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FLY TYING COLLEGE

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Word comes that college graduates soon will be tying flies, wrapping fish rods, repairing golf clubs, and making bows and arrows. Not that some college graduates have not been engaged in these tasks in the past, but college education had no bearing on the vocation into which the graduate tended through opportunity or happenstance. Now, however, we read that a college course is to be offered in the field of sports equipment manufacture and repair, thus preparing students to train themselves for operation of sporting goods stores or for work in manufacturing and repair departments.

The course is announced by the Oregon Technical Institute, Oregon's newest school in the field of technical education and a part of our system of higher education. The school, located at Klamath Falls, has outlined a course requiring 25 months for completion, teaching theory and offering actual work in manufacturing and repairing skis, fish rods, artificial lures, fishing reels, racquet stringing, arrow making, bow making, game equipment, uniforms, golf clubs, and miscellaneous manufacture and repair, including repair of gas lanterns and stoves and gun sight installation. In addition to both theoretical and practical training in the departments mentioned, the student will receive instruction in retail business management, advertising and rudimentary bookkeeping. Thus he will be technically prepared to establish his own business or enter the service of a sporting goods department.

Inauguration of the course in sports equipment manufacture and repair at the Oregon Technical Institute is most timely and worth while, in our opinion. Outdoor recreation is big business in this country and is steadily growing in importance. Millions of dollars worth of sporting goods are sold annually. Sales and repairs of hunting and angling equipment furnishes much employment. Technical training in this field is as important as in any other vocation. Yet it is a field that has been sadly neglected.

The majority of technicians in the sporting goods field have obtained their knowledge through trial-and-error experience. A fly tyer starts out as an amateur. He buys a book and a fly tying outfit and starts experimenting. Perhaps he receives a little aid from someone more experienced. Eventually, if he is skillful, he is able to produce a fly suitable for sale. A rod maker goes through the same process. Gunsmiths and reel repairmen, for the most part, are workmen who, having a flair for mechanics, have studied in this specialized field and, because of ability, have managed to attain through long experience the necessary skill to do a good job.

Repair of sports equipment requires more skill and knowledge than many people realize.

We had a fish rod we liked especially. It had fine action and good balance. There came a time, however, when it needed new guides, wrappings and varnishing. We took it to a man reported to be a good repairman. When the rod was returned it was about as useful for fishing as a baseball bat. The action was slow. It was impossible to lay out a long line or to properly put a fly on the water. We then sent the rod to the factory for overhaul and it came back as good as new—again full of life and action. The difference rested entirely on the skill of the workman.

The Oregon Technical Institute is training men to make a living with their hands—a type of education which has been neglected for too long a time. Higher education has been designed to put graduates in the so-called "white collar class" and has led to much disappointment for graduates who, with training in liberal arts found it necessary to learn one of the manual trades the hard way after working four years for his education. No money spent for education is wasted, but many men and women find vocational training of far greater benefit than advanced studies in the liberal arts.

The state's vocational school, in our opinion, is an excellent complement to our system of education, and is showing good judgment in the type of instruction made available. Students, for instance, may select such courses as office and business education, commercial art and design, general drafting, piano tuning and repair, photography, radio communications and repair, office equipment repair, auto body and fender repair, auto mechanics, baking, cabinet making, carpentry, welding, dry cleaning, electrical maintenance and appliance repair, gunsmithing, machine shop, refrigeration, diesel mechanics, automotive electricity, medical technology, clock and watch repair, sewage disposal, and others. Trained workers are needed in all of these fields and the person who has had technical training is in a far better position for employment and advancement than the workman who must make a cold start.

Settlement Predicted In Ship Tieup Strike

ASTORIA, Jan. 8.—(AP)—A settlement is expected soon in the dispute that has tied up the refrigeration ship Tintin.

The vessel came in from Central American waters with 700 tons of tuna. CIO Longshore pickets went out, however, when CIO cannery workers prepared to unload the ship. Longshoremen previously had handled the unloading.

Cannery workers said they were acting under instructions of

the employers, the Columbia River Packers Association. Pickets were withdrawn after a conference between the unions and the C.R.P.A. representatives indicated a quick settlement would be made.

MAJOR SURGERY

Mrs. J. F. Dillard has received word that her brother, Bert G. Bates, underwent major surgery Jan. 5 at Estacadero, Calif. Mr. Bates, a former resident of Roseburg, now is employed with the newspaper at King City, Calif.

OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



"A hundred squatting coolies in long white robes were cutting alfalfa, their hands moving swiftly as they cut a bunch at a time with their little sickles. In an adjoining field I saw a 16-year-old Arab driving a tractor, cutting as much alfalfa as the 100 sweating coolies at a dollar a day. Until a year ago this boy had never even seen a tractor. But now, dressed in khaki pants, Yousef was the proud tractor driver who had been taught by the Americans."

It is the story of "the Americans" in Arabia by invitation of King Ibn Saud who foots the bills for the agricultural "miracles," that John Strohm, roving editor for Country Gentleman, tells in the January issue of the magazine. Mr. Strohm also took the pictures. One is of Alf, his bare feet crossed before him on the big camel, fascinated by the pictures in a copy of Country Gentleman which Mr. Strohm carried with him everywhere in the 60 countries of Europe and the Middle East.

