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Look For the Silver Lining

As the old year draws to a close and we look forward to the new there is naturally some speculation regarding the immediate future. This is particularly true regarding the political picture, since the partisan complexion of Congress has been materially changed, and that change brought about largely through the efforts of labor to kill any further movement in the direction of curbing socialistic legislation.

The interim between the pre-Christmas business boom and the opening of the state legislature, and the presidential inauguration and subsequent opening of the Congress, is a period for reflection, or at the least a time for watchful waiting. It is likewise a time for inventory taking and setting the house in order for the ensuing months, for business must continue whether on the high plane of recent years or on a lower level.

There will be readjustments in different lines, and there might even be a tendency to reduce some of the subsidies that have helped retain the new deal in power, but it remains to be seen how far the administration will be willing to go in granting more support to labor on the one hand and curtailing support to agriculture on the other.

Up to the present there has been no happening to cause gloom and it is easy to believe that the President, although not able to meet quite all the campaign promises, will make an earnest effort to keep the ship of state on an even keel and in order to do that may have to put a check rein on the labor bosses and at least make them stay within reasonable bounds.

In the meantime it is not profitable to prophesy gloom but it is wise to counsel more moderation in living, to keep one's bills paid—to live within one's income. That is the best way to retain credit and just about the best way to forestall a depression.

It is the belief in many quarters that a recession is inevitable but that a general depression is unlikely. The recession will be due to the readjustment period, during which time some commodities, manufactured and otherwise, may experience a curtailed market. This is apparent now and has been for several weeks in the lumber industry and in real estate. There is no slackening in the housing shortage, but at the same time there is less lumber moving as well as a noticeable slowing down in home buying and building.

A recession, if such is in process at present, is not expected to last long in the Coast states. Migration from other sections of the country continues to these states and developments here of one kind and another will stimulate home buying and building. A fourth campaign for higher pay for organized labor could retard activity in the building lines but where necessity demands it means will be found for financing both labor and materials.

Housing has been a problem in Heppler the past few years and although numerous new dwellings have been built there is still a demand for more and better housing. The current cold snap is about all the evidence needed to prove that the average house is not well enough built for year round comfort.

It is to be hoped that something may be done towards realizing a community center hall before the first of next December. The town will be host at that time to the Eastern Oregon Wheat League and it would be a fine thing to have a comfortable well appointed building for the visitors to meet in.

The town could also stand some new buildings for business establishments. Something may be done in this connection before the season is too far advanced. There are some businesses looking for quarters but investors are not apt to sink capital in buildings unless rentals will cover the excessive costs of construction.

From all information to be gathered, the hospital project is not dead but just resting. Not wishing to place the county court on the spot, it is safe to say that actual construction of the building will be one of the major activities of the new court.

In conclusion, let us not forget that we are in line for a flood control dam and that we must not let an opportunity pass for getting this important project underway at the earliest possible moment. Every season is a potential cloudburst hazard in this region of big rolling, rocky hills and deep, narrow valleys. What has taken 45 years to rebuild after the big flood can easily be washed out in less than one-half of 45 minutes.

It Should Be 100 Percent

For the first time since the Community Chest has been an annual activity, this county has not met its quota. We are almost 15 percent short of the goal, or \$300 or better, speaking in terms of money. It is too late to finish this campaign before the new year rolls around, but this is a last-minute appeal to the generosity of Morrow county citizens to make up that balance so that the chairman can file his report with the state headquarters early in January.

A good many counties have completed their drives and there are others that are not as far up the ladder as Morrow. For this important agency it should be the objective of every county, of every citizen, to meet the quotas that the several beneficiaries depending upon the Oregon Chest may not be handicapped in their efforts. Surely there are a lot of people who would give something if they understood the importance of the Community Chest. If any of our readers have not contributed, permit us to urge you to make out your check today and mail it to the chairman, Dr. C. C. Dunham, or the treasurer, J. R. Huffman, or to the First National Bank of Portland, Heppler Branch. Thank you!

