

EDITORIAL



And The Rains Come

Long faces have been contracting this week and it is scarcely worth the effort to say why. At least, the drought has been broken and at the time this is being written it looks like the fall season has set in in earnest.

The season just past has been one of the longest dry spells this section has seen over a long period and had it not been for the hold-over moisture from the previous year crops would have suffered a much worse setback. As it was, the county average production of wheat was above the normal mark and our economy would appear to be on a safe basis until the next crop season.

Improved farming methods have made their weight felt this year. Despite the heavy, and more or less constant, winds there was not a conspicuous amount of dust such as has been witnessed in years past. With the top soil staying in place the holdover moisture was conserved. But that moisture was getting low before the fall showers came and the grain growers' faces were lengthening.

One Cigarette

On a recent week-end we had new and terrible proof that a cigarette, harmless as it may appear, can be a lethal weapon.

The fire which destroyed a pleasure cruise ship at a Toronto dock, with a ghastly toll of death and injury, is believed to have started from a carelessly dropped cigarette. The following day a commercial plant burned in California, and the property loss was very heavy. Again, according to the authorities, a cigarette was the probable cause.

Does it seem incredible that so small a thing as the fire at the end of a cigarette can be responsible for major disasters? In the case of the passenger vessel, one entire section of the craft, containing staterooms, was flaming within three minutes after the fire was noticed. Within fifteen minutes the entire ship was ablaze. Under certain conditions fire travels with unbelievable rapidity. Its victims are trapped without hope of escape. The horrible hotel fires of last year and the year before provide other illustrations of this. And in the worst of those fires a cigarette also set off the holocaust.

The careless thoughtless smoker can be as dangerous as a maniac with a bomb. He is a threat to lives, property, and irreplaceable natural resources such as forests and wildlife. Every person who smokes must be made to realize the obligation he owes to society to take care.

Not By Bread Alone

Each year, during the third week in October, National Bible Week is observed. The 1949 observance will run from the 17th to the 23rd.

The week is designed to again focus attention on those basic principles of Christianity which much of the civilized world is supposed to live by—and which are so widely and tragically violated. Here in the United States, to say nothing of other nations, we have little to pride ourselves upon as Christians. We have the highest rate of crime and delinquency in our history—three times as many people are incarcerated in penal institutions as are attending universities and colleges. Eleven out of 12 young people are not active church members. Over 8,000,000 people are under treatment for mental disorders. Religions and morals are openly ridiculed, and totalitarian principles, which are directly opposed to Christianity and all the other great religions as well, are advocated and taught. There has never been a time when so much cheap and tawdry entertainment—in books and magazines, and on the radio, stage and screen—was offered for sale, and it has a huge audience. Racial and class hatreds are rampant.

Looking at the international scene, it is clear that the failure to live up to the basic ideals of Christianity has led to misery and despair for millions, to the enslavement of once-free peoples, to a cold war which is absorbing more and more of our energies, our thoughts, our resources. The world is moving swiftly toward a cynical materialism which may destroy it unless the trend is checked.

At a time like this, National Bible Week has a vast significance. In the great old phrase, "Man cannot live by bread alone."—Industrial News Review.

The football season, opens at Heppner Friday afternoon (that means today to most of our readers, since they will be getting the paper Friday morning) when the Condon Blue Devils come here to try to corral the Mustangs. The schedule this year was so arranged that the local squad will be playing at home the balance of the season, with the exception of the Hermiston game on Armistice Day. The Mustangs will be meeting the tough teams of the "B" circuit in this area and they will need all of the support the community can give. The business houses and the citizens at large will be doing a good turn by patronizing the games and backing the team, win or lose.

