

EDITORIAL



The FBI'S Confidential Files

Since Senator McCarthy has raised such a stir in high political circles the question has arisen about opening the confidential files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"First, opening the files would gravely damage the Bureau's future efforts in obtaining confidential information, by disclosing the names of informants.

"Second, opening the files could do the most serious and unwarranted injustice to individuals. The files contain complaints and allegations—not only facts—which may or may not be true.

"Mr. Hoover makes it plain that opening these files could very well both endanger the national security and commit profound injustices on good citizens."

Good Rainy Day Protection

Purchasers of government bonds may sometimes feel they are providing the government spenders with more money with which to finance political experiments, and they may be justified to a certain extent for feeling that way about it.

The real value of the bonds has been demonstrated more than once right here in Oregon since wartime industries shut down. Business concerns "viewed with alarm" the pending closure of large shipyards and other operations employing thousands of workers.

As recently as the past winter, shutdowns in Oregon industries placed the state at the top of unemployment in the nation. It was fortunate that many of the families affected by the shutdowns had bonds they bought during the war and since.

Whether one buys bonds, postal savings, life insurance, or follows a policy of saving so much from the weekly income regularly, it is a good thing to have something tucked away that can be drawn on in times of need.

East Oregonian Comes of Age

This country still seems too young to have a newspaper reach the ripe old age of seventy-five years and it was with something of a surprise that we learned the East Oregonian had been enlightening the people of a large part of Eastern Oregon for three quarters of a century.

75th Anniversary edition, heavier than the Sunday Oregonian was removed from the post office box. And the poundage was not all that was heavy about the edition.

The East Oregonian could not have picked a more appropriate time to observe its seventy-fifth birthday. With the great development taking place in Umatilla county there is every incentive for a special edition and the newspaper made good use of all facilities at hand.

Trend of the Times

A short time ago the Saturday Evening Post printed an article called "The Federal Snoops Are After Me," written by Robinson McIlvaine, publisher of the Downingtown, Pennsylvania, Archive.

Newspapers of less than 4,000 circulation are exempt from the Wages and Hours Act, and Mr. McIlvaine assumed that his Archive, with a circulation of about 1,600, naturally fell into this category.

That was only the beginning of the troubles. It had been a common practice for years for groups of people, young and old, to drop in at the little plant each Wednesday evening and fold the papers for mailing next day.

Some time later the Wage and Hour people moved again. Mr. McIlvaine was ordered to pay \$744.25 in back wages, which he didn't have.

Most amazing of all, \$582 of the back wages, according to the Wage and Hour division, had to be paid to himself! Apparently he'd been taking out less than the proper salary and that just wasn't legal.

Mr. McIlvaine cites more instances of this sort, and observes that the Archives' dosier at the Wage and Hour office "is now about 15 inches thick and it would be hard to estimate how many of our tax dollars were spent on this investigation."

The G-T Drops a Column

It is not the desire of the management to be making changes in the makeup of the Gazette Times, but we find ourselves involved in the second change within a span of four years.



George Peck

The American Way

FEWER RELIGIONS MORE RELIGION

By George Peck

What America and the world need today is fewer religions and more religion; fewer tenets, rituals, and dogmas and a heap more of the milk of human kindness.

Most of the misfortunes of mankind are brought about by the failure of individuals to respect the rights and feelings of others, by their total disregard of the spirit of the "Golden Rule," which rule is the fundamental tenet of all religions.

Many people have the idea that the baser qualities of mankind can be cured by government legislation, regulation and handouts. How wrong they are!

Others believe that regularly attending church, or financially supporting a church, ends their obligation to society. Either or both are praiseworthy and are to be encouraged, but, by themselves alone, will not bring about the redemption of mankind.

Only by being patient, more understanding, more thoughtful, more tolerant of those with whom we mingle, can a better America and a better world be achieved.

Within the last thirty-three years America has fought two great wars against cruelty and oppression — against the pagan doctrine that any nation has the right to force its dictum on another people.

Did we fight these two shooting wars in vain; are we now fighting a losing war? An honest appraisal reveals that we did

and are. Unless America experiences a spiritual regeneration; if we do not substitute the words "sympathy, understanding and sacrifice" for "my rights and gimmie," it is inevitable that we will lose the cold war.

There is too much hatred, brutality and suffering running rampant throughout the world today. As the most prosperous and enlightened nation on earth, it behooves us to set an example for the rest of the world.

Self-sacrifice is the child of love, and love is of the being of God. Yes, we need fewer religions and more religion—less hatred and more love—less cursing and more prayer—fewer "gimmies" and more giving.

30 Years Ago

HEPPNER GAZETTE TIMES May 6, 1920

Levi Hansford, a brother of James Hansford of this city, dropped dead on Main street about 6 p.m. Tuesday evening.

Fire completely destroyed the farm house of Adam Blahm, four miles below Heppner, one day last week.

The city dads are looking forward to the cooperation of every Heppnerite in keeping the city streets clean and free from waste paper and other rubbish.

Advertisement for Peterson's Jewelers featuring various silverware items like forks, knives, and spoons, with the slogan 'For Mother' and 'Here are gifts Mother will appreciate receiving...'

Peterson's - Jewelers

The Heppner band will give its second concert Sunday afternoon at the Fair pavilion.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Young left the first of the week for their new home at Aloha, Oregon.

Due to the sudden illness of Miss Bernice Sigsbee, one of the star actresses in the school play, "The Thirteenth Star," the performance which was scheduled for Friday evening has been postponed.

Mrs. Mary E. Hayes died in this city Monday after a long illness, at the age of 61 years. Her husband, Joseph C. Hayes, had preceded her in death by only a few weeks.

Laxton McMurray and Manny Pettys of Jordan Siding were in Heppner Wednesday. They are now busy in the irrigation game, getting water on their alfalfa fields while the getting is good.

A temple of Pythian Sisters was instituted in Heppner last

Thursday evening. The lodge will meet on the second and fourth Friday of each month.

PRINTER LEAVES

Thomas W. Allen, who has been printer-pressman on the Gazette Times since August 1948, left Sunday afternoon for southern California to visit members of his family and look around for a new position.

"Tommy" is one of that fast fading number of all round printers who doesn't have to search very far or diligently for work, but getting a little on the sunset side of life he wants to be free to come and go as he pleases.

Advertisement for FANCY WORK SALE by Lexington Ladies Aid on MAY 10, 2 to 5 P. M. in Aid Room. Also advertisement for HEPPNER SAND & GRAVEL CO. by Henry G. Peck, located North of Highway across from Interior Warehouse.

PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY listing various professionals including attorneys (JOS. J. NYS, J. O. TURNER, P. W. MAHONEY), dentists (Jack A. Woodhall), doctors (Dr. L. D. Tibbles, Dr. C. C. Dunham, RICHARD J. O'SHEA, M. D.), insurance agencies (Blaine E. Isom), and funeral homes (Phelps Funeral Home, Heppner City Council).