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David and April Hilton Sykes, Publishers

I couldn't get any last year. My advice to them is don't let the criticism bother you. Just consider the source.

Steve Powell
Rt. 3, Box 3106
La Grande.

For Margo Sherer

To the Editor:
I endorse Margo Sherer for Morrow County Treasurer and Tax Collector. When I held the position of tax collector, Margo was my deputy for nearly three years. She is honest, dependable and willing to work. She meets the public well, is courteous and pleasant to all taxpayers and willing to help with any problems they may have. She also has some knowledge of the treasurer's work because for four years the two departments were in the same office. When the present treasurer is gone for any reason Margo does her work.

I had to retire due to ill health in October, the busiest time of the year for the tax office, and Margo was able with untrained help to do all the preliminary work before collection, the collection, and all the things that follow, such as posting cash payment, distributing money to the various taxing districts, and many more. She was able to do all this and the books balanced at the end of the fiscal year.

After 24 1/2 years of experience as tax collector I know that to be quite an accomplishment. I am very proud of her. I know her opponent is an excellent bookkeeper, but she does not know taxes. The records in the tax office are altogether different from any other. They can only be learned on the job. The duties of the tax collector are more than those of the treasurer. I know Margo is capable of doing the work of both offices. I hope you will join me in voting for Margo on Nov. 4, as

our next treasurer and tax collector.

Elvira Irby
P.O. Box 243
Heppner, OR 97836

Hospital Notes

Making reality out of a dream

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for making the bike raffle and benefit for our son, **Tyson Lankford, a fantastic success.**

This makes reality of a dream, to transport Tyson to the regional pre-school for the deaf and hearing impaired. To the Elks Lodge for all the time, effort and concern, you're a great organization.

To the residents of Morrow County, we can never express our gratitude.

Tyson thanks you, as we do.
Cliff and Pam Lankford

Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner discharged the following patients the past week:

- John Penington, Condon, admitted Oct. 7, discharged Oct. 8;
 - David Jackson, Portland, admitted Oct. 8, discharged Oct. 11;
 - Thelma Tong, Condon, admitted Oct. 9, discharged Oct. 12;
 - Carol Unrein, admitted Oct. 12, discharged Oct. 13.
- The following patients remain in the hospital as of Oct. 14:
- Carmel Lennon, Heppner, admitted Oct. 6;
 - Hazel Hamlin, Heppner, admitted Oct. 12;
 - Margery Kenny, Heppner, admitted Oct. 13.

What's your opinion?



Question: "Do you favor banning of leghold traps except for predator control?"
Jim Monahan of Heppner says "No, some of those animals, coyotes and so forth, are harmful and destroy livestock."

Letters to the Editor

Considering retirement Mr. Ullman?

To the Editor:
For the first time in many years, Al Ullman has a very competent opponent.

In fact, Denny Smith has become prominent enough that Al Ullman is threatening to buy a condominium near Bend. Are you considering retirement Mr. Ullman? Twenty-four years in Washington, D.C. is a long time.

Regardless of the outcome of the election, I would like to thank Denny Smith for making Al Ullman return to an Oregon residency.

Yours truly,
Joy V. Dobbin
Rt. 1, Box 1621
La Grande

Reporters— not robots

I read last week's "Letter to the Editor" from Laura McDougal with disgust.

Although I will defend her right to voice her opinion, she is also subject to criticism when her words are printed. There is a new style of journalism being used today called, "Interpretive Reporting." A reporter can mix the facts with opinion to make it more understandable and interesting to the readers. The style of reporting just the facts has been absent for many years.

How unbiased can a story really be?

The fact that reporters are humans and not robots means that there will always be feelings in a story. The questions that are asked, the way the answers are written, and information that is not even put in an article are all determined by the reporter's bias.

Imagine how dry a story would be without bias. A reporter could not say, "He threw a nice pass," or "That was a hard hit."

