

EDITORIAL



The American Way

THANKS, NORTH KOREA!

By GEORGE PECK

Disaster Strikes Again

Few communities the size of Heppner can match this town's record for disastrous conflagrations, as well as damage caused by flash floods. Starting with the flood of 1903, there have been several large-scale disasters, but following each one there has been a rebuilding on a bigger and better scale. The one exception called to mind was the elevator-warehouse fire of 1949 in which two plants were destroyed and but one has been rebuilt.

Fires are nothing new to the Heppner Lumber Company but the shock of losing the big remanufacturing plant Wednesday evening has left officials and crew somewhat dazed. Until the fog clears the management will not be in position to make a definite statement regarding future plans. Perhaps within a week or so things will have taken shape so that an announcement can be made. There is this much that can be said: an idle plant makes no money. That is cause for entertaining a hope that the plant will be rebuilt.

Few of us who were living here during the war days will ever forget the energy with which the mill manager, Orville Smith, set about to rebuild the plant destroyed by fire in early 1943. It was a task that anyone with less ambition and drive would not have tackled, but Smith never relaxed until he had assembled a plant, and the assembling required constant travel to various parts of the country. Since reconstruction of the mill there has been a steady program of improvement until the plant was involved in a big-scale operation. That the planer and factory will be rebuilt is a matter not only of deep concern to the company and employes but to the community as well. It is the earnest hope of all that the enforced layoff will be of short duration.

Accomplishment Or Promises?

In the present campaign for the office of Governor of Oregon the question for the people to decide is whether to cast the ballot in approval of an administration that accomplished more than any other administration in a comparable length of time, or accept the voluble promises of a man who as a legislator advocated certain things but as a candidate for governor has to reverse himself in order to capture the support of certain classes which represent a sizeable vote. It is a plain case of deciding whether or not to throw out a business like pay-as-you-go government that leads to debt clearance or to accept that leadership and steer the ship of state off the course towards bankruptcy through the unwise policy of deficit spending.

Mr. McKay's tenure in office has not been a bed of roses but his record throughout his political life has been such that he has not been afraid to meet the criticism of his detractors. He has work-

ed for and advocated those things that in his opinion were and are best for the state as a whole, disregarding his own political status or ambitions. His fellow workers feel that they can tie to him and his record proves that he gets things done because his sincerity inspires confidence and a desire to work for his program. That, of course, does not fit in with the pattern set by the national administration which is endorsed by Mr. McKay's opponent.

Mr. Flegel has shown a willingness to make a right-about-face on a fairly good legislative record in order to garner votes. It puts him in rather a bad light and leaves doubt in the mind of the voter as to his fitness to sit in the chief executive's chair.

It is merely a matter of casting your vote in favor of continued accomplishment as against accepting a lot of empty political promises.

A Lesson Never Learned

The modern automobile—the 1950 model, for instance—is a wonderful piece of travel equipment. The builders have not overlooked anything that will make for comfort and, so far as human ingenuity can devise, have built safety into their product to a degree heretofore unrealized. They are ever mindful of the necessity for quick, easy control and their engineers have succeeded to a remarkable degree in bringing together a combination of mechanized devices into a compact little "house on wheels" to make travel almost as comfortable and to a degree as safe as the confines of one's home.

At the same time the builders have installed in each car a high powered motor—an engine designed to meet all tests of speed and pulling requirements. It is a wonderful piece of mechanism and an invaluable servant so long as treated gently, or at least with common sense. Treated otherwise it is dangerous — too often an instrument of death.

The average modern car is built to take a cruising speed between 50 and 65 miles per hour comparatively easy. Not one of them but will run much faster, but the builders consider speeds above 65 miles per hour, for instance, as emergencies and provide reserve power for such occasions. Oh yes, there are many drivers who cruise around 80 to 90 miles per hour but their ranks thin faster than the drivers who take a more conservative pace.

