

# EDITORIAL



## Building Will Be Active If—

One of the most important projects facing Heppner today is that of constructing a sewer system. Upon the decision of the people of the town in relation to this matter depends an extensive building program, particularly in residence construction, and it is to be hoped that when the bond issue is presented by the council that all opponents of the project will lay aside prejudices or selfish personal interests and vote for the good of the town at large.

Prospective home builders are holding back now because the bond issue is not settled. Some of them will not be interested in building here if the citizens fail to approve the project. Right now it is a case of going ahead or sliding backwards. This column is not unmindful of the fact that many homes are equipped with good septic tanks and can readily appreciate the reluctance of property owners to assume a heavy obligation to replace their home sewage disposal systems with a general system. It will cost this newspaper establishment several hundred dollars to connect with the sewer main, and in doing so, one of the best septic tanks in the community will be abandoned. But someday the home-owned affair will have to be rebuilt, and since it has seen service long enough to pay out several times its value, it can be discontinued without a feeling that a great sacrifice has been made.

Communities are like teams. If the players work together for the good of the team—to win, in other words—there is a greater chance of success. But if one or two players hold back, or if there is a lack of harmony, the chances for winning are reduced.

Heppner has grown during the past few years and is still growing. The prospect at the present is that new additions will have to be added if the people seeking home locations here are to be accommodated. Each new home or business building creates a greater problem of proper sewage disposal. There is only one logical solution and that is to support the council in its efforts to modernize the town, to make it a healthy community in which to live, and to tell the world that we are a progressive people.

## Honest Men Are Fooled, Occasionally

When Harry Truman was traveling about the country in the fall of 1948 and promising everything to everybody he may have been honest in his conviction that if returned to the White House he would be able to make good on the majority

of those promises. It was a big chance and his cause was desperate. If he failed to be elected there was no harm done and if he won he could at least put over a large part of his program.

Since the coronation on January 20 and the bucking down of the Administration and Congress to the chore of carrying out the program it has developed that Mr. Truman is not backed by a subservient House and Senate such as characterized the late President Roosevelt's earlier administration and it begins to look as though several of the widely publicized features of the President's program will have rough sledding—if they get by at all.

Congress is not at all certain that the Taft-Hartley act should or will be relegated to the scrap heap. The tendency seems to be growing in favor of retaining the act virtually as is rather than to weaken it or to repeal it in favor of the type of law advocated by the President. Most of the congressmen realize that a law to be workable, particularly a law pertaining to employer and employe, must protect the rights of both. The Taft-Hartley act may not be perfect, in fact, may be far from that status, but it does give both sides the right to be heard and it is an acknowledged fact that there has been less friction between the workers and their employers since the law went into effect than had been the case before that time. That condition is not satisfactory to the labor bosses and they will not rest until they have stirred up enough dissension in the rank and file of labor to make Congress give ear to their demands. If they can succeed in doing that it will relieve the President of the responsibility of whipping Congress into line.

Other features of the President's program are not meeting with enthusiastic reception by Congress and his evident attempt to place more and more of the economy of the country under government control is not appetizing to some of the boys who were swept into office on the President's coat-tail. The midwest farm vote, credited with being responsible for turning the tide in favor of the Democrats, appears to have been forgotten. That the people of that section are wondering is seen in the following comment in the Warsaw, Ill. Bulletin: "It is too early to know whether the Democrats can retain the big vote they received from the middle west corn belt. It may be that the farmers voted last November for prosperity, the kind they had enjoyed during and after the war. Perhaps they voted against a change—not just a change of administration, but a change in prices. There has already been a change in prices."

The man of many promises may still desire to make good on them but his confidence must be shaken by this time.

## The American Way

LIFT THE IRON CURTAIN  
By Maurice B. Frank

Lifting the Iron Curtain on the Taft-Hartley Act and studying the

performance for what it is worth, we can see at a glance the many benefits it confers upon the individual worker—in the form of

new freedoms and protections against tyranny. With the Iron Curtain and its phony slogan out of the way, we find that under the Taft-Hartley Law's efficient operation:

- 1) The worker is free to secure a job without first belonging to a labor union;
- 2) The worker is free to hold

