

EDITORIAL

Proposed Addition Healthy Sign

Proposal of a new addition to the city of Heppner is a sign that the little county seat metropolis is outgrowing its clothes, namely its limits, and if further population expansion is to be enjoyed here something will have to be done about letting out the seams.

That such a plan is contemplated was announced by Mayor J. O. Turner in a talk to the luncheon forum of Heppner Chamber of Commerce when a map was displayed showing a proposed nine-block addition on the Morrow hill east of town, part of which is within the city limits but for the most part just outside the bounds. First step in the project would be to extend the limits to include that portion of the hill to be used as well as taking in the former CCC camp, adding more than forty people to the city's count, and one or two other outlying neighborhoods to count thirty or more people as official residents of Heppner.

There are numerous expansions included in these proposals which point to a healthy growth and if started without too much delay would add materially to postwar expenditures which in turn would provide jobs for returning veterans as well as civilians engaged in the building trades.

Putting the addition through to completion would mean erection of twenty-five or thirty homes. Preparation for the addition involves additional water service, laying of streets, pipelines, underground telephone and electric service and a sewage disposal system. These improvements could easily extend over several years, for the addition will not be the only building growth. There will be need for new business buildings as well as residential construction and alterations and the town can not go much longer without additional water supply and a sewer system.

It must not be interpreted that this means a boom. The town has never experienced what is commonly termed a boom but it has had occasional spurts at building and improvement which have made it a stronger center. We are due for one of those spurts and there should be some organized planning. The proposed addition is a fine start. The expansion should include with other things mentioned two school buildings to house the first four or even six grades, one in the north part of town and the other in the south end of town. This does not mean a junior high school but it would relieve an overcrowded condition in the present grade-high school building and make room for more pupils coming from outlying districts. A good school system is highly important to population expansion and a good many dollars earned in Morrow county can be kept here if a school system comparable to other, larger places is main-

tained.

Some of this may sound a bit fantastic to our readers but it must be remembered that the horse and buggy days are but a memory. Transportation facilities have progressed to a point that people are more content to remain where they have made their stake, or are making it and the tendency to sell or lease and move off to the big center hasn't the appeal it once had. A comfortable home here where they will be among friends who speak their language is much more desirable and they will buy or build homes here if Heppner gives them living advantages they think they should have.

We will have to discard some of our smugness and small town ways and think in terms of a horizon far beyond our own front doors.

A Source of Satisfaction

There is unlimited satisfaction for Oregonians in the report that this state leads the nation in per capita purchase of war bonds sold from May 1941 to June 1945, including the recent Mighty 7th war loan. And the satisfaction is greater when it is realized that Oregon outdistanced our neighbor state to the north by \$13.29 per person and California by \$34.82.

One should not attach political significance to a matter when patriotism is supposed to be the inspiring factor, yet when political patronage is taken into consideration it is difficult to refrain from making comparisons between the three Pacific coast states. Oregon's share in government expenditures was rather puny when compared to that enjoyed by California and Washington. It is true that Portland's population was swelled as a result of government contracts for shipbuilding and at one time there were three military bases operating within the state, with here and there comparatively small airbases. It is a different picture when looking at our neighbor states, yet when it comes to buying war bonds, Oregon people extend themselves to a far greater degree than residents of either of her neighbors.

Distribution of political patronage is an almost sure vote-getting practice but it is not a yardstick for measuring patriotism.

It looks like the man from Missouri is reversing the old order of having to be shown. He is showing us that we can get along without so many bureaus. More power to him and let us trust that he has only started the pruning operations.

Pardon us, we forgot that a country newspaper is not supposed to discuss national affairs. Please disregard what may have inadvertently slipped into this column.

Mrs. Keith Marshall is coming this week for a visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hughes. She and her little daughter have spent the summer at McMinnville with Mr. Marshall's parents, Mrs. Marshall will return to McMinnville and start work there Sept. 1 as secretary to Miss Jean Mellhenny, home demonstration

agent and 4-H club leader in Yamhill county.

Mrs. C. W. McNamer and Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers drove to Portland Wednesday called there by the serious illness of Mrs. McNamer's sister-in-law, Mrs. Blanche Moore.

Lt. Jack Forsythe left Wednesday to report to Pampa Tex. after spending a week with his parents. Mr.

and Mrs. B. C. Forsythe. Mrs. Forsythe and son Lynn remained in Heppner until Lt. Jack learns definitely whether he will be staying in the army or returning to his home here.

Dorry Owens, a logger, caught his hand in a power saw Monday injuring it severely. Several stitches were necessary to close the wound.

Rev. Clifford Noble has gone to Portland to move Mrs. Noble from the hospital where she underwent a major operation a few days ago to the home of her sister in Vancouver, Wash. Mrs. Noble is progressing satisfactorily, but will remain with her sister for a few weeks. Mrs. Gus Nikander and son Leroy accompanied Mr. Noble to Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ross went to The Dalles Tuesday where they had a tonsilectomy performed on their little daughter, Faye. Mr. Ross is on vacation this week from

his duties at the Heppner Lumber company.

Lee McRoberts broke his arm Wednesday while attempting to ride a calf. He was brought to a local physician to have the bone set.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Hughs cut his foot very painfully. It is not known exactly how he did it, but his parents think it probably happened by the young man stepping on the lawn mower. With three stitches he is practically as good as new again.

House for Sale

Nice 5-room cottage on West Church street in Heppner. Some furniture goes with building. Good neighborhood.

If you want a nice comfortable little home already to move into, see

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