

## EDITORIAL



## We Must Give And Give And Give

One thing becomes more apparent with each succeeding day in this time of turmoil and strife. It is that Mr. Joe Pungle is going to have to live up to his title as never before—more taxes, more generous donations to the various organizations that carry on works of a charitable nature not covered by tax funds.

Currently we have the Red Cross annual membership drive and the Easter Seal Sale. These will be followed shortly by the annual cancer campaign. It is truly a succession of appeals for funds, yet the causes are worthy and there is money enough for all if we but set our minds and hearts to the task of raising it.

In the case of the Red Cross, it is again actively engaged in wartime activities. As time wears on demands on the society will increase; there will be constantly growing hospital lists; more provisions and supplies will be needed at the front to help maintain the morale of the fighting men and to offer assistance wherever it is needed. Just as extended lines add to the cost of carrying on war, so do extended services of the Red Cross mount in cost.

We must make up our minds right now to support these organizations. It is no time for nickel nursing or penny-pinching. The injured, the physically handicapped and those afflicted with cancer must be given every chance that money can make possible to be restored to health. The boys at the front must be given assurance that we are not forgetting them and that we are prepared to carry on at home while they are fighting the battle for freedom in Korea.

Every family in the state of Oregon must have received a letter containing the Easter Seals. Don't neglect to put the necessary amount in an envelope and return it at once to the place designated by the seal sale chairman. The sum is small but something near a one hundred per cent return will finance the work for which the seals are being sold.

## All Have Their Places

Senators Taft and Wherry and former President Herbert Hoover are coming in for some political razzing because of their expressions on the world situation and while one cannot altogether agree with their respective positions the feeling persists that they have some good points on their side and that before the argument is all over they will not be entirely outside the circle of influence. That feeling is based partly on the grounds that all are capable men, patriotic and just as earnest in their desire to safeguard their country as those who oppose their point of view. They have taken a different approach to the problem and believe that some attention should be given to the matter of security here at home. Not one of them would stand in the way of sending troops to Europe if that is the only means of stopping a western sweep by the Russians. They are not as bothered as Governor Dewey, yet from this distance it looks like they stand as high in government service as the distinguished New Yorker and will not hamper the defense effort. Their principle objective seems to be to carry on along democratic lines and not permit one man or a comparatively small group of officials, elective or appointive, to needlessly plunge the nation into conflict.

A large segment of the folks who pay the bills will agree with Senator Taft that European nations should prepare to defend themselves and to stand on their own two feet. There is no desire to withhold financial aid but at the same time there would be more enthusiastic support of the defense effort if the other members of the Atlantic pact would give assurance that they really mean business.

It can't be said without fear of contradiction that all sides are right, yet in this democratic country we are guaranteed the right of freedom of speech and the privilege of putting a check on our officials when we feel they are getting out of line with proper procedure. If this were not so this country would long since have joined the ranks of the dictators. The Hoovers, the Tafts, the

Wherrys and others capable of doing their own thinking serve to hold the brake on those who are inclined to strike out too boldly. They may not be on the popular side right at the moment but their actions have served to stimulate thought and to quiet the nervous tension that the more insistent advocates of European support had excited. This leads to the conclusion that whether or not one is on the right side he has his place in the general scheme of things governmental and political.

## Labor and Socialized Medicine

One of the best statements yet to appear on the subject of politically-dominated medicine was made in a speech before the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association, by William L. Hutcheson, president of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America and a vice president of the AF of L.

"When the government is given authority to tell one group or one profession where and how its members are to work, no other group or profession can be safe for long," he said.

"If the day ever comes to America when Uncle Sam usurps the power to dictate to doctors under a health plan, it will be a sad day for carpenters. If it is logical to nationalize the medical profession to get more medical service for the poor, it is equally logical to nationalize the home construction industry to get roofs over the heads of the lower income groups.

"Carpenters want to be free agents; free to work where they want to; free to negotiate the terms of their wages and working conditions through collective bargaining; yes, even free to leave the industry and try their luck at something else if the spirit moves them. They will retain these freedoms only so long as all other groups retain theirs."

