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WE SHOULD KEEP OPA

The house of representatives in the United States congress has apparently interpreted the criticism of OPA, prevalent throughout the country, as meaning that the people would like to be rid of the price-controlling body.

The office of price administration is certainly entitled to a lot of adverse criticism, but surely the people of this country do not want the OPA eliminated entirely, resulting in an almost certain skyrocketing of prices.

The apparent purpose of the OPA in its present program is to hold down prices and at the same time allow some increases in order to assist in the reconversion program, but some industrialists and manufacturers feel that the government is not allowing enough leeway for profit.

The whole solution seems to revert back to the well-known fact that the middle course is the best. Manufacturers are absolutely not going to release their products until they are assured of a profit and if they are to receive a profit prices must rise to compensate for the boost in wages and other costs. If the manufacturers do not release their goods reconversion will be further delayed. But again the lid most certainly cannot be taken off because that would cause much more inflation than we now have.

Senators and representatives should attempt to ease the pressure on the price structure, but they should realize that masochism of the OPA would mean economic suicide.

NU-ACRES

The Nu-Acres Grange held its regular meeting at Nyssa in the Legion hall April 4. Several members were absent due to sickness. The Farmerettes met with Mrs. Bob Palmer Wednesday for an all-day meeting. Mrs. Jay Conner was co-hostess. The annual election of officers was held and the following

ladies were elected: Olive Thomson, president; Ethel Durrington, vice president; Lorraine Johnson, secretary; Mrs. Nora Wood, treasurer. The club voted to cash its bonds and turn the money into the Grange building fund. The Grange sponsored an Easter egg hunt and wicker roast at the Grange grounds Saturday

night. After a lunch of "hot dogs", potato salad and coffee, a treasure hunt was enjoyed. Then a short program of scripture reading, a poem and several religious songs were sung around the campfire. Much credit is due the Home Economics committee, Mrs. Blanchard, Mrs. Henne, Mrs. Hawley and Mrs. Durrington, Grange lecturer, for the success of the party. Hugh Riddle returned home last week from Holy Rosary hospital much improved after several weeks' illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wood received word from their son, Bob Blakesley, last week stating he had been discharged but is still undergoing treatment in Birmingham hospital, Van Nuys, California and is showing some improvement.

OWYHEE

The Owyhee Community club met with Mrs. Gerald Slippy with Mrs. Bob Rice as co-hostess Thursday, April 18. After the business meeting Mrs. Ellis Walters, Mrs. Florence Kygar and Mrs. LaVone Culbertson were prize winners in the contest. A lunch of salad, sandwiches, olives, cake and punch was served by the hostesses. Mrs. Ray Franklin and Mrs. Dale Clary of Parma were guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Junquist and two sons, Dustin and Jon, of Anderson dam, were overnight guests at the parental S. D. Bigelow home Thursday.

Pupils of the lower grades in the Owyhee Sunday school participated in an Easter program after Sunday school Sunday. Rev. Kriner will hold services next Sunday, April 28.

Mr. and Mrs. John Furth and daughter, Betty Jean, of Boise and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Josinka and two children of Homedale were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McDonald Sunday and all enjoyed a picnic dinner at the Owyhee dam.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gregg and Mrs. Martha Klingback were business visitors in Boise Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Culbertson entertained at dinner Sunday for Mr. and Mrs. Mearl McClure and two sons and Mrs. Arnold Slippy and four children.

The pupils of the intermediate and primary rooms in the Owyhee school enjoyed a picnic at the Caldwell park Friday. Mrs. Blanche Sabin and Mrs. John Bumgarner are the teachers. Parents of the children furnished cars for transportation.

Mrs. Kenneth McDonald and children and Mrs. Martha Klingback were Payette visitors Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Nicholson entertained at Easter dinner for Mr.



ADRIAN FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Adrian, Oregon
Philip H. Reiman—Pastor
Sunday school, 10 a. m.

Preaching, 11 a. m.
Young people's meeting, 7:30.
Joe Nelson leader and Ida Mae Defenbaugh chairman.

Evangelistic message, 7:30 p. m.
Cottage prayer meetings next week: Wednesday, Ed Nelson home in Ridgeview, and Thursday in the Defenbaugh home in Kingman Kolony.

COME AND WORSHIP WITH US AND HELP US SPREAD SCRIPTURAL HOLINESS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. H. A. Heckmann, Pastor
"JESUS CHRIST — WITHOUT HIM, HELL; WITH HIM, HEAVEN!" On the basis of 1 John 5, 4-12 this thought will be stressed at regular divine worship Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. in the American Legion hall (facing underpass, turn left at Texaco station, first building on right; facing high school, turn right at Texaco station, first building on right).

