

EDITORIAL



School Folk Did Their Part

There was one thing in connection with the recent March of Dimes campaign which must have appealed to our readers. That was the part played by the school children. While segregated amounts have not been reported from all of the schools, or had not been received up to the time of writing this article, the support by the schools was notable.

Hardman, with just a handful of youngsters, turned in \$12.55. This was approximately four times the amount from the same source in 1950. The Ione school accounted for \$37.04; Boardman school over \$60, and the Heppner school \$317.91. Lexington and Irrigon contributions were not given in separate amounts, while Cecil and Pine City contributions doubtless were turned in at the Arlington and Echo schools, respectively.

Educational material relative to the March of Dimes campaign was given wide circulation in the schools and teachers also did their part in encouraging the children to aid in stamping out the polio menace.

The response by the young people is evidence that they are unselfish and that they will do their part as young citizens when given an opportunity. There probably will be no public recognition of their generosity other than appears herewith, but the Gazette Times is speaking for the community in commending them for this outstanding service.

Should Plan Recreational Facilities

A matter that has been agitating the local ranger's office of the National Forest service seems to have captured the chamber of commerce. At least some attention is being given the question of making greater use of our forested areas for recreational purposes. This is a subject that is close to the hearts of the foresters and they have done no small amount of planning, mapping and other preliminary work to set up a system of recreational parks or campgrounds throughout their jurisdictions. The time has now arrived when the forest service must have a little assistance as funds for this part of the program are none too plentiful and the scope of their development program is limited to the meager funds on hand or that can be made available.

Attention of the forest service has been called to the need for an outlet for the people of the rapidly expanding industrial centers of the area—Hermiston, Pasco, Kennewick, Richland and others of the upper Columbia river basin. This particular section of the Blue Mountains does not offer anything big in the way of fishing, although hundreds of people from the river belt visited the streams in the Heppner area last year and whether or not they got much of a catch they at least got recreation out of a day in the mountains.

The forest service has in mind suitable campsites where our local people and those from surrounding neighborhoods may find relief from the midsummer heat, even if only over the weekends. Some sites have been chosen and a limited amount of work done. Unfortunately, for the forest service, other larger and more suitable sites

are held by private parties who probably have developments of their own in mind. Whether these plans include public use has not been divulged but the recreation committee of the chamber of commerce will probably enter into the picture by trying to bring about a consolidation of interests to provide acreage and facilities for a sizeable campsite.

For all any of us know, the growth that has been in progress around Hermiston and similar communities affected by government projects may be but a beginning. In fact, it can safely be stated that the climax is far off. The day of unrestricted use of the forests is past and our people will have to face the problem of taking a hand in developing facilities, if nothing more than to help acquire sites which the forest service, with its know-how and equipment can build efficiently and economically. We cannot put up a barrier to people from the outside because, in the last analysis, our mountains are their mountains. We can best serve ourselves by helping make the mountains usable, by assisting the forest service program of preserving our natural resources thru proper practices in the forested areas, making a continuing program that will assure recreational facilities for future generations as well as for the present.

It is hoped the chamber of commerce will take advantage of this opportunity to do a real service.

"Frightened By Washington"

A Wall Street Journal editorial tells of a friend of the editor who recently bought a new furnace. He didn't need it now—the old one would have lasted through this winter and possibly the next. Also, he had to borrow the money. So he was asked why he didn't postpone the purchase. The paper reports: "He said he was frightened by the Government. For all he knows, when the normal replacement time comes he may find that the only way he could get a furnace would be to apply to a National Furnace Administration, fill out a million forms and wait six months for an okay from some bureaucrat. Meanwhile, he'd freeze."

"So he's buying something he doesn't need to buy today but will need to buy someday, adding to his own burdens and also, in a small way, to total consumer demand. And he's doing all this because Washington has scared him into doing it..."

"If Washington wanted more shortages as an excuse for more controls, it could hardly do better than it's doing."

