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Letters to the Editor

Letter received by Citizen's Committee

To the Editor:
Enclosed is a letter received by all of the members of the Citizen's Committee who helped bring about an end to the strike. Needless to say, several of those who received these letters were a bit put off by it. I myself have a hard time seeing how anyone interested in reconciliation and healing could have in good conscience sent this letter.

Thanks
(s) Shirley M. Alexander
Dear Citizens For Cooperation In Our Schools:

First of all, the Morrow County School Board commends you for your time and effort as facilitators in the management-labor dispute that has taken place in our county.

You people obviously had a crash course on budgets, the present teacher contract, the union proposals, board proposals, collective bargaining and the factfinder's report, coupled with an incredible amount of intestinal fortitude and creativity. Your public help and support would be greatly appreciated by the District in the upcoming tax base election.

The board does, however, feel overwhelmed by the fact that these happenings were kept from the board and administration for at least five days prior to Sunday's "midnight calls".

Perhaps you are unaware of the insurmountable time and energy expended during the last seventeen months on the board's part, and in particular, by the board's negotiating team. We think that it would only be courteous to those involved to at least have been notified of what your group was doing, instead of being taken from jobs and meetings and in-

timidated into a decision prior to your scheduled 7 p.m. meeting in Boardman.

Then at 12:10 a.m. when agreement was tentatively reached, we were with the understanding that the press release would "down play" the vigilante type activities played on the board, but instead we get quotes from your group on how the board was split going into the 5-30 p.m. Executive Session meeting. In our opinion, this statement is damaging to the credibility of the board. During the last seventeen months, the board has been "unanimous" in nearly every decision, and most certainly in every major decision. You can imagine how shocked we were to see that statement in the paper.

While we realize the catastrophic atmosphere tearing our county apart and the urgency with which your group responded, you must realize that it was the Board of Education of the Morrow County School District that was elected by the citizens of Morrow County and, as such, should have been granted some consideration in matters that have been weighing heavy on our minds for the past seventeen months and tearing our lives apart for six of those past seventeen months.

While we are all grateful that this nightmare is behind us and the healing process ahead, we must ask your group to keep the board informed of your activities, especially where such delicate and controversial matters are concerned.

Respectfully submitted,
(s) Dwayne M. Carroll, chairman
Bob Mahoney
Bill Doherty
Julie Ashbeck
Jerry McElligott
Marcia Kemp

Condonites to travel through USSR

To the Editor:
Enclosed is information about a tour to the Soviet Union my wife and I are helping to coordinate as volunteers. We have farmed in the Condon area for over 40 years and are active in church and community activities.

We enjoyed our trip to the Soviet Union in 1987 so much we want to repeat it, especially with the many changes taking place in that country. This time the tour will emphasize Soviet agriculture but will leave considerable time to visit the Soviet cultural features that tourists are normally exposed to.

We thought that the project was sufficiently newsworthy to deserve some space in your paper. We would like to be able to fill up the 30

available spaces in order to better accomplish the goal of US-USSR understanding. We have about 10 people committed now. There is no financial advantage to us in filling up the tour as we will pay the same as anyone else so aren't using your paper for free advertising.

If you want more information contact us at 384-4148 or Box 446, Condon, OR 97823.

Sincerely,
Van Rietmann

Editors Note: The tour leaves New York October 8 and returns October 23. The cost is \$2559 which includes transportation, lodging, full board, all travel within the USSR and three cultural programs. For more information contact Mr. Rietmann at the above address.

Give Oregon back to the Oregonians

To the Editor:

A couple hundred years ago, the people of this nation were subjected to a tyrannical government riddled with pompous, incompetent, crooked bureaucrats who were given almost total control over their "subjects." Some very wise men wrote a document to inform the rotten creeps we wouldn't put up with their injustices anymore. The bureaucrats called on their troops to "take care of the rebels." They under estimated the rage of the people. We got out our pitchforks and rifles and ran the skunks out. The wise men then wrote a document to protect the people of this new nation from being subjected to the same ills by some future government. The framers of the document felt English laws dealing with children were oppressive, unfair and unjust--so they deliberately left them out. When they were finished, they had a pretty good piece of work. They sent the document to the thirteen colonies for ratification. Imagine their surprise when the leaders of the colonies said, "No way, we've been subjected to searches of our homes and persons because someone suspected we did something wrong; thrown in jail without charges and refused a fair trial. We had our property confiscated, our weapons taken away and didn't have the right to speak our minds. We ain't gonna sign." Our forefathers, wise men they were, amended the document with the Bill of Rights to address their concerns. The Constitution was ratified and since that time, we have enjoyed the protection of the Constitution of the United States--guaranteeing freedom, justice, protection and safety--until now. We Oregonians are having our rights taken away one by one.

