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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Keep credibility**

To the editor:  
 When I read your editorial about the County Court and their dealings with Dr. Koznek over the Clinic, I was hot. So when I saw Judge McEligott at the Fair, I came at him with fire in my eyes, wanting to know what the heck the court was up to. He took a patient half hour to carefully explain the entire story to me. He explained that the court has, in their opinion, made many attempts to come to terms with Dr. Koznek, and have tried to be very reasonable. I concede that what one man thinks is "many attempts" and "reasonable" can come off seeming to be abrupt and officious. But he also quoted me a series of offered figures that were quite at odds with the figures you quoted, and he gave me a time frame that was much different than "30 days or else." And the Judge explained that, following the editorial, he had gone over all the figures and time frames with a member of the Gazette-Times staff. I commend the Gazette-Times for dealing with current, local issues — I think that's important for our area. But, it is also your responsibility:

1. To be scrupulously accurate with hard facts like dollar amounts.  
 2. To openly revise your reporting when new information calls your facts to question — or at the very least to print facts as the party under scrutiny understands them.  
 I know how frustrating it is to try and do a public job correctly, only to be slammed with inaccurate press that throws everything into a mess. It's unfair. So if we are going to make public persons accountable by means of the media — which I think ought to occur — then it is the responsibility of the media to be darn sure of its facts before it speaks.  
 Keep up the good work of investigative editorializing, but keep up your credibility by making sure your data is right.  
 John S. Maas  
 Heppner  
 (Editor's note: the facts used in the August 18 editorial were taken from a resolution passed by the county court at an August 3 meeting. A Gazette-Times reporter attended the meeting and double checked the figures with the court before publication.)

**Please return the bunny**

To the editor:  
 We enjoyed having so many of our friends visit the Small Animal Barn during Fair. We want to thank the Fair Board for the expansion of our facilities. We had many compliments on it.  
 We had a wonderful week until the last evening when

someone decided to take a small brown and white Rex bunny that belonged to a boy who had paid for it, named it and loved it. Would the "Joker" care to return it to the Fair office.  
 Irene Anhorn,  
 Small Animals Supt.

**Important facts**

To the editor:  
 Oregonians have heard only about 20 percent of the facts about the last legislative session. Here are important facts they haven't heard.  
 The sales tax passed by the House in the last session was designed to increase State of Oregon General Fund taxes by \$800 million a year. This represents a proposed increase of over one-half in state general fund taxes. The sales tax was much broader in coverage than either California or Washington sales taxes. Most services like dry cleaning, hair cuts, a house call by your plumber, etc. were to be taxed at four cents on the dollar, as well as retail sales. Some have said failure of that proposal was a failure to provide tax relief.  
 The State of Oregon has not levied property taxes for over 40 years. However, local governments and schools' property tax levies have increased statewide by 51 percent in the last three years. At the same time the income of all Oregonians statewide has remained about level. It is easy to understand why people feel pinched by the local property tax growth rate and by tax increases in general. They don't have any increased ability to pay taxes.  
 The Legislature provided property tax relief, despite claims to the contrary. Direct property tax relief totalling \$411 million will be paid to or for homeowners and renters in this two year budget period through the existing H.A.R.P. program and the general all

homeowners and renters program.  
 Other state payments for the next two years which reduce the demand for property taxes are \$917 million in aid to local school districts, \$104 million for community colleges, \$25 million of local court costs and millions of dollars of other state payments. All of these latter state-paid amounts have increased since the last state budget.  
 Did the state have money to pay these increases? Only by continuing cigarette and income tax increases made in 1981-82, and by increasing the tax per person. These totalled \$419 million. Direct payments to homeowners and renters were \$411 million which, with administrative costs, almost equals the amount of increase voted.  
 Did the state government need this money for its own operations? No. General property tax relief was started by state government in 1978. Since then it has applied five billion, one hundred forty-five million dollars of state-collected taxes to fund direct property tax relief and basic school support and other aids to local government. If state government had kept back this money, it would be enough to fund all state government activities at current levels for the next six years — without another nickel of state taxes being collected during that time span.  
 Sincerely,  
 Edward N. Fadeley  
 President  
 Oregon State Senate

**Wedding Announcement  
 Huddleston — Sherman**

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Sherman and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Huddleston, all of Heppner, invite all friends and relatives to the wedding of their children, Janice Irene, and Mark Raymond, on Saturday, Sept. 10, 4 p.m., at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner.  
 A reception will follow at the Heppner Elks Lodge.

**Reception to honor  
 Rietmann newlyweds**

Brian P. Rietmann and Sharon L. Crowell who were married June 21 at St. William's Catholic Church in Ione, will be honored at a wedding reception on Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Ione United Church of Christ, from 2 to 4 p.m.  
 All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

**Obituaries**

**Olive Hughes**

HEPPNER - Olive Hughes, a longtime Heppner resident, died Saturday, Aug. 22, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner. She was 88.  
 She was born February 1, 1895 at Winters, Calif. to Glen and Olive Davis Bassett.  
 On January 17, 1923, she married Joseph Hughes at Newberg.  
 Mrs. Hughes was a member of the Heppner Soroptimist Club and the First Christian Church in Heppner.  
 Services were held Tuesday, Aug. 30 at First Christian Church with the Rev. Don Shelton officiating. Ron McDonald was soloist and Kathryn Hoskins was organist.  
 Casket bearers were David Hughes, Tom Hughes, Richard Hughes, Chris Stroda, Jim Stroda and Julie Roberts. Honorary bearers were Paul Jones, Marcel Jones and Clarence Baker.  
 Concluding services and burial were at Heppner Masonic Cemetery.  
 Mrs. Hughes is survived by sons Tom Hughes of Fossil, Joe Hughes of Los Angeles, Calif. and William Hughes of Roseburg; daughter Ellen Marshall of Salem; and five sisters: Lucille McKeon of Alameda, Calif., Frances Jensen and Florence Correll, both of Long Beach, Calif., Evelyn Picuelli of Calimesa, Calif. and Eleanor Jones of Sacramento, Calif.

