

**EDITORIAL**

**A Political Football**

In view of the lack of a general boost in prices, it is difficult to understand all this clamor for continuance of the OPA. There was a time when the OPA was of value but since the war it appears to have caused delay in the resumption of peace-time industry and about the only useful purpose it would have is that of maintaining a considerable group on the federal payroll.

Except in the lines of actual necessities, prices are quite generally holding to the war levels, or as nearly so as advanced labor costs will permit and the spirit shown by distributors and retailers since July 1, if maintained the next few months will do much more to hold down inflation than any number of laws.

Many people honestly believe that everything they buy will go out of sight, if the OPA is not reinstated or a similar federal set-up provided for protection against inflation. Politicians who have been playing upon the emotions of the people see in the OPA a good instrument with which to play themselves back into office, or if an out to be one of the ins. But so far the basis for fear has not been evident in rapidly advancing prices.

Congress may evolve something in the way of government control and level off the OPA as is. There should be some way of handling a situation of this kind without adding a horde of potential votes to the federal payroll. A lowering of government expenses might have a tendency to stop the trend towards inflation and it might just be that the people will get along without quite so much regulation. It is hard to see how they would do any worse.

The editor is in receipt of a beautiful book, a gift from the Standard Oil company and presented in person by Mr. J. E. West, district manager with headquarters at The Dalles. The book is titled "See Your West" and is a compilation of the 1946 series of western scenic views the company is passing out to the public through the media of its retail stations. There is but one objection to the book, and that is a purely personal one. Looking at the beautiful views has started this printer's foot to itching and there is no possibility of breaking away for a few weeks to visit these famous spots—not even to see a few of them. Nevertheless, we are grateful to the company for remembering us.

From the W. Lee O'Daniel News and the column, "Washington Scene", by George Nixon comes the following regarding the OPA. "Senator Kenneth S. Wherry of Nebraska arose in a high Republican dudgeon the other day and challenged the sex knowledge of OPA.

"OPA" he thundered, "cannot distinguish between male and female critters. It once issued an order forbidding for sixty days the slaughter of female steers!"

Senator Wherry's indignation is justified, says Nixon. Everyone knows that female steers should course, when required as delicacies by male not be killed during spawning season—except, of duchesses.

And then there was the case of the Snake river sheepman who, when making application for canvas tarpaulin to protect newly born lambs was rejected with the suggestion that he delay the lambing until warmer weather.

**IONE NEWS NOTES**

land following a major operation. She is reported getting along satisfactorily.

Little Gary Brenner, seven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brenner, fell out of the car the 4th and fractured his skull. It will be necessary for him to stay in bed for several weeks.

Earl Morgan of Portland came up Sunday and will work for his son Lloyd during harvest.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis of Goldendale Wash. were week-end visitors at the Gordon White and Oscar Lundell homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Rietmann day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Balsiger of White Salmon.

John Troedson and George Ely are spending a few days at Ritter. The Standard Oil station is in-

salling two 10,000 gallon gasoline tanks.

A party was given at the Lee Beckner home Saturday night honoring Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mankin on their silver wedding anniversary. There were between 45 and 50 guests present from Heppner and Ione. Mr. and Mrs. Mankin were presented with a bouquet made up of 25 silver dollars.

Mrs. J. V. Crawford returned Tuesday evening from Los Angeles where she spent several weeks visiting Mr. Crawford met her at Arlington. He took advantage of the 4th of July holiday to drive to the beach and returned Friday bringing his son Jim home after spending the past month there with his grandmother, Mrs. Leta Babb of Portland.

Jack O'Hara spent last week in San Francisco and Sacramento

While in Sacramento he attended the wedding of one of his army buddies.

Miss Louise Hunt of Salem is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hunt.

Arval Haigh of Arook Oregon arrived last week-end and is helping A. M. Edwards with his well drilling.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Hill and family spent the holidays with relatives here and in Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Breeding visited their daughter, Mrs. Eunice Darnielle, in Portland last week. Eugene Majeska arrived home Sunday night from Fort Lewis where he was recently discharged.

Jack Vanwinkle left Friday for Fort Lewis to report for duty after a 45-day furlough.

**CHURCHES**

**ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL**  
Archdeacon Neville Blunt  
Holy Communion 8 a.m.  
Church School 9:45 a.m.  
Holy Communion 11 a.m.

**ST PATRICK'S CHURCH**  
Rev. Francis McCormack, Pastor  
Heppner: First and third Sundays, mass at 8 a.m.; Second and fourth 9:30 a.m.  
Ione: Mass at 9:30 first and third Sundays; 8 a.m. second and fourth.  
One mass on fifth Sunday at 9 a.m. in Heppner.

Holy days of obligation: Mass in Heppner 7:30; Ione at 9:00.  
Mass on first Fridays 7:30 in Heppner.  
Confessions Saturday evening 7:30 to 8 and before mass Sundays.  
**CHURCH OF IONE COOPERATIVE**  
John Merrill, Pastor  
Sunday school 10 a.m.  
Morning worship 11 a.m.

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Rev. Shelby Graves Minister  
Sunday school 9:45 a. m.  
Sunday morning service 11 a. m.  
Evening evangelistic 7:45 p. m.  
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Rev. R. L. Castleman, Pastor  
Sunday school 10 a. m.

Morning worship 11 a. m.  
Children's church 7:30 p. m.  
Evening service 8 p. m.  
**MOVING TO REDMOND**  
Kenneth Blake has accepted management of a grain and feed warehouse at Redmond and is preparing to move to the central Oregon town in the near future. Mr. Blake will take over his new duties the 15th of the month. The concern is a cooperative and does a thriving business in that part of the state. Mrs. Blake and Daryl will remain until moving arrangements are completed.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schwarz and LenRay, and Henry Schwarz were in The Dalles on business Thursday.

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