The hard fact is that, while Washington has been weeping crocodile tears over inflation and scarcities, it has been pursuing policies which make more inflation and more scarcities inevitable. All the controls ever imagined by man will be ineffective if people lose faith in the integrity and actions of their government—and if their government keeps on spending their money like a drunken sailor for non-essential things. It is all very well to talk about national unity, but unity must be earned, not just requested. It's time our government quit frightening us.

30 Years Ago

February 17, 1921
The death of C. B. Sperry occurred suddenly in Portland Tuesday. A stroke of apoplexy was the immediate cause of his death.

The principal event at the Commercial club meeting Friday evening was the unanimous election of F. A. McMenamin as president and J. W. Fritsch secretary-treasurer.

Henry C. Ashbaugh, a respected citizen of Heppner for many

years past, died at his home Sunday, February 13. He was 42 years of age and leaves a wife and two small daughters.

Kenneth Mahoney, one of the tellers at the First National Bank was executing a turn with his Ford on the corner when the car toppled over with sufficient force to break Mr. Mahoney's leg close to his hip.

Due to House Bill No. 268 the officers of Morrow county will receive an increase in salary, the judge and county school superintendent to receive \$1800 and

the treasurer \$1000 per year.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank McMenamin in this city Saturday February 12, a son.

B. F. Swaggart is now able to be around again after a severe tussle with pneumonia, which had him down for a couple of weeks.

The Boardman Mirror is the latest adventure into the journalistic field and Mark Cleveland is the publisher. It will be published every Friday.

CHURCHES

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Pastor SHELBY E. GRAVES
Life's greatest tragedy is to lose God and not to miss Him.
Sunday 9:45 p. m. Sunday school. Lesson topic "Jesus in Gethsemane." Matt. 26.
11 a. m. worship service.
7 p. m. Singing service.
7:45 p. m. Evangelistic service.
Tuesday 7:45 p. m. Cottage prayer meeting in Ione.
Thursday 7:45 p. m. Bible study and prayer meeting.
"Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out." John 6:37.

METHODIST CHURCH
J. PALMER SORLIEN, Minister.
Morning worship and sermon at 11 a. m. Special music by the choir. Oliver Creswick, director. The sermon topic this Sunday will be "The Hilltops of Life."
Sunday Church school 9:45 a. m. There is a class in our church school for every age beginning

The American Way

AMERICAN WAY FEWER STRIKES

By MAURICE E. FRANKS

If it is legally possible, I should like to see the Taft-Hartley law amended to the point of making it mandatory that, before a strike shall be instituted, the workers involved shall be accorded full means of analyzing both sides of the controversy.

In line with this, I suggest the law be amended to require that before a strike vote could be taken a period of ten days must elapse from the date the union duly files its grievance claim. This would allow the union and the employer ample opportunity to present their particular arguments on the issue at hand to the workers involved. This period would enable both parties to make their presentation on paper, which could be mailed right to the home of the worker. This would automatically give the workers an opportunity to study the full situation as it exists and to decide for themselves whether a strike should be called. At home and in sober consultation with the members of his family, each one of whom would very likely be directly affected by the calling of a strike—the worker would stand a better chance of judging the total situation before casting his vote for or against a strike.

Within a reasonable period after this was done, the union would be permitted to send out a strike ballot by registered U. S. mail, return receipt requested, to each and every person to be affected by a strike. This ballot would be returnable to a designated post-office box accessible only to a duly authorized representative of the union, a duly authorized representative of the employer, or a representative of the community at 3 years old; also Adult Bible class and Youth Fellowship class. Mid-week prayer service on Thursday at 7 p. m. Thursday choir practice at 7:30 p. m.

Womans Society of Christian Service meets the first Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m. Suzanna Wesley Circle of the Womans Society of Christian Service meets the third Wednesday of each month at 2 p. m.

