

EDITORIAL



Business Outlook Good

According to the experts in such matters, business is expected to continue on about the same plane in 1950 as that of 1949. There will be little slump, they say, during the first six months. Most of them feel that the period of adjustment has passed and that such changes as occur will be reflected in certain areas and will not be general throughout the nation. That is, no depression is in sight so far as they can foresee.

Various reasons are offered for assuming that conditions will continue good for most of 1950. The main one, it is believed, is that this is a congressional election year and that the Administration cannot afford to permit a serious slump in any of the industries where masses of labor are represented, in view of the desire on the part of both the labor bosses and Mr. Truman to secure a majority in both houses in favor of scuttling the Taft-Hartley law.

Be that as it may, it is somewhat heartening to learn that those who make business forecasting a vocation feel that there will be no upsets of a serious nature, at least for six months ahead. This should encourage any of our citizens who have contemplated residence or business construction to go ahead with their plans, even if building costs will not be materially lowered. The outlook for lowering building costs is not promising and the demand for more housing has not decreased so far as local conditions are concerned. This is not offering advice, but it is passing on to our readers and to the public the opinions of those best qualified to forecast the business picture.

There are two projects which the Chamber of Commerce and the city should work on with zeal this year. One is the flood control dam and the other the federal building. If it becomes necessary for the Administration to "spill" a little federal money here and there to keep business and labor on an even keel, the chances for securing one or the other or perhaps both of these projects would be somewhat enhanced. Of the two the flood control dam is by far the most desirable, if there is to be a matter of choice. Both are needed, however, and our efforts should be directed towards recognition in the right places.

Respecting the dam, weather is the most un-

predictable element we have to deal with and while there has been no major calamity resulting from floods since the 1903 disaster, the potential is always with us and there is always the possibility of a similar storm occurring. This should not be allowed to sleep for there are many other places seeking construction of projects, many of them lacking the merit of the Heppner project, and they will have no compunction about grabbing the funds that should be used here.

Heppner has increased approximately fifty per cent in population since the 1940 census, taking the figure at that time as reliable. It has many more people than resided here in 1903. There are more residences in the flood area than were there at that time. Does it not stand to reason that loss of life and damage to property would be much greater? By the same token, the development of government agencies in recent years has added several offices here—enough to warrant a federal building. They have been enumerated in this column before, but for the sake of refreshing the memory it is pointed out that we have the post office, which needs larger facilities; the forest ranger's office, the county agent's office including the Triple-A, or PMA as it is now called, and the Rural Electrification Administration which is now an active agency in the county. Concentration of these agencies in a federal building would release office and store space for individuals or firms looking for better quarters or a place to start in business.

If the community looks upon these projects as worthwhile there should be an active interest manifested. Our cause is just. Let us not be chicken-hearted, or just plain too modest.

While on the subject of building we would like to call attention to the amount of construction that has taken place in lone the past year. It perhaps should be said the past two or three years, for the program of improvement didn't just begin in 1949. Numerous fine homes have been built and others remodeled. The little old town "down the river" is becoming genuinely civic minded and from appearances has only started on a campaign that will make it become known as a place of fine homes and modern, comfortable living advantages.

The American Way

BIG MEN By GEORGE PECK

In November of last year at the 4-H Congress in Chicago, a young farm lad gave an answer to a question regarding big business that no philosopher, university professor, economist or business executive could match.

Six young people (3 boys and 3 girls) from the farm sat up in front as a panel to answer any questions the assembled five hundred grown-ups might throw at them.

The following question was asked: "Do you think that big business is good for this country?"

An eighteen-year-old lad, Stanley Dreyer, from Brighton, Colorado, in a completely unrehearsed program, grasped the microphone and instantly made the following reply:

"SURE, BIG BUSINESS IS GOOD FOR THE COUNTRY, SO LONG AS THE MEN WHO RUN IT ARE BIG."

Nice going, Stanley. You scored a bull's eye. Frequently in this column I have had the temerity to criticize certain actions of business and businessmen. While constantly championing the cause of Free, Private, Competitive Enterprise, I have not been blind to the fact that some injustices have been committed. After all businessmen are simply human beings and, as in any other walk of life, some of them have not been without sin.

But to condemn business (big or small) because of the sins of a few is just as illogical as it would be to condemn the Christian church and Christianity because an occasional minister or priest has fallen by the wayside and failed to live up to the high standards of his noble calling.

from the business arena. Those who now, or who in the future, selfishly disregard the rights of others will fail. As in the past, Boss Public will take care of them.

As time goes on, more and more businessmen are coming to realize that it is GOOD business to deal the cards off the top of the deck—that honesty and fairness are absolutely necessary for permanent success and survival—that BOSS PUBLIC must be obeyed. Honest, fair businessmen themselves decry the small minority of dishonest ones among them, and are doing their utmost to expose and expel these parasites from the realm of business. Thus, business as a whole, without Government interference, regulation or compulsion, purges itself and moves closer and closer to a more idealistic condition.

Yes, Stanley Dreyer, eighteen-year-old farm boy from Brighton, Colorado, you were one hundred percent correct in your spontaneous statement that "big business is good for the country, so long as the men who run it are big." And you and all Americans, young and old, can rejoice in the fact that most of the men running big business today are BIG—that each passing year sees them growing bigger in stature, more "big" men recruited to their ranks and fewer "little" men remaining among them to prey upon the American public.

Most American businessmen (big and small) today seek constantly to provide better values at lower costs. They recognize the responsibility of their trusteeship. They believe that Business, Labor, Government and Agriculture working as a team can provide jobs and opportunity for all to work for security without loss of our liberty and rights as free men. They are alert to their own shortcomings, to the need for improvement, and if unhampered by government restriction and puni-

30 YEARS AGO

From Heppner Gazette Times January 8, 1920

The high cost of living has not overlooked the operation of the district, town, county or state affairs and the tax levy in Morrow county will be the highest in years, a levy of 43 mills for the taxpayer who lives in Heppner.