Memorial contributions may be made to the memorial fund at First Christian Church.  
 Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements.

Her mother owned a dress shop in Heppner at one time, and her father was a chief of police at The Dalles.  
 Mrs. Reno attended and graduated from Heppner schools.  
 Rosary was read Friday, Aug. 26 at the Little Chapel of the Dawn, Santa Monica, Calif. Mass was on Saturday, Aug. 27, at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church. Interment was at Holy Cross Cemetery in Culver City, Calif.  
 She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Reno in 1969.  
 She is survived by three cousins in Los Angeles, Calif.: Catherine C. Lassila, Patricia L. Saikoe and Cecelia M. Saikoe, and many cousins in the Northwest.  
 Funeral directors Gates, Kingsley and Gates of Santa Monica were in charge of arrangements.

**Robert G. 'Pete' McMurtry**  
 HEPPNER - Robert G. "Pete" McMurtry, 79, of Heppner, died Sunday, Aug. 28, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.  
 He was born March 7, 1904 in Quay, Oklahoma to James and Margaret Walters McMurtry. He came to Oregon with his parents at the age of 12.  
 He married Mary Duran on April 19, 1923 in Philomath.  
 Mr. McMurtry was a member of the Odd Fellows, the Rebekahs, the Rock Hounds and the First Christian Church in Heppner.  
 He operated Heppner Auto Parts from 1952 until his retirement in 1972.  
 Funeral services were held Tuesday, Aug. 30, at First Christian Church with the Rev. Don Shelton officiating. Ron McDonald was soloist and Kathryn Hoskins was organist.  
 Casket bearers were Ed Gonty, Ed Hunt, Cal Sherman,

**T.L. 'Toots' Dubuque**  
 HEPPNER - T.L. "Toots" Dubuque, 70, of Heppner, died Wednesday, Aug. 17 in Portland.  
 He was born November 11, 1912 in Crookston, Minn. to Fred and Agnes Dubuque.  
 At age 14 he came with his family to Yakima, Wash., and then to Oregon in 1935.  
 Mr. Dubuque worked as a maintenance supervisor in several lumber mills in north east Oregon. On June 8, 1945, he married Marget Carlson in Lewiston, Idaho.  
 He was a member of B.P.O.E. 358, Heppner.  
 Graveside services were held August 20 at Heppner Masonic Cemetery with the Rev. John Maas officiating.  
 He is survived by his wife, Marget, of Heppner; sons Doug Dubuque of Heppner and John Dubuque of Pendleton; a

**Mr. and Mrs. Howard Crowell and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rietmann request the pleasure of your company at a reception on Saturday, September 10, 1983, from 2:00 to 4:00 at the Ione United Church of Christ. All friends and relatives are invited to attend the reception given in honor of the marriage of Brian P. Rietmann and Sharon L. Crowell on June 21, 1983 at St. William's Catholic Church.**

**Randall Peterson, Edwin Tucker and Paul Fortenberry. Honorary bearers were D.R. Tash, Dr. L.D. Tibbles, Bud Springer, Walter Edger, Paul Emerick and Bob Lowe. Private inurnment was at Lexington Cemetery. His wife and a brother, Ed, preceded him in death. Survivors include a son, Glenn McMurtry, of Portland; a brother, James McMurtry, of Philomath; a sister, Mary Anderson, of Eugene; and numerous nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to the Oregon Heart Fund. Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements.**

**Sidney Carl Zinter**  
 IONE - Sidney Carl Zinter, a longtime Ione resident, died Thursday, Aug. 25, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner. He was 75.  
 He was born in Clarkston, Wash. on September 30, 1907.

**He came to Ione when he was four years old, and lived there for 71 years. He was a cattle and wheat rancher. Mr. Zinter was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Heppner. Funeral services were held Monday, August 29, at First Christian Church in Heppner. The Rev. LeRoy Warnell and the Rev. Robert Wolf officiated. Vault interment was in Heppner Masonic Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Mary, of Ione; son Sidney of Ione; daughter Julie Kay Zinter of North Carolina; a sister, Irene Huit, of Portland; and two grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the building fund of the Assembly of God Church in Heppner. Burns Mortuary, Hermiston, was in charge of arrangements.**

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**New lessons planned at  
 First Christian Church**

A new quarter of Sunday school lessons will begin September 4 at the First Christian Church in Heppner, 9:45 a.m., announced the Rev. Don Shelton, pastor. The new classes are also starting, he added.  
 Following are the topics for each age group:  
 For children age two and three, "God Who Made Us"; "We Learn About God," for four and five-year-olds and students in grades one and

two; "How the Church Began and Grew," for students in grades three and four; "Basic Bible Doctrines" will be taught to youths; "Check Your Life in Christ," for young adults; and "Our Biblical Faith," for adults.  
 "Anyone interested in attending Sunday School is invited to join us," the pastor said. For more information, phone 676-9209.

**Neighborhood Center news**

By NEOLA MACKAY  
 The Ladies' Relief Society of the Latter-day Saints Church will be hostesses for Thursday afternoon social times at the

Heppner Neighborhood Center for the month of September. The center will be closed Monday, Sept. 5 in observance of Labor Day.

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Many thanks to those most kind and thoughtful souls who undertook to inform the public of my thirtieth birthday. Words simply cannot express the depth of feeling which struck me as I read your announcement in last week's Gazette.  
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 Sincerely,  
 Valerie Boyer Doherty

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