

# EDITORIAL



## Time Works Changes

October 1-7 inclusive will be National Newspaper week. This newspaper will not be in a position to observe the week in a specific manner, due to a rush of work, and the main reason for mentioning it is to bring attention of readers to the important changes that have been effected in one of the nation's great industries.

Newspapers, in relation to the population of the several states, are not as numerous as they once were. In times past it required less effort and far less investment to start a newspaper. Take for instance the situation in Morrow county. There were times when each community, with the exception of Hardman, had newspapers. When Irrigon sprang up as a community, Addison Bennett, a former New York feature writer and editor, started the Irrigon Irrigator. Ione had papers operating under the names of Ione Post and Ione Proclaimer (at different times); Lexington had the Wheat City News (News may not be correct, but there was a newspaper there at one time), and Heppner was served by two newspapers, the Heppner Gazette and the Heppner Times.

As time wore on and advances in printing and publishing were made, the little papers folded up, leaving the two papers in Heppner to serve the county. In 1912, Vawter Crawford who purchased the Gazette in 1910, consolidated the papers with the purchase of the Times. The one paper setup was changed in 1914 with the starting of the Heppner Herald and this ran on for several years when Mr. Crawford once more bought out his competitor, sold the Herald plant outside of the county, and from then on the one plant has been the county's printing and publishing servant.

The same story in effect could be written in almost every other county. The high cost of production coupled with installation of modern equipment, improved working conditions and many other changes from the "old days", has made it advisable to consolidate plants within certain areas. The trend may lead to more consolidations covering larger areas if too many restrictions are placed on manufacturing of essential industry equipment—that and the fact that too few craftsmen are being developed to replace the rapidly disappearing printers forced by advancing years to retire.

Few industries offer more of interest to the ambitious young people of today than the printing industry. To those mechanically inclined the print shop offers the advantage of working with some of the finest machinery made. Even the small weekly has equipment to intrigue the interest of the modern youth. And along with the

advances made in equipment and news services have been wage and salary increases which have brought the industry to the top among the larger employing groups, yet despite this fact there is a shortage of back shop employes.

High school youths who have little chance of continuing their pursuit of education in college should give some thought to taking up the printing business. It is a longer apprenticeship than some other trades, but when the apprenticeship is completed there is the prospect of a job in a business that offers opportunity for getting an education on pay. All that is required is a willingness to work and not expect to become the boss at the end of three months.

## Still A Problem

Adequate housing is still a problem in Heppner. Many new houses have been built the past four years, yet newcomers find it a problem to get living quarters. It is more difficult for the workers to find suitable residence, particularly the man who is not in a position to buy. On the other hand, the man who has some money to invest in a house finds property values beyond his reach.

This condition has turned away numerous good workmen who might otherwise make Heppner their permanent home. Only last week this establishment employed a young man who gave promise of being a valuable addition to the staff. He wanted to buy a house and settle here. After canvassing the town he found two houses that were for sale, one within his reach until the owner realized there was a chance to sell and hiked the price several hundred dollars. The result was that when the young man went to his temporary home some 200 miles distant to spend the week-end with his family he decided to not return to Heppner. This is only one instance, one in which the writer was directly concerned, but it doubtless applies to other businesses in town needing employees.

The question is: who has the answer to this problem? (And do you know where the Gazette Times can find a linotype operator?)

The oft quoted Ed Erard of the Kingsville (Texas) Record came forth with this bit of humor relative to the President's unfortunate remark about the Marine Corps: "This week Harry the Haberdasher turns his small-time pea-shooter on the Marine Corps—which makes him about as popular as a pole-cat at a petting party. That old boy has put his foot in his mouth so often he is using Allen's Foot Ease for tooth powder."

## 30 Years Ago

Thursday, September 30, 1920  
Twenty five miles of Heppner-Willow creek grade will be protected by gravelling. In all like-

hood, the new grade will be surfaced from the Gilliam county line to Lexington this year.

An eight pound daughter arrived Monday, Sept. 27 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gable of Monument.

Sheriff McDuffee and Judge Cornett were called to Lexington on Tuesday on a case which involved the theft of 22 sacks of wheat from Carl Marquardt. The wheat was recovered.

Robert Notson was the unanimous choice of his classmates at Willamette university for president of the freshman class.

County Clerk Waters issued a marriage license the last of the week to Oliver E. Wright of Fox and Irma Cohoe of Heppner.

Charles Ritchie has purchased residence property from George Moore on the highway near the depot.

Miss Bessie Yokum of Wasco is spending the winter at the home of her sister and is attending Heppner high school.

Mrs. J. D. Handy of this city received serious injuries last week while enroute of Pendleton to attend the Round-up. An accident occurred to the car and she was taken to the hospital.

A ticket has been filed for the Heppner city election. Oscar Borg

heads the ticket for mayor, with M. D. Clark, Chas. Thomson and L. E. Bisbee for councilmen. Tom Hughes and Alex Cornett for recorder and L. W. Briggs for treasurer.

The Patron-Teachers association sponsored a pleasant social evening at the school house Wednesday evening. Teachers of the local school were honored guests.

At a meeting of the Columbia Valley Hay Growers association Wednesday A. L. Larsen of Boardman was chosen president. Sixty farmers from the 10 communities were present.

