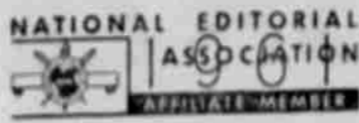


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BACKWARD OR FORWARD?

The New Year is traditionally the time for looking backward, and a time for looking forward. Whether a person, a business firm, or a community places the emphasis on the forward look or the backward look indicates which direction that person, business or community is going. No one can stand still.

Only an inexperienced or foolish person will disregard the past—it is the basis for arriving at decisions affecting the present and the future. But, oddly enough, much of the progress of this world has been made by people who have been very little concerned with tradition and things of the past, but who have had their eyes on the future—not too distant future—but far enough ahead of the crowd to be able to recognize opportunity and be prepared when the opening arrived.

This fact came to the writer's attention again and again in the Phoenix (Ariz.) area. People basing judgments on the past could see nothing that could possibly set off the phenomenal expansion that has occurred during the past decade and particularly during the past three or four years.

Why did these folks fail to see what was coming?

The answer is fairly obvious. The unusual tends to become commonplace, and the outsider sometimes sees what the resident has always taken for granted. That seemingly was the case with many in the Phoenix area.

When the boys came home from the wars, however, a new era came into being. Tradition was brushed aside, and change began, whether wanted or not. The new generation saw the possibilities, did some careful planning, some advertising, some promotion, obtained financing, and the result is history.

Today, Phoenix is one of the fastest-growing areas in the West—and actually has little more to offer than many other areas, particularly the Pacific Northwest. They simply had a program and told the world about it.

You say, "So what? What do we care what happened in Arizona?"

The point, it appears, is simply this: Oregon is about where Arizona was some five or six years ago, so far as industrial development is concerned. We have a good year-round climate, plenty of room in which to expand, natural rec-

reational facilities (and don't minimize the importance of this in the minds of people seeking new locations), an intelligent population from which to draw a labor force, cheap power sources, and, in Morrow County, rail, air and water transportation at our door. This is truly an unusual combination of ideal conditions from an industrialist's point of view provided the tax climate is favorable.

It would seem desirable to build a diversified economy and spread the tax load so that a few taxpayers will not be overburdened.

Morrow County has several organizations concerned with promoting the welfare of this region—the County Planning Commission, and the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, to mention some.

Boardman also has an active chamber of commerce, and the Port Commission is a vital influence.

With the new year, it is hoped that a membership from all over the county may be obtained in the Chamber of Commerce in order to have the best thinking of all segments of the county population on matters which affect us all.

We would like to suggest that a greater effort be made to enlist the membership and attendance of professional and business men, including farmers (for today's farmer is a businessman), from the entire county—Lexington, Ione, Boardman, Irigoin, Hardman, and all the other communities of this county.

The State Department of Planning and Development has the Boardman Space Age Park listed high on the agenda for development.

The communities that are prepared, and that go after these industries will be the ones that get them. No one will come to us on bended knee begging to be taken in, because groups all over the U. S., large and small, are bidding for them to locate in THEIR town or county. As an example, the Bend chamber of commerce recently sent its industrial development committee East to talk with leaders regarding locations in Deschutes county.

However, Morrow County has so many natural advantages over most competitors that it should land some very substantial prospects in 1961 if a unified effort is put forth. The first step is to set a definite policy through a truly county-wide Chamber of Commerce and recognition the County Planning Commission. Let's get prepared, then follow up with really aggressive action if that is the will of the people.

DELINQUENTS?

Among the many Christmas greetings received by Judge Oscar Peterson and the Morrow County Court was the following. The Judge considers this one of the most interesting. It came from the Lincoln County Juvenile Court. We read in the papers and hear on the air:

- Of killing and stealing and crime everywhere. We sigh and we say as we notice the trend. "This young generation. Where will it all end?" But can we be sure that it's their fault, alone; That maybe a part of it isn't our own? Are we less guilty who place in their way Too many things that lead them astray? Too much money to spend; too much idle time; Too many movies of passion and crime; Too many books not fit to be read; Too much of evil in what they hear said; Too many children encouraged to roam. By too many parents who won't stay at home. Kids don't make the movies, they don't write the books. That paint gay pictures of gangsters and crooks. They don't make the liquor, they don't run the bars; They don't make the laws and they don't make the cars. They don't peddle the drugs that addle the brain. That's all done by older folks greedy for gain. Delinquent teenagers: Oh how we condemn The sins of the nation and blame it on them. By the laws of the blameless the Savior made known Who is there among us to cast the first stone? For in so many cases . . . it's sad, but it's true . . . The title "delinquent" fits older folks too.—Anonymous

