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Few People Will Pay Attention To This

Probably few people will read this editorial and fewer still will pay any attention to it in a concrete way, yet it does contain a warning and danger signal for most of us.

At the present time, we are experiencing as prosperous a period as our nation ever knew. Jobs are plentiful and wages are high. Inexperienced men go into new businesses and simply cannot fail. In fact most of them make money hand over fist.

We are not a seer or prophet in the ordinary sense but we know as any student of economic history does that periods of depression or panics as we used to call them always follow eras of prosperity, and probably worst of all poor times usually last longer than good times.

We know too, as students of human nature, that most people are like Robert Service's Yukon miner. "He can bear the famine worthily but loses his head at the feast."

Seemingly good business men are already making the wish father to the thought and arguing that this era of prosperity will last from five to ten years. One can always find good arguments for the thing he actually desires yet in the instant case there is the full weight of economic history of our country to prove that a lot of these business men are going to be fooled. Poor times are bound to creep upon us before the most of us know it and a lot of us are going to be out on figurative limbs.

With money cheap as it is now, the smart ones are paying off debts and creating reserves for the rainy days ahead. It is no time now to go into debt, yet many people are. Some of us older folk know what it is to buy property and businesses at inflated values and then pay off or try to when money becomes scarce and dear.

Yet despite this warning, and "writing on the wall" of danger signals, most people will argue themselves into the courses of action they feel will be more pleasant to take. That's the reason we said at the beginning: few people will read this editorial and fewer still will pay any heed at all to it.

Maybe it is the spirit of America that makes us like "to ride to a fall."

Time To Hit Hard For Truth

During the war years, proponents of socialism in the United States have had a field day. They have promoted public ownership of electric power, deliberately attempting to mislead the public into the belief that the war effort would have collapsed without the electric energy supplied by tax-supported government power plants. They have also attempted to mislead the public into the belief that such power projects can produce power more cheaply than private plants.

Gullible observers who heap invective upon European socialists and fail to detect the workings of the same school of thought in this country, have not even taken the time to check the authenticity of these claims. They are blind to the threat of individual opportunity and dismiss the controversy as the exclusive headache of the utility industry.

Fortunately, the utility companies, conscious of the public interest involved, are at last free to tear aside the curtain of fiction surrounding the government's "cheap electricity" program and call it by its right name, State Socialism. The president of the Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company, for example, declares that:

"We have heard the cry of 'cheap power' bandied about for the past four war years by proponents of government ownership. They have been opportunists enough to know that we would not answer them. Government is always right in times of war and any criticism of government activities as too apt to be construed as a desire to sow seeds of disunity. We deemed silence wise.

"But... the war is over now and we intend to hit and to hit hard... in defense of what we believe to be the truth and fact.

"In our opinion the cry of 'cheap power' has been deliberately concocted to hoodwink the American public into subscribing to a vast Eight Authority program which... if completed will blanket every state in the union... and according to a statement made in 1936 by Arthur E. Morgan, first chairman of TVA, 'sharp lines between city, county and state will disappear and government will become more regional in character.'

"The Tennessee Valley Authority, being the first of the lot, has been the bell cow. The cry of 'cheap power' has emanated from there and has echoed across the nation.

"TVA is not selling cheap power. It is selling less-than-cost power with the people of the nation paying the deficit.

My company and no company can compete, against this unfair and un-American competition which we are sure, will not be sanctioned by the American people when enough of them know the facts as well as they are known by Congressman A. J. May, chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee, who recently said: 'As a power project, TVA is doomed to be a red-ink bureau and forever run a chronic deficit in spite of alleged paper profits.'

Payette's housing situation is becoming more serious daily and from the viewpoint of the man on the sidelines little is being done to remedy a condition which threatens the development of our city. In a newspaper office there is hardly a day passes but that someone, desiring to locate in this city comes in and inquires about a house to rent or buy. Judging by all appearances most of those making inquiries are substantial people, people financially able to put the money on the line for a place in which to live.

One of the obstacles to a satisfactory solution of the problem is a shortage of skilled labor, carpenters who can build homes and the other is the shortage of building materials. Just how long this condition is to exist is problematical but it should be understood by Payette residents and businessmen that the community is suffering as a result of it and little if anything is being done to relieve it.