Most of the trouble, we think, is due to the fact that the car builders know their business and that far too many drivers have not kept pace with the trend in car design. They have failed to appreciate the potential danger bottled up in a gasoline motor with a rating of from 85 to 125 or more horsepower. Vital statistics bear grim testimony to this fact every day.

Perhaps not at the moment, but sooner or later, this nation will realize that it owes a debt to the North Koreans and through them to the Russians. The Korean affair has served to galvanize a disorganized and disunited America into a purposeful, united nation.

It will be difficult for those whose loved ones are shedding their blood on the Korean peninsula to agree with this viewpoint but as time, the great healer, goes on, they will come to realize that the heroic sacrifices being made today will not have been in vain.

The North Koreans awakened us to what we should have known these past four years—the lesson of World War II—that there is no appeasing an aggressor who has given every evidence that he is out to conquer the world.

We could and should have stopped the Russians when they started to gobble up China, but we were too preoccupied at home with our march along the road to statism. We were more interested in listening to the promising politicians preaching their doctrine of the welfare state, the while we were abandoning the ideals of thrift, industry and morality, those qualities that made us a great nation. We were bringing upon ourselves disunity as well as political and economic bankruptcy.

We were abandoning our republicanism (not to be confused with the political party of the same name) principles. Whereas, throughout our previous history we had exalted the individual, granting him the right to physical, mental and spiritual development, we slowly but surely were driving to the point where we would depend upon Government for our every need.

We were mute and uncomplaining witnesses as one after another the Federal Government was usurping functions formerly and rightfully performed by the separate, individual states. We encouraged the creation of various and manifold agencies Washington set up under the pretext of aiding the individual, but which in reality were sapping him of his right to self-expression and self-determination.

We were serving the God Expediency instead of the greater God Wisdom, taking heed only of the immediate present and taking no thought of the morrow. Hands were stretched to Washington, reaching for hand-outs, thinking not how and when the bill would be paid and who would pay it.

But Russia, via North Korea, has done for us what we couldn't seem to do for ourselves. Once again we are beginning to realize the absolute worth of the individual. As our sons are offering up their all, gallantly fighting against overwhelming odds in Korea, we at home are united in our determination to halt the march of Pagan Communism!

The net result of our procrastination—our failure for so long to realize our duty and do it, is that now we will have to expand more in human and economic assets than would have been necessary had we had the wisdom and courage to see our obligation when Stalin first showed his hand.

The job ahead has been made much more difficult by our selfish stupidity—there will be more "Blood, Sweat and Tears," but we will do the job no matter what the cost. And so, I repeat, we owe a debt to the North Koreans for having awakened America to a true sense of its responsibility to itself and to the world at large.

4-H TRACTOR MAINTENANCE CLINIC SCHEDULED AT OSC

A tractor driving contest and demonstrations will be featured during the week long 4-H tractor maintenance project leader training clinic scheduled on the Oregon State campus the week of November 5, L. J. Allen, state 4-H club leader, has announced.

The project sponsors, the General Petroleum corporation of Los Angeles, will provide training materials as well as pay expenses of leaders who attend the clinic. Plans call for a training session for first year leaders November 6, 7, and 8, and a clinic for second year leaders 8, 9 and 10.

A tractor driving contest will be featured November 8. The joint meeting program will also include demonstrations, 4-H club organization procedures and program planning for the leaders. New leaders may attend the entire session.

The tractor maintenance project, according to Allen, is the newest project added to the Oregon 4-H club program. About 225 club members are now finishing their first year of work in the project. To be eligible to join a tractor maintenance club, a member must be 12 years of age before January 1, 1951.

Election of P. M. A. Committeemen And Delegates Slated

Election of Production and Marketing administration community committeemen and delegates to the county convention for the election of a county committee will be held in Morrow county during the next three weeks, L. L. Howton, chairman of the county PMA announces.