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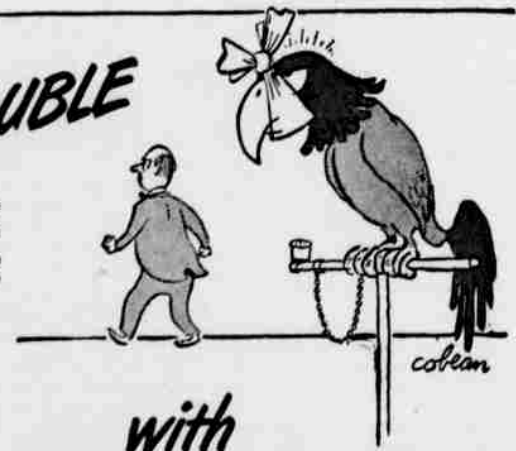
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# 30 YEARS AGO

Heppner Gazette Times, Thursday, March 20, 1919  
Judge Gilbert W. Phelps arrived from Pendleton on Sunday and opened court on Monday, the first day being taken up by the passing on applications for citizenship. The following were examined and admitted: Geo. W. Lund of Heppner, Wm. Cunningham of Lena, John McNamee of Heppner and Thomas O'Brien of Heppner.

John Wesley Marlatt, whose death occurred at Wapato, Wash., Friday, March 14, was one of the very earliest settlers in the Heppner country. He came here in 1867 with his brother, Thomas Marlatt, and after stopping a short time at the home of William Penland, where Lexington now stands, they moved up the creek and located homesteads.

A deal was closed this week between W. O. Minor, R. A. Thompson, partners as Minor & Thompson, whereby they transfer 900 acres of wheat land to W. A. Wilcox and W. F. Cox. The land is located in Sanford canyon.

Postmaster Richardson asks this paper to state to the Heppner public that the lobby at the postoffice will remain closed during the time the mails are being distributed, until such time as the city sees fit to put a marshal on the job to keep order and quiet.

This paper is reliably informed that the Heppner Elks are now moving in the direction of putting up a new building on their lot on Main street just north of the Palace hotel property.

Merger of the two hotel com-

pany's job without fear of what high-handed bosses might do to him;

3) The worker is free to voice his opinion at union meetings without fear of being "kicked around" on the job;

4) The worker is free from being compelled to take part in jurisdictional strikes;

5) The worker is free from having to play an unwilling part in secondary boycotts;

6) The worker is better protected against wildcat strikes through the requirement of a 60-day cooling-off period;

7) The worker is protected against unreasonable union initiation fees, dues, fines and assessments;

8) The worker is protected against political campaign extortion;

9) The worker is protected through the requirement of periodic financial reports against crooks who would loot his union treasury;

10) The worker is guaranteed all these and other rights and protections through the instrumentality of the secret ballot today by the Taft-Hartley Law made mandatory.

Is a single one of these provisions to be interpreted as evidence that the Taft-Hartley Law is in effect a piece of legislation designed to enslave the working man? Or is each one of them evidence that we have on our books a law which is of and for the people who work for wages?

Having peered behind the Iron Curtain lowered on the Act itself by a busy band of displaced autocrats, and having placed ourselves in a position to judge the Act on its merits, wouldn't it be more reasonable for us to assume that the Taft-Hartley Law is in reality something in the nature of a modern emancipation proclamation? An effort on the part of our Federal legislature actually to free the slaves of the labor movement from the bonds of their dictatorial bosses?

The Taft-Hartley Act may not be a perfect law—indeed, it contains a number of major flaws against which I have written on several occasions—but in the main it is a good law and certainly a vast improvement over the old, lip-sided Wagner Act. Corrections should be made for the benefit of all persons concerned. And that means—not the labor boss, who should stay cut down to his present modest dimensions—but rather the American worker, his employer, and the American people as a whole. But the main provisions, such as I have listed above, should certainly be retained.

Throughout the 1948 political campaign, the Taft-Hartley Law served well as a political football. But let me remind the politicians of this nation that the election campaign game is now over and that, since it is, this particular football has been kicked around just about long en-

ough. These are critical times and the shaping of labor legislation is sober business. My advice to the 81st Congress is this: Before moving to provide the nation with a new labor law, beware of feathering a new nest for those who mock justice with so phony a billing as "The Slave Labor Law." Mind the source of this irony and LIFT THE IRON CURTAIN ON THE TAFT-HARTLEY ACT!

The first event given by Heppner's new band was the ball at the Fair pavilion on Monday evening. The attendance was large, the music good, and everybody had a good time and the financial results were quite satisfactory.

