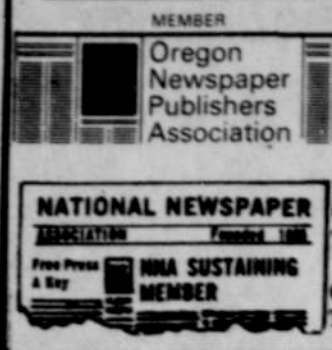


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OFF-ROAD VEHICLES AND THE PUBLIC LANDS

The old saying, "one man's medicine is another man's poison," applies very nicely to the subject of off-road vehicles (ORV's) and to the people who own and operate them—especially when these machines are operated on the public lands that belong to all of us.

There are a few who think they have a constitutional right to operate ORV's anywhere they wish, with no interference from anyone. Others believe ORV owners are intent on destroying our last remaining frontier and should be banned from the land completely.

Luckily, these extremes represent minority views. The great majority of recreational vehicle buffs are reasonable, thoughtful people, whose ideas of fun happen to include notions of getting away, once in a while, from the city's bustle and the highway's hustle to explore the backways. And most of their critics concede that ORV's can be tolerated in many areas.

Given this measure of middle ground, however, there are still conflicts to be resolved and serious problems that must be squarely faced.

It is my conviction, as Secretary of the Interior, that off-road vehicle travel is a legitimate use of the public lands. It is not the only use, and it's not the predominant use. But along with hunting and fishing, timber management, livestock grazing, wildlife habitat and all the other benefits we derive from the land, it is one of the uses that must be recognized.

At the same time, and like all the others, it is a use that must be properly controlled. We don't allow timber operators to cut at random on public lands, nor suffer cattlemen to graze their stock at will. Use of the public lands is regulated so that they not only help meet the nation's needs, but so that the basic resource—the land itself—is protected for all people.

I believe that decisions affecting all uses of the public lands (including the decision not to use some of them at all) must be based on a careful weighing of both the benefits and the environmental costs involved. I am also heartened in the effort to resolve conflicts on public lands in the West by the emerging role of this Department's Bureau of Land Management.

Unlike the National Park Service or Agriculture's Forest Service, BLM until a few short years ago was not so much a conservation or resource management agency as a land disposal office.

It's the outfit that granted all the homesteads, gave lands to build the nation's railroads, deeded mining claims and otherwise encouraged the early settlement of our frontiers. And after all the good lands were taken up; after the big national parks, forests and other Federal preserves were carved out, the Bureau was left with the leftovers, and with no mandate as to their final use or disposition.

But mandates stem from the people—and change with the times. Today, operating under its new Organic Act, BLM is taking its rightful place as a major resource agency, in charge of almost 450 million acres of outdoor America.

As other uses of the public lands have historically been accommodated, so will the use of off-road vehicles be accommodated. But, armed with a decision-making process that gives full attention to protecting the resource, and which invites full public participation, and with both the authority and the will to manage properly this growing activity, we will continue to make the tough decisions on which areas should remain open to ORV travel, which areas should be totally closed, and which ones can be used under a watchful eye and careful stewardship.

Cecil Andrus
Secretary of the Interior



Letters to the Editor

Editor, The Journal:

Once again, I would like to bring to the attention of the residents of Malheur County that the Malheur County Court is preparing to spend a substantial amount of your tax money and I would like you to be aware of how they intend to do it.

On Wednesday, May 18, 1977 at 10 a.m. the County Court will open bids for the construction of a building having approximately 3,300 square feet to be constructed on the campus at Treasure Valley College in Ontario, which building will house the Malheur County Extension Service. It is conservatively estimated that the building and site improvements will cost the taxpayers between \$90,000.00 and \$100,000.00 at the very minimum.

Are you aware that almost three times as much space can be had for the same amount of money or less by buying and remodeling an existing building?

