

EDITORIAL



Hallow'en Minus Vandalism

Heppner has passed through two Hallow'e'ens without more than minor reminders of the occasion. Why? You may ask. Because preparations were made in advance to entertain the young people—give them something to do that has no relation to vandalism.

Not only is this a commendable project on the part of the Sociologist club and others interested in the movement but the spirit in which the young people have received this action in their behalf is worthy of praise and decidedly worthy of emulation in other places.

It is reported that the high school party Monday evening was a great success. The same reports come from the church parties, where the small fry dwell for a time in company with witches and hobgoblins and feasted on cider and doughnuts, forgetting about soaping windows or swiping the neighbor's gate.

Unfortunately, not all of the town's youngsters attended the parties and some of these, disdaining that type of entertainment, sought to amuse themselves in the manner that has been falsely accepted as legal throughout the years. For that reason, the record here could not be kept clear, but there were no depredations reported to the authorities and the most notable evidence was the soaping of windows and some gate swiping. To these unfortunate possessors of a lack of the fitness of things we would suggest that they talk to the high school people who attended the open air party on upper Willow creek and to the little folk who enjoyed themselves at the parties in town. It is safe to wager that a strong majority of them had no regrets about not being out making themselves obnoxious.

Who's Purging Whom?

Strong evidence of high handed politics is seen in the movement originating in the inner circle of the state grange to purge certain state representatives who failed to follow the government ownership pattern advocated and feverishly promoted by State Grange Master Morton Tompkins and his satellites. It is just possible that the "Twenty-two Club" members, as many of them as desire to be re-elected, will return to the legislative halls in 1951 unless there is a change of sentiment among the subordinate granges by the time the political pot begins to boil.

Typical of the action taken by several Pomona granges of the state in recent months, the Morrow County Pomona in sessions at Willows Grange hall in Ione October 29 went on record as not favoring the action taken by the state grange. The vote was unanimous. This clarifies the position of the local grangers relative to the action of the state grange master and his teammates in attempting to control the legislative assembly.

Had there been legislation vital to the grangers which was mishandled by the legislature they might have taken a different attitude, but since it was pet measures of the federal administration which the Tompkins crowd was attempting to incorporate into the laws of the state of Oregon (indirectly, mind you), the local grangers were not inclined to stand by and see their own representative and neighbor made a victim of the political hatchet.

The subordinate granges have within themselves the power to put a stop to the socialistic government ownership-control activities of the state grange master and his crowd. A little stiffening of the backbone would do the trick and remove much of the unfavorable comment and publicity arising from the occasional outbreaks of the GC boys which are not representative of the grange as a whole.

Representative Henry E. Peterson has not indicated that he desires to run again, but the action taken by the Pomona Grange has vindicated him in the eyes of the grass roots grangers and his friends and neighbors not connected with that noteworthy organization. It just might be that the would-be purgers will be on the receiving end when the proper time arrives.

We Still Need The Dam

Clearing of the creek channels, which has been underway this week, reminds us that Heppner has a flood control dam project which should not be passed up because of an apathetic attitude on the part of the community. Having been incorporated in the general plans for development of the Columbia river basin it is quite largely a matter of insistence from local circles that the project be put through if we want the funds to come this way rather than be allocated to some other locality.

A request has been made by the Heppner city council that the local project be transferred from the Portland headquarters of the U. S. Army Engineers to the Walla Walla district, it being felt that the upper river office staff is in closer touch with conditions here and better understands the urgency for such a dam.

In the meantime, the city's action in having the creek channels cleared of willows and other obstructions is a worthwhile effort to protect lives and property. It is expensive, too, and to repeat this work from year to year, or every few years will necessitate special financing. Under the flood control set-up, much of the creek channel work will be done on a permanent basis and the dam itself will eliminate most of the need for it.

People once more are encroaching on nature in building along the creek. That is natural, what with the scarcity of building lots, but that does not alleviate the hazard that will always be present so long as the dam is not built.

Two Campfire Girls Units Added to Lexington Croup

Mrs. Art Hunt and Mrs. C. C. Jones were hostesses to the Ne-top-pew Campfire Girls and friends at the Hunt home Monday to a masquerade party. There were 18 girls and boys present. The evening was spent playing games and dancing square dances. Prizes were given to the most cleverly dressed ones, with Larry Groves winning first, and Denny McMillan second. All youngsters were cleverly made up, and the rooms were decorated in accordance. There were skeletons, old witches, big moons, and cats hanging about the rooms, with the lamps all being hung with black and orange crepe paper. Bright colored balloons were also hung from the ceiling. Mr. Lyons of the Heppner photo shop came to Lexington and took flash bulb pictures of the youngsters. Refreshments of cake, decorated in the Hallow'e'en motif, doughnuts, cider, punch and sandwiches were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Newt O'Harra spent one day last week in The Dalles visiting at the home of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Darnielle.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Vinson are the proud parents of a son, James Alvin, weighing 7 pounds and born at the Corda Saling home October 30.

Mrs. Marie Steagall took the civil service examination in Heppner Saturday for clerk's job in the U. S. postoffice.

Mr. and Mrs. B.W. Marquardt were hosts to the young adult class of the Sunday school with a potluck dinner at their ranch home last Friday night. After a fine dinner a business meeting was held, presided over by the president, Homer Hughes. The adult class had voted in the past to start a church library. The first two books had arrived, "Time for Miss Boo," by Margaret Lee Runbeck, and "The Robbers," by Bertram Brooker. These books are to be kept in the church and made available to the people at all times. A librarian was appointed. Mrs. C. C. Jones chairman and Gerald Baker and Mrs. Bill Marquardt as committee. There were about 20 members of the class present.

