

EDITORIAL

A Saying Not Without Meaning

The building situation today might be likened to the hungry man's expression—if we had some ham we'd have some ham and eggs, if we had some eggs. It is true that if we had the materials we'd build a house if we could find someone to do the work.

There should be some encouragement in the fact that many of the mills that have been shut down due to strikes are reopening. Perhaps it is permissible to express a hope that ere spring arrives the cheerful sound of hammer and saw will again be heard and that another winter will not find us so firmly in the grip of a housing shortage. It relieves the tension a little to take an optimistic viewpoint, although one can do that only by not calling to mind the numerous obstacles in the way of launching a general building program.

Coming down to the local situation there is room for improvement in housing conditions, both residential and business to provide work for a considerable number of people engaged in the building trades. However, until such time as materials and builders can be co-ordinated there is little likelihood that people will make a start in the direction of building. Those who have started in recent months have experienced too many difficulties in acquiring materials to derive enjoyment from contemplation of their future homes. Many others are just waiting.

When the time comes, and it is fervently hoped that it will be soon, there should be numerous residences erected in Heppner and a few business blocks to house some lines not now represented here or at least not sufficiently covered, will not only improve the appearance of the business district but likewise stretch it beyond the little more than two-block area now prevailing.

It Should Be Done

Most service men are well pleased with the prospect of getting out of uniform and back into civvies and care little for any fuss and feathers.

Just to be civilians once more is all they ask.

But while the ex-service man wants to forget the troublous times and bitter experiences of war, those who stayed at home feel that they have an obligation to meet outside of all the activities they participated in during the war—bond drives, war chest, Red Cross, hospital, USO and all the rest—and that obligation is to not forget what those who bore arms in our defense sacrificed.

As a small token of community appreciation it is proposed that the returning veterans be banqueted. A good many of the service people have been discharged and are home. Others are coming almost daily. Facilities available at present could handle those now at home and then by following up with a banquet each month the entire representation from this county could be feted in a manner worthy of the traditional Morrow county generosity.

It is to be hoped that the Chamber of Commerce and the American Legion will not let this proposition grow cold.

Holiday Travel Serious Problem

If you do not have your own transportation it would be well to think carefully over the matter of spending the Christmas holidays away from home. Travel conditions by train are getting no better fast, what with thousands of returning veterans and the lack of bus service due to the strike. The railroads are doing their best but there is a limit the end of which has been reached.

Added to passenger difficulties is the current burden of express and mail. It is little wonder that many ticket holders are obliged to wait for another train.

The crush may subside a little after the holidays. That depends somewhat on restoration of bus service and a tendency on the part of people to remain at home until the returning veterans thin out. In the meantime if planning a holiday trip by rail, ask yourself "is this trip necessary?" before buying a ticket.

LODGE SCHEDULES

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sans Souci Rebekah lodge has announced the date of the annual Christmas party as Dec. 21. The affair will open at 8 p. m. in the IOOF hall and will be open to all members of the Rebekahs and Oddfellows, Rebekahs' husbands and Oddfellows' wives. There will be a Christmas tree and exchange of gifts.

Those attending are asked to bring a 50 cent gift for exchange. Mrs. Eldon Hughes heads the committee on entertainment and will be assisted by Mrs. John Bergstrom, and Mrs. Cornett Green. Mrs. S. J. Devine, Mrs. N. D. Bailey and Mrs. C. P. Brown are in charge of the refreshments.

INJURES ARM

Mrs. Rose Benton injured her right arm when she fell on the street one day last week. It is improving.

APPRECIATES KINDNESSES

Some weeks ago Miss Annie Hynd suffered injuries from a fall which have kept her confined at home. Friends have been thoughtful of her and her suffering has been greatly alleviated by the kindness. Among groups which have brought cheer to her are the young people's choruses from the Methodist church and the Christian church which have both called and sung for her at her home. While she thanked the groups she feels that some public recognition should be given the young people for the fine work they are doing in bringing cheer to shut-ins.

MOVED FROM HOSPITAL

Marvin Wightman and children Jimmie and Peggy, drove to The Dalles Saturday and removed Mrs. Wightman from The Dalles hospital to the home of her sister in Portland.

HOME ON LEAVE

Howard Gilliam Ph M 2c, arrived home Monday night to spend a 30-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gilliam. Howard saw service in the Pacific area. He plans to take a course in pharmacy when released from the navy.

HERE FOR FUNERAL

Called here for the funeral of Lewis Osmin were Eunice Osmin, Salem, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Owens, Mrs. Fletcher Lawrence, Arlington, and Vernon Knowles, Halfway. Miss Osmin returned Monday to Salem where she is employed in the State Industrial Accident commission office.

CARD OF THANKS

We are deeply grateful to neighbors and friends for their words of sympathy and kindly assistance during the illness and death of our beloved Mary Bernadette. Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Doherty and family.

Industrial Analyst Joins Bank Staff

As part of its peacetime expansion of industrial service to Oregon business men, the First National Bank of Portland has added to its executive staff, John J. Winn, Jr., as assistant vice president and industrial analyst to work in the field of market and industrial research with the industries of Oregon and the Northwest.

Winn's appointment was announced this week by E. B. Mac Naughton, president of First National. Commercial manager of the Portland Gas and Coke company before he entered service in 1942, Winn is well known in Oregon and Washington.

A native of Massachusetts, Mr. Winn studied industrial engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. From 1921 to 1929 he was with the large construction and management firm of Stone and Webster, Inc. Following this he was associated for eight years with Consolidated Gas, Electric Light and Power company of Baltimore before coming to Portland.

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