A. Henriksen, alfalfa raiser and cattleman of Cecil, is in Heppner today on business.

M. B. Haines, Mat Halvorsen, L. P. Davidson and Dick Turpin were lone business men in Heppner yesterday.

Charley Sperry and Peter Linn, business men of Ione, were in Heppner yesterday and interviewed Sheriff Shutt in regard to taxes.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Howell of Ione were visitors in Heppner on Monday. Mr. Howell now has a place with the Jordan Elevator Co., at Jordan Siding.

L. V. Gentry and wife and Mrs. A. E. Patterson were visitors in Pendleton on Saturday, taking in the auto show and meeting old-time friends.

Lester Doolittle, formerly plumber with the Peoples Hardware Co. in this city, arrived here Tuesday evening from Cottage Grove. Since enlisting in the service of Uncle Sam, Mr. Doolittle has been at the Bremerton Navy Yard. He has received his honorable discharge and will again take his place as plumber for the Peoples Hardware Co.



IT'S YOUR MONEY, BROTHER

What will the well-dressed taxpayer of 1951 be wearing?

The phrasemiths have assured us there will never be another depression. They have attended to that with a prenatal christening. It's to be a "recession."

If and when this lush financial honeymoon gets to the crockery-throwing stage and income tax revenues barely drip in, then you can commence to really talk about heavy property taxes. And property, remember, is the only tangible asset available when prosperity is in reverse.

Last November, with a \$6,500,000 state debt still due, the voters refused to sanction payment, but on the same ballot voted to buy over \$100,000,000 worth of old-age assistance each year. This put the state deep in the red and draped a cloud over its credit.

If a company with such a financial record should apply to the federal SCE commission for a permit to issue stock, their request would be promptly denied. Try as they will, legislative leaders cannot keep enough members converted to accept the responsibility of making forth right decisions on vital tax measures. Consequently, the present session may pass on to the next session—just as the last session passed on to this session—the double-shift job of finding funds with which to pay up the debts of the last biennium and provide for the coming two years. Then there is another tempting subterfuge the solons may adopt, just passing the buck to the people to let them decide at the polls just what brand of taxation they least abhor.

### WORKING DAY AND NIGHT

The Oregon legislature ended its ninth week with its first night session last Friday. From now on there may be night sessions whenever the day's calendar has not been cleaned up. Only one-fourth of the 840 bills before the two houses have been passed. Two to three more weeks of the session are predicted.

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## Boardman's Water System Scheduled For Opening Soon

By Mrs. Flossie Coats

The city water works is fast nearing completion. D. E. Clark, chief installation engineer for Johns Manville, Seattle, is supervising the laying of the water mains. Frank Collesser is the chief plumber and the meters are ready to be installed for the homes, which will have to be installed before the water is turned to the home.

Mrs. Ronald Black, Mrs. W. E. Garner and Mrs. R. B. Rands motored to Ione Friday where they attended the cotton dress workshop. The ladies will hold a workshop at the Grange hall here on Tuesday when they will instruct local ladies in making cotton dresses.

Dr. H. N. Hester of Ketchikan, Alaska, arrived Thursday to spend the week end with his son-in-law and grandson, Fred and Ralph Smith, and also his sister, Mrs. Kate Grandling, who is staying at the Smith home. Friday this party of three motored to Pendleton where they were surprised by Mrs. Fred Smith, who is a patient at the St. Anthony's hospital, by arriving to celebrate her young son Ralph's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Brown who have spent the winter in Arizona and California with relatives arrived home this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Thorpe had as week-end guests Mrs. Thorpe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith of Union and her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith of La Grande. Many old friends invited in Sunday for potluck dinner included Mr. and Mrs. I. Skoubo, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Skoubo, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Skoubo and Dicky, Mr. and Mrs. Russell DeMauro and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kunze, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kunze, Mrs. Mary Deulen and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Anderg and daughter Barbara.

Mrs. Olive Atteberry who has spent the winter in Tacoma, Wn.

### NEW FORESTRY DISTRICTS

The state forestry department will be required to provide forest fire protection for one million more acres of forest lands than last year.

An act passed by the present legislature appropriating \$132,120 to the department to create new forestry districts carried an emergency clause and became operative when recently signed by Governor Douglas McKay. The work of forming the new districts is now under way, says State Forester Neils Rogers. They will extend from points east of Mt. Hood to Umatilla county. The forests in the districts being established have been under the wing of the federal forestry department for several years.