## HEPPNER GAZETTE TIMES

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## The American Way

### BIG BUSINESS BENEFICIAL

By George Peck

A short time before the shooting started in Korea, I sent out questionnaires to a number of small-town editors inquiring as to their views on business-bigness. These were mailed to newspapers of all political affiliations.

In view of the threat of a 3rd world war that has developed, at first blush, it seemed that the squabble between the Department of Justice and certain big business has become relatively unimportant. However, on more mature thought, the question of bigness in business really takes on added importance, as the Government has already signified its intention, as in two previous wars, to call on big business industries to produce the war material necessary to prosecute the war in Korea and at other points where aggression may rear its ugly head.

Some 329 editors from 45 of the 48 states, in addition to Alaska and the Virgin Islands, filled out and mailed in their questionnaires. From their answers, it is apparent that most small town editors have no fear of bigness in business; that, on the contrary, they consider big business essential to the welfare and safety of America.

To the question: "Do you feel that big business represents a threat to the free enterprise system?" the 329 editors replied as follows:

25 or 8% Yes  
285 or 87% No  
16 or 5% Don't Know

The editors were asked to give their reasons for feeling that big business represents or does not represent a threat to free enterprise. Here are some typical comments:

From a Virginia editor: "No, the two are synonymous."

From a Massachusetts editor: "Yes, big business is too easy a target for government regulation, union tie-ups by strikes and welfare state programs."

From a New York editor: "No, most of our big businesses had small beginnings. One has only to look around him to discover many instances of big and little businesses in competition, prospering side by side. Our current danger comes from bigness in government."

But another New York editor feels differently. Says he: "Yes, big business tends to monopoly and monopoly is the open door to socialism."

From a Missouri editor: "No, big business and mass production have made it possible for the average man to own a car, refrigerator, washing machine, etc."

From a Connecticut editor: "It's the monkey business of big government that threatens free enterprise; not big, middle-size or little business."

From a South Dakota editor: "No, because to me, free enterprise means the opportunity to get big."

From an Iowa editor: "Big business is big because it has rendered good service at a fair price and the road is open to any small business to become big if it can give better value than its competitors."

The opposite view came from another Iowa editor: "Yes, where they monopolize and strangle small competitors."

From a Maine editor: "Yes, big businesses make more stringent controls necessary. Their impersonal dealings with employees makes for more Reds and Pinkies."

From a Texas editor: "Big business is essential to our free enterprise. For instance, take my own field. Where would the little country papers be if we did not have the big city papers to make possible sources of paper metal, machinery, etc., that we

must have and at prices we can afford."

From a Colorado editor: "No, while big business is not above reproach and needs some regulations, it is bound through responsibility to its shareholders and to the public to be reasonably decent; whereas such labor monopolies as CIO appear to be reasonable to no one. Bigness in itself is not an evil."

In future articles I propose to give further statistics and quotes showing how the small-town editors overwhelmingly believe that big business is a vital necessity to our economy and is not a threat to our free enterprise system.

### COUNTY AGENT NEWS—

#### RATS ON INCREASE

Rats are again becoming a problem with many farmers and will become worse as winter approaches. At this time of year, rats are moving into farmsteads for protection, there also being much more stored feed for them to live upon.

Rubbish, post and lumber piles and other rat harbors should be cleaned up, as much feed as possible kept in rat proof containers and rat proof buildings.

A most effective bait to use to clean up the rat infestation on your farm is red squill prepared fresh bait. The red squill is not poisonous to livestock, poultry, dogs or cats, but is very effective on rats.

A fresh supply of bait has just been received at this office and is sold for cost. It is prepared by the Fish and Wildlife Service and most effective when used fresh.

#### RAIN GAUGES INSTALLED

As a part in evaluating the increase over normal rainfall as a result of cloud seeding, rain gauges have been placed at numerous spots in the area in which the operations are being carried out. In Morrow county they have been placed at the Ralph Skoubo farm at Boardman, W. W. Weatherford at Lena, Frank Anderson near Eightmile. Reporting rainfall for this past storm, Bill Weatherford measured 20 of an inch during the two day rain. Other co-operators have not reported the rainfall at their stations to this office.

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### AT PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL

The county executive committee met at Heppner September 22 with Mrs. Maud C. Casswell, county extension agent, home economics in the office to consider onomics program for the coming year.

Plans were made for the officers training conference, Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 10:15 at the Church of Christ. All officers of extension units, P.T.A., garden clubs and other organizations may attend this meeting.

The executive committee announces the program for 1951: October, Officers' day; Sewing machine clinic; November Oven meals; January, Inner spring cushion repair; February, Making Lampshades; March, Children's clothing; April, New finishes for floors; May, Freezing cooked foods.

Special activities are: February, upholstery; October, better dresses; November, hooked rugs, braided rugs.

### SEWING MACHIN ECLINIC

The Heppner extension unit will meet at 10:00 a. m., Oct. 3, at the Methodist church with a sack lunch. The demonstration will be on cleaning, adjusting sewing machines.

United Nations day is Oct. 24. Several organizations in Morrow county are planning to take part in this day by making and flying a United Nations flag.

A special meeting has been set for October 5, at 8 p. m. in the county agent's office. The purpose of this meeting is to show representatives from each organization how to make the United Nations flag. Packets with instructions can be ordered for each organization.

At least one person from each organization in the county will attend the meeting.

The goal for Morrow county is to make the flag in every rural and city community, or organization.

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