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Our Thanksgiving Prayer

Hepner has lost a boy. More than that, a family has lost a son and a brother.

Early this week a brutally frank telegram told the family of Private first class Gerald A. Settles that he had lost his life in Korea. Private Settles is, as far as is known, the first local man to die in this conflict that is not a war, yet that is no consolation to those who awaited his return.

His name is now on the roster with many others who have represented America and its principles in the battle on the little peninsula—a battle in which the odds have not been even. He was willingly serving his country, yet was his country serving him as well? History has shown he went into the fight with little chance to help win a decisive victory for the rights of man as we understand and believe them, yet that was his only reason for being there.

God knows our leaders did not ask for this fight, and their decision to enter it goes unquestioned, yet to win it a principle must be at stake and a goal for victory must be set. The principle is known and believed, only the goal is hazy.

On this Thanksgiving a family will have no joy and little to be thankful for. In their thoughts they will ask "why?"

There are men, who on this day are trying to answer this question. Not that others haven't tried, too, but the approach is new. Let us hope that in the many prayers this Thanksgiving day there will be as many requests that these men be given the guidance to find the answer to the question.

The answer will not bring back Private Jerry nor any of the others, but it will make their going a thing of purpose and of greatness, not just loss with little reason.

The request will be in our Thanksgiving prayer—and we hope in yours.

McKay Moves Up

Oregonians in particular, and all residents of the northwest, can well be pleased with Eisen-

hower's selection of Governor Douglas McKay as the new secretary of the interior. It has been many years since Oregon, or the northwest has been so honored or considered.

The choice was not made by mere chance, for it shows that this section of the nation, long forgotten until recent years, yet one of the most important from the point of development, has become of age and is being recognized as important to the economy of America as a whole.

McKay's appointment means that a man with a deep understanding of the problems and needs of this great area will head the department which has the most to do with the development of natural resources of this area—the water power and rivers' reclamation of arid lands, the development of forest lands and its uses, the location and development of the mineral wealth.

We don't look at it as any great gift under the spoils system of political repayment, because Oregon's governor will step into the job as well prepared for it as any man he could have chosen. He understands the problems he will soon meet face to face. He knows that the federal government must do much of the development, yet he understands fully as well, the part private industry and business must play if the greatest benefits are to be obtained.

We wish Governor Doug the best in his new job. We know he will handle the Nation's problems as fairly and well as he has handled Oregon's.

An Open Invitation

Hepner merchants and the Gazette Times this week serve notice that the Christmas season has arrived and that their stores are loaded with the merchandise that every Morrow county resident will be looking for in the very near future.

Through their advertisements in this issue and in the many pictures scattered throughout the paper they are showing all Christmas shoppers that whatever they may want, they can find it right here in a Hepner store. It's a cordial invitation to do your Christmas shopping at home.



WILLIAM AND BISBEE are headquarters for gifts for all ages. An example of the many is this dandy bicycle being admired by Dee Bailey and Paul Stout. The store is loaded with other wheel goods and toys and has one of Hepner's largest stocks of well known small appliances and housewares—items that make wonderful Christmas gifts.



HEPPNER VARIETY lives up to its name this Christmas season by offering a great variety of Christmas gift ideas for every member of the family. Here Mrs. Letha Archer is showing a customer the workings of a toy tractor—the kind every boy hopes to find under his tree at Christmas. Behind them is a table full of colorful gift wrappings.

WHO HAS A NAME?

What are the recently sanctioned dispensaries of whiskey-by-the-drink going to be called?

That may be up to the legislature which has the job of creating a law to guide the Oregon Liquor Control Commission. In selecting a name to distinguish the new shops from the present taverns the solons have a long list to choose from, including phases of the mode and antiques.

If that ancient scrivener Geoffrey Chaucer were a member of the Oregon Legislature he would call the shop a "wyn bibbery". Our pioneer grandfathers said "whiskey saloon." To the gold rush miners all such were just "bars."

The ultra-prohibis and ulcer-prohibis would have them known as "grog-shops", "barrooms" or "drinkeries"—how quick that one would slip to "drunkeries." In Nevada they say "lounges" and we read of escapades where the o is silent.

Oregon probably will follow California and call them "cocktail bars", an Americanese, originating on U. S. Atlantic liners. **CAPITAL SHORTS** At this time every two years

conscientious legislators band together planning to shorten the lengthening legislative sessions—they're at it again. . . The annual convention of the Oregon Republican Club will be held in Portland Nov. 28-29. Dr. E. E. Boring, state president announced this week. . . Paul Patterson, Hillsboro, state senate president, is working again this week as acting governor of Oregon. It took rulings by Attorney Gen. Geo. Neuner and David O'Hara, state elections director, to hold him on the job when other

officials argued that the new law relating to terms of office of legislators, disqualified him. . . Perry Buren, attache of corporation commissioners office, told con-

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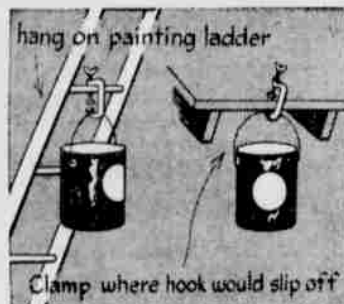
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EDUCATING PRISONERS

Convicts in prison must be prepared to return to society as most of them will come out to live in that society again, Virgil T. O'Malley, warden at the Oregon State Penitentiary told a conference of teachers during a "workshop" session in Salem this week.

O'Malley said aptitude tests and vocational ability tests are given at the penitentiary. They help the prisoners to find a field in which to study. Then they are enrolled in appropriate courses to teach them a vocation. He accentuated that education

is far more powerful as an aid to society than punishment.

STATE BUDGET TO PRINTER

The biennial state budget for 1953-54 has been scaled down to \$210,000,000 and turned over to the state printer by Harry Dorman, director of the department of finance. Publication schedule calls for delivery December 22.

In addition to these figures the state board of higher education will ask the legislature to sanction a \$9,000,000 building program.

The state board of control will present an institutional building program for the next two years totalling \$6,772,000.

A MILLION A MONTH

Death benefit payments of life insurance to Oregon families totaled \$11,395,500 in the first ten months of this year.

The number of policies becoming claims in the first nine months of 1952 showed an increase of over 4 per cent com-

pared with the same period in 1951.

The tremendous increase in life insurance ownership since World War II is reflected in current payments. Life insurance ownership in Oregon has increased 80 per cent in the past seven years.

BIG BUSINESS ON THE BLOCK

Bids have been called for a \$5,000,000 war-time plant in Salem.

The plant was built in 1942 as a pilot plant in extraction of alumina from clay to stockpile for war effort. The present product is activated manganese dioxide for use in the manufacture of dry cell batteries. The monthly capacity of the plant is 100 tons of manganese and 400 tons of ammonium sulphate.

The property offered includes 100 acres of land. Bids will be opened in Portland December 22 by the government's General Services administration.



Flowers All During The Holidays

Bring Beauty to your table

... and anytime, they make a room seem gracious and warm. Order your arrangements early for the holidays to insure getting just what you want.

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