

EDITORIAL



People Are Thrifty

According to George Minnaugh, state director, Morrow county people are showing an inclination to put a little money away against the possibility that some day business won't be quite so good and savings will come in handy. Although the concerted drive for Savings Bonds sales closed some weeks ago, our people are still buying the E issue, as witness the report from Mrs. Oscar George, county chairman, which shows that \$2,175 in sales were recorded in July.

Since the first of the year 1949, Morrow county people have purchased \$199,524 worth of E Bonds, and this probably represents a large number of small investors rather than a few large buyers.

It is not too far back in history for most of us to recall those lean days of the thirties. Bonds purchased during World War I had been cashed in, especially by the smaller purchasers, and these with other savings were quickly exhausted when the depression came. The people learned something from that experience which, in World War II, aside from the pressure put upon them during the stress of war financing, caused them to convert their surplus cash into savings bonds. To some it has meant acquiring a business that has made them independent; to others it has provided homes, or educational funds for their children, while to others—fortunately a minority, bond officials inform us—it has been a matter of withdrawing, or cashing the bonds to have spending money when wages were no longer coming in.

Let's Show More Neighborliness

Next Thursday morning the North Morrow county fair will open its doors to the public for a three-day run. It is sandwiched between the Pendleton Round-Up and the Morrow County fair and rodeo and hasn't the advantages of a local press or radio set-up to provide publicity, but it is a worthy community enterprise and deserves recognition by the people of the county as a whole. Many changes have taken place in the project towns since the close of the war. Many changes will take place in the future with the development of the McNary dam. It will be worth the time and effort to drive over that way during the fair and look around a little.

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce has chosen Saturday, September 3 as the day to visit the North Morrow county fair. A caravan will be organized and the business people will be prevailed upon to participate. The Boardman folks will serve luncheon at noon for the regular fee and will see that their visitors are properly entertained.

This caravan should not consist of just four or five cars. There should be several times that many. It will be a neighborly thing to do and neighborliness has never hurt any cause.

Safety By Directive

It is astonishing the number of things the government planners can think up—all of them directed towards establishing more bureaus which in turn call for more government financing, and that, gentle reader, means more taxes.

The newest venture by the master minds is along the line of safety in railroad travel. And why, may we ask, have they picked on the one class of travel that has made greater strides in providing safety, and has really accomplished more in that direction than any other mode of commercial transportation? The answer is obvious. It is another step in the direction of complete government control, the appetite for which on the part of the planners seems to be insatiable. The Evening World-Herald, Omaha, on July 14 had the following comment to make:

"Bills are pending in the House and Senate which propose to give the Interstate Commerce Commission authority 'to establish rules, regulations, and practices with respect to operation of trains intended to promote safety.'"

"Sounds innocent enough, on the face of it. Everybody is in favor of safety."

"But there's a joker in it. Since almost everything a railroad does—from the floating of bonds to the ballasting of track—has a theoretical bearing on safety, this bill would give the bureaucracy almost unlimited power to regulate and harass the roads."

"If the railroads had suddenly grown careless of human life, something might be said for the bill. But they haven't. Records kept by the Association of American Railroads show that the rails offer the safest form of transportation. Private cars and taxis, for example, are 13 times more dangerous. Yet so far as we are aware the bureaucrats haven't proposed that the Government provide chauffeurs for private cars. Maybe they haven't thought of it yet."

"Actually the railroads have been working tirelessly at their safety programs for many years, with fine results. The men in charge are experienced operating men who know railroad problems. We surmise most passengers would rather entrust their safety and their lives to such men than to theoreticians in Washington."

No man-caused fires have occurred this year in the Heppner district of the Umatilla national forest. Were they superstitious, local foresters, who are jubilant over the season's record, undoubtedly would be knocking on the nearest tree.

tle from Lone Rock. F. A. Andrews and family left this morning for Dufur where he has accepted the principalship of the schools for the coming year, after living here for a year and a half while he was pastor of the Christian church. Cecil Lieuallen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lieuallen of Rhea Creek, returned Wednesday after serving two years in the navy, most of the time doing convoy

The largest peacetime showing of military equipment ever held on the Pacific coast, and also the first in the nation to combine equipment of all branches of the armed services, has been arranged by Governor Douglas McKay for the Oregon State fair the week of September 5 to 11.

The display will cover over 30,000 square feet, General Mark W. Clark, commanding officer of the Sixth Army and highest ranking active officer on the coast, informed the governor. The Scottish Kilt band of the Second Infantry will be on hand for two concerts a day. General Clark also guaranteed the appearance of an air force helicopter, modern tank, latest military weapons, weapons of field and coast artillery, communications equipment and educational and medical care facilities. Colonel Henry Russel, Vancouver Barracks, will serve as coordinator of the fair exhibit.

Governor McKay and Leo Spitzbart, state fair manager, worked on preparations with General Clark and the military manpower committee and the Sixth Army advisory committee.

GUESTS OF THE GOVERNOR Eight generals and admirals of the five branches of the armed services have received invitations from Governor Douglas McKay to be his guests at the Oregon State fair on Governor's Day, September 8.

The governor's office sent out bids to General Mark Clark, commanding officer of the Sixth Army; Major General Claude A. Larkin, USMC, ret.; Vice Admiral Thomas L. Gatch, USN, ret.; Major General K. E. Rockey, USMC, commanding general of the department of the Pacific; Brigadier General Robert A. McClure, USA, commander of the North Pacific district; Rear Admiral H. H. Good, USN, commandant of 13th Naval district; Rear Admiral Raymond T. McElligott, USCG, commandant 13th Coast Guard district, and Major General John E. Upston, commanding general of the 4th Air Force.

