

# EDITORIAL



## Grass Roots Folks Not for CVA

This is being written before President Truman addresses the throng of Inland Empire citizens at Pendleton and while we do not know what the text of his address will be, it is safe to assert that the Columbia Valley Authority will be given a generous part of his time. It will be an opportune time to tell the people about the great things the government is doing and plans to do for them and so far as the speaker is concerned there will be no opposition in the minds of anyone present unless there should be representatives of the power interests.

Be that as it may, the gentleman who is the chief exponent of the CVA and other socialistic schemes should be reminded that at this time 271 Pacific Northwest organizations, after studying the provisions of the proposed authority, are solidly against it. Latest of these groups is the Idaho Agricultural Council, which consists of the presidents of eighteen major farm groups. Since this council represents the united voice of farm groups in Idaho on matters relating to congressional hearings, freight rates, public utility hearings, etc., one realizes that they are not the tools of any one, but study and work out their problems from the grass roots and take action as a result of their findings.

The trouble of the whole situation lies in the fact that the trend towards the welfare state—socialism, if you please—already has become so strong that nothing short of an upheaval of sentiment in the way of votes will check its progress. It has become so deeply entrenched that employees of the Bonneville Power Administration, and we presume the TVA and other similar "authorities," consider the program in effect. If any direct evidence is needed to prove this belief, read about the experience Tom Hall, a small dairy farmer and state senator of Skamokawa, Washington had recently. "I attended the last session of the state grange, the convention at Pullman. I presented an analysis of this bill (S. 1645 CVA bill) to the committee considering it, and when I came out of that meeting I was followed by an employee of the Bonneville Power Administration, who said to me, 'Senator Hall, you evidently don't understand the system of horizontal development of government.' And I said, 'No, I guess I don't.' Well, he explained it in this manner: 'Powers which were previously granted to an administrative agency to cover the whole country are done away with, and a lot of power is given to a few men over a particular section of the country, and a number of us believe that is the way this country should be run,' and so they have decided on this way in order to do it. And this isn't the only proposal. They have nine other proposals similar to this which would divide the United States into nine regions presided over by 27 men appointed by the President, who have more power over the economic development of an area than any agency of government at the present time, and I submit to you that if that is the plan we should consider it from the standpoint of what it will do to our present form of government."

This puts it up to decide whether we want to sell more of our freedom down the river or stand by the form of government our forefathers framed for us. That decision must be made now, by opposing CVA and other socialistic schemes and supporting development plans along non-political lines.

## Results Not Surprising

Results of the school district consolidation election May 2 were not surprising, although disappointing. People are afraid of more taxes and feel that the only way to keep from paying more is to vote down proposals that call for increased millages. The trouble is that too often we vote more or less blindly or at least fail to see both sides of an issue and justice is not done. This, to some extent, was the case in the May 2 voting.

One is led to that conclusion when the only objection voiced was that "We are paying too many taxes now. If we sanction a new school building, that will be only the beginning of more taxes."

There has been no direct argument against acquiring additional school facilities. Any person sufficiently interested to inquire could readily find that the present facilities have been overcrowded for several years. It was that way eight years ago. It is that way today, although some additional space was attained by moving the heating plant out of the main building and rearranging the ground floor to accommodate classes that were being added from outlying districts; bus service was increased. More requests were coming in for student accommodations until the board of District No. 1 took under advisement the construction of a grade building to care for the first six grades at least and thus make room for the high school in the present building. Without room for expansion the high school can not be brought up to standard requirements. Thus, the money spent in operating the school has not bought as much for the district as similar amounts have done in districts that maintain standard high schools.

Some of the districts to the south and southwest of Heppner that voted to consolidate a few years ago did so with the understanding that special levies would be made to provide an improvement fund and to acquire land for a new grade school building. They appreciated the fact that District No. 1 could not raise the necessary funds without imposing a high millage on the then existing valuation, something under \$1 million. During the time aforementioned districts were sending their students to town, some of the districts petitioning for a vote on consolidation in the recent election were sending their children to Heppner. The board of District No. 1, in planning for a grade school building, felt justified in seeking consolidation with these districts on the grounds that the first districts were paying their share of school expense as well as helping share those of the other districts. This was presented to the petitioners but when voting time came there seems to have been a change of heart.

These districts have been told that District Number 1 can no longer accommodate their children under the existing arrangement. Just what this will result in is not foreseeable at the present, but it is possible to call another election in the immediate future if opponents to the proposal wish to fall in line and go for better schooling. It has always been the writer's contention that we pay for what we get. If we try to save at the expense of good judgment, or if we think we are getting by at the expense of others, our time always comes to pay and we have to make up to a larger extent than our pseudo savings amounted to.

