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Letters to the Editor

Few friends in Salem

To the Editor:

Election time is upon us once again. Working people would be well advised to consider the favors the folks in Salem have done for them recently.

The unemployment compensation changes which were made to correct a problem which really didn't exist. Over five hundred people were denied benefits in my area last Christmas by these unnecessary changes. Talk about your Bah, Humbug. The reinstatement which occurred six months later, while appreciated, does not compensate for the hardships caused by this callous disregard for your well being.

The new Workman's Compensation law that is more concerned with reducing program costs than treatment of injured workmen.

These two laws are essential for

your survival. They are the only thing that stands between you and financial ruin in these days of economic uncertainty. Plant closures, layoffs, slow downs, etc. These changes were passed nearly unanimously by the legislature. This should be enough to convince you that you have very few friends in Salem. I propose that we must change that in November.

The present group does not deserve your vote. They have clearly demonstrated that they could care less about you. Promises now are not going to change that or their performance on your behalf.

Find a candidate who will look after your interests. It will rarely be one of the incumbents.

Sincerely,
(s) Robert C. Robertson
Box 296
Umatilla, OR

For Frohnmayer

To the Editor:

During August, Dave Frohnmayer received support of all 36 of Oregon's elected county sheriffs. He also received the endorsement of all 36 of Oregon's elected district attorneys. He received the endorsement of a large number of Oregon's police chiefs. Clearly, this almost unanimous support of Frohnmayer's bid for governor says a lot about his record in law enforcement.

During his tenure as attorney general, Dave Frohnmayer has traveled tirelessly around the state, meeting with and listening to the concerns of citizens about crime. I know of no other public official who has made a better effort to get to

know all of Oregon.

Dave has listened, and then he has acted. He has acted to get legislation passed which takes property seized from drug dealers—property bought with the proceeds of drug sales. He has worked to increase penalties against child abuse. He has acted to get legislation passed to help victims of crime. That's why law enforcement people have stood up for him. That's one of the many reasons why I'm voting for Dave Frohnmayer for governor.

Sincerely
(s) Bill Hampton
215 N.W. 12th St.
Pendleton, OR 97801

No on Measure 6

To the Editor:

When I fashioned and helped pass the Oregon's Bottle Bill, we knew it would work because it was simple, targeted and easy to enforce. This year, backers of Measure 6, the so-called "Recycling Act," are proposing a packaging ban that won't work—because it is too complicated, costly and bureaucratic. I hope you'll take a close look at it, and vote no.

Packages used today for many products are designed specifically to protect human health and safety. Measure 6 would ban much of this protective packaging. The film that protects the meat you and I buy, the toothpaste tube, and the containers for diabetic supplies are among the thousands of items that fail to meet

Measure 6 standards. Substitutes, if available, may increase the risks to food safety and public health. They will also add to the price you and I pay for many of the products we buy every day.

The penalties in Measure 6 will not apply to major national product and packaging makers. Only Oregon retailers and wholesalers who sell those products will face fines (as much as \$10,000 per day) if the

packages fail to meet Measure 6 standards. Only companies here will face higher costs from new legal liabilities caused by Measure 6.

For years I've helped write state budgets. I understand the cost of government regulatory programs. The bureaucracy required to enforce Measure 6 will be substantial. Yet Measure 6 provides not one dime to pay for a program that must monitor every product in the state sold by more than 23,000 different Oregon businesses, and administer hearings and appeals on exemptions for thousands of products annually.

I know you care as much as I do about improving recycling and protecting Oregon's environment. But Measure 6, unlike the Bottle Bill I wrote to solve a specific problem, is too broadly written to help anything. It adds to the cost of what you and I buy, and adds new bureaucracy which requires higher taxes.

I urge you to vote no on Measure 6.

Sincerely,
(s) Paul Hanneman
State Representative, District 3

Thanks to Heppner

To the Editor:

My recent visit with Heppner area residents at the Saint Patrick's Senior Center was both informative and enjoyable, and I write simply to thank the people for taking time to share their views and ideas with me.