Ken Edwards, a Texas district county agent went first to Arabia; then he was asked to assemble a permanent crew of 22 mechanics, county agents, etc., who with tact and skill are showing the Arabians, who import 80 per cent of their food, how to be self-sufficient agriculturally. In summer, alfalfa has to be cut every 14 days. The 40-pound melons, average size, seem miracles

to the Arabians; their sweetness, too, delights King Ibn Saud and his subjects. Some melons are extra-big: "Why we don't grow them that big, not even in Texas," said Edwards with "true Texas modesty."

Wheat at \$9 a bushel in Arabia is harvested by sickle, bundles tied with a straw carried on a donkey's back to the threshing-floor, a bare piece of ground, and then by winnowing, to wing in the air, and the donkey's hooves trotting over it, is threshed. Then it must be picked up almost grain by grain. The Americans are getting 60 bushels to the acre and are sowing and reaping like Kansas style, much cheaper, too, than the way the Arabians have used for centuries.

"The vegetables, too, delight the King—all but the turnips. He sent me a note about them: 'don't send me any more turnips.' But other vegetables they raise the year round, in 125-degree heat in summer. The Americans wear the protecting turbans—and beards. Gil, the mechanic who receives requests from the Crown Prince to 'please fix' a broken differential on a truck 100 miles out in the desert, has a beard that is the envy of the Arabs. "Gee," says Gil, "even nails have to be shipped in from America!"

It's a wonderful story of a King who knows what he wants and 22 Americans who know how to give it to him and his country. A contribution indeed to world peace.

In the Day's News

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and the power and the SPENDING of the federal government was it.

Quite properly, in line with this trend, the President advises UPPING FEDERAL TAXES FOUR BILLION DOLLARS. If the federal government, following the rather clearly expressed wishes of the people, is to go on spending, it must have money to spend.

The money must be provided by taxation.

ALONG that line, one of the better news magazines in a recent issue prints one of these "pie charts" showing where the tax money goes.

It is interesting.

Out of each dollar of TOTAL tax money back in 1932 (when the trend toward leaving everything to Uncle Sam started) the CITIES got approximately two bits. NOW, after 16 years of leaving everything to our old uncle with the chin whisker and the skinny pants, the cities get only a little more than a nickel out of each total dollar.

The federal government gets NEARLY 75 CENT of it.

ALL over the country — but ESPECIALLY in the rapidly growing Far West, whose expanding towns and cities are bursting out at the seams—the problem of CITY taxation is an acute one.

In the old days, when we spent about a fourth of ALL our tax money in our own towns (for

streets, schools, fire and police protection, sanitation and so on— for THINGS THAT ARE CLOSE TO US, that we ourselves use every day) the problem of city taxes wasn't so acute. Taxes weren't too burdensome, anyway. AND WE WANTED THESE THINGS. So we taxed ourselves, more or less willingly, to get them.

Now, with the federal government taking nearly three-fourths of ALL the tax money that is collected, we feel the pinch. With the tax burden bearing down hard on our necks, we are irked when our city wants more money. Since our city administrations are CLOSE TO US and the federal government is remote and vague and hard to get at, we are inclined to take our ill will out on the city council when it tries to raise more city tax money with which to pay for our close-to-home city conveniences and services.

BUT we shouldn't complain.

OUR VOTES have brought this situation about. Unfalteringly, over the past 16 years, we have voted FOR those who have promised us more federal government and AGAINST those who have held out for MORE GOVERNMENT CLOSER HOME.

In a democracy, such as ours, we get what we vote for.

Leg Ailment Bothering King George, Report

LONDON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—King George, suffering from a grave leg ailment, went to his country estate today to continue a convalescence which his doctors have called satisfactory.

The King, with Queen Elizabeth and his mother, Queen Mary, traveled by special train

to Sandringham, his Norfolk County birthplace and favorite retreat, for an indefinite stay. There he joined Princess Elizabeth, Prince Philip, their baby, Prince Charles, and Princess Margaret, who drove the slightly more than 100 miles earlier in the week.

Mix Sand, Soil, Peat for Winter Seed Beginning

When garden seeds are sown indoors, long before it is safe to begin outdoor operations, much will depend upon the soil used to fill the seed box. If this was not brought inside before the ground froze in the fall, it should be dug, and placed under shelter where it will thaw out gradually.

If you try to dry soil quickly with considerable heat, you will make it very muddy at first, and lumpy thereafter. This will be difficult when what you want is a crumbly soil. Slow thawing will do the work, so do not try to rush things.

Even though you have taken the best top soil from your garden—as you should—it will still need mixing with sand to make it loam, and humus to increase its water holding capacity. Peat moss or leaf mold will supply satisfactory humus, but do not use manure even when well rotted, in soil to be used to start seeds. Nor should plant food be supplied for the health of the seed sprouts.