A community is judged by the kind of schools it maintains. The present move for expanded facilities comes in answer to a pressing demand, not because the board of directors wants to shoulder the responsibility for a new building but because there is no other alternative. If it were possible to erect a building for \$100,000 that would meet the demand for space and at the same time fulfill the requirements of the State Department of Education, the board would cheerfully accept such a plan. Under present building costs it is fortunate that the district can get off for \$200,000. This cost to a district with an approximate valuation of \$4,500,000 would add only a few mills to the taxpayer's bill, perhaps not to exceed \$100 to the larger checks. That money would go for something to better conditions at home rather than go to Washington to be spent in great public works that will not bring direct benefit to us. It would go a long way toward building community solidarity, a union of town and rural interests, for after all, a town and its surrounding territory is measured by the standard of its schools.

## The American Way

### COMPULSORY MEDICINE EXPOSED

By Morton Clausen

(Editor's Note: Morton Clausen was for many years publisher and editor of a weekly-news-paper.)

Most of us have heard much, pro and con, about socialized medicine. Perhaps we have wondered as to what really is the truth in the matter; but there seemed no place we could go for competent, unbiased information.

This lack has now been remedied. Hot off the presses is a new book by Melchoir Palyi, an American citizen of Hungarian descent, a distinguished, internationally recognized educator, author, economist and financial expert, who for nearly twenty-five years lived and observed the ebb and flow of "power politics" in Europe.

His book, "Compulsory Medical Care and the Welfare State," is deserving of careful reading and study by everyone interested in the future of America.

Here we have a book that is more than just theories. It is a documentary proof of what has happened in every major country where socialized medicine has been instituted and practiced, not only in modern times, but also in the recorded pages of a dim historic past.

The author, in marshalling facts to prove his statements, leaves us with the ghastly realization that socialized medicine, or compulsory medical care, is a movement so fraught with danger to man's freedom that we must think long and seriously before yielding such sweeping powers to the State.

More than that, it leaves us with the sickening realization that under the guise of humanitarianism, political groups are seeking, through socialized medicine, to create a bureaucratic Frankenstein that will ultimately extend into every avenue of human endeavor, from cradle to grave.

If you think socialized medicine will insure better health, read in this book how the mass psychology, under such a system, becomes infected with chronic phobias destructive to mind and body, thus lowering a nation's health status to levels more dangerous than has ever been experienced under the most adverse conditions in a free society.

Nor does the medical profession itself remain unscathed. Under socialized medicine the status of excellence of the doctor is reduced to the lowest common denominator, which becomes on a par with that of the inexperienced interne. In England this demoralization of quality in the medical profession has reached a stage where steps are being considered under which a doctor may be admitted to practice with considerable less training and education than has hitherto been required.

From an economic standpoint, socialized medicine has proved an item definitely ruinous to a nation's economic stability. No one can clearly foresee or estimate the billions of tax dollars that may be required for even the most rigidly defined government health program.

Nor is the direct cost to the taxpayer the only economic item to be considered. Socialized medicine robs the individual of incentive and initiative, increases industrial strife, creates greater absenteeism, fosters radicalism, and weakens respect for law and order, thus indirectly adding billions of dollars to the nation's economic toll.

Yes, this is definitely a book all discerning Americans should read. Every paragraph is replete with authentic information, and every sentence is a challenge to

those who still believe in the American way of life.

I obtained my copy of "Compulsory Medical Care and the Welfare State" from National Institute of Professional Services, Inc., 75 East Wacker Drive, Chicago 1, Illinois, and it cost me only \$2.00 for this wealth of information. It is my understanding that this organization has more copies available.

## 30 Years Ago

HEPPNER GAZETTE TIMES

Thursday, May 13, 1920

Following a blow out of a rear wheel the car skidded and flopped over on its side on lower Gale street last Sunday. Occupants of the vehicle, Barney Ward, John Kelley and Emil Groshen were fortunate in escaping serious injury.

The Heppner P.T.A. held an election of officers at the school house Tuesday afternoon. Officers for the ensuing year are Mrs. C. E. Woodson, president; Mrs. F. W. Turner, vice-president; Mrs. A. M. Phelps, secretary and Mrs. W. B. Barratt, treasurer.

A number of Heppner people are confined to their homes this week with the mumps. Among them are Carl Haynie, Carol Shinto, Mrs. H. C. Githens, Ruby Corrigal and Earl Cronk.