SITE OF NEW SAWMILL



Remember last spring a group of Heppler chamber of commerce members visited Monument on road matters and to see how the Heppler Lumber company's new mill project was coming along? This reprint of a picture taken at that time will refresh your memory. Machinery of the Big Four Lumber company is being moved to Monument and installed in the new building erected by the Heppler Lumber company. Louis Lyons caught quite a bit of the territory in his effort to include the millsite, the change in the John Day river channel, and the town itself. It is expected that lumber from the new mill will start moving out to the dry kiln here early in the spring. The Broadfoot brothers, operators of the Big Four Lumber company, have recently completed a two-year cutting on the east fork of Willow creek.

HIGHLIGHT OF 1948 HISTORY



Most outstanding event of northwest history in 1948 was the Columbia river flood, resulting in hundreds of thousands of dollars property loss and claiming numerous lives and accomplishing the destruction of Vancouver. This picture, taken by Louis Lyons of the Heppler Photo Studio, is a reminder of the situation at Umatilla at the height of the flood.

WOMENS CHORUS AND LODGE OFFICIALS



Through the courtesy of Heppler Lodge No. 358, E.P.O.E., this picture taken December 5 on the occasion of the Annual Lodge of Sorrows being published locally before being sent to the Elks Magazine. Chorus members, left to right, front row: Mrs. Willard Warren, Mrs. Charles Ruggles, Mrs. J. Palmer Sorlien, Mrs. Jack O'Connor, Mrs. Al Bergstrom, Mrs. R. B. Ferguson, Mrs. Merle Becket, Mrs. Lucy Rodgers; second row: Mrs. J. O. Turner, accompanist; Mrs. Walter Berger, Mrs. Fay Backnum, Mrs. Vernon Munkers, Mrs. Trina Parker, Mrs. C. C. Carmichael, Mrs. Clyde Dunham, Mrs. Orville Smith, Mrs. E. O. Ferguson, Mrs. Norman Nelson, Mrs. O. G. Crawford, director. Rear row: Rev. J. Palmer Sorlien, Frank W. Turner, Harold Becket, Jack O'Connor, Willard Blake, E. O. Ferguson, Harlan D. McCurdy Jr., Terrel Benge, Milton Morgan, Tom Wilson and Frank Connor.



WHERE THE GRAPEVINE GROWS

'Twas the night before Christmas—

Governor John H. Hall and Governor-elect Douglas McKay sat in the consultation room of the governor's quarters in the capitol.

Nor a job-hunter was stirring—to be were deeply absorbed in their literary talents.

Each is scheduled to deliver an important message to the 45th Oregon legislature on the opening day of the session.

The messages have to be written and printed days before their delivery.

They were endeavoring to clear the subject matter so they won't be stepping on each other's toes. They must check on the comedy relief, too, so they won't be telling the same jokes.

They went 'round and around—ultimately in the same direction. Tapping the grapevine it came . . .

"I have advised bigger and better appropriations for higher education, Doug—that's my baby." Okay, John, state development is mine.

"I have given them a picture of a one-man liquor commission. Want any of that, Doug?"

"Nope, you can have it. Shall we give 'em a duet on state finances?"

"Sure; I've composed my lullaby; you sing 'em yours, Doug."

"How about old age relief, John?"

"Ouch; that's a hot potato. Let the legislature pitch that one back to the voters . . ."

And so far into the holy night the Christmas spirit of peace on earth and brotherly harmony enshrouded the pilots of the ship of state.

HOLIDAYS IN 1949

Eight of the holidays in 1949 will cost the state of Oregon \$80,000. They fall on regular working days of the employees of the state on which they will do no work but will be paid their regular salaries.

Only two of the 10 holidays regularly observed in Oregon fall on days on which the state's employees do not work. They are New Year's day and Lincoln's birthday. Both fall on Saturday in 1949. There will be no general election days in 1949 unless a special state-wide election is called. Washington's birthday will be on a Tuesday, Memorial Day, Independence Day and Christmas fall on a Monday and of course Labor Day is always on a Monday. Thanksgiving Day is always on a Thursday. Armistice Day comes on a Friday. The state payroll is over \$10,000 a

Party-goers Urged To Act Sensibly

Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry has joined state and local law enforcement agencies in urging holiday party-goers to save lives by eliminating drunken driving and walking on the New Year's traffic hazard list.

"It is our great American custom to mark our holiday celebrations with totally unnecessary traffic tragedies," the highway safety official declared. "The drinking driver is always a menace, and he tops the list during the New Year holiday."