I agree that the Extension Service needs a building. I also agree that many of the county agencies are overcrowded and are requesting additional space. I further understand that the County is paying approximately \$1,250. per month in rent for office

space in the cities of Vale, Ontario and Nyssa. Certainly some of that office space in Ontario and Nyssa is required for county agencies which must be located in those towns. However, probably a substantial portion of that rent could be saved by moving those agencies into a county owned building.

The building in question is a sound solid brick building that is located less than one block from the Courthouse in Vale. That building could be purchased and enough of it remodeled to take care of the Extension Service requirements for from \$90,000.00 to \$100,000.00. Firm bids on this remodeling have been obtained from reliable contractors. After allowing for the Extension Service, there would still be almost 6,000 square feet of floor space left for future expansion or for present remodeling and present use to avoid paying rent where that is not necessary.

Obviously, there are other advantages to having the county agencies together in the same location.

In short, the County intends to spend a substantial amount of your tax money to acquire a building to be used for a single county

agency. For the same amount of money or less they could acquire and remodel a building which would not only take care of that agency but would also provide much more space for future expansion and for present use. I cannot believe that the taxpayers of Malheur County are going to sit by and allow the County Court to spend their tax money (yes, revenue sharing money is tax money) in this fashion when they could accomplish so many additional desirable objectives with the same money. If you agree with me, I would urge you to contact the County Court. Better yet, come to the hearing on the 18th of May and express your feelings to the Court. Certainly, your written comments addressed to the Court at Vale should be helpful.

I would hope that in a critical year such as this year when we must all be extra conscious of costs, that we could prevail upon the County Court to be just as cost conscious as we must be.

Sincerely yours,
Rob't D. Butler
Chairman
Industrial Development
Committee
Vale Chamber of Commerce

Editor, The Journal:

Here is how the Don Bell Report evaluated the voting record of our senators and representatives for constitutional representation. Packwood 42%, Hatfield 21%, Weaver 8%, AuCoin 18%, Ullman 15%, Duncan 12%. Our founding fathers said let us not put our trust in rulers but bind them down with the constitution. Our constitution gave the Federal government the power to run post offices and post roads and to defend the country in case of enemy attack. All other powers were to remain with the people. For the Federal government to run business in competition with private business is unconstitutional. The taxpayer must finance all this inefficiency as well as suffer from the illegal competition.

Our problems are deliberately contrived. The 'so called' environmentalists are to blame for this very real energy shortage. The land planners now want all of our ports to sand shut except Coos and Columbia. You people that voted LCDC in so that the coast could be preserved for you might as well stay home. We told you that the LCDC was bad business.

Everytime the traitors that want to con the American people out of more of their freedom get ready to pull another one of their sneaky tricks, they flood the TV with rhetoric to get your mind adjusted. Now I hear about how wonderful interdependence is. That is because the Rockefeller Foundation has prepared another constitution for this country on the same principles as the Russian people are living under. An example of the goodies found in this constitution is that when the government takes your property they are to give you compensation but the word 'just' was not put in the new constitution.

Hatfield, Packwood and Duncan signed it.
Yours truly
Hazel Gudger
Brookings, Oregon

Editor, The Journal:

What is wrong with the mental thinking of our judges? What is wrong with the mental thinking of our legislators? What is wrong with the thinking of a lawyer like Bruce Robinson who represents Thomas Eugene Creech and asked that Creech be set free because there is no punishment for first degree murderers in Idaho? What is wrong when we can't have capital punishment for a man who admits killing 42 people and the courts know that he killed a good share of them?

In an honest moral society we have to have laws to protect our freedoms. If we have to have laws we then have to have penalties and if we have to have penalties equal to the crime committed or our laws are no good and we do not have an honest moral society.

