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## Housing Situation Still Acute

Mark Twain's famous weather observation could easily be applied to the housing situation in Heppner—everybody knows there is a housing shortage but no one does anything about it. That this may not be misinterpreted, it might be better to state that nothing in a general way is being done.

Heppner is no different from thousands of other small towns throughout the nation, but it is a certainty that this town needs its full share of 10 million new dwelling units that must be built in the next ten years if the United States is to maintain a high level of business activity and reap the attendant results.

No doubt the high price for building materials and the unprecedented wage scale is deterring many people from building homes. This is true in relation to investment building, and with good cause, for it is too great a risk to build a house that in accordance with present price levels should bring from \$75 to \$100 a month which would drop to a level of from \$35 to \$50, or even lower, if deflation sets in. Yet, people must have housing and something should be done about it. The fact is that people are paying high rent for "just a place to live in" can not be denied, here as elsewhere. Hope for improvement is all that keeps some of our poorly housed residents here and when they lose hope they move out. Lack of housing has kept numerous people from locating here, some of them interested in business enterprises—where there is also a lack of ample facilities—and it is safe to say that an effort to meet the situation would bring new people here.

Regardless of the high cost of building houses, Heppner has witnessed the addition of a substantial number of new homes the past two years. In most instances the building has been done with a modest outlay of cash for labor and by not going in for anything fancy in the way of architecture—just comfortable homes that the owners can call their own by the time they are ready for

occupancy. It is understood that several more homes will be built in the same manner during the coming months by people now renting. This will offer relief to the extent of nine or ten units, but will be only a start on the actual need.

There is this to say about the housing situation. With an estimated 10 million new units needed, extensive study is being made in government circles, builders' supply concerns, and the building trades for the purpose of devising new methods of construction, new materials, so that the cost per unit will be within range of the two out of three prospective builders who are not able to invest from \$8,000 to \$10,000 in homes. We may have to struggle along until these angles are straightened out, and in the meantime many of our residents will remain unhappy and will be looking elsewhere for homes.

## Cutting Us Down To Size

If you have been wondering what all this government rag-chewing is about, read this from Kiplinger's Magazine and you may have a better understanding:

"Infant industries were once downtrodden, so we made tariffs to protect them. Then they got wrong, so we are now reducing tariffs. Farmers were once downtrodden, so we passed laws to give them a fair break, and now they are prosperous, and we are beginning to hear some grumbling against farm subsidies. Labor unions were once the under dogs, so we passed laws to give them a chance, which they took, and now we are trying to enforce a law to curb them. Co-operatives were once deemed worthy of the special privilege of not being taxed like regular businesses, and they got so big and strong that now there are bills in Congress to make them pay taxes like private firms and ordinary folks. It just goes to show that when you get too big and strong, you ought to watch yourself, for someone is sure to come along with the vicious idea of cutting you down to size."

## WE CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT EITHER!



## Washington Week

By CHARLES H. ELLIS, JR.  
Washington, D. C.—It is too much to expect in a campaign year that a State of the Union message would escape critical examination. Possibly one reason for the chilly reception, even among Democrats, was that the message was not the considered product of the Executive and his Cabinet, carefully worked out to inform Congress on the grave problems confronting the country. Ostensibly, it reflects what possibly was a synthesis of memoranda from various Departments, accepted and included in the message with scant attention to their inconsistencies or conflicts of interest.

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At any rate, that is the current explanation for Mr. Truman's unfortunate message. While he was calling on Congress for more controls and more regimentation for the United States, his own State Department was urging European countries to get rid of controls and return to a system of free enterprise. It looks as if President Truman wants free enterprise for all countries—except the one of which he is President.

## WOODBURN GIRL WINS GREEN GUARD ESSAY CONTEST; MORROW GIRL PLACES

Salem, Jan. 22 (Special)—Mary Jo Bean, 15, Woodburn farm girl, competing against boys and girls from every Oregon county, won the \$50 first prize in the annual Green Guard essay, poster and achievement contest sponsored by the Keep Oregon Green association.

## MARINE RECRUITING OFFICE OPENED IN PENDLETON

A United States Marine Corps recruiting office was formally opened in Pendleton, Oregon, this week by Technical Sergeants Farke L. Tory and Edwood P. Whitby.

## 30 YEARS AGO

From Heppner Gazette Times January 24, 1918  
The Morrow Count Red Cross chapter is moving into its new quarters in the Natter building on upper Main street. The workers have outgrown the former quarters in the South Methodist church and this has necessitated the move.

