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## DEATH OF OPA NOT TERRIFYING

Like the test of the atomic bomb, the death of the OPA was not as terrifying as many had expected.

Apparently the American people took the latest development in their economic hodge-podge in stride and comparatively little reaction was noted as a result of President Truman's veto of the OPA-crippling measure passed by congress in Nyssa no one would ever know that one of the greatest experiments in price control was ended. Of course, in the larger cities some increase in prices, especially in rents, was noticeable. Prices on commodity markets increased the first day, but dropped the day after. Some increase in prices could naturally be expected and in many cases was justified. Certainly, however, we are not yet suffering from the terrible consequences that some had predicted. If disaster to our economic system could be expected from demise of the OPA the president should not have vetoed the measure continuing it for another year.

Some government officials are now talking about passage of another OPA measure in two or three weeks. If we coast along for two or three weeks on an even keel, certainly no one will feel the need of continued price control.

If the American people buy only what they need and then only at reasonable prices for several weeks the threat of inflation will have been defeated. If the people generally do as well as the merchants have done so far, we will have nothing to fear.



## LOOKING AHEAD

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### Eat Cake

Today's acute housing shortage was in plain view ten years ago. Experts in the business of building and equipping homes were writing articles and making speeches back in the 1930's forecasting what they called the building boom of the 1940's. They supported their predictions with sound reasoning and leaders in many equipment lines arranged to meet the demand.

A quick look at census figures, years before Pearl Harbor, would have convinced almost anybody that an unusually big share (say 20%) of the U. S. population would reach an age to be married between 1940 and 1946. Patently this would call for more places to live and, true to form under free enterprise, business men began getting ready quietly to serve this market, but war interfered.

Plans Not Executed. Wars always frustrate plans, and few were revised more in World War II than those of the building trades. Priorities on materials, general shortage of labor and the compelling urge for victory changed most things but the predicted need for more housing came right on schedule. It is even bigger than experts estimated ten years ago because war retarded building and accelerated marrying.

Plans made before the war for meeting this expected peak demand are still workable plans. If industry were free today as it was then, people who want homes would be getting them a great deal faster. I believe Herbert U. Nelson of the National Association of Real Estate Boards has proved that Washington bureaucracy is chiefly to blame for today's housing shortage.

Facts to Remember. It's an old story that America has housing plenty, and it was always true until right lately. France, England and other European countries that have endured regulation of home building since World War I have been short of housing meanwhile. Bureaucracy got a firm grip on American building during World War II and now hates to let go, short of or no shortage.

The OPA is the sorest bunion on the toe of our progress. Here is an illustration: Manufacturers of fir doors got caught behind increased manufacturing costs and asked OPA for permission to raise prices 75c per door. It was refused. Result: No doors by mass production. Carpenters can build doors where they hang them, of course, at much loss of time and at several times normal cost.

Industry Is Ready. A similar man-made middle built a bottleneck in window sash. There's almost no end to the roster of crippling rules in this one industry. Miles Colean, a thoroughly respected Washington economist, says that industries producing building materials are fully reconverted, full capacity restored. Still the most productive nation of history is handicapped and can't house itself. Why? A price-fixing agency, while proclaiming its loyalty to the people, has refused many small strategic upward revisions, thus halting production. Consumers do without things or pay amazing prices for makeshifts. It savors of the Marie Antoinette school of thought. On being informed that by reason of her extravagance her subjects had no bread, she said "Let them eat cake."

with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. James Steelman and daughters, Marilyn and Barbara Jo, of Blackfoot, Idaho and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steelman and daughter, Colleen of Middleton visited Tuesday afternoon in the Clyde Steelman home. Mrs. F. E. Deffer and children visited relatives in Weiser Thursday. Several from Adrian attended the bridal shower held for Mrs. Carol Mathews Wednesday afternoon in Newell Heights at the home of Mrs. Claude Smith. Hostesses were Mrs. Bethel Martin, Mrs. Rose McGinnis, and Mrs. Helen Ekanger. The recent bride received many lovely and useful gifts. James Nichols of Nampa spent from Wednesday until Sunday visiting his daughter, Mrs. Clyde Steelman and family. Janice Froet from Nyssa spent Wednesday visiting her friend, Nor-



FOUR GENERATIONS OF SWEDISH SUCCESSION . . . Rarely have four members of a royal family, each in direct line of succession to the throne, been photographed together. King Gustaf of Sweden is holding his great grandson, Prince Carl Gustaf. Looking on are the baby's father, Prince Gustaf Adolf, left, and Crown Prince Gustaf Adolf.



MISS ATLANTIC CITY 1946 . . . Blonde Betty Jones, 21, professional model, who has been acclaimed Miss Atlantic City of 1946, as she received her crown. She will be hostess at Miss America pageant in September.

