

# EDITORIAL . . . . .

"There is an important sense in which the Government is distinct from the Administration. One is perpetual, the other temporary and changeable. A man may be loyal to his Government and yet oppose the peculiar principles and methods of the Administration."—*Abraham Lincoln in the House of Representatives on January 12, 1848, criticizing President Polk for having provoked the Mexican War.*

## Hospital Badly Needed

There is no doubt in the minds of many of our citizens relative to the need of adequate hospital facilities in Morrow county. There is evidence on all sides that point to the common conclusion and it is gratifying to see a deep interest becoming manifest in circles that undoubtedly will work to bring the project to realization. That feeling was present in Monday's meeting of the Chamber of Commerce and expressions have been frequent of late along Main street, in public gatherings and other places where people congregate and discuss affairs.

It will be remembered that a committee from the Chamber of Commerce took up the matter of a hospital a few years ago. After giving it some study the conclusion was reached that to build the type of institution needed would require a sum beyond the reasonable means of the community or the county to finance without a burdensome tax. In the meantime, good crops and good prices have combined to remove a large part of the indebtedness then prevalent and it is recognized that now is the time to levy a small tax to run over a period of years, possibly five or longer, to establish a building and operating fund.

Time and place of building are not being definitely considered at this time. The building material and labor situations are such that early construction is not advisable, unless the demand for hospital facilities becomes so urgent that it seems best to go ahead. It is more important to lay all of the groundwork now and as soon as building conditions become more favorable it will require less time to complete the project.

As to the need of a hospital, it is apparent on every hand. One has but to peruse the news columns each week to be apprised of the number of people from this county going to neighboring and distant points for hospitalization. In addition, the county has welfare cases that frequently need hospital service and some of these are taken to outside points. Taken by and large, the cost to the people of the county under the present set-up would go a long distance towards financing a county owned and operated hospital, which, under a small millage tax, would distribute the cost equitably and provide facilities for all.

## Stop Signs Should Be Heeded

It is not the purpose of this page to harp on any one subject unless it is necessary to arouse public interest. Safety on the highways has been given mention on numerous occasions and in general there has been improvement throughout the state, since the secretary of state's office has for years directed a campaign designed to make driving safer and more enjoyable.

There has been a growing tendency to by-pass stop signs and other warnings on the highways and this has resulted in accidents. The hurry to get somewhere impels us to ignore regulations that were made for us as much as for the other fellow. It takes an accident or two to cause us to check up on our driving habits—to pause for a moment and ponder the question, "What if that had been my car?"

One should bear in mind this thought when driving: "I'll obey the driving regulations when on the highway; I will not do those things that will cause discomfort to others and will be courteous and considerate." That is about all one can do. If this policy is followed there will be plenty of room for everybody on the highways and very few calls for the ambulance and the wrecker.

## How About an Airport?

It begins to look like Heppner will have to build an airport if the town is to keep in line with other communities. This subject has been up for consideration in times past and tabled for the duration, but there are signs that it is coming to the front again, especially with Allied arms putting the German army to rout in France and the feeling that the European branch of the Axis will be pounded into submission before many weeks pass.

A committee was named by the Chamber of Commerce a few years ago to investigate the possibility of a port here, at least a landing field. Sites for a field are none too plentiful in this hilly country and the one recommended by the committee is not for sale, according to information given this newspaper. This should not deter us from seeking a strip of land suitable for a port if we are truly desirous of placing Heppner on one or more air routes that are almost certain to be established in this territory in the years following the coming of peace.

It is stated that the government will release thousands of training planes within a few months. These ships are of the four or five year old class and will be sold at prices well within the reach of the average car buyer. It is expected that the number of planes in civilian use within a few years after the war will reach 500,000—a small number compared with automobile figures, yet rather gigantic when compared with previous civilian users. Whether or not air travel and transport attain the size contemplated, the fact remains that Heppner should go into the matter of a port or landing field to ascertain whether it is desirable and feasible.

## Consistency, Thou Art a Jewel

While the Office of Defense Transportation is still urging everyone who does not have to travel, to stay home and is even threatening to make the average man sign a card that every trip he takes is necessary, Robert E. Hannegan, chairman of the Democratic National committee, announced that a committee including one person from each of the 48 states and one person from each territory and possession will call on President Roosevelt soon to notify him of his nomination for a fourth term. As one writer pointed out, "We can hardly wait to see how surprised Mr. Roosevelt will be."

## Prisoners of War Write Relatives From Philippines

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Brown have received a card from their son Paul stating that he is doing well. The card was concealed in a United States war department envelope and was mailed from Washington D. C. Paul, prisoner of the Japanese since the fall of Bataan, is held at Military Camp No. 1 in the Philippines. He merely stated that he is doing well and "take care of dad and everything at home." Mrs. Brown says the card is signed in Paul's handwriting, which lends authenticity to the message.

Mrs. C. J. Espy Jr., has received information that her husband is getting along all right. He, too, is a prisoner of the Japs in Military Camp No. 1. He sent a message to his mother in Portland, who in turn informed Mrs. Espy of its contents. The Japs are going some distance from their usual practice in permitting prisoners to communicate with relatives and since hearing from their men the Heppner people believe the brown devils must realize what they are up against and are trying to soften the blow by better treatment of their prisoners.

## GREETINGS FROM YAKIMA

Writing the Gazette Times this week John Anglin, former Safeway store manager in Heppner, sends his greetings to his friends in Morrow county. He is now in his third year as assistant to the manager in three of the largest departments of the Sears & Roebuck store in Yakima. He also sings second tenor in the Union Mission Gospel quartet, as well as serving as chaplain of the Gideon camp of the Yakima valley. The Gideons and their friends have placed upwards of 7,000,000 Testaments with American army and navy boys since Pearl Harbor, Mr. Anglin states.

## SUSTAINS FRACTURED COLLAR BONE

Chris Brown was in town the first of the week somewhat the worse for wear but glad to be about. He was thrown from a horse one day the past week, sustaining a broken collar bone. The accident happened while he was driving stock through a field, his mount getting tangled up with some wire and in the effort to free itself cut some diques which unseated the rider.

## LEAVING FOR CHICAGO

Mrs. C. C. Dunham will leave this evening for Spokane to entrain for Chicago to meet her husband who is Pharmacist's Mate second class in the navy. Dr. Dunham has been in training on the east coast since early in May and is completing his shake-down cruise, after which it is expected he will be on his way for service in the Pacific area. Mrs. Dunham expects to be gone several weeks.

## MOTHER DIES IN PASCO

Mrs. Jennie Routh, mother of Mrs. A. J. Chalfee of Heppner, died Saturday morning in Pasco following an extended illness. Mrs. Chalfee had been with her the past week, called to Pasco when her mother's condition became critical. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon. Mr. Chalfee drove to Pasco Sunday.

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