Miss Beulah Barker, a former teacher in the Heppner schools but now teaching at Echo, was married last week to Frank Helm of that place.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Green at their home in this city, Friday, January 2.

Marriage licenses were issued this week to William H. Garner and Lorraine Tafel, residents of North Morrow county, and George Legler of Hamilton and Leona Schmidt of Lexington.

The Palace hotel property was sold at bankrupt sale in this city Monday for \$8,500 to M. S. Corry.

Frank Gilliam was presented with a past master's gavel by his fellow members of Heppner lodge No. 69, A.F.&A.M. last Saturday evening. Mr. Gilliam is the oldest living member of the local lodge, his card dating from 1877, and his name is 16th on the roll.

W. H. Cronk, manager and Albert Adkins, salesman of the local Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co., D. L. Countryman and C. E. Kellogg of Lexington and Ione offices left Wednesday for Walla Walla to attend the annual convention of managers and salesmen of the company.

S. H. Boardman, godfather of Morrow county's northern town, and Col. Emmett Callahan, another one of Boardman's leading citizens, will form a part of the county's delegation to the irrigation congress which meets in Portland the last of the week.

The Christian church of Lexington now has a new piano as the result of enterprising efforts of the Endeavor society, says Rev. W. C. Worstell, pastor of the church who was in town Saturday.

There won't be any more holidays for Heppner school kids until June, says Supt. D. W. Bolt. School was resumed Monday after a two weeks' layoff.

The memberships of Willows lodge No. 66 and Rebekah lodge No. 33 were well represented at the watch party at the lodge room Wednesday evening.

J. T. Ayers has leased his Butter creek farm to J. B. Coxen and Frank Ayers for a term of two years.

Sans Souci Rebekah lodge held installation last Friday evening. Mrs. Sadie Sigbee was installing officer and the following officers were installed: N. G. Linnie Thornton; vice N. G. Lillian Turner; secretary, Opal Hall; treasurer, Pearl Chidsey.

men who do not play the game according to the rules set up by society eventually are expelled.

LOVING BETRAYAL

By ALFRED P. HAAKE

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Alfred P. Haake, Ph.D., Mayor of Park Ridge, Illinois, is a noted Economist, Business Consultant, Lecturer and Author.)

Some one has said that the road to Hell is paved with good intentions, but he did not tell us whether those who have paved that road go to Hell.

It would be interesting to know whether the well-meaning perpetrator of truth, the betrayer of those whom he loves, and the destroyer of that which he seeks to build are judged by their intentions or by the results of their actions—when the Great Judge renders his final verdict.

We need not answer that question here, but it is important to know that motives, no matter how good, cannot prevent operation of the law of cause and effect.

The doctor who mistakenly prescribes arsenic to cure heart trouble does not thereby prevent the poison from killing his patient, no matter how earnest his hopes that the patient will get well.

The architect does not prevent destruction of the house he builds if he ignores the laws of physics in trying to save money for his client.

The teacher who loves his students does not thereby change the laws of psychology which wreck the boy who is mistakenly taught to rely entirely upon others.

So with the political and economic policies of a nation. We know that the communist wants to destroy capitalism and thereby tear down the prosperous economic structure which we have built in the United States. He wants to set up government control over our lives and subjugate the individual to the state. He sees Jesus of Nazareth with his gospel of love as the mortal enemy of Karl Marx with his doctrine of class hate.

But the communist is too wise to attack in the open with clear avowal of his real purpose. He makes the attack in the name of democracy and humanitarianism, seeking to enlist for his fell purposes the aid of the very elements he seeks to destroy.

And so, many a devout church member, or worker for good, accepts the extravagant spending and accumulation of public debt as means to foster the welfare of individuals less fortunate than himself, and to provide easy help for the projects he would serve. He does this out of love for his fellow man, to establish the reign of plenty for all men on earth.

But, whether the purpose behind the extravagant spending, subsidies, government control and piling up of debts be to wreck the capitalistic system quickly, as is the aim of the communists and his socialistic pals—or whether it be in the name of democracy to promote humanitarian purposes, as is the hope of the devout and the good—THE END RESULT IS THE SAME in either case. It brings destruction to our traditional American freedom and self-reliance, the setting up of bureaucratic controls which ultimately enslave the individual, lower his standard of living, and ultimately destroy the church itself.

So the devout church member can become fellow-traveler to the communist without realizing it, and neither the purity nor the nobility of his motives prevents him from serving as ally to the destroyers of his country and its basic freedoms. His methods defeat his purpose.

Sheer love for humanity does not save humanity when those who love it use the methods that ultimately destroy the objects of their love. It then becomes loving betrayal.

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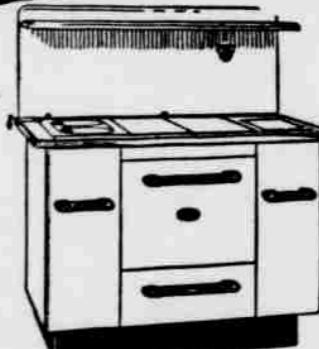


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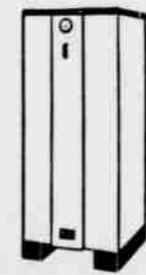
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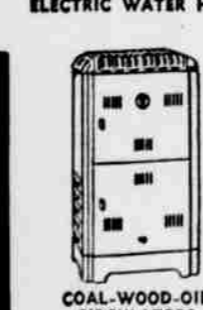


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