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Letters to the Editor

Rutherford reflects

To the Editor:
As Election Day draws closer and closer, I've taken the time to reflect back on the five and one-half months that I've served as Oregon's State Treasurer. It's been a pleasure to discover that a statewide office can be so fulfilling and have such a positive effect on the state. I've enjoyed every minute of my time as your Treasurer.

As State Treasurer it has been a goal of mine to provide better communications between the State Treasurer's Office and the people of Oregon. Oregonians need to finally know that such an "obscure" office really does have a significant impact on the state.

While State Treasurer, I've had the opportunity to demonstrate my understanding of the office and knowledge of what this state needs to flourish again.

As your State Treasurer I am proud of the positive economics results I have been able to achieve for Oregon:

I've invested money in Oregon... 18 million dollars has been invested in the purchase of mortgages from Oregon financial institutions.

I've saved Oregonians tax dollars, through investing in growing businesses, we've earned \$192 million in interest.

I've created jobs for Oregonians... many IDRIB bond sales have provided Oregon business with the money necessary to expand and hire employees.

I've invested in a venture capital fund in Oregon... 3 million dollars has been placed with a venture capital fund to be headquartered in Oregon.

I am pleased that I've been able to make such a positive impact on the state. I am also pleased to have an open line of communication from my office to all Oregonians. I welcome your thoughts and questions, because only together can we keep our state growing.

I truly love this office and hope that voters will take a look at my record as State Treasurer. I have made a difference in Oregon and I will continue to do so.

Please join me in investing in Oregon's future.

(s) Bill Rutherford
State Treasurer

Letter to Atiyeh

Governor Victor Atiyeh
254 State Capitol
Salem, Oregon 97310
Dear Governor Atiyeh:

You are no doubt aware of the potentially dangerous and explosive situation that exists in Oregon, concerning the Rajneesh organization and the upcoming November 15th election.

This letter is coming to you on behalf of the people of Wasco and Jefferson counties as well as a majority of the other counties in Oregon.

On September 20th, Channel 2 News conducted a televote concerning the Pro and Con opinions of the people toward the Rajneesh. The results of that pole indicated 93 percent of the response was opposed to this organization.

Our voting laws in Oregon are now set up to make it possible for the system to be used by this group for their benefit and it appears they are gearing up to do just that.

We the people of Oregon are asking you to call a special session of the Legislature to amend this law, making it impossible for the Rajneesh to use the people they are importing from other U.S. cities, apparently for voting purposes.

If, in fact, this is not their intent, as they insist, then changing the law would not be a concern of their apparent project and would prevent the people of Oregon from needing to resort to the same process, to insure that they are unable to accomplish their purpose.

If it is their intent to use our voting system to their advantage in the coming election, we will know by their reaction to this legislation.

We feel, most of the problems existing in the Rajneesh situation are a result of the county and state government doing little or nothing, IN TIME to protect the rights of other Oregon residents.

Do we, once again, have to wait until the election is over, (as Norma Paulus suggests) and then attempt to amend a mistake, or are we as concerned citizens and responsible lawmakers, going to do something to make it impossible for the mistake to happen?

We would urge you, Governor Atiyeh to listen to the voice of concerned Oregonians who are willing to do whatever is necessary, ON THEIR OWN, to intervene in this problem.

Just as it was necessary to ask the Legislature to correct a hindering corporate tax law, in June, 1984, we feel it is now more urgent for you to take the necessary action to convene the Legislature to prevent the possibility of another tragic error that cannot easily be corrected once the election takes place. There is also, in this case, the very present danger of a serious outbreak of violence.

Edmund Burk said, "For evil to triumph, it is only necessary for good men to do nothing."

Sincerely,
(s) Mrs. Reata A. Horney
and Other Concerned Oregon Citizens
Box 70
Madras, Oregon 97741

Births

Karen Lynn Hedlund-a daughter, Karen Lynn, was born September 19, 1984 to Cathy and Gene Hedlund, Jr. of Ashland. She weighed 7 lbs. 11 1/2 oz.

Grandparents are Roger and Shirley Palmer of Heppner, and Gene Hedlund Sr. of Medford.

She joins a brother, Jeffrey, 20 months, at home.

Glenn J.R. Mikesell-a son, Glenn J.R. was born September 30, 1984 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner to Jackie and Glenn J.R. Mikesell, Jr. III of Heppner. He weighed 6 lb. 10 oz.

Grandparents are Robert Curtis Lowe of Bellingham, WA, and Leonard and Barbara Engle of Tenio, WA.

Greatgrandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sperry of Bellingham and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Mill of Vancouver, B.C.

He joins a brother, Michael Ryan, age two, at home.

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Obituaries

Norman (Ira) Nelson

Norman Nelson, 71, of Lexington died Sunday, September 30, 1984 at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton. He was born on May 6, 1913 at Wainwright, Alberta, Canada to Alfred H. and Bertha (Morgan) Nelson. Shortly after his birth the family moved back to the farm on Baseline Road in Morrow County. In 1920 at the age of six he received his U.S. citizenship through the naturalization of his father who was a native of Sweden.

Norman's mother was a school teacher before her marriage and taught him the basics of the first grade at home. He went on to attend school at Lexington, Springfield and Devine School No. 23. He graduated from Ione High School in 1931 and attended Oregon State College in 1937, 1938, and 1940.

