

EDITORIAL

On Trial?

The following editorial is reprinted from the Bristol, Rhode Island, Phoenix:

"A prominent American, John S. Knight, speaking before a group of advertising men in Chicago recently, had some very pertinent remarks to make about our so-called capitalistic system.

"There is a subtle campaign under way in this country," he said, "to discredit the press and render it less able to defend minority rights.

"Perhaps we have failed to do a good selling job just as I suspect the advertising profession must confess that it has failed somehow to sell the capitalistic system to our own people.

"I, for one," declared Mr. Knight, "grow exceedingly weary of hearing how the capitalistic system is on trial. On trial for what?

"Has any other system accomplished as much or provided better standards of living?

"Why isn't socialism on trial in England or communism in Russia?

"If capitalism is through, why are we asked to provide the food, the money and the tools to rebuild Europe?

"Thoughtful Americans should be on guard against the insidious efforts being made to discredit a system that has been responsible for this nation's continued growth and progress."

"No economic system is perfect but it is a bit sickening to hear references made to our system being on trial, the implication being that

if it should fail, it would be supplanted by communism or some other ism. What have they got that even comes close?"

That 1 Pct. Withholding Tax

Many employers are likely to overlook the one per cent withholding tax passed by the 1947 Oregon legislature and which goes into effect January 1, 1948. Small employers, particularly, are apt to run into difficulty with the new regulation which calls for withholding on first paychecks after the above date.

F. H. Young, manager of the Oregon Business & Tax Research, Inc., has called upon the press of the state to bring this new law to the attention of employers that they may brief their employees on it between now and January 1, 1948 and be prepared to meet its requirements. The briefing should include the information that the one percent is withheld on gross amount of pay, before any other deductions or Federal withholding.

Another proviso which will cause headaches for many employers is the "emolument" clause. Board and room, housing and other items entering into employees' pay must be added to the base pay and one percent withheld from the total amount. Mr. Young points out that this "emolument" angle is going to be a shock, a headache, for hospitals, livestock men, some farmer-orchardists and industrial concerns that give watchmen lodging quarters.

The ladies have been painting and varnishing the basement, finishing Saturday.

The men of the Community Baptist church worked on tearing down and hauling the lumber of the building, bringing it across the Patterson ferry and on to the parsonage ground. They worked Tuesday and Saturday.

The football boys had their annual duck dinner for the high school students Friday evening. Mrs. George Whipple prepared it and it was an excellent dinner, according to reports.

The first basketball game of the season will be between Irri-gon and Stanfield in the Irri-gon gym.

The school children assisted other neighbors to charivari Louis and Alene Rucker Saturday. Louis hauled Alene up the street in a wheelbarrow. They celebrated for a while then had treats. The newlyweds were spending the week end with the Russell and Rucker families.

Mrs. C. W. Acock is staying in Pendleton with her daughter Betty, receiving medical attention.

Forrest Lowe Jr. has gone to Kansas to be with his father who is ill. He stays in Irri-gon and works on the McNary dam.

Hugh Grim and Billy Allen visited Mrs. Grim in the Pendleton hospital Wednesday evening.

Fred Davis went to Pendleton Monday.

Irri-gon Man Buys Reserve Champion Hereford for \$2,065

P. B. Rand got a reserve champion bull from the La Grande association sale. He was a grand champion Hereford of the sale and cost \$2,065. They have a herd of registered cows on their farm east of Irri-gon.

More Drivers Must Renew Licenses

Oregon's drivers' license renewal program is continuing this month, with all permits numbered SR165,000 to SR198,000 falling due, it has been disclosed by Earl T. Newbry, secretary of state.

"Under the new licensing system," he said, "long waiting lines have been eliminated. It is little to ask of the motorist that he keep tabs on the time his driver's license expires."

All permits whose serial number begins with "5R" expire in accordance with a printed schedule available from service stations, police stations, sheriffs' offices, and driver's license clerks and examiners. The schedules are free. No examination is needed for drivers who renew licenses at the proper time.

All permits numbered below SR165,000 are already overdue.

"There is absolutely nothing to be gained by delaying your renewal beyond the proper date," a spokesman for the driver's license division said.

"Your new permit will expire at the same date, no matter whether you renew at the correct time or not."

Persons delaying beyond scheduled renewal dates have been warned that state police are making frequent license checks.

CHRISTMAS TREES for sale—25¢ per foot unmounted; 25¢ per foot extra, mounted, up to 7 feet; 35¢ extra for 8, 9, and 10-foot trees. Heppner Future Farmers of America, phone 32 during school hours. 36-36

CHURCHES

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Bible school, 9:45. Attendance goal for Sunday is 137. We came very near reaching our goal last Sunday. If you were not in Bible school somewhere we invite you to come and share with us.