Witness the Children's Agenda. It has been touted as the answer to child abuse--when in truth it is a ploy for the state to gain control of our children. Sponsors of the Children's Agenda said "the traditional family and its values are part of the problem, not the solution. We must intervene with all children. Rotten are a silly American dream." Children's Services (CSD) has been given almost unlimited power, generous funding and no accountability. Current Oregon legislation-if passed-will force parents to submit to state-sponsored "counseling" and interference, will force priests, ministers, doctors, lawyers and psychoanalysts to reveal confidential information to CSD, and will give the state control of your children. (Contact: F.A.L.R., 22498 Highway 20, Eddyville, OR 97343.)

Control of your school will be taken away from the citizens. The goal is to give the state control of every aspect of school-including private and church schools. The state will dictate all curriculum including "common knowledge" sex-education, their version of proper behavior and "counseling" (treatment). Three-year-olds would be forced to attend pre-school and "programs" would be mandated for children as young as six months. (Contact: Alternate Agenda Committee, 813 E. 18th St. McMinnville, OR 97128.)

A fair trial in Juvenile Court will not exist. Most rights guaranteed under the Constitution already "do not apply." In circuit court, current legislation would allow state workers and others with vested interest in the outcome of the case to either testify for or videotape testimony of a child (after careful coaching) instead of having the child testify himself. Sentencing laws are being revised to allow double-jeopardy in child-abuse cases. Justification for this, according to D.A.s and CSD workers is, "just because a person is found not guilty doesn't mean he is innocent." (Contact: Oregon Family PAC, 753 Park Ave., Lebanon, OR 97355.)

LCDC members are appointed by the governor, have a large staff paid with our money and answer to no one. Pressured by special interest groups, many of whom are backed by big money interests, they are sponsoring legislation and enacting zoning laws so restrictive, small land owners are being destroyed. Big cor-

porations and foreign investors will be able to snap-up all rural property at bargain-basement prices because one of the goals of LCDC is to keep rural landowners from living on their land. City dwellers have been given the false impression they are "preserving our natural resources" when in truth, LCDC is confiscating our land. If allowed to continue, even urban landowners will be subjected to the same unreasonable restrictions. This is a dangerous situation. (Contact: Oregonians in Action, P.O. Box 5425, Portland, OR 97228.)

"Public input" has become a joke. No? The loggers who went to Salem to protest about restrictions on timber sales are being threatened with reprisals because some of them got one hour's pay. And who was sitting in the State Capitol, slogging up money from the taxpayers' trough, urging legislators to pass bills to take our rights away? Our so-called "public servants" that's who. But guess what? If you took time off work, paid your own transportation and bought your own lunch you were lucky if you got to testify because most of the "public testimony" time went to the bureaucrats. How's them apples?

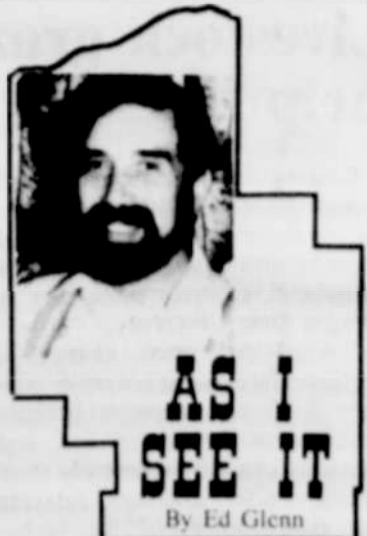
We can either sit back and let our rights be eaten up by the piranhas or we can do something about it. Call (1-800-327-7389) or write (State Capitol, Salem, OR 97310) your legislators and tell them you will not tolerate government control of your family, confiscation of your property, having your rights stripped away or a bunch of bureaucrats running your school. Some of our legislators do listen. Let them know how you feel. If your legislator doesn't vote right, kick his fanny out. It's time to give Oregon back to Oregonians.

