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Hopelessness of youthful thinking—

CHANCELLOR HUNTER, in speaking before a recent session of teachers of the state, said that one of the great tragedies of our youth is the hopelessness in the thinking of our youth.

"This hopelessness," the chancellor said, "is the result of sophistries and newlyborn doctrines and theories thrust upon them from every side. We hear so much of state socialism and other things that we begin to consider it old-fashioned to remind ourselves of freedom of the press, freedom of speech and the other guarantees of liberty we won long ago."

One can not listen to conversations among youth of the day without realizing that there is much truth in what the chancellor has said, although we should not go so far as to say this hopelessness in thinking is confined entirely to the growing generation.

Is it not a fact that at least partially this hopeless thinking on the part of the youngsters is due to our efforts to give youth better than we who are grown had when we were young?

We do not wish to be misunderstood as depreciating the value of education, but today youth, in greater numbers than ever before, is kept in school, kept dependent upon others, is still being taught theories, has only theories to guide his mind, years after a great proportion of the youth of a quarter century ago was up against the stern realities of shifting for themselves.

The youngster of a quarter century ago may have been on his own at 15, 16 or 17. He had no theories to deal with. He was up against real life. He was a part of the industrial or business world.

Today each of us hopes to put his children through college, and they are likely to be 25 when they start where the youth of a quarter century ago started at 17, and they are likely to feel that they should step from college into the abundant life for which they have prepared. It is much more difficult for one of 25 to start at the bottom than for one of 15, 16 or 17. Finding life not what they had expected they are likely to be fretful and to be led astray by theoretical nostrums.

It really is not astonishing that there should be the hopeless thinking to which our chancellor refers.

ON THE OTHER HAND isn't there a lot of hopeless thinking on the part of the oldsters, on the part of those who went up against the world at a much earlier age than does youth of today?

Isn't this hopeless thinking more a condition of the world in general than of youth alone?

Fantastic proposals to which we have listened in recent years designed to better us morally, mentally or financially have not come from youngsters. They have come from those who have lived many years and know the ways of the world. They come from those who have enjoyed freedom of the press, freedom of speech and the other guarantees of liberty that we won long ago.

Hopelessly fantastic ideas have come from those in high places, from those called from colleges to places in the government, from those who have been successful in business and in the professions.

PROBABLY THE FIRST step in solving the tragedy of hopeless youthful thinking should be for us oldsters to get down to solid ground, to get down to fundamentals, to give more time to the serious things of life and less time to the frivolities, to think more of the other fellow and less of ourselves, to think more of what we really are and give less time to what we wish to appear to be, to give more time to making others happy and less time to our own pleasure, to put more inside and less outside, to make of ourselves what down in our hearts we know our youngsters should be if they are to meet the problems of the future.

1,000 checks a minute—

THOSE WHO HAVE wondered how far government can go in supporting the citizenry of the country, those who vehemently declare as fantastic a proposal to pay \$200 a month to all persons over 60; those who declare the government is unable to pay the bonus and keep up the other necessary expenditures of government; those who laugh at the idea of a revolving fund as an aid to return of prosperity, may be astounded to learn how far we already have gone along the road that we declare can not be travelled.

Today one adult person out of every six derives all or a portion of his support from federal, state or local government and 1,000 checks a minute must be written every day to meet the enormous federal payroll. Uncle Sam must have more than one person writing the checks.

One out of six means that approximately 20,000,000 persons in this good old U. S. A. are deriving all or part of their support from some governmental source. The amount we pay these persons has to revolve or we should have been broke long ago. It is now taking a third of the national income to pay governmental expenses. This money has to keep moving or we couldn't keep paying.

Those who say that a revolving fund won't work may derive some comfort by saying that putting 20,000,000 persons on payrolls hasn't brought prosperity, so we had better try something different.

Those who favor old age pensions, and practically everyone favors old age pensions in some form, may suggest that adding 10,000,000 persons to the federal payroll will add just the amount of kick needed to force prosperity around the corner, that that much more kick would keep it revolving around the corner.

We talk about crazy schemes to bring prosperity, but haven't we already gone as far as any dreamer now asks us to go?

During the campaign in 1932, the candidate for president on the democratic ticket said: "I repeat the government must retrench and not attempt too many functions. . . . There can be no real relief until the government retrenches, eliminates waste, duplication of activities and unnecessary bureaus, and brings about a reduction of the staggering cost of government."

Any republican candidate who had advocated adding bureaus and activities and trying out theoretical prosperity nostrums that would raise the federal expenses to a third of the entire national income would have been hooted off the platform and would have been described as one who would wreck the national finances within six months.

Yet the democrat elected on an economy program has boosted federal expenses to a third of the national income, or fifteen and a half billions a year, and is pointing to the fact that conditions actually have improved. No one seems to be worrying about the government going broke, or about who is going to pay the bill. We still go merrily on our way under conditions that, if proposed during the campaign, would have been branded more fantastic than anything ever proposed by a wild-eyed socialist.

Has economic law been repealed? Who can say that the proposal of a dreamer is any more fantastic than the schemes the highest in our nation have tried and are now defending?

SENTINEL COMPLIMENTED.

To the Editor: I wish to congratulate you upon your excellent editorial upon and interpretation of the Townsend old age pension plan. (The writer of this letter refers to a recent editorial interpreting and favoring the McGroarty bill, supported by Dr. Townsend as the method to put his plan into effect.—Ed.)

