

# EDITORIAL . . . . .

## Why Follow Failures?

The mounting resistance to the imposition of rationing and price controls on the economy, either on an all-out or an allegedly "limited" basis, is an extremely healthy sign, says an exchange. If the program were adopted, the probability is that nothing could more effectively undermine the American productive and distribution machine.

No one can force a man to produce or sell an article at a loss—he would simply go into another line of business or out of business if too low a price were established. Then, inevitably, a black market on an unprecedented scale would come into being to hoard and sell at outrageous prices the more scarce goods. As in the case of prohibition, the racketeer and the chisel would begin to supplant the legitimate merchant. We had a taste of that during the war. Price control and rationing in peacetime would give us a belly-fall.

Price control has been an utter failure in Europe, where the only country that is making rapid progress toward recovery, Belgium, is working on a free enterprise, supply-and-demand system, with a minimum of economic dictation. Control and rationing and produced chaotic police states, with more and more abrogation of the liberties of the people—and less and less incentive for a man to work, produce, and better himself.

Competition, extending from the sources of raw materials to the manufacturing plants and to the stores which sell you finished goods, assures a fair price. Nothing can do more.

## This Is A Political Year

With a president to be elected, attention to date has centered upon the national picture with little heard from aspirants for lesser offices. Potential candidates are skirmishing for favorable positions before making the big announcement and it should not be long before the hat tossing begins.

Locally, the only hat to be dusted off in preparation for the coming primary election—the only one coming to the attention of this scribe—is that of Representative Henry Peterson, who authorized this newspaper to state that he will again enter the race. After that 83-day session last spring, Henry was quite sure he would not recover in time to get into the next campaign, but his health is good, things are in good shape on the farm and after canvassing the situation he has not found a prospect to take his place, so he will run again. Of course, there is the possibility that the next session might run even longer than the 1947 session and in that event it would be smart to have one schooled in endurance on the job.

The situation in the district will be about the same, so far as early reports indicate. The only change hinted is that if Senator E. R. Fatland should try for something bigger, Giles French would be in the market for Fatland's senate toga.

Fatland is being mentioned as a possible successor to Congressman Lowell Stockman. This movement has not reached the grooming stage and Fatland has repeatedly expressed himself as satisfied with his present role and that he has no political ambitions beyond that. Be that as it may, he is considered good congressional material and his friends would like to see him try for the honor.

County officials have not made up their minds to the point that they are ready to make announcements.

## Couldn't Happen Here— We Thought

How times have changed! A few years ago it would have been difficult to make one believe that this section could get too much rain. Yet one has but to drive out through the wheatlands to see that under present tilling methods the soil is suffering from the abundant moisture that has been falling in recent months. This is particularly true on the steeper slopes where in many instances deep gullies are being washed by the heavy showers. There is much to be done under the soil conservation program as well as in flood control work.

This week, under the pressure of heavy rains, the creeks are running heavy with silt washed from the hillsides, the precious topsoil that will require years to restore, if at all. And while the streams have cleared after each heavy run-off an enormous volume of good soil is carried down to the Columbia and lost.

Willow creek has not been down to a normal level this season. The heavy rains and melting snows have kept a good volume of water racing down the valley at a time when the lower valley ranchers don't need it. This leads to the thought that it might not be out of order to revive the flood dam issue. With a dam such as the army engineers propose to build above Heppner, much of the present flow could be held in check for later in the year when the valley crops will be in need of water.

Agriculture is our mainstay—our leading industry. Nothing should be left undone that will strengthen that industry. A series of flood control dams on the streams of the county would prove to be a good conservation measure by checking the flow at flood stage and releasing it when water is needed for irrigation. As to a change of tilling methods, this column is offering no suggestions, but it is apparent that something will have to be done to cope with the excessive moisture.

Former Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr. is reported to have come up short 195,000 bushels of corn after taking a little fling at the market. He could get it all back with interest if he'd listen to some of the radio programs.

## OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

"Of a good beginning cometh a good end." — OLD PROVERB  
A NEW YEAR LIES AHEAD — A YEAR THAT DEMANDS POSITIVE ACTION OF ALL OF US — A YEAR TO BE FACED WITH HIGH RESOLVE.  
IF WE AMERICANS MAKE AND CARRY THROUGH THE FAR-REACHING RESOLUTIONS THAT ARE CALLED FOR THIS YEAR AT THIS PARTICULAR SEASON —



—AND FROM OUR GOOD BEGINNING WILL COME A FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF OUR DEMOCRACY.

## 30 YEARS AGO

From Heppner Gazette Times January 10, 1918

Jone's business district was damaged to the extent of \$75,000 in a fire which destroyed nearly two blocks early Tuesday morning. The firms suffering from entire or partial loss were: Frank Robinson, lawyer; Harlan McCurdy, confectionery, billiards and pool; U. S. postoffice; Dr. Butler, dentist; F. S. Bender, general merchandise; Frank Christensen, drug store; Dr. W. M. Davis, dentist, and G. F. Stone, jewelry store.

Mrs. Glenn Y. Wells, who is leaving soon for Portland, was honored by a number of parties the past week.

