return.
10. Arrange with a friend to mow the lawn and sweep your sidewalk once a week. Also ask him if he'll pick up any circulars or handbills that may be left on your porch.
11. Leave your shades and blinds as you normally do, closed blinds keep the sun out, but also make an effective screen for the burglar.
12. Never advertise your departure with an item in the local paper. Give the story about your vacation to the newspapers after you've returned.

The house check service offered by the local police department has been very successful over the past ten years, according to Chief Gilman, who stated that no house has been burglarized while on the house check list.

This service is offered to city residents free of charge. For more information contact the Heppner Police Department.

Why Mexican beans jump

Mexican jumping beans are actually seeds that "jump" because they have wriggling caterpillars inside them. The caterpillars get inside after a small moth lays eggs on the leaves of the plant that bears the seeds. Each egg hatches into a caterpillar that chews its way inside one of the seeds. Eventually the caterpillar turns into a moth and crawls out.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reading program aides thanked

Editor:
I wish to take this opportunity to publicly thank the individuals who were volunteers at Heppner Elementary School during the 1979-80 school year. These people unselfishly gave their time, their effort, and their concern to provide children with extra individual attention. They performed such varied jobs as listening to individuals and small groups read, helping children practice letter nam-

es and sounds, working on drills for mastering sight words and math facts, and making copies of practice pages. There is no way to adequately repay these volunteers for the good they did for local students this past year.

L.A.P.P. volunteers and the hours they spent at school were: Ruth Bergstrom (46), Mary Bonner (315), Beth Bryant (38), Jerry Doherty (51), Peggy Fishburn (34), Eleanor Gonty (121), Linda

Hager (11), Lauri Hire (84), Debbie Johnston (70), Kay Patterson (66), Fay Pierce (10), and Faye Ruhl (244).

Teacher's aides who came for an hour each day to help with the reading program, and who earned credit for their work in the grade school, included: Cindy Bowman, Sherry Combs, Lynn Dee Devin, Greg Groshens (1st semester), Jay Patterson (1st semester), Debbie Paustian, and Jeff Skillicorn (2nd

semester).
Again, I extend my thanks and the appreciation of the students and staff of Heppner Elementary School to these wonderful people.

Sincerely,
Linda A. Shaw
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Workers back Kinzua strike action

Editor:
A strike is a very hard thing for a community to go through. It hurts everybody, the workers, the management, the local merchants and society itself. I've had a lot of people tell me that "we ought to seriously think this strike over and that the way the economy is, we should be glad to have a job." It's true, we all feel fortunate to have a job and to be working all winter when a lot of other lumber companies went down. You can bet, though, that it was just as beneficial for them (Kinzua) as it was for us. Even if they had a bad year they've come off of some really good years. After all, the lumber industry as a whole has done just as good or better than the oil industry. And we all know how fat they've gotten!

While I can't tell you, everything on the negotiations we are not asking for free gas and clothes to work in like a lot of the public thinks. Where they would get such ideas, I don't know. Do you? I do know that if we sign that contract we will give up everything our union has worked for in the last 40 years. Furthermore, I was told that a person should never pass judgement on an issue until you've looked it over and studied both the union and the management side. And for you few merchants who've already made a few unfavorable comments on our union, I think you'd better learn which side of the bread the butter's on!

Reader likes column by Weatherford

Editor:
Please find \$10 check enclosed for another year. As an ex-Oregonian who has been out of Heppner since 1933, I thoroughly enjoy your paper, especially Justine Weatherford's column.

However, my mind harks back to another columnist, the late and great Josephine Mahoney who wrote a daily column for the East Oregonian covering all the "dirt" along Heppner's Main Street and the side streets, too. Truly a female Walter Winchell in every sense of the word.

In my estimation, there has never been anyone to come along and duplicate her journalistic prose. Ask the old-timers.

William J. "Ole" Mitchell,
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"Quote"

"The greatest lesson in life is to know that even fools are right sometimes."
Winston Churchill



I'm proud of our union for sticking together the way they did at our meeting—105 strike votes out of 107 people. That

should say something right there. Some of the members voted to strike for the first time in 20 years of their

Sifting through the TIMES

1930
Fifty years ago Laurel Beach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Beach of Lexington, was studying music and dramatic art at the Bush Conservatory in Chicago. He appeared in a musical that came to Heppner and he sang a solo and in a duet.

C.L. Sweek was re-elected to the post of president of the Heppner Lions Club. Sweek refused to accept the nomination but the members overwhelmingly demanded that he retain the presidency.

Heppner was becoming a rail shipping point for a carload or more of pine lumber a day. The Eagle Creek Lumber Co. purchased the Harrison Fisher mill from Al Henriksen. The old buildings were replaced with new ones and a new boiler and tractor were purchased to make it a modern mill. From 20 to 30 men were needed to operate the mill.

Pacific Power and Light sponsored an old-fashioned art of cooking school and 70 women attended.

The Methodist Church had a 10 day bible school and 50 children completed the course.

Ione's baseball team scored 14 runs on 13 hits to beat Heppner, who had nine runs on 10 hits. Sprouls led Heppner with three hits and Swanson led Ione with four hits.

Arleta Farrans of Ione was named Morrow County Rodeo Queen for 1930.

Earl Gordon was taking a trip to Atlantic City, New Jersey, to participate in the National Elks Convention.

A mass of roots grew into the city water main causing a split in the line. Many water customers were inconvenienced for a few days.

1975
Five years ago county school superintendent Matt Doherty explained that a Cooperative Work Experience plan would be implemented at the three high schools in Morrow County. It combined classroom learning with on the job training.

Ken Broadbent was sworn in to take the place of the resigning Jerry Peck on the County School Board.

Rodeo Queen Mickey Hoskins was scheduled to be crowned at the coronation not only by the previous year's queen, Sherry Kemp, but also the queen 29 years earlier in 1946, her mother Darlene Biddle Hoskins.

membership! Over the last 30 to 40 years we've never had as much trouble as this. I think that says something for the present management, don't you? Usually it is just a little matter of give and take. For some reason, I think the management has decided to just see how strong our union is and I don't think any of us can afford to let the union down. We've all got to stick together and just tough this strike out. Even though none of us wants to strike very badly, if we're forced into it we will.

If we go hungry, as a fellow man put it to me the other day, I have this to say: "I'd rather go hungry than sign the contract the way it is now."

A Kinzua employee,
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Rent control bill sought for ballot

The Oregon State Tenants' Association has announced it is starting its final drive to put a rent stabilization bill on the November ballot.

"There has been no set pattern, no rhyme or reason to rent increases in recent years" declared Jack Schoonover of Salem when he filed the original petition with the Secretary of State.

The drive to gather the 54,669 signatures necessary to qualify has been underway for several months, and at present, more than 3,500 petitions are being circulated. As these are still out and only a handful having been returned, the circulators at this time are not certain of how many signatures they have obtained. It is the goal that an additional 1,500 petitions will be actively circulated by other interested parties in the next week or so.

The measure will bring stabilization to rent raises for mobile homes, apartment houses and other residential rental properties. It would limit raises to only once a year, and then landlords would be required to show proof by documentary evidence of any operating costs that have risen to justify an increase.

Interested persons wanting to circulate petitions may write Salem 97303 or call 585-7121. Petitions should be returned by June 15.

Almost 30,000 students win Oregon diplomas

An estimated 29,920 students were to graduate from Oregon public high schools this spring. State School Superintendent Verne A. Duncan announced.

The largest graduating class was 32,757 in 1971. The number dropped the next seven years, falling to 29,998 in 1978. But it increased to 30,228 in 1979.

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