Morning worship, 11; communion and preaching. Message by Evangelist Gene Chamberlain, "A Bible Truth I Don't Understand."

Evening evangelistic service, 7:30. Song service led by Mr. Chamberlain. Bring your Bibles. Old Bibles, Bibles in different languages, large, small; any unusual Bibles. Bring them to service. Sermon topic, "The Awakening."

Evangelistic services every evening, Monday at 7:30. The sermon topics for the week are: Tuesday, "A Different People"; Wednesday, "Christians Only"; Thursday, "What Does the World Think of Christ?"; Friday, "God's Plan for Stewardship"; Saturday, "The Good Confession."

Choir practice Thursday evening at 6:45.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH
Advent Sunday: Holy communion, 8 a.m. Church school, 9:45 a.m. Holy communion, 11 a.m. Wednesday, holy communion, 10 a.m.

Thanksgiving day: Holy communion 10 a.m. United Thanksgiving service in Methodist church at 10:30 a.m.

SERVICES AT GOOSEBERRY

There will be services at the Valley church in Gooseberry Sunday, Nov. 30, at 11 a.m. by Rev. Henry J. Hokenson of Portland, regional director for the Columbia conference.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Schedule of services:
Mass in Heppner on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 9 a.m.; 10:30 on the 2nd and 4th.

Mass in Ione on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 10:30 a.m.; 2nd and 4th at 9 a.m.

Mass on the fifth Sunday—one mass only—in Heppner at 9 a.m. Holy days of obligation: Mass in Heppner at 7:30 a.m.; mass in Ione at 9 a.m.

First Fridays of the month: Mass in Heppner at 7:30.

OREGON TRAFFIC DEATH TOLL WELL UNDER YEAR AGO

Oregon's 1947 traffic death rate is running well under last year's toll of over 100 deaths for each 100 million miles of car travel, Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry has announced.

In the first nine months of this year, street and highway fatalities have averaged slightly more than eight for each 100 million miles of driving. This represents a saving of 37 lives over the same period last year, officials pointed out, and indicates a decrease in the overall motor-vehicle risk. The average death rate throughout the nation for 1946 was 9.9, according to National Safety Council estimates.

Safety men explained that death rate figures tie in the number of deaths with the amount of driving actually done.

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30 YEARS AGO

From Heppner Gazette Times Nov. 29, 1917

Dr. A. D. McMurdo reports the arrival this morning of a son at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Myles Martin who reside on the McCullough place on Willow creek.

Miss Julia Hagstrom of Portland and Victor Leonard Carlson of Ione were married in Portland Nov. 25.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Johnson of this city on Nov. 24.

Robert Potter Matteson died Nov. 24 at the age of 81 years. He is survived by his wife and six children.

Delegations from the five I.O. O.F. lodges met in Heppner Nov. 28 to organize a Morrow county association.

Lois Eleanor Swaggart, little three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Swaggart, died Tuesday at their home in Joseph.

Alene Russell Weds Louis Rucker in Rites at Irri-gon

By Grace Shoun

Miss Alene Russell and Mr. Louis Rucker were united in marriage at the Hermliston Methodist church in a beautiful ceremony. The bride was given away by her father, Mr. George Russell. The maid of honor was Miss Norma Mathena and best man, Mr. Jack Sabranski. The bridesmaids were Miss Beth Russell, sister of the bride, and Miss Iva Joan Rucker, sister of the bridegroom. Donald Adams and Gene Mulkey were ushers. Little Ellen Amos, niece of the bridegroom, was flower girl. Mrs. Rucker is a graduate of Irri-gon high school and has been employed at the Pendleton telephone office. Mr. Rucker will finish high school at Lexington at mid-term. They will be located in Arlington after a short honeymoon trip. Among the out-of-town guests at the wedding were Miss Beth Russell of Pendleton and Mrs. Violet Amos of Kellogg, Idaho. Mrs. Russell, mother of George Russell, is here from Idaho.

Mrs. Ruth Umiker spent from Wednesday morning until Sunday morning in Portland and at Aurora with her sister, Mrs. Nellie Netter and family. Mrs. Dolly Minnick accompanied Mrs. Umiker to Portland and is making a longer stay.

Among those spending the week end at home were Joe Paul, S/1, from Whidby Island. Mrs. Pattie Minnick and Betty Acock came down from Pendleton Sunday. Betty returned Sunday evening, but Mrs. Minnick is visiting her mother, Mrs. Harry Smith, and family.

Mrs. Clara Gertson of Heppner was an Irri-gon visitor Monday.

Roy Minnick of Messner was in Irri-gon Monday night.

Rev. Chester Wilson and daughter of Council, Idaho, and Mrs. Eva Fagerstrom of New Meadows are here to visit relatives and attend the homecoming that the Assembly of God church is having for Thanksgiving.

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