

EDITORIAL

Better Cooperative Spirit Needed

There is a saying that if you want something done ask a busy person to do it. And there is more than a grain of truth in the expression. The answer is simple—busy people are used to doing things, used to organizing and carrying through their plans, and one more job is not disconcerting. They likewise are more ready to perceive the benefits derived from community enterprises and activities and usually are found at the head of the list when these things need backing.

A town or community can progress only as its people want it to progress. The attitude of the people will make or break an enterprise dependent upon the community as a whole and only a wide awake populace chooses to go forward.

There are instances in this community which indicate a lack of progressive spirit. Lack of interest in the Rodeo was manifest in many directions, yet a group of determined men went ahead and staged one of the best shows seen here in recent years. Others said the Civilian Air Patrol would be a flop, yet a strong organization was effected. Free x-ray service was provided by the

Oregon Tuberculosis association, but many of us failed to show up to have our lungs photographed. And then there's the Lexington airport. What are we doing about that worthy enterprise? Is it fair to sit by and say "Oh well, that's Lexington's headache" and at the same time expect to benefit from the service provided by others?

These matters are worthy of consideration. If any of us are displeased and have a better plan let us come forward and speak our piece. That is a step in the direction of progress and one will not be classified as a backbiter or knocker. It is not always possible to agree with the other fellow's ideas but it is at least good policy to understand what he is striving for.

If we would place our town and community in the progressive column we must learn to say "I will" instead of "I can't." Then if you are asked to do a committee assignment, bake a cake for the church supper or food sale, take part on the PTA program, or any one of numerous other civic tasks you will find the task not difficult. The satisfaction in doing a job cheerfully and well will more than pay for whatever obstacles one has to hurdle.

GI's Advised About Assistance Plans

Returning veterans are reminded that there are three "musts" with which they will have to conform after receiving their discharge papers, and the committee for the Veterans Assistance program offers them assistance. First they must have discharge recorded in county clerk's office. Second, must get OPA ration books. Third, must be directed to the income tax collector. Assistance in this procedure will be given by Mrs. Grace Turner, secretary, or any member of the committee.

A meeting of the committee will be held at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, Oct. 15 in the office, second floor First National bank building. It is expected a representative of the U. S. Employment service will be present and it is possible a representative of the veterans administration will also be on hand. Any veteran having a problem and desiring assistance may meet with the committee, or with the representative of the agency directly concerned prior to the hour of the regular meeting.

It has been arranged that Mrs. Grace Turner, secretary of the Veterans Assistance Program committee will spend two days each month in Boardman and Irrigon, possibly the second and fourth Tuesdays where she can interview the returning veterans of those communities and refer them for any assistance they might desire. She will travel with Mrs. George Gertson, welfare commission administrator and Red Cross representative. The first call will be made Oct. 9 and she may be con-

tacted at the office of Mrs. Crystal Barlow in Boardman and the office of Fred Houghton in Irrigon. She will be at Boardman from 10 to 12 a. m. and at Irrigon from 1 to 3 p. m.

P-TA MEETING SLATED

Heppner Parent-Teacher association will open the current season with a meeting in the music room at the school house starting at 8 p. m. Wednesday, Oct. 10.

The theme for the year is "Together We Build" Mrs. James Valentine has prepared a program building it around "Better Homes and Parents" with Mrs. Ethel Adams in charge of the primary division, Mrs. Lena Kelly the intermediate, and Leonard Pate high school. National book week will be emphasized by a book display from the city library in charge of Mrs. Harold Becket. Group singing will also comprise part of the program. After the meeting light refreshments will be served.

All parents of school children are urged to attend as well as others interested in school since our schools are the center of American democracy and hope in the preservation of the American way of life.

MORE YARN COMES

Fifty pounds of OD yarn for making sweaters has been received by the local Red Cross unit. Another consignment of 50 pounds of white yarn for knitting socks and bed sox also has been received. The unit is at present engaged in sewing on 100 pairs of pajamas. Anyone desiring to assist with this work who does not feel like coming to the Red Cross sewing room may take some of the material home.

Former Resident Passes in North

Relatives and friends here have been notified of the death of Frank Jones of Osborne, Wash. His passing occurred Wednesday, Sept 26 and burial was made the following Friday at Tonasket, Wash.

Frank was the son of pioneer residents of Morrow county, Mr. and Mrs. James Jones, and spent his early life here. He was born April 7, 1874 at Pine City and later the family moved to Heppner, residing many years on the property now owned by Frank Monahan. He attended school in Heppner and was a member of the same graduating class as the late R. B. Patterson. He ran a store at Osborne which is five miles from Grand Coulee, and recently was in an automobile accident which contributed to his death.

Surviving besides his widow are two brothers, Gene Jones of Home, Ore., and Newt Jones of Woodburn, a nephew, Ralph Jones and a niece, Mrs. Venice Stiles, of Heppner.

Fred Rugg S2c left Wednesday to return to his base after spending his boot leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Rugg. Fred is a graduate of Heppner high school, class of '45.

Wm. Brown, father, of Mrs. Robert Thompson, has been taken to Condon to the home of a friend. It was felt a change of scenery would do him good.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davidson will leave this week-end for Baker and Hereford Ore. where they will spend two weeks visiting relatives and friends.

ON THE USS BLOCK ISLAND in the Pacific—Albert C. Stewart, EM3c, USNR, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Stewart, Boardman, and Paul S. Beardsley, Flc, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Beardsley of Heppner have been serving on this escort aircraft carrier.

Change of Schedule

Effective Oct. 1, 1945
HEPPNER STAGE

Read Down	Read Up
9:40—Lv. Heppner	Ar. Heppner— 5:45
10:20—Ar. Ione	Lv. Ione — 5:05
10:25—Lv. Ione	Ar. Ione — 5:03
11:40—Ar. Arl'tn	Lv. Arl'tn— 3:47

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