Sincerely,
(S) Velma Hartwig
Eddyville, OR 97343

4-H News

Five Burritos
By Jon Hanna, Reporter
Today we made baked potatoes. We baked a few and microwaved one potato. Mark grated the cheese and helped make the bacon bits. Melissa made the bacon bits and set the table. Phillip made the chili and the pears with a cherry on top. Jon peeled the carrots and helped with the bacon bits. We had sour cream on them too. Everybody liked it. Next week we are having a salad bar.

How About A Prison?



The City of Boardman is promoting a state prison near town. And for good reason. The present prisons are so overcrowded, a lot of folks who should be in are out. Probation instead of a prison term and early parole are the rule rather than the exception for so many crimes that we have no chance of quelling the lawlessness that seems to have permeated our entire society.

Somebody will simply have to have a prison in their back yard. The high powered panel that appeared in Boardman last week was unanimous in their opinion that a prison wasn't at all bad.

The good side includes a fair number of well paid, year around, stable, solid employees. Folks that would buy homes that are now empty and going begging for a buyer. Folks that would do a little local shopping and spread the tax burden a little.

Boardman suffers from an employment problem that is two-pronged: the single largest employer in the County has cut total employment from about 1,000 two years ago to about 500 today. And then for those remaining 500, days of work have been cut from about 250 to 150 per year. Other employment around is mostly agriculture, seasonal, boom or bust.

The prison is seen as a more stable employer that will create a better and larger economic base.

One aspect of the plan that has not had much play so far is the multiplier effect. Economists have long recognized that for every 10 new jobs in basic industry there will also be nine new jobs in the local economy. These are the bag boys at the local grocery, the plumbers, electricians and carpenters required to build and maintain homes, school teachers to teach the kids and preachers to man the churches and kids to deliver papers and mow lawns.

A unique feature about prisoners is that they require an unusual amount of legal services. Appeals, post conviction proceedings, contested disciplinary hearings, Writs of Habeas Corpus and all that kind of stuff pour out of a prison like confetti and it all requires lawyers.

And judges, court reporters, clerks and prosecutors are all required in great number. The sheriff does the transporting from prison to court and back but sometimes a judge will set up court right in the prison itself.

Well, with all this new legal business added to the work of the assessor trying to keep up with the rising property values and the clerk recording deeds for the sale of homes and registering new voters, and the tax collector collecting all those new taxes, the strain on our poor old courthouse will be pretty heavy.

The state is looking for a site for about 500 inmates that will take about 175 guards. But they warn that it could grow to 3,000 inmates with about 1,000 guards. If the multiplier holds true, that's a total of 1,900 new jobs and counting families and all about 4,000 people. That's an increase of more than 50% of the present population of the county.

If all that strain on our dear old Courthouse does lead our county fathers to build a new one, we hope it will be soon, before the present one is totally used up. It's one of the few remaining examples of the turn of the century architecture and now in pretty good shape. It ought to be preserved and not used up.

Construction of a new courthouse would add to the economic impact of the prison with all the construction laborers and purchase of construction materials. The boom might just go on and on.

A location for a new courthouse might present a bit of a problem since it does not appear that the present site would be large enough especially considering building code provisions for parking, maximum lot coverage and all that. Maybe some of the adjacent homes could be condemned but that might be a little expensive and disruptive to the present owners.

Someone is bound to suggest a site in Boardman, one that was identified for that very purpose on a land use plan approved years ago. The location is now open land but has roads, sewer, water and utilities in place and would be particularly handy to the prison.

Moving a County Seat isn't easy but by then there would be enough votes in the North to do it.

The Adventures of Grazelda & Clem...
(After Hours)
6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Clem spoke up: "Hey, Grazelda, by golly I'm gonna go down to Miller's Mini Mart & Chevron, fill up with gas and oil, round out a big lunch and go out and make a bunch of money today. We need a bunch of things around here and by golly I'm gonna get them."
Grazelda smirked: "Oh that's just great Clem, then we can buy that candy bar we've always wanted and maybe even that piece of bubble gum!"



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