Besides the expense of establishing the districts, it will cost about \$60,000 a year for the next two years to provide forest fire protection. Oregon's rate of 6 cents an acre for the protection is believed to be the most economical of any in the nation.

New bills coming. This week's "features" include bills to place savings and loan associations under the state superintendent of banks instead of the corporation commissioner; appropriating \$214,267 for operating deficiency of Klamath Falls Vocational school; and to up salary of supreme court justices from \$8500 to \$10,000.

### BEANO GAME OUT

Representatives of churches and schools who wish to conduct benefit beano games and other forms of lotteries are no more within their legal rights than other lottery operators, according to a decision made by the late Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle, who said, "Crime cannot hide under the cloak of charity."

The ruling, which was made in 1930, is being accepted by district attorneys throughout the state, as it involves the three factors of consideration, chance and prize.

with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Atteberry, arrived home Wednesday, her son driving her home.

Frank Ackerman was operated on at the St. Anthony's hospital this past week. Mrs. Delbert Weather and children of Arlington are staying with Mrs. Ackerman during his stay in the hospital.

Mrs. Ralph Earwood and daughter Shirley who spent the week end in Arlington with relatives, returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Malley and sons Gerald and Jimmie of Seattle were week-end guests at the home of Mrs. Malley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Coats.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Miller and two children, Patty and Jimmie, spent several days in Portland last week, returning home Sunday. Mr. Miller went as far south as Corvallis, getting the plans for the 4-H club memorial building to be erected on the fair grounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell DeMauro and daughter of Klamath Falls are spending a few days with Mrs. DeMauro's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. Skoubo, and other relatives.

Guests Sunday at the W. L. Blann home were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Marvel and children, Bob and David, also Jackie Runyan of Bickleton, Wash. Mr. Marvel is Mrs. Blann's son.

Pendleton visitors Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Black, Mary Ann Rands, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gronquist and Mrs. Frank Ackerman.

Paul Parlow who has been a patient at the St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton for several weeks was able to return home Thursday, but is to remain in bed a few weeks yet.

Mr. Peters and his sister, Miss Jane Martin, sold the farm in the east end to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Forthman last week, and have moved to Irrigon for the present. Carpenters are very busy remodeling the W. L. Blann home south of town.

Miss Bonnie Bell of Stanfield spent the week end at the home of Miss Wilma Hug. The Bells recently moved from Boardman to Stanfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Uram Messenger and daughter Donna of Portland were guests the week end at the home of Messenger's father, E. T. Messenger.

Mrs. Gust McLouth returned to Hermiston Saturday with her

daughter, Mrs. Lee Putnam, where she will be near for medical treatment.

Mrs. H. Shattuck of Bickleton, Wn., was a guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Shattuck Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Shattuck also of Bickleton were Sunday guests at the Shattuck home.

The HEC pinochle card party Saturday evening was at the Nathan Thorpe home. High honors went to Mrs. Ed Kunze and Ralph Skoubo, while low went to Mrs. Art Palmer and Earl Downey.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Petteys were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mrs. Petteys' parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Macomber, taking home their three children who had spent the week end with their grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Root and Mrs. Eva Warner were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Root's son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Root of Athena.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marlow and sons, Harold and Darrell, motored to Walla Walla Sunday and were dinner guests at the home of Mrs. Marlow's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Zerba.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Macomber and son Lee of Arlington were Sunday evening guests at the N. A. Macomber home.

An overnight guest Sunday of Mrs. Ed Skoubo was her friend, Dorothy McDonald, of Pendleton. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Sloan motored to Portland Monday to attend the funeral service of a relative.

The public is invited to attend the lecturers program at the grange Saturday evening, March 19, which will begin sharply at 8 p.m. There will be a half hour of fun listening to a radio program put on by local talent, with Duane Brown as question editor and Ronald Black, announcer. Speaker for the evening will be Carl Shipp, Oregon soil clinic field man, of Milton.

Monday callers in Pendleton were Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Shattuck, Mrs. Frank Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Forthman, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Vecile took A. E. Davis to Pendleton to consult a physician.

Gust McLouth motored to Hermiston Monday, going to see Mrs. McLouth who is staying with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Putnam.

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