

EDITORIAL



A Renewal Of Faith Needed

Freedom to worship God as they saw fit was the desire prompting the Pilgrims to forsake the mother country and go in search of a new land. They chose the shores of what later became America for their landing and from that little handful of settlers has grown in upwards of three centuries the greatest nation on earth.

The faith in God manifested by the Pilgrims was no less prominent among our forefathers who drafted the Constitution and set up the government of the United States. The equality of man was recognized under the principle that all are created equal. The opportunity to climb to the top in any chosen line of human endeavor was written into that incomparable document and although its provisions have been kicked around more or less in the nation's progression from infancy to maturity—if we have arrived at that point—we still have the guarantees of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" if we recognize that fact and fight to retain them.

There has been a tendency to overlook our humble beginnings and show, if not contempt, at least a disregard for the divine principles upon which our government was founded, worshipping instead at the shrine of mammon. In other words, we have permitted our successes to go to our heads and have come to think that man is superior to the Creator. We are prone to brag about our Christian nation but neglect to prove that we are such.

There is not the hope and cheer in this pre-Christmas season that we would like to see. Instead of "peace on earth and good will to all men" there is hatred, and malice among nations. A Godless nation would conquer the world and subject all free peoples to a life of slavery. The outlook is not good at this writing.

It is time for all of us to set aside personal differences and unite for one big effort to put down the aggressor. It is time to renew our faith in God and the principles upon which our government was founded. If we lose faith in God we lose faith in our ability to win.

The best wish and most sincere hope for this Christmastide is for a united Christian world to put down the despoilers of peace and happiness.

Remember Those Who Gave

In the throes of preparing for national defense we should not forget those who gave in other times of national peril. With the Korean war to add its thousands of casualties there is fresh impetus to the need for subscriptions to the various funds that include services to the hospitalized veterans and their families.

It is not too late to contribute to the Community Chest. Morrow county is lagging and this ac-

count should be cleaned up. Funds raised under the Chest are spread over numerous charitable activities and preclude the necessity for separate drives or solicitations by the several agencies. It will require only 140 ten dollar subscriptions to complete the campaign. Those in charge will not complain if the checks all arrive at one time.

Concessions To Inflation

Many of us, having some idea of the dangers of inflation, perhaps do not fully understand the underlying causes and for that reason fail to offer resistance to the trend. We now find ourselves faced with a world situation that may plunge us into economic chaos unless we give heed to the warnings sounded by the non-political economists, business leaders and even some high in government circles who are able to read the handwriting on the wall.

Paul H. Nystrom, president of the Limited Price Variety Stores Association and a nationally recognized authority on chain and other methods of retailing, has said, "If we are to escape the wreckage of our economy we must somehow learn that this inflation is a dangerous thing and that every concession made to it, such as increases in wages and salaries, unaccompanied by similar increases in man-hour productivity, and minimum wage fixing at artificially high levels by law, are sure means of weakening our economy and in a very true sense providing aid and comfort to the enemies of our country."

Mr. Nystrom here points to some unpleasant but irrefutable facts. The whole trend of recent years has been characterized by the desire to get more and more return for less and less work, says the Industrial News Review. And that is one of the main reasons why inflation continues to be a current menace.

The minimum wage law is a case in point. Everyone sympathizes with the wish to help people improve their living standards, especially those in the bottom wage brackets. But that sympathy can lead us into dangerous channels, the Review thinks. In retailing, for example, there are many opportunities for beginners, part-time workers, and the unskilled. They range from housewives earning some pin money to young people starting out in life. Their value to the retailer is extremely limited. If the minimum wage is set at too high a level, their contribution to the economy becomes much smaller than what they take out of it—and inflation is given one more assist. Moreover, too high a minimum wage often actually hurts the unskilled workers because employers, of necessity, cut out as many of the jobs as possible.

Inflation must be fought on every front. We haven't been doing it!

White and Leona D. Leach was solemnized Saturday at the Christian church parsonage in Lexington.

Mrs. Willis McCarty and baby son of The Dalles are guests at the home of Mrs. McCarty's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Campbell of this city.

W. G. Scott, Lexington warehouseman and banker, was do-

ing business in Heppner Monday afternoon. He reports the big snow hit the Lexington country also.

Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman left Tuesday morning for Salem, taking Ophir Baker to the state prison to serve a term imposed by Judge Perry. Baker was convicted on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses.

WORD OF THANKS

I would like to personally thank my friends who remembered me during my hospitalization but the condition of my

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30 Years Ago

HEPPNER GAZETTE TIMES
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Several inches of snow were added Tuesday night to what we already had and the Heppner hills are now covered to the depth about 10 inches.

George D. Fell was over from Pendleton Tuesday looking after business. He was among the first to place his name on the register at St. Patrick's hotel, which building now stands on the lot formerly owned by Mrs. Fell and from whom the hotel company purchased the property.

Doric lodge No. 20, K. of P. will hold joint installation of their newly elected officers with

Dorion Temple, Pythian Sisters, on the first Tuesday in January.

Mrs. Earl Blake has been re-appointed postmaster at Ione. Her former appointment was as Margaret Jones but she resigned in accordance with government regulations at the time of her marriage. The authorities, however, insisted that she retain the office.

The Wells brothers have rented the store room in the new hotel and will move their barbering business to the new location.

The Heppner flouring mill has been undergoing a thorough overhauling from basement to roof. Some new machinery will be installed.

The semi annual examinations of teachers for certificates was held during the past week before County Superintendent

Lena Snell Shurte.

Esma Duvall entertained a number of her little friends at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Duvall, north of Lexington December 15, in honor of her ninth birthday.

Beginning on the 16th, St. Patrick's hotel, Heppner's new hostelry under the ownership of Pat Foley of The Dalles, with James Hart local manager, opened its doors to the public and has been receiving guests although the formal opening will be the end of this month.

Terrel Bengé gave a birthday party at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bengé, Saturday afternoon. He had as his guests the members of his Sunday school class at the Federated church.

The marriage of Ramond Earl



SEASONS GREETINGS



RING out, bells of Christmastide—ring out a message of hope and of good will to all men. For this IS a season of hope --- as long as men turn to the age old teachings of the Prince of Peace and seek gain not in taking but in giving and brotherhood... just so long can mankind hope for a better future.

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