

EDITORIAL

It Could Happen Here

Shocking news has come frequently of late about the terrible loss of life resulting from fires in public buildings. This has been particularly true with regard to hotel disasters where people took temporary residence with confidence that they would be properly housed. We all know the stories. The horrors have been brought before us with bold headlines in the daily press, by the shocking suddenness of radio reports. And the pity of it all is that by the time the news is relegated to the inside pages of the newspapers and the radio bears no further comment, we settle back and hope that nothing of the kind will happen again and little is done to forestall recurrences of such disasters.

Of the smaller communities may be laboring under the impression that we have little to worry about in the matter of disastrous fires and other catastrophes that strike frequently in the larger places. In this we are wrong. There is scarcely a small community without a public building of one kind or another that at times houses two hundred or more persons. And it is a safe guess that most of these buildings are without adequate fire safeguards. People will crowd into these buildings during the winter months, when the fire hazard is greatest, with seldom a thought of their chances of getting out should the terrorizing shout of "fire!" pierce the air.

It seems to be the rule in constructing lodge buildings to have but one entrance, or exit, as the case may be. For regular work of the lodges, when attendance is normal, the single exit is ample. If warned in time the lodge members could make their escape, provided panic is avoided. There are times when considerable numbers of people crowd into the lodge halls and on those occasions something serious could happen unless adequate fire escape outlets have been provided. A hallway or stairway is the best place for a fire to spread quickly and without fire escapes on the outside walls... well, you know the story.

One of the town's lodges has taken steps to put in adequate fire escape facilities; a second one is taking steps to follow suit. The movement should follow through until all public buildings are safeguarded where such protection is needed. It doesn't take long for a disaster to happen but it takes a long time to erase it from the public mind—if ever.

Looks Like Good News

President Truman's action in cutting off wartime agencies appears to meet with the approval of the average citizen. By doing so he has shown a disposition to act in the best interests of the country at large rather than heed the wishes of certain elements in his own party. He may have the welfare of his party or his own political ambitions at heart and if so is playing a good brand of politics. This latest action and his determination to put the government above John L. Lewis have won him the respect of leaders in both parties, except, perhaps for a few irreconcilables.

After playing along with wartime agencies for some eighteen months and finding things growing progressively worse for the GI veterans, the President apparently decided the veterans as well as the rest of the citizenry would get a better break if everything were thrown on an open market. It is probable that capital will be re-

leased for building purposes that heretofore has been withheld and it will be possible for the GI's to procure housing at an earlier date than they could have under the regulations. The order likewise will put a brake on black marketing, since the incentive for shady dealing has been removed.

If the administration will now come through on sugar there will be little left for us to holler about—perhaps, that is.

Our New Dress

A newspaper to be eligible must occasionally put on a new dress and this week the Gazette Times presents a new type face, Intertype Regal. It is somewhat different to the type that has been in use the past ten years and it is hoped the readers will find it easy to read.

It has been difficult at times to procure replacement mats, due to shortage of materials, and this newspaper like many others in the land has had to use letters that did not line up properly, with the result that the mechanical appearance was not always what the publishers wished it to be. There were times when production on the Linotype was slowed up while the operator waited for distribution of letters before starting another line. This condition was alleviated at times when a few replacements arrived from the factory but since the font was old it was not long until other letters ran short.

Conditions have improved, although output at the factories has not attained normal level, and replacements should be available on comparatively short notice.

The Gazette Times is receiving many holiday greeting cards for which we express our appreciation. We hope none of the senders will feel slighted if we take occasion to single out one card in particular. It came Wednesday morning, a home-made product of Girl Scout Troop II. The girls and their leader, Mrs. H. A. Cohn, are deserving of such commendation as this newspaper is able to offer, for they are doing a good work in preparing for the leadership that will come to the girls in future years. It has been a privilege for this paper to publish the doings of Girl Scout Troop II and we hope to have the privilege of continuing to give their efforts proper publicity.

Christmas is still almost a week away but since it comes on Wednesday, one day ahead of the next publication of the Gazette Times, it is appropriate to extend Christmas greetings this week. A rush of printing orders has made it out of the question to print cards to mail out, and besides, there could not be time to attend to the mailing, so to our readers throughout the land we extend the season's greetings and wish for all a happy Christmas and health and prosperity throughout the year of 1947.

In the rush of Christmas business and all the hurly-burly of preparing for the holiday season, Hepner has not stopped to give consideration to a revival of the Christmas opening which was a feature of community life here in pre-war days. It is a bit late to even think of it this year but the Chamber of Commerce should put it down on the 1947 calendar and start to work early enough to make next year's opening a huge success.

Oscar Ashbeck was transacting business at the courthouse Monday. He farms in the Pine City area.

BROWNIE TROOP MEETS

The Brownie Scout troop met at their meeting room in the basement of the Stephen Thompson home Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Each Brownie Scout was dressed in costume depicting her favorite story book character. The meeting room was gaily decorated with Christmas pictures and a pretty tree which the girls decorated themselves with hand-made ornaments.

After listening to the album of "The Littlest Angel" narrated by Miss Loretta Young, the girls had refreshments and an exchange of Christmas gifts.

The past two meetings the Brownie Scouts have been bringing gifts to be sent to Girl Scouts in other countries to create international friendship. These "Thinking Day" gifts are being sent to Greece and Czechoslovakia from this troop.

The Brownie Scouts closed

their party with the singing of Christmas carols. Mrs. R. A. Thompson, Mrs. Emma Evans and Miss Leona Graham were guests at the party.

Carl Haddox of Irrigon was a Hepner business visitor Monday.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned was duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Morrow County, administrator of the estate of Carl F. Troedson, deceased, and all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased are hereby required to present the same to the undersigned administrator with proper vouchers at the law office of Jos. J. Nys at Hepner, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

**NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT**  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned executor of the estate of Herman Neilson, deceased, has filed with the County Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County, his final account of his administration of the estate of said deceased and said Court fixed Monday, the 20th day of January, 1947, at the hour of 10:00 A. M. of said day at the Court House.

at Hepner, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said final account and the settlement of said estate and all persons having objections thereto are hereby required to file the same with said court on or before the time fixed for said hearing.

Dated and first published this 19th day of December, 1946.  
JOS. J. NYS, Executor.  
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