One of the funniest stories that we have yet heard from the opposition to the voting of bonds for the building of a swimming pool in Payette is to the effect that it built it would be a hazard to the health of the youngsters. This statement prompts the question as to whether or not these same youngsters who have been swimming in irrigation ditches which are polluted by barn yards and every other kind of filth, have not worked up an immunity to the place that they could withstand a properly supervised, sanitary swimming pool. No that story does not hold water insofar as we are concerned.

Second Avenue South and Sixth street in Payette continue to be speedways where those so inclined may open up the throttle of their automobiles to their hearts content without much molestation on the part of the law. Hardly a day passes but that the life of some child or old person is not threatened by these thoughtless drivers. We wonder if someone has to be killed before this menace may be removed.

There may be some merit to the complaint of local sportsmen who are busily engaged throughout the working hours against sportsmen from nearby states who come to this section and hunt all day long. Those in the latter class get all of the best hunting and when the local resident desires to enjoy his favorite sport he finds most of his favorite spots cleaned of all game birds.

Newspapers Help In Bond Promotion

The Independent-Enterprise is in receipt of the following letter, which is self-explanatory, from John A. Schoonover, state chairman of the War Finance committee:

"A large contributing factor to Idaho's success in the past seven War Loan Drives has been the splendid co-operation this office and the local chairmen have received from Idaho's newspapers. The Victory Loan may be the most difficult one we have had to face because of the people's attitude that 'the war is over.'"

"The shooting war is over but for some the war will not end for months and years and for others it will never end. The editors of Idaho will again render an invaluable service to the state, to the country and to the people individually by all out support of the Victory Loan Drive.

"Rumors are always being circulated by someone. The current rumor seems to be that after the drive bonds will be frozen. This is not true as the President and Secretary Vinson have both assured us but it apparently has not come to the attention of some portion of the public. In addition to Secretary Vinson's statement that they would not be frozen is the fact that Congress nor any political party, statesman or politician would tamper with the securities of the 85 million people who now own government bonds.

HAROLD PETERSON RECEIVES DISCHARGE

SANTA ANA, CALIF.—T Sgt. Harold R. Peterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Peterson of Payette, was discharged honorably recently from the separation base maintained here by the Army Air Force.

Sgt. Peterson is a veteran of 31 months of service in the Army Air Forces. He served in Italy and France as a B-24 engineer-gunner. The AAF has awarded him the Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster.

Brigadier General Arthur E. Easterbrook, commanding general of the SAAAB, declared: "The fact that a man has served honorably with the AAF marks him among the cream of the crop. We think many of tomorrow's leaders will spring from the outstanding young men who have made up the victorious Army Air Forces."

Before entering the service Peterson was an aircraft engineer mechanic.

Church Services

NOTICE TO MINISTERS: The Independent-Enterprise cannot accept copy for announcements under this heading later than Tuesday evening.

St. James Episcopal Church
Rev. Virgil Ward, pastor.
Services in Octave of All Saints:
Sunday school 10:00 a. m.
11:00 a. m. Holy Communion.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Paul D. Felthouse, pastor.
10 a. m. Sunday school. Russell Thistle, supt.
11:00 a. m. Worship Service. Sermon, "The Triune God." The Lord's Supper will be served.
7:00 p. m. Baptist Youth Fellowship.

7:45 p. m. pre-Prayer Service.
8:00 p. m. Evangelistic service.
A Sacred Musical concert by the Ned Wallace party of Spokane, Wn. Choir practice Tuesday at 8:00. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8:00 p. m.

THE METHODIST CHURCH
"A Friendly Church in a Friendly Community"
Ceell G. Hannan, minister.
Church school 10 a. m. L. J. Boles, superintendent.
Worship 11 a. m. Special music. Sermon by the pastor.
Methodist Youth Fellowship, 7 p. m. Installation of officers. Devotions. Topic discussion led by Dianne Madrid.

FRUITLAND CHURCH OF CHRIST
Frank Ira Y. Rice of Norman, Okla., will preach at Fruitland Lords day morning and evening, Nov. 4. On Nov. 5 he will begin a two weeks drill in rudiments of vocal music, each evening except Saturday at 8:00 p. m.

Everyone is invited to attend and especially the younger people. There will be no charge.
Song service and Bible study begin at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. Communion at 11:45 a. m. You are welcome.

CHURCH OF CHRIST (Christian)
9th St. & 2nd Ave. N.
10 a. m. Bible school. Glen Olson, supt. Classes for every age.
11 a. m. Morning worship and communion. There will be a guest speaker to bring the message.
8:00 p. m. Wednesday prayer meeting.

