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A GREAT INVITATION—Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.—Isa. 1:18.

We think a citizen posse is a wonderful protection for community banks—if the posse can just keep from getting shot.

Somebody is always adding insult to injury. James W. Gerard, democratic national committee chairman, announces that the Al Smith campaign deficit is $1,600,000.00.

The folks up at Muddy Creek school are going to slaughter 53 turkeys and dish out their annual Puritan dinner Monday evening. It doesn't take an expert to predict large girth increases in the neighborhood about the same time.

"ECONOMIZING" ON EDUCATION

Higher education for the youth of the state and nation is now looked upon by thoughtful citizens not only as very desirable but as absolutely necessary. Contrary to the pooh-poohing of a few so-called public leaders and editors who would cover up their own shortcomings and neglected opportunities of youth by deprecating institutions of higher learning, the value of that additional training, whether general or specialized, is definitely proved not only for the individual, but for employer and associates, for community and state.

Money spent for universities, colleges and normal schools, in others words, is a good investment. Successes far outweigh failures; and general advantages gained by the taxpayer directly and indirectly in state development and in favorable tendencies in agriculture, industry, and business make it unnecessary for anyone, even if so disposed, to argue for the existence of these institutions.

It ought to be surprising, under these circumstances, to discover that it's necessary to argue for reasonable support and moderate facilities for expansion for these state institutions. But it isn't. The public, being intent on its own personal affairs and the support and expansion of its own private businesses, forgets that a thing once approved and established does not and cannot keep pace of its own accord with demands made on it in tripled and quadrupled fashion.

A university or college or normal school, established many years ago and given incidental attention as the public spirit has moved, is unable to lift itself by its own bootstraps to any given level of educational excellence. Strange as it may seem, and unfortunate as it may be from the standpoint of the institution, it must have help. Mere existence is not enough. It requires money, new buildings to care for new enrollment, new revenue to insure ever higher standards in keeping with a progressive world.

The Observer was extremely sorry, therefore, to read that the joint gathering of university and state college regents had given in to the pleas for economy in education, had suffered themselves to be burdened with partial responsibility for the state deficit. There may be, it is true, some considerations effecting the revenue of the institutions with which we are not familiar, but on the face of the detailed report, we would assume that higher education in Oregon is hog-tied for another two years. It is to receive not one cent more from the state. It is to get along with exactly what it has, regardless of student increases or changed needs in education.

That is the poorest kind of economy we know. To decrease the efficiency of institutions already established at big state expense and crammed with students at heavy private expense—to do this in the name of economy is not our conception either of good government or good politics.

The amount of additional money needed by our three branches of higher education in Oregon to bring them nearer the level of demands on them is not great. In relation to the individual taxpayers the amount is startlingly small. The state college at Corvallis, the university at Eugene, the normal schools at Monmouth, Ashland and La Grande—surely these mean more to the people of Oregon than present relegating to the economy scrap heap would indicate.

A varied choice is impossible. We can vote a small millage increase at the special tax-revision election which seems likely next spring; we can support the idea that education is a minor matter and therefore one of the last to receive revenue consideration; or we can be totally indifferent and do nothing.

As far as The Observer is concerned, we are absolutely, heart and soul, for these schools. We do not propose to see waste and stinginess paraded under the guise of political economy, which is what lack of support means. We are for a new millage or whatever is necessary to keep Oregon moving ahead. We cannot afford to pay the price of trying to stand still.

ABE MARTIN

It's all right t' aspire t' hold office, but when a feller begins t' perspire fer one it's time t' watch out. "I wish it wuz against th' law t' run a grocery, so I could make some money," said Lon Moon, t'day.

Woman's Club At Union Will Give Play Soon

By Mrs. Bert Knight
(Observer Correspondent)

UNION, Ore. (Special) — The Woman's club met Thursday afternoon in their new club house with 40 members in attendance.

During the business session presided over by the president, Mrs. S. E. Miller, a report was given by Mrs. Orvel Jensen, chairman of the entertainment committee, that a three-act play would be given some time in the near future. Two new members, Mrs. J. Q. Gilmore and Mrs. Mary Wheeler, were added to the membership. There are now 43 members in the club.

The pictures that the club bought for each of the grades during art exhibit week, were on display and proved very satisfactory.

The program for the afternoon was in charge of Mrs. Adrian Goodbred and the subject was "14th Century Literature." Mrs. Ellis Hess read the history and life of Edmund Spencer and Mrs. Harry Lynn read several verses of his poem, "Faerie Queen." Jeane Tallman gave a reading, "Study of a Fan" and Nellie Geertsen played two piano solos. Elaine Hess gave a gypsy dance.

At the close of the program refreshments were served by a committee consisting of Mrs. T. Kerr, Mrs. Ella Holley, Mrs. Mary Hutchinson and Mrs. Leo Anderson.

Mrs. J. F. Hutchinson was hostess to the members of the Lucky Thirteen and a few guests Friday afternoon when she entertained at a bridge luncheon at the Union hotel.

Luncheon was served at one long table attractively arranged with a color scheme of yellow. Bouquets of pompoms being the flowers used.

After luncheon four tables of bridge were at play in the hotel living room. High score among the members went to Mrs. Fred Fox and Mrs. Tex Knight received the guest prize. Consolation went to Mrs. Mary Hutchinson.