Sure, capital punishment is extreme cruelty but we have to inflict extreme cruelty upon the murderer because he inflicted extreme cruelty upon his innocent victims. If we do not do this then we give more protection and more consideration to the murderer than we do the

honest victims and when we do this we are not an honest, fair moral society. It is a horrible display of injustice. We are not upholding the constitution, and we become an unfair, corrupt, and evil society where law has no meaning and we descend into nothing but anarchy.

Yours truly,
D. A. Erickson
1131 S.W. 6th Ave.,
Ontario, Oregon

Copies sent to: United States Supreme Court, President James Carter, Senator Mark Hatfield, Senator Bob Packwood, Congressman Al Ullman, The editors of The Argus Observer, Ontario, Oregon, and Malheur Enterprise, Vale, Oregon.

Editor, The Journal:

Judging by some of the recent letters-to-the editor published in your paper, there seems to be a great deal of confusion over Ballot Measure #1, the Safety Net for Schools Financing Plan. I would like to take this opportunity to correct any misunderstandings that may exist in the minds of your readers.

First, Ballot Measure 1 does not take away the people's right to vote on school levies. Ballot Measure 1 maintains your right to vote by requiring yearly school levy elections. It limits costly school budget elections to no more than two a year. The voters can request additional elections through petition, however. Only those school districts that cannot pass their levies on two tries are allowed to fall into the "Safety Net" under Ballot Measure 1.

Second, there is no automatic tax increase in Ballot Measure 1. In fact, Ballot Measure 1 can help curb skyrocketing property taxes. Following two consecutive levy defeats, a school district is allowed to fall back on last year's levy, plus a limited, optional increase for inflation of up to six percent. This increase is not mandatory. It must be authorized through formal, public action by the locally elected officials who serve on the school board. And the increase must always be less than the smallest levy defeated by the voters.

Even a full six percent increase is far less than most school districts receive under the present system. State-wide property taxes for schools have increased at an average rate of 11 percent a year since 1970. That's almost twice as much as the maximum safety net increase allowed under Ballot Measure 1.

Third, Ballot Measure 1 does not threaten local control. The final decision on the amount of the "Safety Net" levy is not made by the Legislature or the Department of Education in Salem, but by the locally elected school board members. This enhances local control, since school board members are ultimately responsible to the voters of their district.

Fourth, Ballot Measure 1 will prevent a repeat of last year's tragic school closures. Over 12,000 Oregon school children were locked out of their schools last year because of repeated levy failures in North Bend, Eagle Point, Cottage Grove and La Grande. Many of these children will never be able to regain the educational opportunities they lost. Ballot Measure 1 will insure that Oregon's children receive the education they are entitled to under the Constitution.

In closing, I want to assure your readers that the 1977 Legislature is firmly committed to achieving state-wide property tax relief. The Legislature has already voted to raise the level to 34 percent for the coming school year. And the Legislature is giving very serious consideration to raising Basic School Support to the 40 percent level for the 1978-79 school year, with the provision that the increase be used as a direct offset against property taxes.

I urge Oregonians to take the first step to school finance reform, and vote YES on Ballot Measure 1 on May 17.

Very truly yours,
Jason Boe
President
Oregon State Senate

Editor, The Journal:

The Nyssa School Board has, after considerable inquiry and discussion, endorsed the Safety Net proposal which will be Ballot Measure No. 1 at the May 17 election. It is also supported by the Oregon School Boards Association.

The Safety Net will allow local school boards, after two budget defeats, to levy the same amount of taxes as they levied the previous year, for operating purposes, plus up to a 6% increase. Since the local taxes only raise from one-half to three-fourths of our school finance money, the actual increase allowed by the Safety Net will be approximately 3 to 4 1/2% of the total school budget. That is a modest increase but enough to enable school boards to keep your schools open. We believe the Safety Net will actually help us keep your taxes down in the future.

The Nyssa Board is of the opinion that for these and other reasons, the Safety Net is a short-term solution to the crisis which occurred last fall in Oregon which kept thousands of young people out of school, and which could occur again. We encourage your readers to vote Yes on the Safety Net.