Anyone desiring more information about the Lutheran church, especially what it teaches, may receive this information by dropping a card to "The Lutheran Church," Box 172, Parma, Idaho.

SUNSET VALLEY ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Alfred L. Brim, Pastor
Sunday school, 10 a. m.
T. H. Brewer, superintendent.
Classes for all ages.
Morning worship, 11 a. m.
Young people's and children's church at 7 p. m.

Tuesday prayer meeting at 8 p. m.
Bible study, Friday, 8 p. m.
Evangelistic service, 8 p. m.
We welcome you. Come and enjoy these services.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Pastor, C. L. Sulder
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Singing and preaching, 10:45 a. m.
Evangelistic service, 8 p. m.
Brother H. A. Wiggins of Akron, Ohio officiating during our absence. Come hear Brother Wiggins preach.

THE COMMUNITY UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Kingman Memorial
J. C. Nevin—Pastor
10 a. m., Bible school with classes for all the family.
11 a. m., morning worship. Ordination of elders and deaconesses and installation of all officers. Message on "This is Our Church."
8 p. m., evening worship with inspiration in song, prayer and scripture reading; instruction in discussion: Pioneers: Habits I'd Like to Cultivate; young people: Managing My Life; Adults: How Can We Know What to Believe. Closing thought by our pastor.

Wednesday at 8 p. m., choir practice at parsonage.
Thursday at 8 p. m., officers meet at Kurtz home.
Friday at 10 a. m., prayer group meets in Kingman.

THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

E. J. Wilson, Pastor
10 a. m., Sunday school.
11 a. m., worship and sermon.
7 p. m., N. Y. P. services.
7:45 p. m., evangelistic service.

Kingman Kolony

Kingman Grange held meetings open to the public at which time a representative of the Idaho Power company was present and spoke on the subject of electric power. A lengthy discussion followed, after which a short program consisting of reading and musical numbers was given. Refreshment of sandwiches, cookies and coffee were served by the H. E. club ladies. Mr. and Mrs. Alva Goodell and Mr. and Mrs. Adams of Oregon Trail Grange were among the visitors. Cliff and May Beaumont were Sunday diner guests in the C. C. Cotton home near Nyssa.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Cartwright and family attended a family get-together at the home of Mr. Cartwright's relatives in Boise Easter Sunday.

Melvin Parker has been visiting

his sister, Mildred Cartwright, and family in the Kolony since his return and discharge from the army. The P.T.A. met in the Kolony school house Thursday of last week. In the absence of the president and vice president, Threlma Elliott, presided. A short program of readings, songs, and plays was given by the grade school pupils. Mrs. Borge gave an interesting talk on the pre-school child. Mrs. Guy Glenn reported on the clinics held in the school this year by the county doctor and nurse. Mrs. Judd installed the new officers as follows: Mrs. Looney, president; Mrs. Stanley Hill, vice president, Mrs. William Toomb, secretary, and Mrs. Lynn Hurst, treasurer.

Mrs. Arthur Case came home over the week-end after taking treatments in Boise for a few weeks. Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Lane and Myrna shopped in Ontario and Nyssa Friday.

A cow tester has been testing a number of dairy herds in the

district the past week. The children in the Kolony school enjoyed an Easter egg hunt Friday of last week. Delora Hurst attended a slumber party given by Forestine Wilson at her home for a number of girls Tuesday night. The Pollyanna club will meet with Hazel Schaefer May 1. Rev. and Mrs. Reiman and family were Sunday dinner guests in the Defenbaugh home.

Go To Coeur d'Alene—Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Pike spent the week-end with friends and attended to business at Coeur d'Alene.

Sing At Parma Services—Miss Vivian Fife, Helen Anderson and Mrs. DarThel Pike sang several Easter selections at the Parma L. D. S. church Sunday. Their accompanist was Adrienne Peterson.

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If you suffer from rheumatic, arthritic or neuritic pain, try this simple inexpensive home recipe that thousands are using. Get a package of Ru-Ex Compound, a 2 weeks' supply today. Mix it with a quart of water, add the juice of 4 lemons. It's easy, pleasant and no trouble at all. You need only 3 tablespoonfuls two times a day. Often within 48 hours — sometimes overnight — splendid results are obtained. If the pains do not quickly leave and if you do not feel better, Ru-Ex will cost you nothing to try as it is sold by your druggist under an absolute money-back guarantee. Ru-Ex Compound is for sale and recommended by

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St. Paul's Episcopal Mission
C. L. Callahan, Vicar
Good Friday service, April 19 at 3 p. m.
Easter service, April 21 at 6 p. m.
Baptisms, April 28 at 4 p. m.
Please contact Rev. Callahan for Baptisms at 285-S.W. 3rd St., or phone 409J, Ontario, Oregon.

