

EDITORIAL

Bid for Leadership

Organization of a Junior Chamber of Commerce should be the starting point of a considerable activity in Heppner and the county, and will, we think, if the young men continue to display the courage and determination shown on the first day of their existence as a club. Their zeal for getting things done will serve as a spark to revive the lagging civic enterprises of the community and perhaps energize the somewhat lackadaisical senior group to more decisive action.

As is to be expected these postwar days, a goodly number of the new club are ex-service men—the fellows we stay-at-homes figured on doing so much for, but for one reason or another have not gotten around to—and most of these boys want to do the things for their community that they dreamed of when life was most precious because of its uncertainty. They may not be more civic minded but the driving spirit of youth urges them on to activity not characteristic of their elders.

The JCC wants to see some of the proposed projects of the community brought to fruition. Up to the present there has been no definite leadership in getting these things started. Committees have worked on them in a more or less desultory fashion but seemingly could not get decisive results. It is definite results the younger fellows want and they have plans for getting them. They have selected good leaders who are not imbued with the idea of turning everything upside down but have a quite clearcut idea of what they want and how to obtain it. Plainly speaking, they are making a bid for leadership in civic affairs and their first efforts should be a warning to the senior chamber of commerce that that body's position in the community is being challenged.

Who's Getting Railroad Earnings?

On March 25 seventeen non-operating railroad labor unions representing approximately one million employees served demands on railroads throughout the nation for an increase of 20 cents an hour in wages effective April 25. The new demands are the first to be made by railroad labor since the settlement last May which ended the two-day nation-wide railroad strike.

According to C. E. Johnson, chairman, Western Association of Railway Executives, the demands of the non-operating unions represent a payroll increase of approximately \$524,000,000 per year based on levels of employment expected during the months ahead. Payroll taxes for retirement and unemployment would add another estimated \$44,000,000, making a total about \$568,000,000 annually.

Mr. Johnston's statement points out that "obviously the railroads are not in a position to absorb further wage increases. Wages of all railroad employees were increased in 1941; again in 1943 and 18 1/2 cents per hour last year. Increases since the beginning of the war average nearly 53 per cent. With payroll taxes, they have added \$1,565,000,000 per year to the labor costs of the nation's railroad transportation.... In addition to these wage increases railroad employees received the equivalent of another increase through passage of the Crosser Bill by Congress last year, which provided for additional payment under the Railroad Retirement Act. This increased the railroad's payroll taxes \$90,000,000 per year.

The chairman said that it will be difficult for many railroads to go ahead with their announced improvement programs in the face of the new demands, which if granted would result in net deficits. Many roads, he predicted, will retrench drastically until the wage issue is settled.

It appears that the employees are getting the big end of the earnings of the railroads now and if their demand is granted we know quite well who will absorb the difference. It is only natural that if a business cannot meet its operating ex-

pense on existing earnings it will have to seek a higher rate for its products or service. It is a vicious circle any way one looks at it and how much longer can this go on without precipitating a crash is beyond the power of a humble country editor to foresee.

A Splendid Response

Some four and one-half years of working with the people of Morrow county and an acquaintance of more than forty-six years should teach ye scribe that a certain amount of worry may be justified but undue worrying is unwarranted. This column has repeatedly commented on the fine response of our people to appeals for funds and gifts since the start of hostilities in the recent war and once more it is pertinent to remark that the spirit of generosity controls our very living.

Each time a call has come for funds or gifts it has been the job of the newspaper to convey the appeals to its readers. These appeals have been accompanied by a certain amount of uncertainty, which, generally speaking, is worrying. In the most recent campaign, one calling for outright donations for Easter lilies to be sent to the Morrow county ward at the veterans hospital the uncertainty has been no less pronounced than in former campaigns, and yet, in the back of the mind there was a certainty that the request would be fulfilled.

This week it is a pleasure to announce that the number of lilies asked for has been over-subscribed thirty-three and one-third percent and the boys in the ward will rest secure in the thought that their Morrow county friends have not forgotten.

Cancer Control Month

Governor Earl Snell has declared April as Cancer Control Month and urges the people to support to the fullest the American Cancer Society in its campaign of education service and research.