Very truly yours,
Bill Schilling
Chairman of Nyssa
School Board

OBITUARIES

Florence Province

Services for Florence E. Province, 83, Nyssa, who died Wednesday, May 4, 1977, in Malheur Memorial Hospital were conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday at Lienkaemper Chapel, Nyssa. Interment was in the Nyssa Cemetery.

She was born August 29, 1893, in Nebraska. She married Fred Province July 2, 1924.

Surviving are her husband, Nyssa; a son, Dick, Orofino; a daughter, Donna Flannery, Ontario; a brother, Raymond Hauenshine, Minnesota; a sister, Mrs. Hazel Eickler, Kearney, Nebraska; 17 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Florence Gale

Services for Florence Ricks Gale, 90, who died of natural causes Thursday, May 5, 1977 at a Boise nursing home, were conducted Monday at the Northview LDS Chapel, Boise, by Bishop LaVar Ward. Interment followed in Terrace Lawn Cemetery, under the direction of Relyea Mortuary, Boise.

She was born January 21, 1887, in Rexburg. She married Arthur Gale, December 16, 1909, at Driggs. Their marriage was solemnized June 27, 1928, at the Logan LDS Temple. They lived in Driggs until moving to the Boise Valley in 1935. They lived in Homedale and Wilder and moved to Boise in 1938. She moved to Boise in 1970 to live with a daughter, Mr. Gale died November 18, 1970.

Surviving are six sons, Joseph A., Kaysville, Utah, Marion Y., Adrian, Oregon, Jesse L., Kennewick, Wash., David E., Warrenton, Ore., George M., Hermiston, Ore., and Ricks M. Gale, Boise; four daughters, Mrs. Leo (Florence) Kiholm, Boise, Mrs. Fred (June) Harrison, Chesterfield, Missouri, Mrs. Sidney (Mavis) Snapp, North Platte, Nebraska, and Mrs. Frank (Lucy) Sherwood, San Francisco, California; 38 grandchildren and more than 50 great-grandchildren.

Journal Classifieds Bring Results!

Thursday - May 12
In Parma

FLEA MARKET
10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

COOKED FOOD
SALE
10 a.m. until sold

AUCTION SALE
Starts at 7 p.m.

Old Fort Boise Park

Church Directory

Christian Church News

Saturday, May 14 - Youth Prayer meet, 10 p.m.

Sunday, May 15 - Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

Worship Service, 11 a.m.

Evening Services 7:30 p.m.

Monday, May 16 - Women's Workday, 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, May 17 - Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m. at Brownies.

CWF at Church 8 p.m.

Wednesday, May 18 - Choir Practice 7 p.m.

Youth Group, 8 p.m.

Bible study and prayer, 8 p.m.

United Methodist Church News

The United Methodist Church and the Rev. Jim Monroe welcome you to all church activities.

Sunday, May 15 - Prayer Service at the church, 9 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, "Christians and Crisis" or "Don't Let the Snakes Get You," by Rev. Monroe, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, May 17 - Friendly Callers at the church, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Study on "Death Where Is Thy Sting?" 4 p.m.

Wednesday, May 18 - Devotions in the church parlor, 10 a.m.

Wesleyan Night Circle meets at the church 7:30 p.m.

United Methodist Men meets, 8 p.m.

Thursday, May 19 - Bible Study in the parlor. Study will be Book of Acts, 12 noon.

There will be no general meeting of the Women's Society this month.

George Naylor

Services for George Franklin Naylor, 67, of Parma, who died Monday, May 9, 1977 of natural causes at a Caldwell hospital, will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Lienkaemper Chapel, Nyssa. Interment will be in Park View Cemetery, New Plymouth.

