EDITORIAL

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On Letters To The Editor

In another column will be found letters to the editor relative to the proposed union high school. On perusing the contents it will be found that both favor the proposal and both view it on the grounds upon which it should be viewed-strictly on its merits.

The Gazette Times believes the proposed school is of sufficient importance to warrant free and open discussion. In presenting it to its readers last week it was hoped that the good and bad features would be brought to the attention of the taxpayers. To do that in an unbiased manner, the columns are open to a limited number of letters each week so long as Morrow county taxpayers wish to avail themselves of an opportunity to give public expression to their opinions.

There are some things to bear in mind in making such contributions. One is that our space is limited. Another is that only those letters confined to a discussion of the subject strictly on its his position on the proposed Columbia Valley when available rather than when merits will be given space and all letters must be signed by the contributor. Prejudices, or biased opinions will not settle points one way or the other. The sole object of the Rural School Board, and that objective is shared by this newspaper, is to ascertain whether or not there is sufficient sentiment in favor of a union high school to warrant the RSB in paving the way for holding an election. The present activity is not a campaign for or against the proposal. The superintendent's office is keeping a check on the "for "and "against" expressions to determine ,over a sufficient length of time just what the real sentiment amounts to. No move will be made that is not fully warranted. In other words, the school board or no other group or individual is trying to put something over.

If you have a valuable contribution to make to this discussion, we welcome your copy.

Hastening "Evil Day"

Granting permission to the county court to divert overflow from septic tanks at the hospital into Willow creek was admittedly acting against the better judgment of the members of the state board of health ,and it might well be considered a question of hastening the "evil day"-the time when Heppner will be able to boast of having a sewer system. There was one thing only that prompted the state board to reverse the usual order and that is the interest of its personnel in seeing the Morrow County Memorial hospital get

If the property owners in the vicinity of the disposal line running from the hospital to Willow creek become users of that line and join with the county in bearing the expense of building it, they will do so with the understanding that it is a temporary arrangement and that eventually they will be called upon to bear their just share of a general system to be put in by the city. It is believed that the hospital line, while operating under a temporary set up, should be constructed on a permanent basis so that it can be connected of. In other words, if this program should be with the main trunk line that will run through adopted, 27 men would control the basic resources

The city council as a whole agreed with Judge Garnet Barratt Monday evening that the proposed line should be given permanent status. That body also agreed that the city should use its influence in getting property owners to connect with the line. The council is becoming a bit impatient. When the authority of the people over their reover the delay in getting an opinion from the sources and taxing power goes, freedom goes bonding attorneys relative to Heppner's proposed sewer bond issue and from all accounts there is nothing that can be done to hasten an early decision. The city is anxious to submit the sewer proposal to a vote of the people, but the council's hands are tied until the asked for approval is forthcoming.

It is unfortunate that the city has not been able to go shead on a sewer system ere this. In the matter of the hospital alone, there would have been the possibility of a donation of better than \$7,000 to the sewer fund if the county had not been obliged to put in its own disposal system. It has been stated on good authority that Heppner has lost the prospect of several fine residences due to the lack of a sewer system. On the other hand there are a number of people who are delaying building because they don't want to invest in septic tanks only to have a disposal system built, perhaps by the time they get nicely settled.

It is with the expectation that Heppner will build a sewer system that the state board of health granted permission to the county court to use Willow creek as an outlet for overflow from the hospital tanks. That privilege will not be permitted to run indefinitely. The board is not clothed with authority to come in and order a sewer system built, but it does have authority to close streams against what it considers improper use in sewage disposal and when the time comes for it to act, users of the streams for septic tank overflow purposes may find themselves in an embarrassing spot.

There's That Man Again!