The Governor said that cancer is the most deadly of the diseases yet unconquered by scientific research. During World War II, from Pearl Harbor to V-J Day, a total of 280,000 American lives were lost—a terrible cost in a terrible war. Yet, during this same period, 607,000 persons lost their lives to cancer—many of them needlessly.

Figures released by the state board of health showed that 13.8 per cent of the deaths in Oregon, or a total of 1773, were caused by cancer in 1946. The Society's Oregon division has a quota of \$105,000 to meet and has reminded its county leaders that cancer was second only to heart disease as the worst killer in the state during 1946.

In Morrow county, B. C. Pinckney is director of the cancer fund campaign. Contributions to this great cause may be made to him in person or by mail. No statement has been made relative to this county's quota but that should not be a matter for consideration. A natural fear of this dread disease should prompt us to give liberally that the research may be carried on until our scientists discover the cause and develop a remedy to check its insidious spread.

The March lion failed to create much of a disturbance as the month wore away but he did give April a good start as witness the beautiful rains we are receiving these first few days.

There were 37.3 dwelling units in the United States in 1940—more than double the 17.9 million in 1900. Occupancy per unit was one person less. But more than 40 per cent of our homes in 1940 needed to be replaced or rehabilitated.

Almost 40 per cent of the land area of the United States receives too little rainfall for safe general agriculture but only three per cent of this area is now being irrigated.

In The WEEK'S NEWS



BIG FAMILY—However expensive, the task of raising 12 children is a little easier here than in Holland during the war. This is the belief of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Rottveel of Philadelphia, Pa., whose weekly shopping lists include 42 loaves of bread, 35 quarts of milk and 10 dozen eggs.



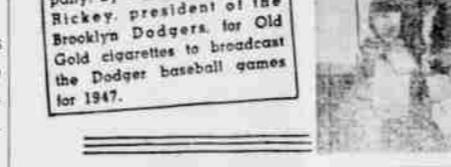
FLOW THROUGH DEEP SNOW IN NEW YORK—New Yorkers, en route to work recently, had to plow through 11-inch deep snow. Scene is at 5th Ave. and 42nd St., N.Y.C. during the heaviest snowfall of the year.



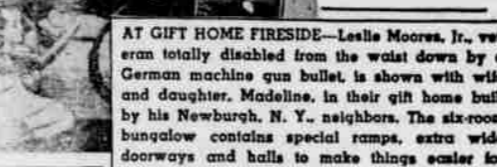
ENDURING QUALITY—Processed to resist gas, light and acid fading, the pussywillow gray, colorure, Gold-Rose fabric afternoon dress, worn by singing star Paul Clayton, presents a value-wise original combining high style and functional qualities.



SERIAL STAR—Mary Jane Highy, shown with her Columbia, Lety, has been starring in radio's top daytime serial, "When a Girl Marries." (NBC) since it began eight years ago.



DOUBLE CELEBRATION—H. A. Kent (standing) celebrates his fifth anniversary as president of P. Lottard Company, by signing with Branch Rickey, president of the Brooklyn Dodgers, for Old Gold cigarettes to broadcast the Dodger baseball games for 1947.



AT GIFT HOME FIRSID—Leslie Moore, Jr., veteran totally disabled from the waist down by a German machine gun bullet, is shown with wife and daughter, Madeline, in their gift home built by his Newburgh, N. Y., neighbors. The six-room bungalow contains special ramps, extra wide doorways and halls to make things easier for the ex-G.I.

er. If the budget stays balanced everything is fine and dandy with everybody. If it doesn't the governor can say, "I told you so," and the legislature will be in the position of the captain who took a chance with his ship and hit the rocks.

SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

No bills of major importance were signed by the governor this week. However some 40-odd minor bills that were signed include the following: HB 234 authorizing cities and counties to license all business, organizations, occupations or callings; HB 191 authorizes the appointment of a supervisor of the school lunch program; HB 53 makes it a misdemeanor to sell honorable discharge emblems to those not entitled to wear them; HB 223 requires recorders of conveyances to record in deed and mortgage records any document showing evidence of ownership of real property; SB 234 classifies silver salmon as chum salmon for commercial purposes in certain waters; HB 362 extends war emergency permits to haul oversized logs; HB 323 appropriates \$4000, or more, to negotiate pact for commercial fishers in waters off Pacific coast; SB 232

permits commercial fishermen to use special nets in closed seasons to clean out snags.