In January 1942 he enlisted in the First Construction Battalion (Seabees) of the U.S. Navy and served in the South Pacific on the islands of Tonga and New Hebrides and with the 23rd Battalion on Guam.

Norman lived on the family farm on Baseline Road all his life and helped with the farming from the age of ten. After his father's retirement in 1938 he and his brother Fred farmed together until their sons took over the management of their respective farms. In 1956

Ned D. Sweek

Ned D. Sweek, 61, Heppner, died Saturday, Sept. 29, 1984, at his home.

Graveside funeral was 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery. The Rev. Edwin Watts officiated.

Sweek was born June 14, 1923 at Monument, the son of Rex and Dulcie Allen Sweek. He served with the U.S. Army during World War II, coming to Heppner after World War II. Sweek had worked for Kinzua Corp. for the past 38 years.

On July 11, 1946, he married Lillian Simas at Monument. He was a member of the Heppner B.P.O.E. 358.

Survivors include his wife, Lillian Sweek, Heppner; sons, Michael Sweek, Eugene, and Gregory Sweek, Heppner; brother, Wesley Sweek, Tigard; sisters, Rhoda Robinson, Los Angeles, Calif., Doris Capon and Trella Boggs, both of John Day, and Sue Couture, Fossil; there are two grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to the Oregon Heart Association. Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements.

Norman and Fred were recognized as Morrow County Conservation Men of the Year.

On February 3, 1946 Norman and Jean McElhinny were married at Salem.

Norman was active in many organizations dealing with farming and community betterment such as Lexington Grange, Farm Bureau, Oregon Wheat Growers League, Parent Teachers Association, Extension 4-H, Blow Control, Weed Control, Road Improvement, Ione United Church of Christ, Wranglers Riding Club, and McNary Boat Club.

Survivors include his wife Jean Nelson, Lexington; a son, Charles Nelson, Lexington and daughter, Kristin Nelson, Salem; a brother Alfred H. Nelson, Pendleton; two sisters, Ellen Mason and Clara Slonecker, Oak Grove, Oregon; and one grandson.

Funeral service will be held Friday, Oct. 5, 1 p.m. at the Ione United Church of Christ with the Rev. Cathy Barker officiating. Organist will be Helen Martin. Concluding service and burial will be at the Lexington Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the Memorial Fund of the Ione United Church of Christ or the Oregon Cancer Fund.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner was in charge of arrangements.

D.J. Conway

D.J. Conway, a nephew of Morrow County pioneer, Ada Parker Ayers of Parker's Mill, died September 21, 1984 at a Portland hospital.

Mr. Conway was born in Martin's Ferry, Ohio in 1896, moving to Portland in 1914 where he graduated from Lincoln High School. He volunteered for military service in 1917 and, during World War I, was assigned to active duty with 153rd Aero Squadron in England and France.

Prior to his retirement in 1961, he was an Examiner for the National Association of Securities Dealers in Portland, San Francisco and Washington D.C. He resided in the Portland area since 1962.

Among his interests, Mr. Conway was a keen student of the history of Morrow County as well as the history of the Irish Community in Morrow County.

He is survived by his wife, Josephine Woolery. Private interment will be at High View Cemetery in Ione.

Sifting

through the

Times

50 Years Ago

October 4, 1934

General Charles H. Martin, Democratic candidate for governor was in Heppner for a couple of hours yesterday afternoon in the company of Charles B. Cox and Leslie L. Matlock, local party leaders. Martin recalled that he first visited Heppner in 1889 when he came through here with some of Uncle Sam's troops at the time of Indian uprisings.

25 Years Ago

October 1, 1959

The Morrow County school board

Tuesday took steps to meet a serious immediate school housing shortage in the south part of the county and plans were laid to start a study of the building needs. The board announced plans to appoint all members of the individual school advisory committee which will study the construction of a new high school in Heppner and a grade school in Ione.

10 Years Ago

October 3, 1974

Opening of a new county office in Irrigon, to be shared by a number of county agencies, is announced by Morrow County Judge, Paul Jones.

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Hospital Notes

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

James Gill, Mt. Vernon-admitted September 25, discharged September 26.

The following patients were still receiving care as of Monday, October 1:

Mary Bergstrom, Ione-admitted September 27.

Julie Wattenburger, Heppner-admitted September 29, and

Jerry Brosnan, Heppner-admitted September 29.

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner handled or dispatched the following business during the past week:

On September 28, the Heppner Police Department responded to a break-in which occurred sometime between midnight and 3 a.m. at Court Street Market by person (s) unknown. It is unknown what or how much was taken. Case is still under investigation.

Also on September 28, Morrow County Sheriff's Dept. responded to a two vehicle accident near Ruggs. There were no injuries.

In another September 28 incident, the Morrow County Sheriff's Dept. arrested Richard D. Romig, 20, of Gresham on a charge of Driving While Under the Influence of Intoxicants.

On September 30, a Boardman ambulance responded to the 76 Station in Boardman and transported a patient who was having chest pains to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston.

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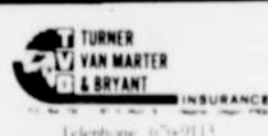
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