Just when the natives thought spring was right around the corner, Old Man Winter threw his machine in reverse and backed up over the greater part of the country, especially the northwest, middie west and northeast. Accounts of lowering

temperatures came from the territory below the past several years to discussions Mason and Dixon line Tuesday evening as the with arguments for and against a union high school for students most severe storm of the winter swept down from the Canadian wilds. California was again visited ton, and Ione. by freezing temperatures and it was reported that Seattle would experience a cold snap bordering I have turned over in my mind

Morrow county farmers had no complaint about the snow that covered most of the area to have been a great deal better had a depth of eleven or twelve inches. When that there been an opportunity for me snow came the ground was in good condition to receive it. When it left, most of it disappeared into the ground. And the moisture content was given. I attended a high school from 1.68 inches up, according to the depth of with approximately the same enthe snow. Warm rains that helped remove the have been reminded many times snow over the week-end also added to the mois- in my high school and college ture entering the ground.

"Broad And Capricious Powers'

Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon has clarified be fitted into one's curriculum Authority. He is 100 per cent opposed to it. In essence, this opposition is based on three distinct

First, Senator Morse believes that the bill places broad arbitrary and capricious administrative power over the economy of the Pacific Northwest in the hands of three presidential appointees whose decisions are not subject to im mediate and effective check by the people who are affected by those decisions."

Second, he said, "I believe the pending CVA bill violates a basic principle of local self-govern ment because it fails to give the people of the Pacific Northwest a voting voice in the determination of CVA policies."

Third, he concluded, "I think there are better ways of accomplishing a sound program of coor dination between and among the various agencies." In this regard, he said that he favors the major Hoover Commission recommendations dealing with overlapping government bureaus con cerned with power, reclamation, and so on.

Senator Morse's first two points are important ones. CVA-to an even greater degree than TVA -would mean the beginning of the end of local self-government, local authority, local independence. The issue thus raised is certainly not restricted to the Pacific Northwest or any single region. It is national through and through. One reason why CVA is being pushed so hard is that it is to be the pattern for identical government corporations which would interlock and enmesh the whole country. To take a current example, President Truman, in his State of the Nation address, urged that the power program be enlarged to include regions "where the benefits of largescale public power development have not yet been makes a country. With so many experienced," and specifically mentioned New of them now attending high

All in all, nine authorities of the CVA type are planned, each to be controlled by a three-man board with the "broad arbitrary and capricious difference in operation of a union administrative powers" which Senator Morse spoke of the United States. The 27 men, with virtuall unlimited amounts of tax money at their command, and operating tax-exempt public plants, would tell all of us what we could and could not

If this isn't a pattern of dictatorship, what is?

Letters to the Editor . . .

I have listened intently the now atending Heppner, Lexing-While listening and exploring the many facts and figures that have been presented on not more than five or six degrees above zero, my educational experience and have convinced myself that my preparation for college would to attend a union high school as now proposed here.

Several reasons for this can be vantage, Why? There are many reasons. First, the subjects offered were limited. Many were of fered every other year and had to student was ready for them. Many of the basic courses needed in preparation for college were ot offered. Secondly, the extraurricular activities (which many people will argue does not add imited. These activities are vially Important, I believe, in preonditions and to create a sense of interest in a person. They give the making of an individual.

I believe that all smaller high large scale. nools are handicapped such as unded education with a pep-

Last but not least, I can't help out remark, my primary interest eing in agriculture, relative to a ocational agricultural departent. Every boy, especially from arry agricultural subjects. These gricultural subjects are of far ss value to the student unless night to practical use. A vocaional agricultural department to qual any could be established the proposed union high school or south Morrow county, I know the lone boys want this, the Lex-ington boys should, but I have not heard their expressions.

preparation for adulthood is what to do so. The same is true of all of them now attending high ually own practically all the in proportion to the amount of school, should we not provide evolwealth of the country and our wealth greated. Whenever Capierything possible, even at an exof dollars more than the actual of dollars more than the actual colling of this ideal state of economic and controlling, a maximum of

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high compared to our present

Editor Heppner Gazette Times:

Dear Editor: As a parent, a taxpayer and a believer in the best possible educational opportunities for my chil. dren, I should like to commend the members of the Rural School Board for bringing before the public the facts regarding the feasibility of a union high school.

How can this objective be met in today.

Very truly yours,

inferior schools? It would seem hat a union high school would be the solution to this problem as well as many others facing N. C. Anderson hese school districts. Morrow Co. Agricultural Agent.