A third top soil, a third peat moss or leaf mold, and a third sharp sand, such as masons use in concrete will make a satisfactory mixture. After it is well mixed, pass it through a sieve, about a inch mesh, and keep the coarser particles in a pile, to be used in the bottom of the seed boxes. The finer soil is then filled in to the level of the box; it will settle quickly.

Moss May Be Used

Sphagnum moss may be spread in a layer on top of the soil, if it is desired as a means of protecting the seedlings from "damping off" and other diseases. If soil is prepared by this method, there will be no need for feeding the seedling plants until they have reached transplanting size.

Two substitutes for soil which may be used in seed boxes are vermiculite, a form of mica used to insulate buildings, and sphagnum moss. These are sterile substances which have many advantages, being much lighter than soil; but they are entirely lacking in plant food and if used the plants must be fed as soon as they have made true leaves. (their second pair) with water, in each gallon of which a tablespoon of your garden plant food has been stirred.

Body of Veteran Found in Stream

COTTAGE GROVE, Jan. 10.—(Special)—Information has been received from Robert Mills, deputy county coroner, that a body found last week in the coast fork of the Willamette river about one mile south of here has been identified through dental charts provided from his dentist as that of Albert Thornbury, who had been a patient of the Veterans Hospital in Roseburg for eight years.

On February 12, 1948, Thornbury wrote from Cottage Grove to the Roseburg Veterans Hospital that he intended to commit suicide. The body had been in the water a long time, evidently since that time.

Albert Thornbury was born April 9, 1893, at Granger, Ia. He is survived by a sister, Edna B. Donahue of Eugene.

Private funeral services will be held Tuesday at 1 p. m. in Reathaven Memorial Park in Eugene.

Mass Meeting Set at Drain On Sewer Problem

Report on sewer problems at Drain will be given at a mass meeting scheduled in the Community Hall Thursday night. All citizens and property owners of the city are invited to attend. There will be discussion of the best ways to handle the problem.

The Drain Enterprise, which said the problem has been studied by Ben B. Irving, city engineer, also added:

Drain has only two small sewer lines, and under existing state laws no more sewage lines can be built that will flow into a creek without being treated through a disposal plant.

The State Board of Health is willing to work with any community that adopts a plan of construction that will eventually create a complete plant, even though this cannot be done at once.

If the town has the plans for the complete system and a location for a disposal plant, so that new lines could be constructed to tie in properly with the proposed complete unit, it might then be possible to get state approval on lines to ease the critical conditions in South Drain and in East Moreland.

The last city council instructed Irving to make a preliminary survey, as funds were not available to obtain a regular engineering survey. There will be enough information available to find out what is required and to give everyone interested an overall picture of the situation.

The new city council, installed Tuesday night, has been cooperating with outgoing mayor and council on this preliminary activity so that no time will be lost in getting started on this important problem.

As Mayor McIntosh stated to the new council in discussing the matter Tuesday night, "Under state laws the city has no choice in the matter, it is obligated. The problem is to work out some plan that the city can fulfill and that the State Board of Health will accept."

The new council consisting of W. E. McIntosh, Mayor; H. L. Goodmanson, Art Huckins, Geo. Chambers and C. C. Ritter, will meet again Tuesday night.

Disease Threatens Cherry Industry

PULLMAN, Wash.—(AP)—Little cherry disease of cherries "may be as grave a threat to Washington orchardists as it was in British Columbia where it wiped out the cherry industry," a Washington State College scientist says.

Dr. E. C. Blodgett, associate pathologist, said a survey showed the virus disease continued to spread through Washington's cherry orchards in 1948. It threatens a seven million dollar sweet cherry industry in the state.

Only 38 percent of the 1945 trees found to be infected during 1947 were removed voluntarily. Blodgett said. This was "disappointing," he said because removal of infected trees is the only control measure known.

He said the 1948 survey of 27 counties showed 1933 or 1.16 of the trees inspected were diseased.

Supreme Court Rules Log Sheets Entered in Error

Finding that certain log scale sheets had been admitted in error as evidence, over objections of the defendant, the Oregon Supreme Court has reversed and set aside the judgment of Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly in the case of A. W. Tripp and M. W. Saunders, doing business as Tripp and Saunders vs. Marcus Renhard and Judd Creek Lumber Co.

It was ordered that the appellants (defendants) recover costs and disbursements in the amount of \$207.17 from the respondents (plaintiffs) in the Supreme Court ruling.

The Supreme Court upheld judgment of the Douglas County Circuit Court in the case of P. R. Weaver vs. Pearl L. Austin. The Supreme Court found "there was not error as alleged," and the case was remanded to the lower court for a decree to be entered.

Plans to be Fixed For Junior Citizens Banquet

Final plans for the junior citizens banquet will be arranged at tonight's meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce in the Hotel Umpqua at 6:30 p. m.

The banquet will be held Monday.

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day, Jan. 17, at Kennedy's Dutch Mill on Highway south. The dress for the banquet will be semi-formal, although it has been emphasized that street-length dresses will also be appropriate for the women attending. Tickets, two for each member and two to be sold, will be distributed at tonight's meeting. Attendance is urged in order that the tickets may be distributed. This meeting will also be important, in that all new members are to be formally initiated.

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