

EDITORIAL



On Letters To The Editor

In another column will be found letters to the editor relative to the proposed union high school.

The Gazette Times believes the proposed school is of sufficient importance to warrant free and open discussion.

There are some things to bear in mind in making such contributions. One is that our space is limited.

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.

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.

The city council as a whole agreed with Judge Garnet Barratt Monday evening that the proposed line should be given permanent status.

It is unfortunate that the city has not been able to go ahead on a sewer system ere this.

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.

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.

temperatures came from the territory below the Mason and Dixon line Tuesday evening as the most severe storm of the winter swept down from the Canadian wilds.

Morrow county farmers had no complaint about the snow that covered most of the area to a depth of eleven or twelve inches.

"Broad And Capricious Powers"

Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon has clarified his position on the proposed Columbia Valley Authority. He is 100 per cent opposed to it.

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 immediate 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-government 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 coordination between and among the various agencies."

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.

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 administrative powers" which Senator Morse spoke of.

If this isn't a pattern of dictatorship, what is? The authority of the people over their resources and taxing power goes, freedom goes with it.

Letters to the Editor

Editor Heppner Gazette Times:

I have listened intently the past several years to discussions with arguments for and against a union high school for students now attending Heppner, Lexington, and Ione.

Several reasons for this can be given. I attended a high school with approximately the same enrollment Ione has this year.

I believe that all smaller high schools are handicapped such as the one I attended—some more than others.

Last but not least, I can't help but remark, my primary interest being in agriculture, relative to a vocational agricultural department.

The training our youth get in preparation for adulthood is what makes a country. With so many of them now attending high school, should we not provide everything possible, even at an extra expense of many thousands of dollars more than the actual difference in operation of a union

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high compared to our present system? Very truly yours, N. C. Anderson, Morrow Co. Agricultural Agent.

Dear Editor: As a parent, a taxpayer and a believer in the best possible educational opportunities for my children, 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.

One of the chief objectives of modern education is to meet the needs and interests of the child. How can this objective be met in

The American Way

WHAT IS COMMUNISM? By George Peck

Communism is based on a theory by Karl Marx that under Capitalism, the workers are exploited and ground down.

Communism concentrates all wealth, control of all jobs and free speech into the hands of very few people.

Communism presupposes that all people are equal. Capitalism knows this to be a fallacy but does believe that all people should have equal opportunity.

This was tantamount to a confession that wealth cannot and should not be distributed equally.

In America the people individually own practically all the wealth of the country and our lawmakers are our elected representatives.

CROSS CROSSINGS CAUTIOUSLY

By Maurice R. Franks

The railroads have spent considerable time and money promoting "Safety First." Every railroad has a "Safety First" department for research and dissemination of this educational matter.

When we think of "Safety First" it is generally in terms of accident prevention, reducing hazards of transportation and saving lives and limbs.

Dangerous propaganda is being piled on the track of public opinion for the purpose of derailing our railroads into the ditch of government ownership.

During the First World War our railroads were under government and political control. Many of these politicians were honorable, but few capable.

inferior schools? It would seem that a union high school would be the solution to this problem as well as many others facing these school districts.

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

Population of what is now the state of Oregon grew from approximately 10,000 in territorial days a century ago an estimated one million, five hundred thousand today.

lawmakers will cease to be our elected representatives and become instead our unelected and self-appointed rulers.

Communism is an idealistic but thoroughly impractical and unworkable theory.

The greatest benefit for the material welfare of mankind comes not from placing control of wealth in the hands of a few, as under Communism, but from allowing and encouraging a wide distribution of wealth.

The Dominion of Canada operates two major railroad systems, the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Canadian National Railway.

If the "big-hearted" advocates of government ownership could actually deliver the goods to railroad men by giving them top wages, better working conditions, etc. isn't it obvious that the Railroad Brotherhoods would cease to function in accordance with their objectives?

Our Republic at this moment is at the crossroads, and if we desire to keep our present form of government we should heed the lessons of "Safety First," to "Stop, Look and Listen!" and "Cross Crossings Cautiously!"

30 YEARS AGO

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Morrow county farmers who have been named as members of an Eastern Oregon committee to work out a plan for wheat marketing are R. W. Turner, E. M. Halden and W. T. Campbell.

County Agent L. A. Hunt, Adam Knoblock, chairman of road committee of the Farm Bureau, W. O. Minor, county road reviewer, and W. L. McCaleb, county road 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 Ancient Order of the Mystic Shrine.

The executive committee of the Heppner P. T. A. recommended that the association take up the

matter of furnishing proper equipment of a play ground for the grades. A ways and means committee was appointed consisting of Mrs. Frank Turner, Mrs. S. E. Notson, Mrs. T. J. Humphreys and Ms. W. B. Barratt.

Heppner will be the mecca for members of the Knights of Pythias of Morrow and Gilliam counties when they gather here next Tuesday for a district convention.

Alex Green purchased the 900 acre wheat ranch Tuesday from Walter Road.

Many families are under quarantine 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.

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