He pointed out that one of the great difficulties in combatting the alcohol problem is the refusal of motorists to accept the fact that very little liquor is enough to affect their driving ability. The man who has had "only a few" is frequently more dangerous because he does not believe his faculties are affected. Reaction tests—and accident records—will prove otherwise, the secretary said.

He suggested that celebrants cooperate with police by keeping off the streets and highways if their plans for the holiday include drinking.

"One slip is enough to destroy a life which no amount of future sobriety will ever bring back," was Newbry's reminder to normally thoughtful drivers who think "just this one time" should be harmless.

day, according to Harold Philippe, manager of the state's accounting division, who writes the state's employment checks.

MAY ENLARGE CAPITOL

The state board of control is contemplating an addition to the state house on the State street side to provide badly needed office space. A suggestion by Architect Francis Keeley, who has been employed to make tentative sketches, would extend a stubby south ell.

LIKE TO BE GOVERNOR?

Unless you were the seventh son of a seventh son how could you know if you would like the job of being governor of your state?

There are many individuals who would be willing to take the job, even as revolting as duty is in these boom days. However, after having a good try at it they might not like it.

Governor Hall doesn't like the job. After 15 months as governor, he is overweight 20 pounds and he doesn't feel as fit as usual. He says he misses the hours of putting around the house and the exercise of mowing the lawn. Before he became governor he could manage his own affairs, now the governor's job manages him. He misses the thrill of ducking his law office to go fishing.

After Governor Hall delivers his message to the legislature and hands the job over to Governor-elect Douglas McKay, he will pack up for a good vacation. On January 15, he and Mrs. Hall will sail for Hawaii.

30 YEARS AGO

Heppler Gazette Times, January 2, 1919
Charles Hoy, aged 47, died of influenza December 30, just three weeks following the death of his wife from the same malady.

Mrs. E. D. McMillan died Tuesday night, December 31, at her home in Lexington as a result of influenza.

Sam Turner returned from the naval training station at Mare Island on Christmas evening and was entertained in a royal manner by the members of the Turner family at the home of the Frank Turners.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Davidson of Ione celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on January 1.

According to J. C. Ballinger, in charge of Red Cross collections at Boardman, that community has subscribed 100 percent. He has secured 94 members and will try to pick up enough transients to round out an even 100.

Sam Devine is up from Portland to spend a couple of months visiting at the home of his son, Joe Devine, near Lexington.

Mrs. Ben G. Buschke was brot to Heppler Sanatorium Tuesday where she underwent an operation at the hands of Dr. C. C. Chick for appendicitis.

Harold Stiles of the coast artillery arrived Saturday for a visit with his wife who is spending the winter with her mother, Mrs. Josie Jones.

Arthur McAtee returned home Saturday from Camp Lee, Va., where he has been stationed since going into the service last summer.

Henry Peterson writes his sister Esther that he recently made a trip into Germany for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Engkraf of Nampa, Idaho, passed through Heppler Monday en route to Fos-sil, having been called there by the death of Mrs. Engkraf's father, Mr. Fouts, garageman of that place. They planned to take the body to Nampa for burial.

Jim Crawford is spending the week here with his father, J. V. Crawford, who brought him from Portland Sunday after spending Christmas in the city.

DEPUTY COLLECTOR TO BE IN HEPPNER JAN. 3

Deputy collectors from the office of Hugh H. Earle, collector of internal revenue, will be in the field by next Monday to assist farmers with the filling of their Forms 1040 ES, and declaration of estimated tax for the calendar year 1948.

A deputy collector will be at the courthouse in Heppler Monday, January 3 to assist farmers of Morrow county, according to announcement from Mr. Earle's office.

Fred William Mankin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mankin of Heppler, who is attending Hill Military academy in Portland, is home for the Christmas holidays. He attended the recent annual Christmas formal and Christmas play at the academy. President Joseph A. Hill announced the Christmas vacation would end January 3, 1949.

Among those coming to Heppler for the holiday vacation were Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Nikander and family of Scottsburg, who visited the Case families over Christmas. Gus visited chamber of commerce Monday and said he was mighty thankful for the eastern Oregon sunshine, even if the weather was a little chilly during their visit.

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A Happy and Prosperous New Year
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