L. D. S. CHURCH
Sunday 9:15 a.m. Priesthood meeting
Sunday 10:30 a.m. Sunday school
Sunday 7:30 p.m. Sacrament meeting
Tuesday 2:00 p.m. Relief society meeting
First Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. Primary for children between ages of 4 and 12.

PUBLIC REGULATION and Low Electric Rates

The rates at which you receive electric service from our company are closely regulated by governmental authorities.

Under public regulation, you have received nine reductions in rates in the last ten years.

Contrast that with the situation on rates under PUD control. Not only do the PUD commissioners escape ALL public regulation of rates—but the Oregon PUD law specifically REQUIRES a PUD to charge its customers rates HIGH ENOUGH to meet certain obligations, such as payment of bond interest and other debt, etc.

Doesn't it stand to reason that your present system offers you the best guarantee of low electric rates?

IDAHO POWER
A SELF-SUPPORTING, TAXPAYING BUSINESS

What is your GUESS? on our profits...

SOMETIMES, although an idea is wrong, it does no harm. Like the idea that a square jaw is the sign of will power. That winters aren't as severe as they used to be, or that red hair denotes quick temper. But there are other wrong ideas, which are definitely harmful to public confidence in and understanding of industry. One such idea is the current "guessing" about profits made by large business organizations. Many people are apt to grossly exaggerate the money made by business. So Opinion Research Corporation (an independent organization) made a survey to learn just what the public thinks about profits. Compare these guesses and yours with the International Harvester profit figures given below.

Public guess on war profits . . . 30.0%
I H four war year average profit . . . 4.9%

In this survey, the average of the guesses by the public of the wartime profits made by industry was . . . thirty per cent (30%).

But in the four war years of 1942, 1943, 1944, and 1945, the profits of International Harvester Company averaged only . . . 4.9% on sales. Less than one sixth of what the general public "guessed" for all industry.

For this period, the year by year per cent of profits on sales was: 1942—7.34, 1943—5.59, 1944—3.93, 1945—3.93.

Public guess on peace profits 18.0%
I H four pre-war year average profit . . . 7.17%

In the four peace years of 1938, 1939, 1940, and 1941, the profits of International Harvester Company averaged . . . 7.17%. This is well under half of what the public "guessed" for all industry.

Majority think fair profit in normal times is . . . 10%
I H ten-year average is less than 7%

The survey indicates the public knows that in our economy profits are indispensable. And the majority regard 10% as a fair

rate of profit in normal times. Many large businesses, including ourselves, would consider it a banner year if we could reach this figure. Our average profit for the last ten years—four war and six peace—was 6.43%—more than a third less than what the public considers fair.

All these figures show that our profits are not high. As a matter of fact, the entire farm machinery industry is a low profit industry. In 1944, the Federal Trade Commission published a list of 76 industries ranked in order of their ratio of profits to sales. The farm machinery industry was 57th on the list.

What About Current I H Prices? When the War ended and we planned our peace-time production, we had hoped to be able to serve our farmer customers at the same level which has held since 1942, regardless of war-time increases in costs of wages and ma-



terials up to that time. But recent developments have forced a change in our plans.

INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER

Wages and materials consume nearly all of every dollar Harvester takes in from sales. A Government board has recommended and the Company has agreed to pay a general wage increase of 18 cents per hour for Harvester factory employees. The Government has also allowed price increases on raw materials which we purchase in large quantities. Steel has had an average increase of 8.2%.



There has been no general increase in our prices since they were frozen by the Government early in 1942.

So our situation today is that what we BUY costs us 1946 prices. We will be paying average hourly wages 56% above 1941. For what we SELL we get only 1942 prices. This condition cannot long be met out of our present low rate of profit.

Future Prices on I H Products

It is plain that price relief will be needed to meet the increased wage and material costs which we must carry. We regret this necessity. We prefer to lower prices, when possible, rather than raise them and we know our customers prefer to have us do that. We had hoped to be able to "hold the line," at least. But we do not see how we can avoid operating at a loss if our prices continue to remain at their present frozen levels. We will NOT "cut corners" on any of our products, because QUALITY IS THE FOUNDATION OF OUR BUSINESS.

Our customers can be certain that we will seek no more than a moderate profit, both because of our policies and because we have approximately 300 competitors fighting us vigorously for your business. Our request for price relief will be no more than is necessary to insure continued service to our customers, continued work for our employees, and a reasonable return for our stockholders.