Last Wednesday night at the home of Mrs. C. C. Jones two new groups of Campfire girls were organized. Bluebirds under the leadership of Mrs. Roger Anderson. These youngsters held their first meeting at the home of their guardian Thursday with the following being elected as officers: President, Helen Leah Winters; secretary, Charlene Jones, and Joint treasurers, Bunny June Anderson and Josephine Peterson. They will meet every Wednesday evening after school in the following weeks. The other group will consist of girls 10-13 years and is under the leadership of Mrs. Jack Winters. These girls

THE OLD "PHONY" GRAPH!



The American Way

JEALOUSY JITTERS

The title "Progressive Party" has been used by third party movements in the United States three times.

By George Peck
The alleged anti-trust suit of the Department of Justice against the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company has stirred up a hornet's nest. At this writing it looks as though it is the D. of J. that is going to get stung.

This suit is just one more evidence of how badly the Administration is misinterpreting the temper of the electorate. As the nation's largest grocery chain, the A & P seemed to the illogical bureaucratic mind a logical organization to attack—a piece of strategy that would pay huge dividends in votes in the 1950 and 1952 elections.

Such a suit, had it been instituted 20 or 30 years ago, might have met with nation-wide acclaim. Chain stores were not too popular then. At that time they represented a new type of merchandising, they were blazing a new trail, and they had a lot to learn, especially about human relations. But in the intervening years the chain stores have humanized their operations, and the former antipathy toward them has disappeared. The D. of J. overlooked this important point.

The A & P probably was aware that it has a host of friends. Its millions of patrons were pretty good evidence of the public's regard for it. However, it took this D. of J. suit to really uncover the prestige which A & P really enjoys. It is not surprising that millions of housewives are protesting this unwarranted attack on a friend, a company that supplies them with quality foodstuffs at money-saving prices. It was to be expected that other chain outfits would rally to the defense of A & P. But, what must amaze the D. of J. is the fact that even independent merchants, who are supposed to hate chain stores, have taken up the cudgels for A & P, some of them even going so far as to run page advertisements expressing resentment at the government's action.

The crime of which A & P stands accused is that it has developed its purchasing and merchandising

to such a degree of efficiency that it sells foodstuffs too cheaply to the American housewife. Now, ain't that awful? Exercising the American prerogative of the accused, the A & P in a series of ads has carried its case to the American public. Rep. Wright Patman of Texas, who has a blind spot as far as chain stores are concerned, disapproves of this. He would, on October 6 he delivered himself an oration on the floor of the House in which he said in part:

"I can say without a moment's hesitation that this nation has never before seen a comparable effort to obtain a prejudgment in the public's mind of a suit pending in a duly constituted court. This blatant calculated scheme to organize public opinion upon the side of the A & P defendants presents a nonparallelled attack upon the integrity of our judicial system which must shock every thoughtful citizen. It has been conservatively estimated that the A & P chain organization has so far poured nearly \$5,000,000 into this propaganda campaign—\$5,000,000 that will eventually be paid for by consumers who buy in A & P stores."

"Consistency, thou art a jewel." The enemies of A & P should get together for a conference. The D. of J. alleges that A & P sells too cheaply. Rep. Patman charges that A & P will have to raise prices to its customers to recoup the cost of its defense advertisements. That, according to the Congressman, would be bad, but according to the D. of J. that should make everything hotsytotsy as far as A & P, its competitors and its customers are concerned.

This leads me to inquire, just what is behind this suit against the A & P? Has the green-eyed monster fastened its clutches on our Federal Government? Yes, it could be a bad case of jealousy jitters on the part of a big and powerful bureaucracy, apprehensive of anything and everything that assumes sizable proportions. Jealousy, we know, engenders irrational behavior, and there seems to be nothing rational in this Government action against the A & P.

30 YEARS AGO

November 3, 1919

Miss Mary VanVactor and her little brother Sam Jr, entertained on Hallow'e'en for a number of their friends at the Van Vactor home.

Sheriff E. M. Shutt has resigned as sheriff of Morrow county.

E. G. Noble and Joe Snyder, local business men, left Monday for Arlington on a goose hunt.

Mrs. George Peck has been employed by the Lexington school board to replace Miss Emerson in the grades. Miss Emerson has resigned due to illness and has returned to her home in California.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Knowles at their home in Ione last Sunday. The infant weighed nine pounds.

George Dunn and Ola Ward, well known young people of this city were married at the Federated parlorage Monday night

with Rev. H. A. Noyes officiating. A 7 1/2 pound son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Pat Healy Sunday.

W. J. Steele, the lone jeweler has moved his family to California. Inability to find a house to rent after the one he had been living in was sold, was given as the reason for the move.

Bernice Woodson entertained a number of her young friends at a Hallow'e'en party Friday night. Those present were Mary Patterson, Marguerite Hisler, Cecelia Kenny, Mary Farley, Eleanor Cohn, Mary Crawford, Leola Bennett and Elaine Sigbee.

Oregon Elks have completed a state wide movement to dispose of Oregon's quota of war savings stamps, bonds and other government securities.

H. M. Cummins, for the past three years cashier of the Bank of Ione, has resigned and will move with his family to Hood River where he will devote his time to life insurance selling.

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Mrs. Ralph Jackson of The Dalles spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Laura Scott.
Mrs. Roy Martin and Mrs. George Graves were hostesses to a surprise stork shower Friday night honoring Mrs. George Irvin at her home. There were 18 guests present. The evening was spent playing games, after which refreshments of angel food cake, ice cream and coffee were served. Mrs. Irvin received many lovely and useful gifts.
Home Economics club will meet Tuesday, November 15 at 1:30 p. m. at the Frank Munkers home. Topic for discussion will be new home furnishings, with Miss Mabel Wilson in charge. All are welcome to attend these meetings.

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