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Letters to the Editor

Why hurt Heppner

To the Editor:
 Some voices in Morrow County are advocating moving the Extension office, the ASCS office and the Soil Conservation Service to Lexington. This would deal Heppner a terrible blow.

Heppner, Ione and Lexington are one community actually and Heppner's trading center critically merits our support.

Sincerely,
 (s) Ken Turner

On the Centennial Dinner

To the Editor:
 Again my personal appreciation for the fine respectful manner of those attending the dinner for Morrow County's 100th year. I sincerely

hope that each took home a special memory to treasure forever from this our Centennial dinner.

(s) Delpha Jones
 Centennial Committee Chairman

Compliments Ray French

To the Editor:
 Compliments to Raymond French, with his concern for residents in the Eastern Oregon area, with regards to studded tires and required seat belts.

Ray, that is what we put you there for.

I was in Sydney, Australia five years ago, where a 50 mile speed limit and seat belts were compulsory; also a \$50 fine and on the third offense, the driver's license was suspended or revoked.

My daughter, Shirley Rugg was in Australia the first of last month, at Sydney and Canbarra. When she returned, one of the first questions I asked her was, "Are seat belts still required and what do the residents think about them by now?"

Shirley's answer told me that the Australians are just as unhappy now as they were five years ago and feel it is just another step toward Socialism. Thank God we are not there yet.

Sifting through the Times

10 Years Ago
 February 20, 1975
 A would-be robber failed in an attempt to open the office safe at Ione High School. The Sheriff's investigation showed no signs of forced entry or other disturbance except the absence of an acid solution from the school's science room.

School board members were concerned about the new emphasis on girls sports resulting in increased costs. Questionnaires were mailed to each school attendance area advisory committee for advice on the question, "Do we curtail sports activities or do we set dollar amounts to be spent on athletics and let the schools decide where to spend the money?"

25 Years Ago
 February 18, 1960
 A bridge eight miles north of Lexington which had been replaced by the highway department the

previous fall started on fire from weed burning being done on property adjacent to the bridge. Heppner's rural fire jeep arrived at the scene too late to help as the flaming tar and creosote were more than the single hose line could handle. The highway dept. again rebuilt the bridge.

Stefani's Fine Foods and Standard Oil Company Oil bulk plant in Ione were both scheduled to re-open following a two-week closure caused by petroleum in the restaurant's basement. The source was not discovered, but no leaks were discovered in the tanks which stored petroleum.

50 Years Ago
 February 21, 1935
 Morrow County Court announced a water shortage and asked upper Willow and Rhea Creek farmers to discontinue irrigation until March 1. Reports indicate a prevailing shortage of water in all creeks for the season.

Hospital Notes

Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner reports admitting and discharging the following patients during the past week:

Fay Riddle, Heppner-admitted February 11, discharged February 12.
 Mary Bergstrom, Ione-admitted February 13, discharged February 16.

Audrey Stanley, Lexington-admitted February 14, discharged February 17.
 Kerry Uecker, Goldendale, Wash-admitted February 15, discharged February 16, and
 Robert Edwards, Goldendale, Wash-admitted February 15, discharged February 15.
 Two patients were still receiving care at the hospital at press time Tuesday.
 Myron Huston, Heppner-admitted February 15, and
 Eva Hudson, Heppner-admitted February 17.

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