The American Way

Plato And Franklin
By GEORGE PECK

There seems to be nothing new about the drive to propel this nation into a socialistic dictatorship, nor about the methods that are being used by the political planners to bring a free, proud and prosperous American people to a condition of servitude, serfdom and poverty. If you doubt that statement, please read what Plato, the eminent Greek philosopher, had to say in the 4th Century, B. C. on the subject of champions of the people, tyranny and high taxes:

"The people have always some champion whom they set over them and nurse into greatness. This and no other is the root from which a tyrant springs: when he first appears he is a protector. In the early days of his power he is full of smiles, and he salutes every one whom he meets.

"When the tyrant has disposed of his foreign enemies by conquest and treaty, and there is nothing to fear from them, then he is always stirring up some war or other, in order that the people may require a leader.

"Has he not another object which is that they may be impoverished by payment of taxes and thus compelled to devote themselves to their daily wants and, therefore, less likely to conspire against him?"

The foregoing sounds as though Plato, 2300 years ago, when he made those remarks regarding taxes, was indulging in a bit of prophecy regarding present day conditions in the United States of America. Are the reckless governmental spending, the plans for even more profligate spending, and the exorbitant taxes just part of a carefully calculated plot to keep the average American citizen so busy and harassed that he cannot muster up the necessary energy to wage a successful fight against the demagogues? Is it possible that the political planners who infest the nation's capital have "PLANNED IT THAT WAY?"

Small wonder it is that thinking Americans are gravely concerned about the future of this nation. These patriots cannot be catalogued as panicky alarmists for having serious doubts that "The American Way" can survive the onslaught through that dangerous phase which, sooner or later, every republic has experienced—that inexpressible period when the citizenry becomes surfeited with liberty, soft with luxury and weary of opportunity and responsibility.

After the Founding Fathers had drawn up our glorious Constitution, Benjamin Franklin was asked what the lengthy deliberations had brought forth. He replied: "A republic if we can keep it." Shortly thereafter in a letter to a friend he made this further comment: "Our constitution is in actual operation; everything appears to promise that it will last; but in this world nothing is certain but death and taxes."

Wise old Ben believed that with the drawing up of our Constitution a framework had been erected upon which a free and prosperous nation could be built. How right he was! For a century and a half we abided by that Constitution and justified Franklin's judgment.

But Franklin had read history and he had a keen understanding of human nature. That is why he expressed doubt that we could keep our Republic. History had revealed to him the many nations that had been wrecked on the rocks of benevolent dictatorship. He knew it was inevitable that, sooner or later, demagogues would arise in the land who would bid for support of the masses by promising large groups special economic and social advantages—who would practice the trick, almost as time itself, of arraying the have-nots against the "haves."

Oh! for a 20th Century Plato or Benjamin Franklin to lead this nation out of the "something-for-nothing" mess in which it is floundering, back to the high, dry ground of individual toil and accomplishment that made us the strongest, most free and most prosperous nation in all world history.

If you are interested in good cheap feed for your livestock, nitrogen fertilizer is one of the best buys on the market this time of year. Under ordinary weather conditions a fall application of nitrogen on pasture will extend the pasture season until late November or longer.

However, nitrogen applications will pay only on good, high producing grasses such as alta fescue, orchard grass, perennial rye grass and meadow foxtail. Given enough nitrogen, 20 to 40 pounds

Dr. Thistlewaite of the Bureau of Animal Industry called at the county agent's office a few days ago to inform us that Dr. G. W. Blake, veterinarian, would be in charge of Bangs testing and calf-hood vaccination in Morrow county this fall. In addition to Dr. Taylor, who will do limited testing, Dr. Thistlewaite promised another veterinarian if the work could not be handled.

Testing and vaccinating will begin October 17 and all livestock men are urged to list cattle to be tested and vaccinated at this office. This work is being done in line with the Bangs eradication program put into effect by the county court in June, 1948.

Members of the county livestock disease control committee are Cleve Van Scholack, Floyd Worden, Al Bunch, Walter Wright, John Graves and Paul Hisler. Information on the Bangs program can be secured from them as well as this office.

of available nitrogen per acre, any of these grasses will grow until heavy frosts strike them.

