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## Letters to the Editor

### Return signed petitions

To the Editor:  
We would like to express our thanks to all the people of Oregon for their help in circulating the petitions and also their financial assistance. Without you, we could not have hoped to accomplish our goal of disincorporation.

We are now asking you to please send in all the petitions with signatures you have gathered, in case something unforeseen happens in the

future. This will enable us to know how many signatures we would still need.

The Wasco County Court has appointed four new city council members. One of the first issues of the new city council will be to place the issue of disincorporation on the March ballot.

Thanks to all of you,  
(s) Jim and Jean Opray  
Antelope, OR

### Legislators insensitive to depressed economy

To the Editor:  
In a time when many Oregonians are accepting cuts in pay and benefits, it seems that our legislative assembly may have been somewhat insensitive in raising their salaries. In fact, as a former member of the Oregon Legislature, I was appalled at the exorbitant pay raise which legislators gave themselves during the last session. The depressed Oregon economy calls for belt tightening, not fattening salaries at this time.

With almost no publicity, legislators raised their base salaries, which they receive 12 months each year, by over 28 percent. From the \$700 before the session, they upped their monthly salaries in three steps, reaching \$901 in January 1987.

In addition, they approved a raise from \$300 to \$400 per month in their expense allowance when not in session, plus a raise in daily per diem when in session or committee meetings from \$44 to \$50, and added a special allowance of up to \$150 monthly for larger districts.

On top of this pay, members enjoy such perquisites as free residential phone service, paid medical and dental insurance for the member and family, paid life and disability insurance, fully paid enrollment in the Public Employees Retirement System, and their spouses may draw up to \$2,000 per month during sessions for serving as the staff member.

Oregon has always operated on the concept of a "citizen legislature," coming together as a public service during legislative sessions, and then returning to their farms, jobs or business. With total pay for the biennium nearing \$35,000 plus up to \$12,000 for the spouse when serving as the staff member, we are approaching a professional legislature, where an increasing number of people with little or no prior work

experience serve in the legislature as their only job.

I am working to collect signatures on the initiative petition to repeal the unreasonable pay raises. The petition limits the number of days legislators may collect per diem for legislative sessions to 120 days in odd numbered years and 150 for the legislative biennium. We need your help to collect 83,361 valid signatures.

Petitions may be obtained from the sponsoring organization, Oregonians in Action, 1533 E. Burnside, Portland, Or 97314, or by calling 233-1231.

Sincerely,  
(s) Bernard (Bud) Byers  
Telephone: 259-1382

### Justice Court Report

Morrow County Justice Court at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:

Jeffrey Lane Orr, Heppner-Disobey Stop Sign, \$17 fine.

Tommie David Callahan III, Pilot Rock Careless Driving, \$57 fine.

Jeffrey S. Schwab, Portland-with criminal negligence: Hunting a Prohibited Area to wit: Roadway, \$42 fine.

Richard Lawrence Baker, Antelope-Violation of a Road Closure to wit: Passenger, \$40 fine.

Brian S. Thompson, Heppner-with criminal negligence: Violation of a Road Closure: Passenger, \$66 fine.

Ronald Albion Schwarz, Heppner-with criminal negligence: Hunting Prohibited Area (shooting from roadway), \$42 fine.

## Obituaries

### Leonard Kummerland

Funeral for Leonard Kummerland was held at the Sweeney Mortuary Chapel Monday, Dec. 9 with the Rev. Floyd Wilks officiating. Carley Drake was pianist and the Rev. LeRoy Wornell soloist.

Casket bearers were Paul Brown, Al Bunch, LeRoy Wornell, Dough Rathbun, Bob Lovgren, and Ernie McCabe.

Kummerland, 82, Heppner, died Thursday, Dec. 5 at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home. He was born Dec. 17, 1902 at the family farm southwest of Heppner, the son of William and Mary (Leffer) Kummerland. He was a lifetime resident of the Heppner area.

He is survived by a niece, Irene Periberg of Heppner.

Contributions for those who wish may be made to Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home, P.O. Box 9, Heppner.

### Miriam Luella Adkins



Miriam Luella Adkins of Coos Bay, formerly of Cottage Grove, died November 26, 1985, at the age of 90.

She was born June 18, 1895, at Rockwood.