We are all in the same boat when it comes to socialism. If one industry, or one profession, or one line of work is socialized or subjected to political control, every other industry, every other profession, and every other line of work will be in danger. Socialized medicine, for instance, is not really a separate and distinct issue—it is, instead, part of the infinitely larger issue of whether we are to be a free people or a regimented people. It's high time we all understood that fact. What's sauce for the goose, after all, is sauce for the gander.

## Nevada, Thirty-Sixth State

The right of a president of the United States to serve more than two successive terms was settled Monday when the states of Utah and Nevada, respectively, ratified the amendment to the Constitution submitted by the 80th Congress (the do-nothing Republican session) making the 35th and 36th states to pass the amendment. This does not preclude President Harry Truman from running for another term inasmuch as in framing the amendment the date for ratification was set for 1954, but thereafter it will not be necessary for a president to arrange his personal affairs so that he may continue in office indefinitely.

Nevada, the thirty-sixth state admitted to the Union, thus becomes the deciding factor in ratification of the amendment to limit the presidency to two terms. It will now be remembered as the "thirty-sixth state," as well as the locale of Reno and Las Vegas.

Seaside, whose chamber of commerce says it has everything, looks forward to an even higher standard of Miss Oregon contestants for the 1951 show July 27, 28 and 29. For that reason the folks down by the sea have extended an invitation to Heppner to participate. A local contest would create a diversion and bring out the pulchritude and talent of the community. It is something worth looking into by one of our civic groups. The three factors upon which candidates are chosen are personality, talent and poise. Surely our young ladies, some of them at least, are endowed with enough of these attributes to make them eligible to enter a local contest.

Glen F. Macomber and Mildred Newton, well known young people of this county were married Saturday evening at the home of W. O. Livingstone, officiating minister.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Huston of Eight Mile February 26.

Judge Tom Barnett of Lexington was among the three link boys in Heppner Saturday enjoying the hospitality of the local Odd Fellows.

Hon. C. E. Woodson returned home Saturday from Salem after having spent a portion of Janu-

ary and February attending the legislature as representative from Morrow and Umatilla counties.

E. E. Sharon, grand lodge official of the I.O.O.F. was in Heppner for the week end activities. Mr. Sharon at one time a good many years ago was in business in Heppner.

The final number of the Lyceum course will be given tomorrow, Friday, evening. The P.T.A. has greatly appreciated the liberal patronage of the Heppner citizens.

## The American Way

## YOUR CONGRESS

By GEORGE PECK

It has become a habit with the American people to lay most of the blame for the nation's ailments on the 531 men and women whom they elect to the two Houses of Congress. This columnist pleads guilty to having been critical upon occasion of our legislators. However, in this article I wish to be different—I would like to express gratitude to a hard-working group for the many things they have done and for leaving undone many things that should not have been done.

It would be too much to expect that in such a large group all would be paragons of virtue endowed with infinite wisdom and actuated by a sincere desire to do all in their power to further the interests of the American people collectively. In our clubs, in our labor unions, even in our churches, human nature being what it is you will always find a few who do not measure up, and whose memberships therein contribute nothing to the progress of the organizations, perhaps even detract therefrom.

Congress, too, has its members who are not as Caesar's wife, "beyond reproach," but my contact over a period of years with many of our elected representatives at Washington in several Congresses has convinced me that most of them make an honest and painstaking effort to measure up to the confidence reposed in them by their electorates.

To many of us the Congressman's job as invariably is the case in looking at the other fellow's, looks like a lead-pipe cinch with fat pay. But taking into account what his job really entails, the skill and patience he has to exercise and the long hours he labors one can only conclude that his is a tough, under-paid assignment.