I urge every parent, taxpayer and friend of education to ge behind this movement. To provide better educational facilities would be one of the finest things we might do for our children.

Sincerely yours, Bonnie B. McClintock.

Population of what is now the easibility of a union high school.
One of the chief objectives of imatley 10,000 in territorial days modern education is to meet the needs and interests of the child. a century ago an estimated one needs and interests of the child. million, five hundred thousand and W. L. McCaleb, county road

The American Way

WHAT IS COMMUNISM? By George Peck

apitalism, the workers are exoited and ground down. When self-appointed rulers. Marx published his theory there was some basis for his castiga- all incentive . Why should a cently bought the Ambier place tion of Capitalism. But this no

of what they help to produce. Communism concentrates all ply himself so diligently? In wealth, control of all jobs and America, under Capitalism, the paring the student to meet social free speech into the hands of skilled and industrious worker very few people. Inevitably this gets an equitable reward plus leads to dictatorship. That is ex- the opportunity to advance to an the student an opportunity to ex. actly what happened in Russia, executive position. As proof of ress himself and sometimes this the only major country in which this latter, take a look at thous-Communism has been tried on a ands of men now holding key

Communism presupposes that who started at the bench. the one I attended—some more all people are equal Capitalism Communism is an idealistic than others. Graduates from knows this to be a fallacy but but thouroughly impractical and hese high schools are not going does believe that all people unworkable theory . This will be o get as much out of college as should have equal opportunity, true just as long as human be-he student who has had a well When Stalin became dictator of ings are human. To aspire to Russia, his first move was to turn better things; the ambitton to pering of exta-curricular activi- sharply away from Communism. outstrip one's fellows is but hules. College days are going to He publicly declared that all man. In the earlier days of manand productivity. He stated that man." Since then civilization has worker who worked harder and have better food, better clothing and who exercises it, who works hould have the opportunity to and a better home in which to his way to the top of the heap.

This was tantamount to a confession that wealth cannot and e can actually put the practices should not be distributed equul-AND right there Stalin threw Kerl Marx and his Utopian thery of Communism into the ash an. Under Communism the peode HAVE to be governed by a small group of men. A people who will submit to this kind of rule are not fit to govern them-The training our youth get in selves and should not be allowed collective systems.

> In America the people individlawmakers are our elected reto place more and more wealth hand, wherever Communism has in the hands of our Federal Gov- operated, creation of wealth has of more and more jobs ,these ducible minimum

Communism is based on a the-, lawmakers will cease to be our ry by Karl Marx that under elected representatives and become instead our un-elected and

worker try to do a better job; longer applies, because today why should he work harder if under the Capitalistic System his reward is only to be equal the workers get the lion's share to that of another worker who has less ability and does not ap-

positions in American industry

vorkers should not share alike kind it was the fellow with the ut that each should be paid ac- strongest muscle, and who exerording to his individual ability cised it, who became the "boss marched on until today it is the etter than his fellows should fellow with the strongest brain There is no wan aristocracy of brains and such a hierarchy will not stomach Communism. Either it must operate under a Republic, or sit in the saddle of a

Dictatorship.

The greatest benefit for the naterial welfare of mankind comes not from placing control as under Communism, but from allowing and encouraging a wide distribution of wealth, with special awards as incentive to those who create it, as under Capitalism. The standard of living of any people can rise only wealth created. Whenever Capi talism- is permitted to operate political affairs. If we continue wealth is created. On the other ernment, thus giving it control been cut down to an almost irre-

CROSS CROSSINGS CAUTIOUSLY By Maurice R. Franks

The railroads have spent con- before us on socialized industry, siderable time and money pro moting "Safety First." Every rail-Heppner, Oregon, as second road has a "Safety First" department for research and dissemi nation of this educational mat-ter. As a result, accidents have They tell of the Utopia lying been reduced.

> Slogans were coined to promote "Safety First" consciousness, "Stop, Look and Listen!" and "Cross Crossings Cautiously! are examples.

When we think of "Safety First" it is generally in terms of accident prevention reducing hazards of transportation and saving lives and limbs. Howevet, this is only one phase of "Safety First." Other angles of safety need attention.