The little flivver which has done valiant service for the Heppner Light & Water company nearly went up in smoke one night last week. George Blahm, mechanic for the company, was

filling the gas tank by the light from a lantern. The fumes from the large storage tank were attracted to the flame of the lantern and in a moment the entire top of the car and cushions were ablaze. The Ford was hurriedly pushed out of the garage and the flames were extinguished.

Mayor Sam Notson resigned the office at the regular meeting of the city council. As no one is available at present to succeed him, the resignation will not be accepted until later in the month when his successor will be appointed.

W. H. Clark was down from Arbutle a few days this week. He is now busily engaged in doing some work on his coal mine in the Arbutle section.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom O'Brien are the parents of a baby daughter, born at their Butter Creek home on New Year's day.

## CHURCHES

### 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.

### ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Epiphany I:  
Holy communion, 8 a.m.  
Church School, 9:45 a.m.  
Morning prayer, 11 a.m.  
Junior Fellowship, 6:30 p.m.  
Senior Fellowship, 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesdays, adult confirmation classes, 8 p.m.  
Wednesdays, holy communion, 10 a.m.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bible school, 9:45; C. W. Barlow, superintendent; Beverly Yocom, junior superintendent; Mrs. Joe Jewett, primary superintendent.

Morning worship, 11; communion and preaching; sermon topic: "The Power of God."  
Evening evangelistic service, 7:30.  
Sermon topic, "Eternal Life in God's Word."  
Choir practice Thursday evenings at 7. Mrs. Willard J. Warren, director.

Bible study and prayer meeting, Thursday evening at 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Smith left Wednesday afternoon for Phoenix, Ariz., on a two-weeks trip. In their absence, Mrs. Louise Beiersdorf of Seattle, aunt of Mrs. Smith is here staying with Jimmie and Carolyn Jean during their parents' absence.

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We wish to thank the people of Heppner and vicinity for their thoughtful expressions of sympathy, offers of assistance, and for the beautiful floral offerings to the memory of our beloved mother, Margaret Jane French.

Mrs. Glenn Howell, Mrs. O. H. McFerrin, Mrs. E. J. Smith, Lewis Barclay.

Sgt. Donald Robinson left for Letterman hospital Sunday evening. Mrs. Merle Kirk and daughter, Merlyn, taking him to the Pendleton airport.

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## CANDIDATES SHY AT POST

The present arrangement on the Oregon political checker-board does not look too inviting to republican gubernatorial candidates, other than Governor John Hall, Portland. (everyone but the governor himself has said he will be a candidate) and State Senator Douglas McKay, Salem, who was the choice of Governor Earl Snell as his successor in the executive offices, and is getting the support of the active Snell organization.

Both republican and democratic kingmakers would like to see the filing date, March 12, roll around with no other strong candidate in the race. Then Hall and McKay could fight it out, the loser to follow partisan gnomology, congratulate the winner, take the stump and campaign for his former rival. A bitter three-way pitched battle at the May primaries would, the kingfish reckon, be a jackpot for a strong and well known democrat or independent at the November general election.

Question No. 1—Where is the strong democrat?  
Question No. 2—Where is the strong anything?

## POLITICAL ISSUES

There will be nearly eleven months of political campaigning in 1948, so you might as well make up your mind to it. Political issues will be scarce, however, and the harangue will be limited. Of course there is the tax muddle, with the state treasury filling to overflowing while the state budget goes further into the red. There will be lots of griping over the lowered income tax exemptions when these taxes become due and the thousands of Oregon income taxpayers in the lower brackets find they must pay these taxes by cutting down their food budget.

## GUERNATORIAL REAPPPOINTMENTS

Mrs. Georgia Patterson, Hillsboro, was reappointed as a member of the state board of higher education, representing home interests, last week by Governor John Hall. The appointment is for a four-year term. At the same time the governor reappointed William L. Finley Jr., Portland, and Glen C. Macy, McMinnville, as members of the state board of funeral directors and embalmers for two year terms effective January 1.

## STATE FAIR EXPANDING

The 167 acres of fair grounds here at Salem with their 14 acres of major buildings are undergoing extensive alterations to provide space for more exhibitors, living accommodations, midway operators, race horse barns and parking spaces. The area for the farm machines is being enlarged and a greater number than the record-breaking entries at the last fair is expected. Applications are already being received for space this coming season. There will be a shifting of locations on the midway and more operators than ever are expected. There will be more classifications and entries offered in the premium list of the 1948 fair than ever. This will be the 83rd Oregon State Fair, the dates September 6 to 12.

## NEW GAME COMMISSIONER

Governor Hall this week appointed Larry Hilaire, Portland restaurant owner to the state game commission to succeed Dr. George Cathey who some time ago asked the governor to accept his resignation. Hilaire's term will expire February 25, 1950. He is a former president of the Oregon State Restaurant association and is an ardent angler and sportsman. During the war years he was head of Multnomah county war finance committee and vice chairman of the state committee.

## OREGONIANS REAPPPOINTED

Reappointment of E. B. MacNaughton and Aaron M. Frank as directors of the Portland branch of the Federal Reserve bank of San Francisco was announced this week. MacNaughton is president of the Oregonian Publishing company and also chairman of the board of directors of the First National bank. Frank is president of the Meier & Frank Co. department store. Each will serve a two-year term.

## ESCAPED CONS CAUGHT

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