In the Glen Brown home, for a few weeks.

Mrs. Threlma Elliot and girls returned Friday from the 4-H summer school, held at Corvallis. While at summer school Mrs. Elliot acted as chaperon for girls housed in the Memorial Union Building.

In the absence of the state president of the 4-H state leaders organization, Mrs. Elliot presided as vice president over the daily meetings held during the summer school.

Mrs. William Toomb and Betty Jean and Dickie and Mrs. Wayne Piercy were shoppers in Nyssa Monday afternoon.

Bethel Martin and Gloria Pounds were in Vale Monday to attend the opening of Babe Hart's new dress shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Martin entertained Tuesday evening at a dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Al Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Willis, Betty Jean Toomb and Ray Landau.

Mrs. Glen Brown and son, Robert were shoppers and visitors in Boise Tuesday.

Mrs. Riley Dille and Jean were visitors in the home of Mrs. Jack Raney at Parma Monday.

Joyce Hibbard is working in the Adrian Drug Store.

## NEWELL HEIGHTS

Mrs. Charles Spencer and son, Joe, recently discharged from the service, and daughter, Mrs. Claud Wilcox of LaGrande, spent last week-end visiting in the Leo Winn home. Mrs. Spencer is Mrs. Winn's sister.

Dudley Kurtz returned home June 24 after receiving his discharge and is visiting his brother,

Harold, and friends in Illinois and Indiana.

Mrs. Ed Camel of Drusy spent the past week in the Ontario hospital. She returned home Monday. Mrs. Camel is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Winn.

Mrs. Chub Morris received word from her husband that he had arrived in the states from Europe. Miss Arlene Piercy is spending two weeks in Buhl, Idaho visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin McLaughlin, Myrna Snow, Laural Ann McLaughlin and Jewell Wilson were dinner guests at the M. L. Kurtz home Saturday evening.

Dr. J. Boyd Patterson will spend next week-end at the M. L. Kurtz home and will preach in the United Presbyterian church Sunday. Rev. Nevin has been asked to speak in Portland.

Betty Lou Newbill, Selma Starz and Caroline Schiemer returned home Friday night after spending two weeks at the 4-H summer school in Corvallis.

Miss Ellen Judd left Tuesday for San Francisco to be the house guest of Mrs. Ann Applegate. Relatives from the east and west are gathering there for a family reunion.

## NEWS OF RECORD

MARRIAGE LICENSES  
Jack Donald Stuart and Daisy Millicent Klamroth, both of Nampa. 6/25/46.

Emil Gene Stunz and Helen Eileen Sallee, both of Nyssa. 6/26/46  
Darrell Louis Skeen and Vivian Bernice Osborn, both of Challis, Idaho. 6/26/46

Woodrow Wilson Clark and Hava Maxine Clevenger, both of Ontario. 6/27/46

COMPLAINTS, CIRCUIT COURT  
Marye Ruth Reitz vs. Kent P. Rietz. 6/25/46. Divorce

Frank Kochrow vs. William P. Geue, et al. 6/25/46. To quiet title.  
John Patrick Holbrook, et al. vs. Roy Holbrook, et al. 6/25/46. To quiet title.

William Biedso vs. Alice B. Yocmans, et al. 6/25/46. To quiet title.  
T. O. Tomasello Co. vs. C. E. Strickland, state engineer, et al. 6/26/46. Injunction.

Albert L. Pfeiler vs. Vernon J. LaPlante. 6/26/46. Recovery of money, \$341.

Loretta Bell vs. Melvin Bernard Bell. 6/26/46. Divorce.  
Helen V. Stelk vs. Harry Stelk. 6/27/46. Divorce.

Harry D. Littlefield vs. First National bank in Vale, et. al. 6/28/46 To quiet title.

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Riding Club Meets  
The members of the riding club met Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Snodgrass, with 23 members present. "Doc" Marshall, president, Dr. Chairman Neil Driscoll, others taking part in the concerning future rodeo races. A committee of chosen to further the stock, which is \$25 per person is allowed to buy more than \$500 worth of stock the business meeting a coffee, ice cream and served by Mrs. Snodgrass. Next meeting will be held at 8:30 p. m. at the home and Mrs. Dart O. Byler.

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**Adrian**  
Mrs. Dennis Path and son, David, of Burns called on friends in Adrian Wednesday afternoon. Donnie Patch spent several days visiting in the K. I. Peterson home the past week.  
Mr. and Mrs. K. I. Peterson and Arlene and Donna Maria left Thursday morning for Stanford, Nebraska to visit several weeks.

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## MEMORY LANE

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