"BAKED A CAKE" Members of the state board of control were high in their praise of the Oregon state hospital, following their unannounced inspection of the institution last week.

"We found the buildings clean and attractive and the food much better than a few months ago," said one of the members, adding that other surprise visits will be made to institutions in the Salem area.

This week a worker at the hospital, who had just resigned, testified at a civil service hearing.

A son weighing 8 and one-half pounds arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Milholland Wednesday evening.

S. W. Spencer, Dr. E. J. Vaughn, Thos Brennan and Leslie Matlock who went to Klamath Falls to attend the Elks convention, made quite an extensive auto trip covering 1000 miles before returning to Heppner last week, going

THE SMALL-TOWN EDITOR

In this editorial I would like to pay tribute to the watch-dogs of the nation—the editors of the nation's small-town newspapers—those men and women whose journals may be small in size but which bulk large in influence and prestige.

The editor of the big metropolitan daily, sitting in his comfortable swivel chair behind his expensive and expansive mahogany desk (perhaps wainut), may imagine that he is a molder of public opinion. Backing him up he has the marvelous facilities of the various press services; assisting him a staff of highly-paid assistants, feature writers, foreign and domestic correspondents, photographers and reporters. In his press room, he has a modern, up-to-the-minute press capable of printing thousands of copies per hour. His paper goes out onto the city streets to be sold by the hundreds of thousands.

It is small wonder, then, that he kids himself into believing that he is one of a small and select group which is directing the thought and is responsible for the subsequent action of the American people.

But, he is wrong. The people he reaches through his publication are not the typical Americans—not the backbone of the nation. The real Americans are to be found in the smaller communities and in the rural districts of the nation.

In the hinterland are to be found the hard-headed, clear-thinking citizens, the people who can not be fooled by false doctrines, deluded by quick panaceas, who do not subscribe to something-for-nothing ideologies, and who steadfastly adhere to sound American principles as laid down by the Founding Fathers.

It is only occasionally that most of these people see the metropolitan newspapers. They rely almost entirely for their news and editorial comment upon the local paper which serves their particular community.

The editors of the small-town newspaper, therefore, have a rendezvous with destiny—to them has fallen the Herculean task of preserving sound government, encouraging industry, saving free enterprise and maintaining the Republic.

It is a tough assignment for any group of men and women, but praises be, they are measuring up to it. It is my privilege and pleasure each week to look over the editorial pages of many hundreds of these local weeklies. Whenever a serious doubt flashes through my mind as to where this nation is heading, it is quickly dispelled when I realize that the twelve thousand editors of our small-town newspapers are on the job, cool, quietly, without fanfare, but consistently fighting for the betterment of their communities and for the welfare of the nation as a whole.

The editor of the newspaper in which you are reading this article doesn't sit in a handsome swivel chair before an elegant desk (if he does, please don't begrudge it to him). He doesn't have a corps of expensive assistants, but in spite of these lacks, he does give you a newspaper replete with the friendly news of your community and abounding with wisdom and good, old-fashioned horse-sense on his editorial page.

Charles McElligott, wheat farmer of the Liberty district, was transacting business in Heppner Monday. Mr. McElligott reports that harvest has been over for some two weeks at his farm and that his crop, while not so good as it has been during the past few years, had a good average considering the dryness of the season.

that employees at the hospital were given notice, before the visit of the board of control, that everything be placed in order. She also testified that patients commented most favorably on the meal served that noon.

READER INTEREST HIGH

State Librarian Eleanor Stephens and four department heads of the state library are attending the western regional conference of the American library association that opened Sunday for a five-day session at Vancouver, B.C. Reports covering the district indicate a steady gain for the past year in demand for reading matter with technical books showing steady gains.

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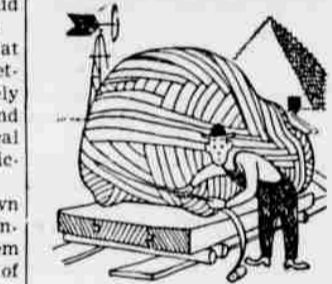
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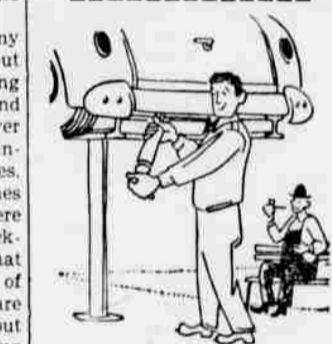
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30 YEARS AGO

August 28, 1919 Among the Heppner people who plan to attend the Grand Encampment of the G. A. R. at Columbus, O. are Mrs. Mary A. Bartholomew, Mrs. Mattie Smead and N. S. Whetstone. Mrs. Mike Curran and daughter

are visiting relatives and friends in Goldendale. Mr. Curran plans to join them before they return home. J. B. Huddleston returned to Heppner Monday after spending several weeks in the east where he went with a shipment of cat-



Portrait of a Man Playing it Safe

Here is a man who knows what's what. He doesn't gamble with his health or the health of his family. He knows that tuberculosis strikes without warning. He knows that people all too often have TB and aren't aware of it until it has progressed so far that it is difficult, if not impossible, to cure—meanwhile they are a source of great danger to their families.

He doesn't intend to let it happen to him. He is checking his chest—with an X-ray. That is what every thinking man and woman should do. That is what you should do. Remember—early TB can be cured. When the disease has taken hold, it takes longer to cure, costs more to cure. And some people are not cured. They die.

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