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Veterans Should Be Cautious

Many returning war veterans are anxious to get into business for themselves and that desire has caused grief to not a few of them who have invested their savings in "phony" concerns. The boys and men who left an America they understood to go forth into foreign lands were unaware of the changes taking place back home and were not in a position to cope with some of the high powered and crafty scheming developed in their absence.

Ex-service men contemplating entering business on their own account should seek advice through proper agencies. The much maligned OPA is in a position to give valuable assistance and prospective investors should not hesitate to obtain advice through this channel or any other reliable source.

One of the curses of the human race is an in-born desire to obtain wealth by short cuts—and the shorter the cuts the better. To the man who thinks only of himself and lets nothing stand in the way of obtaining that which he desires, the mere fact that another person went through the tortures of hell in an effort to preserve our American way of life means nothing, particularly if that service man has a few hundred dollars to invest.

The sharks have their teeth filed and ready to nip the unwary. The best advice would appear to be to think not only twice but several times before accepting any offer.

Space Is at Premium

Editorial desks are piled high these days with contributions from various sources the producers of which would like to see their brain children in print. The mails are choked with this type of material, out of which the newspapers get the lion's share. Despite the fact that there may be, and is, real merit in much of this material, the average newspaper has not the space to devote to publishing it without slighting the local news, which, after all, is the primary purpose of publishing a newspaper of the weekly type.

Currently, the Gazette Times has several good articles which deserve consideration and will be given attention as soon as space permits. One in particular has been held for several weeks that is of distinct local interest and will be of value when ever published. This has to do with a recent survey made by the Forest Service and the findings have a direct bearing upon the economic life of this

area. It is not lack of appreciation on the part of the publishers that this article has not been published but rather lack of sufficient space in our columns. When this condition can be remedied it will be possible to handle contributions a bit more liberally.

The Housing Question

Deals reported but not yet confirmed indicate that Heppner residence property is at a premium with no immediate relief in sight. There are rumors of house building but nothing is being done to indicate that even a start is being made in the direction of increasing our housing facilities so far as new houses are concerned. True, there is some progress in the way of alterations, making over extra space into apartments, but that is limited.

There is little indication that material prices and wages will be lowered for several years. People who have been studying the building situation are convinced that costs will not be lowered until there is an abundance of all things concerned with the industry and none are basing their expectations on pre-war conditions but rather on the trend of events initiated during the war.

The average worker nowadays draws sufficient pay to permit him to live well and buy a home. It may not be possible for him to pay spot cash for a residence but he can buy on the installment basis. However, the present situation in Heppner is such that the average worker can not buy a home even on the installment plan, unless he has been thrifty and held onto his wages. Property prices have risen to a point beyond the ability of the average person to pay out and live comfortably while paying.

The answer would seem to be numbers of new houses in the moderate price range. It is safe to say that twenty-five new houses would be taken as soon as ready for occupancy. Until something of this nature is started there is little probability that Heppner will experience the postwar growth it normally would enjoy.

It might be added that the scramble for business locations will eventually lead some venture-some soul to invest a few idle thousands in a building of this type. Inquiries for buildings to house various types of new businesses are regular occurrences and while it is not expected that all these inquirers really contemplate locating here some of them doubtless would if it were possible to assure them of proper housing.

OPA SUPERVISOR HERE

Mrs. Anna Crego, chief clerk of the Pendleton office of the OPA was in Heppner this week making a survey of apparel shop, grocery and restaurant prices. She was accompanied by two clerks, Maurine Beaty and Ellen Wachtel, who assisted with the work. Mrs. Crego has both Umatilla and Morrow counties to supervise and will call here once a month.

YPF FEED SCHEDULED

Mrs. Cyrene Barratt will entertain the Young People's Fellowship of All Saints Episcopal church Sunday evening with a dinner at her home on north Court street. Mrs. Barratt states that all young people interested in the YPF have a cordial invitation to attend the dinner.

PORTLAND ATTORNEY HERE

Frank S. Sever, attorney of

Portland, is in Heppner today in the interest of the Pauline Quaid property. Mr. Sever was formerly associated with Guy W. Cordon in the practice of law but when Cordon became senator the partnership was dissolved.

Mrs. John Saager is in Portland this week buying stock for the local pharmacy. Mrs. Saager flew down Sunday and will return tomorrow.

RECEPTION FOR PAUL BROWNS

Between 50 and 60 neighbors and friends called at the C. P. Brown home Sunday afternoon between the hours of three and five when Mr. and Mrs. Brown were hosts at a reception honoring their son and daughter-in-law, who have just recently been married and have come to make their home on the farm.

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