It is always very exciting for me to see the positive effects federal projects and programs have on Heppner and surrounding communities. Of course the Willow Creek Dam is a particularly good example, but everything from the

Wheat Marketing Center in Portland to medical research initiatives seem to be working for the individual people of your area.

Again, I want to thank the people of the Heppner area for their time. I certainly hope you will continue sharing your views with me on these projects and programs as well as any other issues of importance.

Sincerely,
(s) Mark O. Hatfield
United States Senator

Pat Brindle presents Garden program

Pat Brindle of the Heppner Garden Club presented the program "Hostas" at the Lone Garden Club meeting on Sept. 12 at the home of Jean Nelson. The hosta is of the plantain lily family but has roots rather than a bulb. It is a "bog" type of plant liking water. The hosta will grow in shade, even in our hot dry climate, if protected enough and given plenty of water. Pat showed various types of leaves such as the lance leaf, white edge, blue, gold

fringe, and gold drop with green. Hostas can be divided in either the spring or fall just as one would divide a chrysanthemum. Hostas are used a great deal in flower arranging.

Special guests for the day were Pat Brindle and Bebe Munkers of the Heppner Garden Club and Elaine Belts, OSFG first vice president and Connie Tellefson, OSFGC book chairman.

During the business meeting plans were made to help the Heppner Club with the coffee hour at the District #10 meeting on October 9.

Road Report

With the end of summer approaching, the oiling season for the road department nears its end for another year.

The Public Works Department has completed many of the scheduled projects and, even with the \$50 a ton increase of asphalt prices, hopes to be able to complete all scheduled for this season.

Four miles of paving on Lower Sandhollow was done by a contractor. Five miles of the Oregon Forest Highway project on Willow Creek was completed, making a total of 18 miles of reconstruction from Heppner to Cutsforth Park; which is also part of the Blue Mountain Scenic Byway.

Pre-leveling, followed with a chip seal, was done on East Baseline from highway 207 to Cutsforth. West Baseline from highway 207 to Jordan, Social Ridge, Lexington Grange Road, Barclay to Sandhollow for a total of 31.1 miles.

Roads to be completed by the end of September are paving of Huber Road by September 14, and paving of three miles of Baise-Sanford the last week of September by contractor for a grand total of 36.1 miles of county roads.

The county crusher, located in Irigton, has been crushing rock this summer for the scheduled northend projects, and will be moved to Brenner Canyon (Rhea Creek) for winter crushing of rock for county use.

4-H News

Ewes R Us

By Jenny Krein, reporter
The Ewes 'R' Us sheep club held a sheep meeting Sept. 12 at Kate's Pizza. It was a brief meeting on records that are due Sept. 21.

Members also got additional forms for records. This meeting was the last for the year but the group will start up again later on in the year, hopefully with a few more members. The leaders spoke about how things went at fair and how members did. The Ewes R Us club got second in herdsmanship and third in judging.

Two-Trackers

The Two-Trackers will begin riding this Sunday, Sept. 23 at the fairgrounds at 3 p.m. The 4-H fair horse judging will be scheduled in November. Members need to get to work and are reminded to turn in record books to be judged. They are due by Friday, Sept. 21, at the Extension office.

Births

Iveht Villa Gomez Sanchez—a daughter, Iveht Villa was born to Maria Sanchez of Boardman on Sept. 4, 1990 at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 6 lbs. 11 ozs.

By Delpha Jones

Louann and Gene Heliker of Carlsbad, CA. are the proud parents of a baby girl born Sept. 12. The young lady weighed 6 lbs. 4 ozs. and has been given the names of Jessica McKinsey. Grandparents are Barbara and Eldon Gilbert of Lexington, Mary Jean Staggs of Fullerton, CA. and grandfather Robert McKinsey of Livermore, CA.