She married Albert Adkins, January 1, 1921, in Heppner, moving to Cottage Grove in 1926, where she resided for 47 years. She moved to Coos Bay in 1983. She was a member of the Church of Christ, and Past 45 Arts and Crafts and had worked as a reporter for the Cottage Grove Sentinel, Oregon Journal and Oregonian.

She is survived by three children: Betty Fukuyama of Tacoma, Washington, Alberta West of Coos Bay, Ross Adkins of Redding, California; 11 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren; a brother, Frank Brown of Edmonds, Washington. She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Adkins in 1953.

Funeral services were Saturday, November 30, 1985, at 1 p.m. at the Church of Christ, Coos Bay, with Reverend Thomas Fukuyama and Jim Williams officiating. Interment was at West Lawn Memorial Gardens.

Those who wish to may make contributions to the American Diabetes Association, Oregon Affiliate, 3607 SW Corbett, Portland, Oregon or the charity of their choice in memory of Mrs. Adkins. Smith-Lun-Mills Funeral Chapel, directors.

### Kenneth Bleakman

Kenneth P. Bleakman, 80, died Friday, Dec. 6, 1985 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital.

Bleakman was born in Hardman, March 11, 1905.

Formerly of Rufus, he had lived in Heppner since 1969.

His wife, Ethel, and a sister Neva Schlieff, died earlier.

Survivors include daughter Neta R. Sweeney of Chelan, Wash.; brothers Percy of Beaverton, and Owen of Baker; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

### Geatta M. Cox

Geatta M. Cox, 91, died Saturday, Dec. 7, 1985, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

Born in Lexington July 3, 1894, she was the daughter of Edgar and Sadie (Scott) Palmer.

She was a lifetime resident of this area.

On Aug. 16, 1914, she married Franklin Dee Cox Jr. in Heppner. The couple operated a wheat farm near Lexington until their retirement, when they moved to Heppner.

Her husband died in February, 1985.

For several years Mrs. Cox has lived at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home.

She is survived by sons Lester L. of Pendleton, and Marvin R. of Springfield, Utah; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 10 at Lexington Baptist Church with the Rev. LeRoy Wornell officiating. Carley Drake played the organ and the Rev. Wornell was soloist. Casket bearers were Lyle Peck, Bob Harrison, Ed Hunt, Stanley Cox, and Leonard and Barry Munkers. Concluding service and interment are at Lexington Cemetery.

Those who wish may contribute to Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home, P.O. Box 9, Heppner 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements.

### Funeral Mass Son Vinh

A Memorial Mass for Son Vinh will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14 at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church in Hermiston.

Vinh died Friday, Nov. 29 at the Chevron Station in Heppner. He is survived by his wife, Sen, and by family members in France and Vietnam.

### Heppner Police Report

The Heppner City Police Dept. reports handling the following business during the past week:

December 2: theft report, assist motorist.

December 3: hit and run report, handled worthless document, assist motorist, parking citation issued, received a dog complaint.

December 4: citation issued for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants, citation issued for attempting to elude a police officer, citation issued for Hit and Run.

December 5: hit and run of private property, assist Morrow

December 8: report of burglary 1. motorist, traffic accident.

December 6: citation issued for careless driving, report of prowler.

December 7: citation issued for Disorderly Conduct, Citation issued for Disorderly Conduct, Citation issued for Minor in Possession, Citation issued for Minor in Possession.

December 8: report of Burglary

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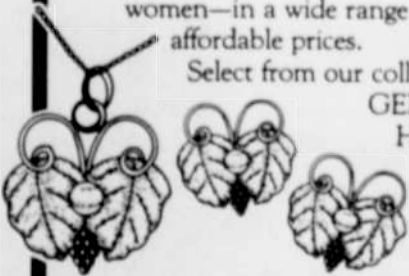
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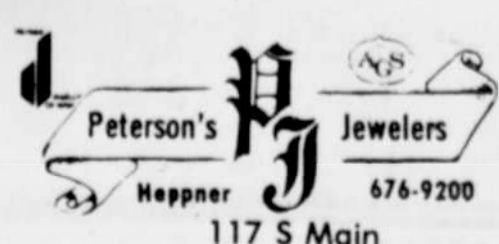
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