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Who Knows the Answer?

From time to time the problem of youth delinquency hobs up and each time we find ourselves farther away from solving the question. It is a matter that is claiming the attention of churches, social groups, and the law enforcement officers throughout the land, so that we see it is not a purely local situation.

Some of the present social unrest among the younger people may be attributed to the war. No doubt a lot of it may be credited to that source. On the other hand there have been contributing factors during peace time which merely were stepped up during the war when there were fewer law enforcement officials and less guidance to keep the youngsters in line with generally accepted social order. This makes the task of rehabilitating the wayward and misguided youth more difficult under peacetime conditions for many of them grew up, or thought they had, and their sense of maturity is offended if it is suggested that they live their actual age. They have made big wages the past few years and feel they are entitled to spend the money as they see fit. Most of them have cars at their command and with a few dollars for gas and spending money they can have themselves a whale of a time—they think.

Well, what are we going to do about it? The youngsters are merely emulating their elders—if not their own, some other kid's—and passing laws, ordinances and the like seems to be no barrier to their progress in the wrong direction.

If someone has the answer to this serious problem let him, or her, come forward with it. The columns of this newspaper will be placed at the disposal of those who wish to make public their views. This offer is subject to the usual editorial restrictions but is made with the hope of getting some community interest stirred up.

The writer has some opinions but does not claim and will also require money. If we as a community are willing to accept the challenge and go out to give our young people the kind of protection they are entitled to we can lick the problem locally and lend some influence to other communities striving to overcome the same difficulty.

Butter Buy a Cow

Announcement by the secretary of agriculture that butter prices will be advanced as much as eighteen cents per pound by the first of April is anything but comforting to the average American

housewife. Accustomed to restrictions during the war, making sacrifices in the cause of victory, Mrs. America is wondering what she will be able to use as a substitute for fats.

We are told that the advance in price is to allow butter makers to make up the loss sustained when government subsidy was removed and at the same time encourage greater production of butter fat. This may be a justifiable move for it is certain that butter is not too plentiful. Dairymen still in the business are there largely because they had the fortitude to stay with it during troublous times. Others gave up, sold their stock and went into other lines. The shortage thus created will require several seasons to replace and it looks like Mr. and Mrs. America and all the little Americans will have to spread their butter a little thinner.

About the only remedy locally would be to buy a cow and become independent—if you can find the cow and somebody to milk her.

A Deserved Honor

Elevation of Frank W. Turner to the presidency of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce is recognition of one whose services have always been willingly given to any move for the good of the community. As secretary for several years he was instrumental in keeping the organization more or less active, maintaining a well paid up membership. His new position will provide an outlet for exercise of an abundance of booster spirit and should mark new progress in the field of business and civic improvement.

The new president has made no statement of policy other than that he is interested in some highway and road development for one thing, and is giving careful consideration to selection of a committee to handle this important phase of chamber work.

While on this subject it seems proper to bring up the matter of changing the name from Heppner Chamber of Commerce to Morrow County Chamber of Commerce. There are many good reasons for doing this and this newspaper for one would like to see such a proposal given consideration at an early date. The scope of a chamber of commerce reaches beyond the limits of the town and if the organization is to be made really effective it will have to look to the welfare of the county as a whole. In reality that has been the motivating spirit but the name carries the implication of a bit of selfishness. This could be erased—not entirely perhaps—by changing the name to a county rather than a town basis.

JOINT INSTALLATION SET FOR JANUARY 18

Joint installation of officers for the year 1946 will be held at the hall Friday evening, Jan. 18 by the Independent Order of Oddfellows and the Rebekahs. The affair will

open with a banquet, which is the usual accompaniment of installation, and arrangements are under way to make this an outstanding event in lodge circles.

Frank Hulbert, outgoing noble grand of the Oddfellows lodge, an-

nounces that there will be installation practice the evening of Jan. 16 and asks that all concerned be on hand.

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MEETING SCHEDULED

The Legion auxiliary has scheduled a meeting at 8 p. m. Tuesday, Jan. 15 to be held in the rear room of the new building—the former Catholic church. Hostesses will be Mrs. D. E. Hudson and Mrs. K. K. Blake.

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