The past winter proved to be exceptionally hard on fruit trees, according to Harry Cummings, local nurseryman who says there will be no peach crop this year.

Albert Matteson passed away at his home in the city Tuesday May 11 after a lingering illness. He had been a resident of Morrow county 45 years.

Clive Huston was in town Monday from his farm home in Sour Dough Canyon and announces that he will soon start work on his new house.

David E. Leach, aged 70 and a pioneer of Lexington, ended his life Friday morning by shooting himself through the head with a .38 caliber revolver. He had been in poor health for a long time. Mr. Leach is survived by several children.

## Examinations Due For Entrance to Military Academy

Congressman Lowell Stockman of the Second District of Oregon will have two vacancies at the U. S. Military Academy, West Point, New York, for the class beginning July 1, 1951, and one vacancy for the same class at the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland.

Applicants for these vacancies must be residents of the Second District of Oregon, and the Congressman will have competitive examinations conducted by the Civil Service Commission on Monday, July 17, 1950, to aid in the selection of nominees for both Academies.

All boys who are interested and qualified should write immediately to Congressman Lowell Stockman, House Office Building, Washington, D. C. so they may receive additional information and be admitted to the examination.

Candidates for the Military Academy must be between the ages of 17 and 22 years at the date of admission (July 1, 1951).

Candidates for the Naval Academy must be not less than 17 years of age nor more than 21 years of age on April first of the calendar year (1951) in which they enter the Naval Academy.

These age requirements are statutory and cannot be waived, except in cases of candidates who have served honorably for not less than one year in any of the Armed Forces of the United States during World War II. In such cases, a candidate may enter the Military Academy provided he has not passed his 24th birthday on the first of July in the year during which he would enter the Military Academy, and he can enter the Naval Academy if he is not more than 23 years of age on April first of the calendar year in which he enters that Academy.

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**From where I sit... by Joe Marsh**  
**Mud Lake Gets "Cleared Up"**  
County officers got a notice from the government not long ago, asking them to change the name of Mud Lake. Seems it's a pond, not a lake, by government standards. Because it lies entirely inside our town limits, we asked to do the name-changing ourselves. Figured we'd think up a brand-new name. Mud Lake's really not very muddy—sort of pretty, in fact. County people said go ahead, so we held a Town Meeting. Everyone suggested something. Windy Taylor thought "Taylor Pond" would be nice, because his place borders it—for about 80 feet! But we finally decided to call it "Turtle Pond" in honor of the real owners. From where I sit, naming that pond wasn't the most important thing in the world—but the way we did it was. Everyone offered his opinion and then the majority vote decided it. That's the way it should be—whether it concerns naming a pond, or having the right to enjoy a friendly glass of beer or ale—if and when we choose.  
*Joe Marsh*  
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## News from C. A. Office

The county-wide attendance at the Homemakers' Festival was well distributed over the area. After checking registration books these figures were released—Heppner 19; Rhea Creek, 11; Lena, 8; Lexington, 19; Ione, 20; Irrigon, 18; Boardman, 38; Condon, 3; Stanfield, 1; Salem, 1; Corvallis, 2; La Grande, 1; Umatilla, 1; 19 children and four baby sitters, and 9 music students from the Boardman school. Nearly 70 footstools were on display with the blouses, woolen dresses and three table exhibits... using herbs for accent. Busy Children

are Happy Children — (play equipment) — and Home Dyeing Fabrics.

Mrs. Vernon Munkers, Lexington, chairman for the Azalea house fund of Morrow county extension units, announced at the Homemakers' Festival that she has presented \$100 to Mrs. Azalea Sager for the cooperative dormitory to be built for college girls on the Oregon State college campus. Home extension units throughout the state have raised funds for this dormitory. All of Morrow county's funds have not yet come in and units are already planning for fund events next year to earn money for this activity. Traveling baskets, rummage sales, food sales, and magazine profits have all helped to build the total.

The Ione Chick and Bunny club officially organized last month has recently sent in its enrollment to the county agents'

office. Leading the club is Mrs. Gordon White with W. R. Wentworth as assistant. President of the club is Paul Wentworth; vice president is Alvin McCabe; secretary is Wayne Ball, and news reporter is Jerry Wentworth. Other members carrying rabbit or poultry projects are Jerry White, Ellis Ball, Ronald McCabe, Billy Satter and Gary Brenner.

## EXAMINER COMING

A drivers license examiner will be on duty at the city hall in Heppner between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 16. Persons wishing licenses or permits to drive are asked to get in touch with the examiner well ahead of the scheduled closing hour in order to assure completion of their applications with a minimum delay.

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