FRUITLAND METHODIST CHURCH

J. D. Crawford, pastor.
10 a. m. Sunday church school. Sam Olson, supt.
11 a. m. worship service and preaching. Subject: "I am the Good Shepherd."
7:30 p. m. Youth Fellowship.

FRUITLAND CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Where You Meet God And Friends
Albert Hollinger, minister.
10:00 a. m. Sunday school, G. G. Bollinger, superintendent.
11:00 a. m. Morning worship, sermon subject: "The Worth of the Soul."
7:00 p. m. Discussion groups.
7:45 p. m. Evening worship, sermon subject: "Think of these Things."

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH SERVICES EVERY SATURDAY

9:30 Sabbath school for adults and children.
11:00 church service.
3:00 young people's meeting.

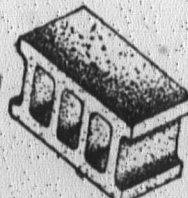
HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Time of Masses:
First Sunday, 8 a. m.
Second Sunday, 10:30 a. m.
Third Sunday 8 a. m.
Fourth Sunday, 10:30 a. m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

9:45 a. m. Sunday school.
11 a. m. church service.
The Wednesday evening meeting at which testimonies of Christian Science Healing are given, is at 8 o'clock.

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CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

Sunday meetings:
10:30 a. m. Sunday school.
8 p. m. Sacrament meeting.
Wednesday meetings:
2:30 p. m. Relief Society.
7:30 p. m. M. I. A.

St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church

Corner North 4th St. and 5th A.
A. F. Lienkaemper, pastor.
Sunday school at 10 a. m.
Worship service at 11 a. m.

Sermon subject: Reformation. An Experience.

CHURCH OF GOD

Harold Jacks, Pastor.
10 a. m. Sunday school.
11 a. m. Morning worship.
6:30 p. m. Christian Endeavor.
7:30 p. m. Evangelistic service.
7:45 p. m. Wednesday prayer meeting and Bible study.

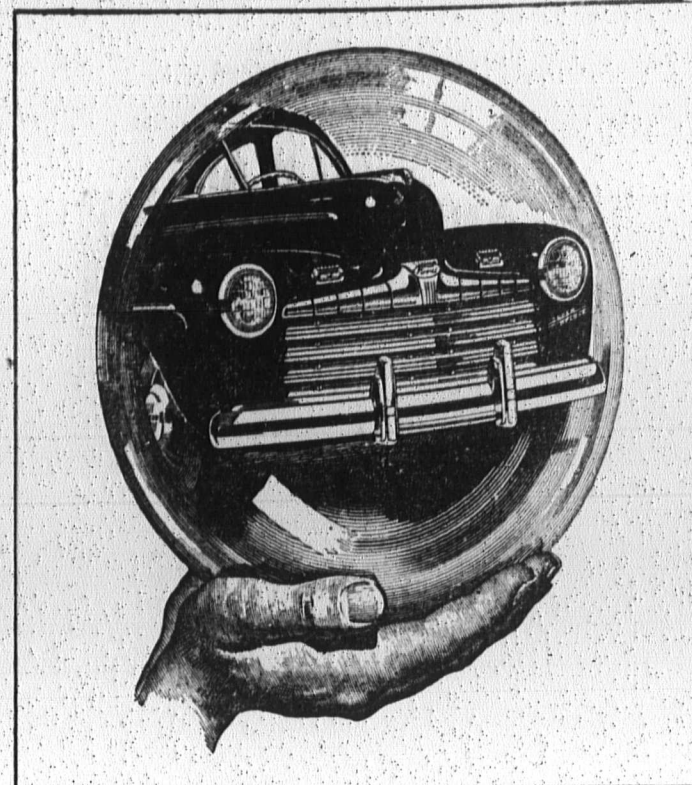
FOUR SQUARE GOSPEL CHURCH

126 No. 7th St. (Former Payette Hotel).
Sunday services:
Sunday school 10 a. m.
Morning worship 11 a. m.

8:30 p. m. revival services, continue every night except Saturday. Do you need healing for a broken body, come. God is the same today as in days past. Rev. Leo Waggoner preaching sermons that will be a real blessing to you.
-Dev. and Mrs. D. L. Pergande, pastors.

The Assembly of God Church
H. D. Robeson, pastor.
Sunday school at 10 a. m.
Morning worship at 11.
Evangelistic service at 8 p. m.
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Friday night young peoples meeting.

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