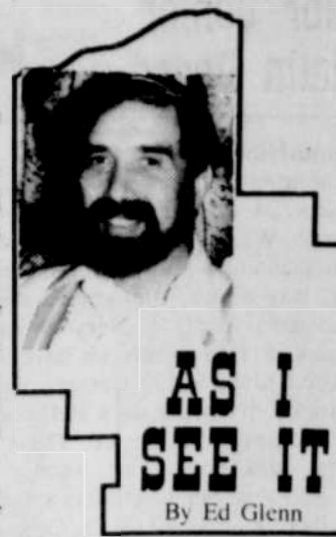
80th Birthday Party

for
John Eubanks

September 22
12:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Anson Wright Park

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A Reporters Life



This newspaper business has some advantages.

In the search of a story it's necessary to attend a lot of public meetings and watch the interplay between the various forces that set public policy. It's exciting to be there at the very beginning. Often, an interview with some of the players, both before and after the fact is necessary to get the whole story.

Politics, government and the public sector have long been interests of mine since those are the areas where not only do you and I have a chance to make a difference, but the consequences of our failure to act may bear on us for a long time. Public business is our business.

Sometimes the story comes to me, like the afternoon Senator Bob Packwood stopped by to answer our questions on a long list of subjects. That was pretty heady stuff.

But news reporting goes farther than that. A good newsman goes to all the basketball and football games and then talks with the stars in the locker room after the game. Imagine, going to a football game because the job requires.

And it means scouting out the local folks with a story to tell. The real war heroes, the pioneers and the new business folks. Everyone has a story if we could just find time to tell it. And they all fuss over a picture. I love to take pictures of people who are not used to posing. You can sure tell a lot about a person's personality when you ask to take their picture.

There's lots of things to report at the schools too, especially the great enthusiasm of kids. I love kids and the unexpected things they do so covering a story at school is a great assignment.

Some stories you can plan well in advance. Do the background research carefully and then plan the interview. You can think about the photo angles and how to write the headline. The interview goes off perfectly because you've anticipated the follow up questions and the story goes together with impact because you have plenty of time to write and rewrite.

Then of course, there's the story that breaks out of the blue just before deadline. No time for research. You grab a camera, note pad and dash to the scene. A bunch of pictures because you never know what will turn out. A few hurried questions about the essentials and then back to the typewriter before the last pasteup and the presses roll.

Most stories fall someplace in between. But it's never the same, never dull, never boring.

Some kinds of stories are my favorites. I like fishing stories. Last spring the walleye fishermen were a constant source of photos of big fish and non-stories about where they were caught. Fishermen talk a lot but not about where they caught the big one. But lately, a good fishing story is hard to come by.

In spite of the good advice against it, sometimes a reporter becomes part of the story. He takes a public stand and then writes about it. That's frowned upon in the business but it happens sometimes.

Now, I don't always follow the best advice that comes my way. I usually suffer the consequences, but I still strike out on my own once in a while.

And that's what it's all about this week. I like a fishing story so much I'm going to ignore all the good advice about not getting involved. While you read this, count on one thing. I've gone fishing.

Grains commission to meet Sept. 21

The next meeting of the Oregon Grains Commission will be held on Friday, Sept. 21 in Portland. The

meeting will begin at 9 a.m. in the OGC conference room.

The Adventures of Grazelda & Clem

(After Hours)

5:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Clem chirped, "Hey Grazelda, the fellers down at Miller's Mini Mart & Chevron told me how you can get rid of a bunch of ugly fat. Do you want to know how?" Grazelda burned, "No Clem, I already know how. Just get rid of you! Clem burned, "Oh real funny Grazelda, real funny."



The children of Jim and Lola Ann Pettyjohn would like to invite family and friends to come and join in the celebration of their parents 40th wedding anniversary.

A reception will be held at the Morrow County Fair grounds in the fair building on September 29th from 2 to 5 p.m. No gifts please. There will be a money tree.

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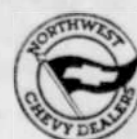
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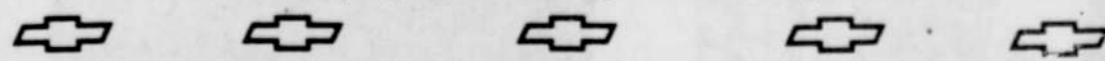
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