DIRECTIVES IN OREGON

The attorney general's office has issued the following opinions on the purport of laws of the state: A "fraternal club," as the term is used in connection with the Knox liquor control law, is one that has food, and facilities for preparing and serving it to the members and guests as part of the club operations.... Debts created by county courts in excess of budget estimates are illegal and may not be paid from funds budgeted for other purposes, except in emergency and transfer from one fund to another.... Japanese aliens are limited to leasing of residential property in this country, and when such property is purchased by an alien it shall escheat to the state.... Trailer houses for which application for registration has not been made by January 1, are subject to assessment for ad valorem taxes.

14 NEW LAWYERS

The state supreme court announced this week the names of 14 persons who passed the state bar examination given in Janu-

ary. They are J. V. Colombo, Mary Duvall, Shirley A. Fields, G. H. Fraser, F. E. Harrington, J. R. Jordan, C. H. Mears, R. W. Nash, J. W. Purvis, and W. S. Williams Jr., all of Portland; C. W. Creighton Jr. and C. L. Johns Jr., both of Salem; M. L. McMillen of Vancouver, Wash., and F. C. Meldrum of Eugene.

Ray Conway, who resigned the state liquor administratorship recently, has resumed his former position as secretary and general manager of the Oregon State Motor association. The board of directors of the association also named Carl Washburn of Eugene as a director, at the annual meeting.

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30 YEARS AGO

From Heppner Gazette Times, April 5, 1917

Johannes and Carl Troedson of Ella were doing business in Heppner Saturday, paying taxes at the court house receiving their attention.

Tilden Williams of the lower Hardman country was in Heppner Tuesday to attend the meeting of farmers at the court house.

John Hiett of the Case Furniture company is confined to his home with an attack of grippe.

Hugh C. Gibbons is drawing plans for his new residence on which he will start construction in the near future. He will build on the lot just opposite the high school building.

Henry Stender came up from Lone Wednesday to transact business at the court house. He brought along the pelts of eight young coyotes for which he received the customary bounty.

County Clerk Waters issued a marriage license to Alonzo D. Reid and Ida Wright this week.

Young Men Hurry to Enlist—Cecil Lieuallen, Edgar Copenhaver, William V. Crawford and Robert Hopkins left for Portland to take examinations to join the

navy. Wilbur Slate enlisted in the army Wednesday.

Frank Young is the happiest man on Dry Fork these days, all on account of the stork which left a big boy with them last week.

Heppner had its place in the sun of patriotism Saturday when 1500 citizens gathered at the Fair pavilion in a great patriotic meeting. Senator Fred Steiwer was chief speaker of the occasion.

President W. B. Barratt of the Oregon Woolgrowers today urged members to hold their wool making the government the preferred customer.

Death came to one of the infant sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lucas early Tuesday morning. The baby was in his crib with his twin brother and when attended at midnight seemed to be in perfect condition. On going to the crib at 4 o'clock the child was found dead.

TO ATTEND SCHOOL

Edmond Gonty is leaving this week to attend a two-day radio school in Portland sponsored by the Bendix Radio corporation. The local store, Gonty's, will be closed Monday and Tuesday.



STATE'S OBLIGATIONS INCREASE

A floodlight view of the state's financial panorama shows a 47-49 budget of \$40,000,000 which overshadows the budget for the previous biennium by \$10,000,000. Capping the \$40 million budget is another \$2,000,000 which the joint ways and means committee found necessary to add in providing funds for state retirement, service to veterans for vocational training and other acts voted by the people and by the legislatures of 1945 and 1947.

If "ifs" can be listed as assets the budget is balanced. If the cigarette sales tax is passed by the vote of the people, if liquor profits keep up, if income taxes do not drop too much, if parimutuel revenues from dog and horse races keep up, and if a dozen or more of the state's income avenues do not get clogged up, there will be no financial problems for Oregon during the next biennium. If financial adjustments made by the 1947 legislature do not click the legislature cannot call a special session to make a second guess. Only the governor has that power.

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