As a matter of fact, nitrogen will pay on both irrigated and non-irrigated pastures. But the largest returns can be expected from pastures that received irrigation during the summer. These pastures that have grown all summer will respond quickly to the fertilizer application. Rain will determine success of non-irrigated pastures.

A final reason for fall nitrogen applications on pastures is that they will get off to an earlier start next spring.

A cover crop including a cereal and a legume seeded together will provide more green material than either seeded alone and will have added insurance against crop failure. Winter cover crops are a necessary part of good soil management.

The grain in the mixture provides the most dependable cover. Legumes are sometimes killed by extreme weather, pests or disease. To qualify as a good cover crop, however, the mixture must make an early fall growth to provide a cover during cold winter weather and produce a heavy tonnage of green material to be plowed under early in the spring.

4-H CLUB NEWS

While the present 4-H club year has not ended, many of our 4-H club members are getting started with their 1950 projects. Purchasing feeder steers up to this date have been Janet Howton, Duane Baker, Ronald Baker, Leland McKinney, and Richard Ekstrom, all of Ione. They purchased Short-horn calves from the Sherman-Ferguson herd. Duane and Ronald Baker each purchased two heifer calves from the same herd.

The Wightman children, James, Marvin, Peggy, and Janet, have purchased Hereford heifers from the Mankin-Bunch herd. James Wightman purchased two registered Hampshire ewe lambs from the John Ransier flock last month.

Betty, Reita and Dean Graves each have two calves selected from their own herd. Terry Thompson, a new 4-H club member, will secure his Angus steer from the Oxbow Ranch at Prairie City soon. Several other club members are looking for calves and several should be secured this week.

There will be a movie at the school house at 7:30 p. m. Saturday, October 8.

The Legion boys are giving a dance at their hall October 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Thorne of Morgan went to Walla Walla last week where they visited her sister, Mrs. Carl Grassi.

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30 YEARS AGO

October 9, 1919
Miss Ivy Lutz and Dr. Fred E. Farrior were married Thursday evening in Portland. Dr. Farrior recently located in Heppner after graduating from North Pacific Dental school.
Sam Hughes, local merchant, has bought the residence property of James Hayes in this city. Mr. Hayes has gone to Soap Lake

mountains have not provided enough moisture to do the range much good, according to Forest Supervisor W. W. Cryder.
An 8 and one-half pound son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Crowell in this city Monday, October 6.
County Clerk Waters issued a marriage license on Monday to Ernest W. Christofferson and Miss Ada Agee, both of Ione.
Miss Theima Starkey has been confined to her home the past week with an attack of scarlet fever.

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Peterson's Jewelers

All patrons of the local school who are interested in organizing a parent-teacher association are asked to be present at the assembly room of the high school Friday afternoon.
The annual fall influx of sheep to Morrow county and home for the winter range is fairly underway, several bands having arrived during the week.
Mrs. Mae Porter and family arrived in Heppner the first of the week and will soon open a restaurant and lunch counter in the building formerly occupied by the Elkhorn restaurant.

News From C. A. Office

After detailed milling and baking tests on three new wheats, Brevor, Elmar and Uma; which have been carried out the past month, the Pacific Northwest Crop Improvement association has recommended that Elmar and Brevor be released and recommended and encouraged because these wheats are needed by both producers and millers. Both are superior in several qualities compared to our present varieties.

The variety Uma, that has appeared favorable was determined unsuitable because of poor harvesting characteristics, lack of dwarf smut resistance, and only fair baking qualities for pastry purposes with no bread or flour qualities.

Seed of these new varieties will not be available for distribution until fall of 1950.

Wheat nurseries were again seeded at Eightmile and Ione. Frank Anderson and Werner Rietmann are cooperating in growing these again this year. The Sherman branch experiment station furnished the wheat varieties and they were seeded as in the past by Bill Hall, research assistant at the station, and the county agent. Fifteen varieties and crosses were seeded at each nursery with

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