He was born March 5, 1910, in Seattle. He was a retired mechanic from the Amalgamated Sugar Co.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy, Parma; a son, Donald V. Combs, Klamath Falls, Oregon; a daughter, Dorothy Marie Wilson, Port Orchard, Washington; a brother, Alden Naylor, Yakima, Washington; three sisters, Alice Nevins, Spanish Fork, Utah, Hutoka Faulker, Fort Worth, Texas, and Mary Woodbury, Pleasant Grove, Utah; and seven grandchildren.

Park Avenue Baptist Church

Everyone is welcome to attend services at this Bible teaching church.

Sunday, May 15 - Sunday School for all ages, 10 a.m.

Worship Service in the sanctuary with message by Pastor Dale Mitchell, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, May 17 - Youth group meets in church basement. All area young people invited, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 18 - Prayer meeting and Bible Study at the church 7 p.m.

Southern Baptist Church

The Kilby family provided the special music for Mother's Day Sunday on May 8. They will also provide some music on Sunday, May 15. If you have not heard this family sing, it would be a real blessing to come and enjoy them. The 15th will be their last Sunday with our church.

Karia Belvoir was presented with a special gift for the "Youngest Mother in the Lord" and Doti Brown was also presented with a gift for having the most children present in church on Mother's Day Sunday.

The ladies of the Church met at Ore-Ida's on Tuesday a.m. for the tasting panel, then went to the home of Sharen Grigg's in Vale for a Time of Fellowship.

The "Kid's Bible Club" which meets at the church on Wednesday evenings, had a baseball game on Wednesday, then went to the Dairy King in Fruitland where Mr. and Mrs. Don Hammond treated all the children to an ice cream cone.

Don't forget the potluck on May 15! This will be our final get-together with the Kilby family. Bring a friend and plan to have a good time of eating and fellowshiping.

Adrian Presbyterian Community Church

Saturday, May 14 - Youth Group, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 15 - Church services, 9:30 a.m.

Sermon, "With the Eyes" Scripture: 2 Chron. 20:1-23

Sunday School Classes, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, May 16 - Monday night Bible study, Roswell Manse, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 18 - Choir practice, 7 p.m.

May Fellowship Potluck Supper, 8 p.m.

Jeanette Martin will be showing pictures and telling of her trip to Australia.

OWYHEE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Missionary To Speak
Miss Anita Clayton, graduate of Moody Bible Institute and missionary with the Central American Mission stationed at Managua, Nicaragua will be at the Owyhee Community Church for both services on Sunday, May 15.

Services in the morning are at 11 a.m. and in the evening at 8 p.m. She will be showing pictures of her work in the evening service.

Pastor Fred Moxom invites all to attend these services and hear what the Lord is doing in Central America.

Nazarene Church News

Friday, May 13 - Banquet honoring all graduating high school and college seniors of the church will be held at the Charolais Restaurant in Ontario, 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 15 - Morning Prayer at the Church, 7 a.m.

Christian Education Classes, 9:45 a.m.

Children's church, 11 a.m.

Morning Worship with message by Pastor Russell, 11 a.m.

Choir practice, 6:45 p.m.

Evening service devoted to Missionary emphasis by the NWMS, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, May 16 - Fellowship with our families at Manley Hall, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 18 - Bible Study at the Nursing Home, 4 p.m.

Midweek service for Caravan children, Teens and Adults, 7:30 p.m.

"A cheerful heart and smiling face, Pour sunshine in the darkest place."

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH NOTES

Thursday, May 12 - Confirmation instruction at the church, 6:30 p.m.

Evangelism Training session for Evangelism Callers, 8 p.m.

Sunday, May 15 - Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

Worship Service, 11 a.m.

Following the service we will have a coffee hour honoring our graduates.

Tuesday, May 17 - Adult Bible Study on the Book of Ephesians at Grace Lutheran Church, Vale, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 18 - Men's Breakfast at Brownie's Cafe, 6:30 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

A.L.C.W. meets for their monthly Bible Study and Fellowship at Fayette Looneys, 8 p.m.

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