

EDITORIAL

Was It The Opening Gun?

Whether or not the President's Jefferson day report on the state of the nation was designed as the opening gun of the 1948 campaign there were conditions entering into the presentation to make the average citizen wonder if it were not at least a feeler to determine how far Mr. Truman has advanced as the "white hope" of his party in the next presidential election.

Growing Pains Sometimes Costly

Hepner, like many other good little towns, is suffering from growing pains, the remedy for which will involve a considerable expenditure of public funds during the next few years.

May 6, to vote on a proposed \$75,000 bond issue to make these improvements to the water system. The people must decide for themselves if they want an adequate water supply. It must be remembered that the more water the city has to sell the more it will sell.

Way Cleared for County Fair

That county-city trade which has agitated not a few of the citizens the past year or so has been ratified by both parties to the deal and there seems to be nothing in the way of holding a county fair here this year.

It may be possible to include some fair features, such as stock exhibits, in the Rodeo program, if it is decided to hold the two events at the same date. At any rate, the newly-acquired county property will be available, as well as the Rodeo grounds, for the use of the fair and whatever plans may be worked out by the county fair board should have the full support and cooperation of the chambers of commerce and other civic groups.

They Deserve Assistance

With acquisition of the county property on Main street comes a problem of development which will require several years of planning and civic enterprise to bring to completion. Tentative plans formulated by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, sparkplug of the movement and the one hoping it will be charged with the responsibility of establishing a memorial park, are somewhat ambitious but not too much so for a community of this size once the people are properly sold on the idea.

Something that will be a permanent memorial and at the same time provide the community with a common meeting place is the plan envisioned by the juniors. A memorial building constructed of durable materials, large enough to contain an auditorium of sufficient size for all public functions not otherwise housed, a kitchen and dining-club room, and public rest rooms—these are some of the ideas the juniors hope to incorporate in the project.

The passing of George Bleakman removes from this section of Eastern Oregon a man whose life was a typical example of so-called rugged individualism. He lived the life of the pioneer, trusting to his own initiative and rugged spirit to see him through his various enterprises.

If, as it has been demonstrated in recent weeks, the present well can deliver the water needed, thus eliminating well drilling expense at this time, there will be no need for reconstructing the supply line or making extensive improvements, other than to check leakage. This will curtail contemplated expenses as well as shorten the time for doing the job.

30 YEARS AGO

From Hepner Gazette Times, April 12, 1917. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Padberg, who reside west of Hepner, were in the city the first of the week. John Willard Rasmus died April 6 at the age of 63 years. He is survived by his widow, and three children, Frank O., J. Orville, and Lucia Bonine, all of Hepner.

Letters to the Editor

FLOWERS TO THE LIVING... It is not often the editor receives praise for his humble efforts and when he does he is inclined to keep it to himself, cherishing the thought that there are some understanding souls in the world. This week we received a letter from the "Gazette's" first printer, Henry J. Keyte, which is worthy of passing along to our readers. It is a greatly changed world since Mr. Keyte first knew Hepner and a year's reading of the G-T has brought little of the old frontier town to his attention.

In The WEEK'S NEWS

Collage of photos with captions: 'DUAL CHAMPIONS—Jack Kramer and Pauline Betz, both of Los Angeles, national outdoor tennis singles champions...' 'AFIRE AT NEW YORK PIER—Tugs and fireboats pour tons of water on the S.S. John Ericsson...' 'CLAIMS HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE—Sandra Theunick, Pontiac, Mich., 8 months old, who weighs 30 pounds, claims the heavyweight title for her class.'

Capital Parade Murray Wade IT'S ALL OVER NOW After breaking all records for length and expense (estimated at over a quarter of a million dollars) the 44th legislative session of the state of Oregon stopped the clock on the 33rd day at 10:30 p.m. Saturday and kept right on working until both houses concurred on a 6-hour-stalled resolution to sine die at 12:31 Sunday morning.

SALES TAX ON RISE Sales tax proponents passed bills to provide funds if the sales tax is voted down by the people at the special election October 1, 1947. If it passes income tax exemptions will be extended to \$1800 for married persons, \$900 for single persons and \$400 for each dependent.

GOING ON BIG TRIP J. J. O'Connor is leaving Pendleton this evening by Union Pacific Streamliner for New York City to attend a meeting of J. C. Penney company managers. Mrs. O'Connor was to have accompanied him but they were unable to get someone to look after the children and Mrs. O'Connor had to remain at home.

We are gonna go home We are gonna go home Where the summers are hot And the winters are cold. We've been here so long We're feeling too old. There'll be a tear in our eye When we tell Old Salem goodbye Oh, dear, we wanna stay here But we're gonna go home.

PREDICTION The budget will stay red one year... special session next January. CUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS Governor Earl Snell has appointed Paul L. Kliever, Lebanon, and Kenneth D. Shoemaker, Salem, as additional members of the State Apprenticeship council.

MASONS INVITED TO CHURCH SUNDAY A. M. Masons of the community have been extended an invitation to attend the morning services at the Methodist church Sunday. The pastor, Rev. J. Palmer Sorlein, himself a Mason, will deliver a special sermon for the occasion.

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