Reporters are professionals and should be treated as such. McDougal would not tell Tony Dorsett how to run nor should she tell anyone how to write in a style that is no longer used. If she is such an expert, why doesn't she work for the "Gazette"?

Sherry Cowett is a beginner but she should not be told to, "Turn in her reporters notebook." That could be like telling Olga Korbett to quit gymnastics the first time she fell off the balance beam.

While I am writing, I would like to congratulate the Heppner Mustangs for passing the ball so effectively last week.

I would also like to wish Dennis Doherty good luck. He is probably the county's best official.

As for the recent passing of the county budget, I say Don McElligott and company are lucky. If I was still in Heppner, I would have fought against it.

The reporters at the "Observer" would like Dorothy Krebs to come talk to our management to see if we can get a 25 percent raise. We feel we have been underpaid for years too.

Krebs said a few weeks ago not to vote the budget down at the polls - but instead come to the budget hearings because it

is less expensive.

I spoke against it at a hearing and wasn't listened to so there goes her theory.

Back to my original idea for a letter. The present owners of the "Gazette-Times" are lucky to have found sports writers for high school games.

Sample Straw Poll—Cut on dotted line

STRAW POLL

Directions: Mark your choices, cut out on dotted line and return by Oct. 27 to: The Gazette-Times, 147 West Willow, P.O. Box 337, Heppner, Ore. 97836.

In order to maintain confidentiality, the Gazette-Times asks that you please do not sign your name or include your address when returning your straw ballot.

Please note: Candidates names are listed alphabetically. Mark a cross or a check in the square before the name of the candidate voted for.

PRESIDENT (Vote for one):

- John Anderson, Independent
- Jimmy Carter, Democrat
- Ed Clark, Libertarian
- Barry Commoner, Independent
- Ronald Reagan, Republican

JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT, MORROW AND UMATILLA COUNTIES (Vote for one):

- Ralph Currin
- John Smallmon

MORROW COUNTY CLERK (Vote for one):

- Barbara Bloodsworth
- Pauline Winter

MORROW COUNTY SHERIFF (Vote for one):

- Bud Englert
- Larry D. Fetsch
- Douglas C. Rathbun

MORROW COUNTY TREASURER (Vote for one):

- Margo Sherer
- Alice Vance

MAYOR - CITY OF LEXINGTON (Lexington residents only - vote for one):

- Ed Baker
- William G. Sheirbon

COUNCIL MEMBER - CITY OF LEXINGTON (Lexington residents only - Vote for two):

- Floyd Borman
- Gary D. Munkers
- Charlene Papineau
- John Ripple

COUNCIL MEMBER - CITY OF BOARDMAN (Boardman residents only - vote for three):

- Jerry Donovan
- Mary C. Michael
- Vernon Russel
- Wm. P. Sharkey
- Dewey W. West, Jr.

(Ballot Measures - Mark a cross or a check in the voting square before the word YES or before the word NO for the answer voted for.)

OREGON STATE MEASURES:

BALLOT MEASURE 5 - "Shall sale, use of snare, leghold traps be forbidden, except for predator control until 1985 or to protect human health?"

- YES
- NO

BALLOT MEASURE 6 - "Shall real property taxes be limited, certain taxes be prohibited, and tax increases require two-thirds legislative or popular vote?"

- YES
- NO

BALLOT MEASURE 7 - "Shall existence of federally licensed permanent nuclear waste disposal facility, and voter approval be required for nuclear plant site certificate?"

- YES
- NO

COUNTY MEASURE:

BALLOT MEASURE 9 - "Shall Morrow County School District change its tax base from \$588,510 to \$4,694,615 for the fiscal year 1981-1982"

- YES
- NO

HEPPNER CITY MEASURE (Heppner residents only):

"Shall a new tax base of \$125,000 be established for Heppner, Oregon to become effective in the 1981-1982 fiscal year?"

- YES
- NO

Straw Poll results will be published in the Oct. 30 Gazette-Times

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