Dangerous propaganda is be ing piled on the track of public opinion for the purpose of derailing our railroads into the ditch of government ownership. The train of agitation, discrediting the present managerial ability of the railroad and the Railroad Brotherhoods is going full speed ahead ,and unless the brakes are applied immediately there is bound to be a terrible wreck. Our railroads are the spinal column of industry, and no one realizes this more than the enemies of our Republic who, to the shoulders of the very people destroy our American Way of Life, are hitting at the spinal

During the First World War our railroads were under government and poitical control. Many of politicians were honorable, but few capable. The reto meet the needs of that time. When the government finally realized that it takes railroad men We should have learned that private ownership is superior beder private ownership.

Despite the evidence that Hes Crossings Cautiously!"

he "flannel mouths" are trying o dupe us again, and this time their strategy knows no limit They are using every trick to ahead for railroad men and the public under government ownership; of high wages and shorter hours: and low taxation that will ome with government control But they do not tell of condi-tions that exist today in counries where similar promises

vere made as for instance:

The Dominion of Canada oper ites two major railroad systems the Canadian Pacific Raillway and the Canadian National Rail way. The C. P. R. is privately wned and operated, the same as American railroads, while the C. N. R. is governmentally owned and operated. The private ly owned railfroad, with all its obligation such as high taxes. dividends to stockholders and al the expense that goes with operation of a private enterprise has continually rendered superfor service to the public at a profit. The C. N. R., its competitor, with no taxes, no stockholders, has been losing many millions of dollars each year, and this burden has in turn fallen on who were promised Heaven on earth. This is a fair example of what happens under permanent government ownership of railroads, in fact, of all public

utilities. If the "big-hearted" advocates of government ownership could sult was that our railroads failed actually deliver the goods to railroad men by giving them top wages, better working conditions. etc., isn't it obvious that the to operate railroads ,they turned Railroad Brotherhoods would them back to private ownership, cease to function in accordance in a condition that was most with their objectives, because undisheartening. This should have der this system there would be been a lesson to every American. no need to bargain collectively. Our Republic at this moment is at the crossroads, and if we de cause it promotes incentive and sire to keep our present form of progress. In World War II the government we should heed the railroads performed miracles un-der private ownership. lessons of "Safety First;" to "Stop, Look and Listen!" and "Cross

30 YEARS AGO

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keting are R. W. Turner, E. M. Hulden and W. T. Campbell.

County Agent L. A. Hunt, Adam Knoblock, chairman of road committee of the Farm Bureau, W. vention. master, left Monday to go over the proposed Irrigon-Boardman road to Heppner.

T. M. Rippee, Butter Creek farmer, returned Sunday from Portland where he went last week to take initiatory work in the An cient Order of the Mystic Shrine Mrs. Frankie Luper left Tues day for Portland where she will spend some time selecting her stock of spring millinery. During her absence the store will be in the hands of Mrs. Waters, C. W. McNamer, one of the pro-

prietors of the Central Market of this city has purchased a small farm near Ione, having just re Communism kills all initiative, just outside the city limits.

The executive committee of the that the association take up the sion.

of furnishing prope equipment of a play ground for Morrow county farmers who the grades. A ways and means have been named as members of committee was appointed conan Eastern Oregon committee to sisting of Mrs. Frank Turner, Mrs. work out a plan for wheat mar- S. E. Notson, Mrs. T J. Humph-

reys and Ms. W. B. Barratt. Heppner will be the mecca for nembers of the Knights of Py thias of Morrow and Gilliam counties when they gather here next Tuesday for a district con-

'Alex Green purchased the 960 acre wheat ranch Tuesday from Walter Rood.

Many families are under quar antine for the influenza.

Mrs. J. F. McMillan and Miss Velma Brown of Lexington were shopping in Heppner Wednesday. Members from the Morrow County Farm Bureau and from the Heppner commercial club met in County Agent Hunt's office Saturday evening to discuss plans for a bigger fair. A stock company was organized. A race track is needed and more accommodations for the housing of stock. A committee was appointed to draft definite plans for the organization to be submitted to the coun-

Heppner P. T. A. recommended by court at its next regular ses-

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