NEW BOOKS IN HEPPNER LIBRARY PROVIDE VARIETY OF READING

By Blanche Brown, Librarian
Books we believe will interest Heppner public library readers include:
"The Man Who Rode the Thunder" by William H. Rankin, Lt. Col., USMC. Here is the thrilling detailed account of how Col. Rankin was forced to bail out at almost 50,000 feet without special pressure equipment. How, after dropping seven miles in a free fall, he plunged into the grip of a violent storm—an inferno of turbulence, rain, hail, thunder and lightning such as no man had ever seen before. For over a half hour, Col. Rankin was an airborne captive of the storm, and his eventual survival was against overwhelming odds. This book is the thrilling epic of man against the terrifying forces of nature—the story of a man who survived because he had lived and trained in the true tradition of the U. S. Marine Corps.
"The Chord of Steel" by Thomas B. Costain: A detailed and personalized account of how Alexander Graham Bell made his great invention. Mr. Costain describes how the idea came to Bell—the difficulties he had in securing a patent; the first dramatic and conclusive test with wires set up between Brantford and nearby towns in Ontario; the immediate results of that experiment. Costain was raised in the city where this occurred and has thus been able to bring a good deal of new information to his account of the invention of the telephone.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelly and family of Long Creek spent several days visiting his mother, Mrs. Lena Kelly and sisters and their families. Mr. and Mrs. Creston Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sailing, over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Abrams, Honolulu, Hawaii, and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Deattie, Seattle, were holiday visitors at the Robert Abrams home. The Abrams are his parents and the Deatties are his aunt and uncle. Mrs. Sara Morrow, Mrs. Abrams mother.

Mrs. John Shick and her husband, Portland, were Christmas weekend guests of her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parrish spent the Christmas holidays with their sons, Raymond and Jack, in Portland.

Neal Penland returned Friday from Livermore, Calif., where he had been visiting his parents over the Christmas holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Penland formerly published the Gazette-Times and are now publishing the Livermore paper. Neal is a senior at Heppner high school.

Rev. and Mrs. Walter Smith, pastor of the Christian church at Lexington, and Earl Soward were in Eugene Sunday attending the annual minister's parliament at Northwest Christian College.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Tash were Mr. and Mrs. Dick Edmondson and children of Sacramento, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Edmondson of La Grande, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Nichols and daughter of Enumclaw, Wash.

Miss Meredith Thomson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thomson, and Tom Walters were visiting over the Christmas holidays with her parents. Meredith is a senior in the School of Education and Tom is a senior in the School of Pharmacy at Oregon State, Corvallis. Tom's home is Woodland Hills, Calif.

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THIS IS YOUR HOSPITAL

By W. I. O'HARRA

For several years I have thought that the people of this community would be interested in a column about their local hospital. Since I have just started the duties of Administrator, this seems to be a good time to get started. There are many things the average person does not understand about a hospital. People ask me and other hospital employees many questions. "Why can't I visit Aunt Annie at dinner time?" "Why do you charge a certain amount for that service?" If you have a question you think would be of interest to others, ask me and I'll put it in this column together with the answer. The rest of today's column I will devote to a discussion of the reason we have made a considerable number of changes in the operation of the hospital in the past few days. The financial situation at the hospital is such that measures must be taken to improve on the economy of the general opera-

New Year's dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Padberg were Mr. and Mrs. Pete McMurry and son Glenn and Tom Driscoll.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Duvall and son Mike of Vancouver, Wash., spent the New Year holidays here visiting his aunt, Mrs. Harry Duvall.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hill, daughter, Creagh, and son, Clayton of Coos Bay spent the Christmas week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hill and daughter, Colleen, from Powers, Ore., visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harris, during the holidays. Mr. Hill attended school here and is now teaching at Powers high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bennett of Portland were here last weekend visiting his father, Ed Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Gribble were in Milton-Freewater attending a reception for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott IV, nephew of the Gribbles.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Damon of Eugene visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Graham. Also visiting were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wightman.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Adkins visited in Portland with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Crisman.

Word was received here by Mrs. Prudie Casebeer of the death of her brother, Lester Holcomb. He was found in his car near Foster, the victim of a heart attack.

Miss Esther Kirmis has recently returned from a holiday vacation with her family in Lisbon, N. D.

Mrs. Dulcie Sweek is here visiting her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Sweek.

Mrs. Omar McCaleb visited here over Christmas with Mrs. Mattie Green.

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