Members of the Woman's club sponsored a benefit card party Tuesday evening at the Union hotel. Fifty people attended and a neat sum was realized for the treasury of the club. Mrs. Tom Kerr, Mrs. Frank Conner and Mrs. George Baird were the committee in charge of the affair. Ten tables of bridge and one table of pinochle were at play in the hotel living room with Miss Dorothy Busick making high score at bridge among the women players and the men's prize went to C. L. Cadwell. Mrs. W. H. Vogel received the consolation prize.

At the close of the card games, a buffet luncheon was served in the hotel dining room. Mrs. Frank Conner and Mrs. Roy Conklin poured. The tables were beautifully decorated with bouquets of orchid and white crysanthemums.

The Altar Society of the Catholic church had a very enjoyable meeting Wednesday afternoon at the country home of Mrs. Walter Vogel.

After the regular business session, a short program was given, followed by a social hour. The hostess served refreshments before adjournment. There was a large number of members in attendance and several visitors from Cove.

Members and friends of the Commercial club enjoyed a dinner dance Friday evening at the Union hotel. Dinner was served at 6:30 o'clock at tables prettily decorated with the seasons flowers.

After dinner, dancing continued until 11:30 o'clock in the hotel living room, with music furnished by Spencer's orchestra.

Features of the program at dance intervals, were tap dancing by Lou-no Hutchinson and Nan Williams. Dr. Frisko, baritone, of the Hot Lake furnished several vocal selections.

Mrs. Frank Bidwell of North Powder was a Union visitor Thursday.

Miss Amaryllis Knight has been confined to her home since Tuesday because of illness.

G. L. Larison, of the La Grande grocery, was a business visitor in Union Thursday.

Mrs. La Della Haight Carrico, who underwent an operation at Hot Lake Wednesday is reported as getting along satisfactorily.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bonney were visitors in Baker Tuesday evening.

Miss Edith Gilkinson, has returned to Portland where she is attending Ellison-White conservatory of music, after attending the wedding of Miss Vera Shaw and T. C. McDonald last Sunday.

Dr. J. P. Walsh, physician, formerly of Union where he practiced with Dr. Saunders, but living at Cornucopia for the past several years, has again located in Union, with offices at the Union hotel.

A barn belonging to Dr. H. J. Monkrief was completely destroyed by fire Friday morning about 11:30 o'clock. When the fire department arrived the fire had gained such headway that it was impossible to save the building. Only a small amount of hay was in the barn. Origin of the fire is unknown. Insurance of $250 was carried on the building.

Mrs. Viola Parker motored to Elgin Friday where she spent the day. She was accompanied by Mrs. E. E. McCollins and her daughter, Mrs. Jean Moran, who have been visiting here at the Parsel home for the past few days.

Bert Knight, who has been ill at his home in North Union for the past week, is still confined to his room.

Leon Levy returned Tuesday from Portland where he spent ten days visiting friends and attending the Pacific International Livestock Show.

Mrs. Martha Ford, who makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Walter Cock, left Thursday for Colorado where she will spend the winter with her son, C. O. Ford.

Dr. G. S. Hoffman is now located in the offices formerly occupied by Dr. L. S. Davis, who has moved to Tigard, Ore.

After spending the past ten days in Union visiting relatives and friends, Mrs. Ted Seibird left Wednesday evening for her home at Mt. Vernon, Wash.

SHEFFIELD, Mass., (AP) — Thanks to Judge R. R. Stillman of New York, the little town of Sheffield now has an airport. Judge Stillman insists upon commuting by airplane—hence the flying field.

The Duke of Gloucester shot a fringe-eyed oryx in Africa. After the duke is through in Africa, he might come to this country and try his rifle on our umpires.

BOSTON, (AP). — In order to maintain the police department standard of neatness, some Boston traffic officers must change their white gloves twice a day.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is by this given that the undersigned has been appointed by the County Court of Union County, Oregon, executor of the estate of Lucy Ann Wade, deceased, and has qualified as such.

All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby notified to present them duly verified to the undersigned at the La Grande National Bank in La Grande, or at the Law Office of J. S. Hodgin, in La Grande, Union county, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, which is on the 9th day of November, 1928.

HARRY A. ZURBRICK,
Executor.
La Grande, Oregon.
Nov. 9-16-23-30; Dec. 7.

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RACKETEERS GET BOSS OF UNION

Chicago Group, Silent Since Slaying Big Tim, on Warpath Again

CHICAGO, Nov. 17 (AP)—Guns of the racketeers mute since they dealt death to Big Tim Murphy in midsummer, pumped eight bullets last night into the body of John G. Clay, boss of the Laundry and Dyehouse Chauffeurs' union.

Killers never had a better target than the 59-year-old secretary-treasurer of the chauffeurs' union. He was seated at his desk, facing a front window of the union's headquarters on South Ashland avenue. Bathed in the night light of his office, Clay was a perfect mark for the gunmen who crept up on the porch which runs by the window and sent the fire of a machine gun and a shotgun blazing through the glass.

The sound of running feet, the roar of a motor, the red taillight of a curtained automobile vanishing down the street, and the slayers had escaped.

Seven stewards of the union were in a room adjoining Clay's when shots were fired. They ran into the street too late to catch more than a fleeting glimpse of the machine in which the slayers fled.

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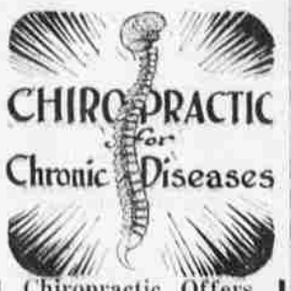

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But people began to investigate before spending their money. They began to study and analyze building and loan contracts, installment bonds, and stock offerings.

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