Feb. 25 is Laymens Sunday. The laymen of our church will have charge of the service on that Sunday.

Feb. 18 to 25 is Week of Dedication in the Methodist church over the world. Let us erect an altar within our heart and home and pray for our country, the church, the world and ourselves each day.

employer and a duly authorized representative of the National Labor Relations Board.

The mechanics of the secret ballot would operate somewhat as follows: A member would receive an envelope addressed to his home, containing instructions for casting his ballot. These instructions would tell him to execute the ballot according to his personal desire, voting simply yes or no on the strike issue.

The marked ballot would be sealed in a blank envelope and returned in the envelope addressed to the post office box. On the back of the envelope bearing the post-office box number would be space for the voter's original signature thus making possible a check against the registered-mail return receipts to establish eligibility of the ballot so returned.

The secret ballots contained in blank envelopes would have to be opened and counted in the presence of the duly authorized representatives of the union, the employer and the NLRB.

After the counting of the votes in the duly authorized manner, the result of the balloting would immediately be made known through suitable notice.

If the vote is in favor of a strike, no work stoppage could yet be instituted. The law would require a period of 50 days elapse from the date the results of the strike vote are posted. This waiting period could be utilized by the disputants for the purpose of endeavoring further to resolve their differences.

There is no doubt that this suggested plan of mine will create some controversy. Some people will assert that such a system of voting infringes upon the rights of the union leader. Labor bosses may argue that if a system such as this be required of the unions, it should likewise be required of all chartered organizations not coming under the Taft-Hartley Act—organizations

such as the Masonic Order, the Knights of Columbus, Rotary and other clubs.

My answer to this argument is simple: Such organizations are not by their very nature expressions of economic power. They do not pull strikes or in any way injure the public. Their activities do not deprive you and me of our right to use the telephone or ride a train or street car. They don't throw picket lines around business establishments. No child, because of them, has ever been deprived of milk, no home of heat, no human body of proper nourishment.

This plan, if enacted into law as an amendment to the Taft-Hartley Act, would, I believe, immediately provide the American worker with the possibility of using the powers of analysis of the good Lord endowed him with. It would afford him opportunity to examine carefully both sides of a potential strike issue. Further, it would enable him to study the facts, come to a sober decision and execute his secret ballot in an atmosphere removed from the turmoil and confusion of a heated union meeting.

The immediate result of the procedure I propose would be FEWER STRIKES FOR MORE PEOPLE.

G. Doherty's Last Minute Shot Wins Hot One For Ione

Gene Doherty's last minute hot shot gave the Ione Cardinals a thrilling 31-30 basketball victory over the Umatilla Vikings at Umatilla Friday night. This victory gave the Cardinals a commanding 2 game lead in the Little Wheat League race. Truesdale led all scorers by hitting 14 points. Doherty scored 10 for the winners.

Ione, 31. Bristow 5, Doherty 10, R. Baker, D. Baker 7, Peterson 6, Umatilla, 30. C. Nobles 7, Truesdale 14, Moseley 7, Devin 2, Foster.

Subs: Ione, Morgan, Kincaid, Rea 3, Palmer, Brenner.

Umatilla: McCullough, Harryman, Bullard, Johnson, Roundy, S. Nobles.

Halftime score: Ione 19, Umatilla 18.

Officials: Sands and McIntosh. Preliminary: Ione 37, Umatilla 28.

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"THE THING" REVEALED AT BASKETBALL GAME

Due to the illness of Mr. Collins, the band clubs meeting scheduled for February 12 was postponed, as was the Saturday street playing.

Mary Gunderson ably directed the band for the Helix-Heppner game, at which "The Thing" was exposed.

Amid much speculation the huge box was drawn upon the stage. After tense seconds came a burst of fanfare, the wrappings were torn away to reveal our very own Ellis McRoberts—a laugh for every one. The winner of this clever idea was not announced.

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