We elect and send a Congressman to Washington. Then we read in the newspapers that Congress sits for just a few hours each day and for only five days a week. Pretty soft, we conclude! But those sessions are only a small part of his duties. Here are just a few of the many other things your Congressman has to do:

Each Congressman serves on a committee. These committees sit for eight hours a day, often every day in the week and sometimes

for a stretch of three months. These sittings, so essential for the guidance of Congress not only consume a lot of time but are also a severe tax on the patience and stamina of the committee member.

Then there are the letters to the folks back home—you know, the answers to the letters you and I write. The average Congressman is punctilious in attending promptly to this flood of correspondence.

Many of the Congressmen and Senators write a column each week for insertion in the weekly newspapers back home. Speaking from experience, I can tell you that this requires considerable time, is no small task.

And there are the visitors who just have to be seen—constituents seeking favors or handing out advice—all too few simply dropping in for a friendly, helpful chat to pay their respects and wish the Congressman well.

The foregoing are just a few of the badly over-worked representative's duties. When he does manage to find a spare moment or two, he has to do a bit of reading to keep himself abreast of what the folks are doing back home in his Congressional District.

Yes, Congress may have its faults but at least it cannot be accused of lack of industry. It gets a heap of blame for errors of commission or omission for which it is in no way responsible. Some of these blunders should be charged to the Administration and its multifarious bureaus; others to the pressure groups, selfishly seeking to promote their own interests to the detriment of the people at large.

By all means we should write our Congressman and Senators to give them the benefit of our sage (?) advice. But how many of us take the time to write them when we approve of their actions? A pat on the back now and then is good for any human being, and the men and women we send to Washington are no exception to that rule.

Why not express approval and gratitude when your legislators justly deserve them, and thus pay tribute to your Congress, a legislative group, whose members with few exceptions are industrious, earnest, patriotic servants of the American people?

owners common to the old system of a year-end expiration date for all motorists. Hundreds of extra employees needed under the old system have been eliminated.

The number of motor vehicles registered in Oregon rose from 470,154 in 1946 to 768,000 in 1951. Revenues rose from \$4,717,538 in 1946 to \$11,000,000 in 1951.

## CHURNING MILK LAWS

Milk producers and milk distributors are not watching the same crystal ball. Both groups are apprehensive of the other getting an advantage when the compromise bill comes up. Compromise it must be. The oleo defeat made the housewives more militant. The narrow margin of defeat encouraged them. Now the dairy strategists see their mistake. The bill to abolish milk control should have been considered first. Now they are hoping the compromise bill to grant the butter producers exclusive rights to a certain shade of yellow will appease the oleo manufacturers crowd and they will pull out of the fight to abolish milk control.

## SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

Bills recently passed by the legislature and signed by the governor would:

Repeal law which permits any private person to call upon the services of the county surveyor. Authorize the national guard to lease and rent property.

Increase annual State Bar dues from \$12 to \$20 a year.

Increase the cost of the state's Blue Book from 50 cents to \$1.

Change the set alcoholic content of liquor from 17 per cent by weight to 14 per cent by volume when local option elections are held to determine whether such alcoholic liquors shall be prohibited in a county or city.

Repeal law requiring state labor commissioner to make reports to each legislature on the number, social and sanitary habits, nature and employment, earnings, etc. of Japanese and Chinese.

## IN THE IDEA STAGE

Proposals for acts are being studied to broaden the state game commission from five to

seven or more members, consolidation of the state unemployment compensation commission under the Oregon labor commissioner, to require a tape recording of all evidence given committees and of statements made by members of committees in session and the use of electric voting machines in both the house and senate which operate to show only totals of votes favoring or against a motion. The votes of individual members would not be disclosed until the legislature had adjourned. Would this stop "log-rolling," vote trading and pressure plus "influence?"

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March 3, 1921

Willow Lodge No. 66, I.O.O.F. of Heppner was host to 400 visitors and delegates Friday and Saturday.

Students of Heppner high school were entertained in a very pleasant manner last Thursday evening by Dorian Temple of Pythian Sisters. Dinner and dancing were the order of the evening.

Morrow county will likely have to stand the loss of the big crusher which went to smash last week.