## George Fell, prominent Pendleton woman, were guests at the S. W. Spencer home the first of the week.

The street committee of the council is making a number of repairs to wooden crosswalks this week.

## Medical and Hospital Care for Oregon residents and their families available at reasonable cost... use coupon

Advertisement for Oregon Physicians' Service, offering medical and hospital care for Oregon residents and their families at reasonable costs. Includes a coupon for requesting literature and application blank.

Advertisement for Heppner Appliance Co., offering electrical wiring, radio repair, home appliance repair, and refrigerator service.

Advertisement for the Oregon State Medical Society, highlighting the wide choice of doctors and hospitals available through membership.

Advertisement for The Flower Shop, featuring a variety of flowers and potteries in pastel colors, available in small, medium, large, and jardiniere sizes.

Advertisement for O. M. Yeager's Service Store, offering window beautification services with Venetian blinds and color tape.

Advertisement for Oregon Physicians' Service, detailing Plan 1 (Medical, Surgical, and Hospital coverage) and Plan 2 (Surgical, Limited Medical, and Hospital coverage) with associated costs.

Advertisement for Capital Parade by Murray Wade, featuring a starburst design and the text 'EVERYBODY WATCHING OREGON'.

Oregon has taken the kickoff in the political game of the west. The May primaries are the earliest in the history of the state and the earliest in the West this year. The returns from this election will be the first definite indication of political trends. All the country will be watching Oregon. The Wallace vote will have particular interest to both republican and democrat observers as it will register the extent the former vice-president's candidacy will have in cutting down the Truman vote.

There will be at least three leading republican presidential candidates on Oregon's primary ballot. General Dwight (Ike) Eisenhower of Washington, D. C., Governor George E. Dewey of New York and Ex-Governor Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota. Dewey supporters have already filed petitions to place his name on the ballot. Eisenhower and Stassen forces have not completed petitions now being circulated. As sure as taxes the signal name of the democratic ticket will be that of President Truman. Friends of Henry Wallace will not neglect the opportunity to put his name before the voters.

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Ellis are hold-over senators. Walsh will run for reelection. Republican leaders have asked Oregon be given 15 instead of 12 seats at the party national convention in Philadelphia next June. Initial issue of Young Oregon Republican Trumpeter showed this week in Salem. It is expected to become the state-wide news organ of the Young Republican club. Has the recent rapid increase in the population of Oregon anything to do with the increased percentage of democrats registering? Registration figures indicate there are more democrats than republicans to be found among the registering newcomers. Monday morning Harris Ellsworth, Roseburg, representative from the fourth Oregon congressional district, announced his candidacy for reelection.
At the card party sponsored by the Altar society at St. Patrick's parish hall Friday evening, Tom Wilson received high and Dr. A. D. McMurdo, low for bridge; and in pinochle, Mrs. Olive Huston received high, and Louis Gilliam low. Prizes of butter and eggs were given to the winners.
Joe Elder was over from Monument Monday attending to business matters in Heppner.

Advertisement for The Carnation Club of The Degree of Honor, requesting presence at a Pinochle and Bridge Party on Tuesday, January 27, at 8 o'clock p.m., 100 F. HALL HEPPNER, 50c the Person.

Political "fixers" and pressure blocks who have been getting the breaks at recent sessions of the legislature are apprehensive of the many changes taking place in the personnel of state offices. Their political bird-dogs are scurrying around the state just now lining up candidates, for the primary election who will perform without a leash. Pot phobias of potential candidates are listed and smoke screen bills brewed to meet personal fixations. Bills that were near-hits at recent sessions of the legislature and those that were traded off are now being given artificial respiration—with political hot air. Bills of promising merit also are put to use by these architects. The groundwork of the 1949 session of the Oregon legislature is under way.

Don't envy Senator Guy Cordon who is in Hawaii. They're having "musical" weather there too. State Senator Rex Ellis, Pendleton mining and insurance man, has announced he will run for president of the 1949 senate. Senator Angus Gibson, Junction City, chairman of heavy committees at several sessions and Senator William Walsh, Coos Bay attorney, are also running. Gibson and

Advertisement for Saagers Pharmacy, featuring Valentine's Day sweets and candies in gay and festive boxes, including Brown and Haley, Hoofler-Societe, and Always Delicious. American Greeting Cards for Valentine's Day.