This year the election will be held by mail. At the present time nominating committees in each

of the nine communities in the county are busy nominating at least two farmers for each position. When these ballots have been completed, they will be sent to every eligible farmer in that community.

Any person who is participating in the 1950 agricultural conservation program, wheat loan program, or who had a contract with the federal crop insurance corporation is eligible to vote. This includes owners, operators, tenants or sharecroppers. Lists of eligible voters are being prepared and will be used to check votes cast in the elections.

Delegates to the county convention, elected in the community election, will meet with delegates from the other communities in the county and elect a county committee.

"This grass roots administration of the farm program is one of the cornerstones of the program," says the county PMA chairman. "It can be made stronger if every eligible farmer will vote in the coming elections and take an interest otherwise in developing the program. This year, with so many problems facing farmers, it is doubly important that able men are elected to administer the farm program."

Oven Meals, Use Of Electric Stoves Extension Themes

Preparation of oven meals and use of electric stoves were studied by two project leaders from each extension unit, Tuesday, October 24 in the home economics department at the high school. The training meeting was conducted by Maud C. Casswell county extension agent. Fifteen leaders attended. Mrs. Casswell stressed the planning of well-balanced oven meals that are attractive and pleasing in texture and flavor, saving time and effort in preparation of meals.

Four types of oven meals were discussed. The type of oven meal where all food was placed in the oven and taken out at serving time was demonstrated. Discussion was held and demonstrated on how to place the food in the oven in order to secure the best cooked products and to save time and space. Project leaders that attended this meeting will return to their communities and conduct a meeting on oven meals.

Those attending were Mrs. Bonnie Vincent and Mrs. Edna Wetzel, Heppner; Mrs. Muriel Palmer, Rhea Creek; Mrs. Marion Brosnan, Mrs. W. E. Hughes, Mrs. Helen Curran, Lena; Mrs. Viola Berger, Mrs. W. Huue, Irrigon; Mrs. Bernice Lott and Mrs. Merwin Leonard, Lexington; Mrs. W. E. Garner, Mrs. Hannah Downey, Boardman; and Mrs. E. M. Baker and Mrs. Noel Dobyns, Ione.

BAZAAR DATE ANNOUNCED
There will be a cooked food sale, white elephant table and silver tea in connection with the annual bazaar given by the Methodist ladies from 2 to 5 p. m. Saturday, November 18 in the church parlors. The public is cordially invited to call during those hours.

James and Kathleen Orwick and Marilyn Miller who are attending school this year in Walla Walla came over Friday evening to spend the week-end with their parents.



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Peterson's Jewelers

30 Years Ago

October 28, 1920
Mrs. Charles Osten died at her home south of Heppner on Wednesday, October 20 after a brief illness.

W. T. McNabb, prominent ware houseman and grain buyer of Ione, died at his home in that city early Monday following a heart attack.

Heppner's long-dreamed of gravity water system is now a reality. The pressure of the water in the old system was 20 pounds to the foot. In the new system the pressure is 55 pounds. Considerable damage resulted to Emmett Jones' delivery car Friday when he drove it too near to the O-W locomotive at the depot.

Red Cross roll call will start on Armistice day and will carry through until Thanksgiving day.

4-H Clubbers Still Selecting Project Animals

4-H agricultural club members continue to select steers for their fat beef projects for the 1950-51 club year. In addition to the club members listed in last week's 4-H news, several additional members have secured steers during this past week. Ingrid Hermann, Ione, purchased a Hereford from Irving Mann, Stanfield, and a Shorthorn from Ray Ferguson, Heppner; George Hermann, Lexington, Hereford from Irving Mann, Stanfield; and Duane Baker, Ione, Hereford from Lewis Halvorsen, Ione.

A few club members have calves to select yet but the majority are now on feed. Boys or girls who wish to feed out steers or other livestock this year who haven't selected their animals should make arrangements for doing so soon.