I believe that, with a little revision and correction it would be the best plan for the aid of recovery so far advanced, although I believe the amount of \$200 a month is too much. One hundred dollars would be ample to start with, and then only after the net private income has been deducted. The amount could easily be increased if found inadequate.

I also wish to call your attention to the fact that, if the Townsend plan will bring a return to prosperity, as its sponsors claim, there will be an increase of about forty billion dollars in national income. For instance, in 1929 there was an income of eighty billions. In 1932 it was forty-one billions. The difference, or even half the difference, would be a tidy sum to revolve and help pay the transaction tax of 2 per cent.

Well, Mr. Editor, keep the good work going. Where is there a class of people more entitled to assistance than the aged? A. TEAL.

News of Former Residents.

Mrs. R. Wilkinson of Costa Mesa, Cal., former Cottage Grove resident, in writing to renew her Sentinel subscription, said she would like to trade her property there for property in Oregon along the Roosevelt highway near Newport or Florence. She is anxious to return to Oregon. She reports that the Walter Bunge, who formerly operated a service station here, have a station in Santa Ana, Cal., and are doing well, and that C. Brooks, also a former resident of this place, has traded his home in Costa Mesa for a stock ranch near Grants Pass.

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High School News

Juniors are in charge of arrangements for a talking motion picture, "Cougar the Killer," to be given in assembly Friday.

The picture will show the exploits of Jay C. Bruce, official cougar hunter for California, and the capture of the largest cougar on record, cougar and bear cubs taken alive from their dens and a thrilling fight between a giant king snake and a rattlesnake. Ranger, famous dog, shares interest with his master and seems almost human in his understanding. Proceeds will be used for the junior senior banquet.

Coach Bagley announced at a short assembly Monday that the basketball game to be played that evening with University High of Eugene had been postponed because of high water.

Senior girls' double quartet sang at the armory Tuesday at the chamber of commerce dinner. The quartet is composed of Kathleen Daugherty, Margaret Petersen, Peggy Savage, Elizabeth Rohde, Elizabeth Hall, Lillian Gregory, Genevieve McCullough and June Williams. F. K. Nordhoff directed.

"Resolved: That the several states should enact legislation providing for a system of complete medical service available to all citizens at state expense." is the question for inter-school debate this year.

Twenty-six students attended a preliminary meeting Wednesday of last week to discuss debate procedure. Tryouts will be held Thursday and Friday this week. The group was divided into two sections, with Kathleen Daugherty heading the affirmative and Ed Bauder the negative.

The lettermen completed their initiation program Thursday evening of last week. The new lettermen participated in a boxing match, with their bodies decorated with crude pictures. Along with facing a fire hose that was turned on them, they were put under a cold shower. Two rounds of hacking and a feast of raw liver were also tests.

A delegation of F.F.A. members composed of Harvey Kelly, Melvin Tonole, Dale Chapman, Wilbur Hoops and Bob Kenady, accompanied by E. O. Berg, attended the agricultural economic conference held in Eugene Tuesday.

The freshman and sophomore girls' basketball team played the seventh and eighth graders of Marcola Saturday, with the Marcola girls winning 12-6. The home team was: Forwards, Margaret Sorensen and Dorothy Gallo; guards, Frances Glasgow and Madge Honnold; jumping center, Dorothy Siemann; running center, Eleanor Teeters.

Louise Lukens was elected song leader and Ruth Chapman and Elizabeth Rohde were nominated for corresponding secretary at a home economics meeting Jan. 9.

Pauline Gregory, president, and Erma Myers, vice president, resigned. Elizabeth Hall and Mildred Ward were nominated for president. Jessie Grubb and June Williams were nominated for vice president.

The girls decided to sell hot chocolate in the hall at noon once a week as a means of raising money.

Junior, senior and sophomore class meetings were held Friday. The junior class decided to feature a movie, "Cougar the Killer," at a pay assembly to be held Friday of this week. The following committees were appointed: Advertising, Phyllis Monson, Allan Ferrin, Dorothy Zimmerly and Lee Baldwin; posters, Peggy Hodges and Dorothy Hatch; ticket sales, Clifford Hiner and Delbert Wertz. Mildred Cellers was appointed chairman of a program committee

for a junior assembly February 21. The sophomores discussed plans for a class party to be held January 24 and a sophomore assembly. Marian Moore was appointed chairman of a committee to take charge of the party.

The seniors decided to have a class day assembly instead of the traditional class night program. They decided to have a theater party for their class party. Willie Morelock was appointed chairman of the party committee.

The girls' two first basketball teams played for the championship last Wednesday with "Whites" winning over the "Blues" 11-10. The "White" lineup was: Forwards, Jane Stowell and Margaret Sorensen; guards, Elnora Shoen and Madge Honnold; jump center, Ruth Stowell; running center, Vanda Powell. The "Blues" were: Forwards, Florence Spies and Dorothy Gallo; guards, Frances Glasgow and Roetta Rubrey; jumping center, Helen Ross; running center, Ina Stuart.

This game was followed by the two second teams playing. The winning team was: Forwards, Peggy Hodges and Lucille Davis; guards, Irene Humphrey and Lois Baldwin; jump center, Lenita Powell; running center, Eleanor Teeters. The losing team was: Forwards, Jean King and Eunice Edwards; guards, Kathleen Moore and Irene Trunell; jump center, Dorothy Siemann; running center, Maryjane Smith.

The winners of each string played. The "Whites" won 8-4.

The following students were on the typing honor roll during the past week: Harold Boslaugh, Frances Caldwell, Beth Hall, Marie Kennedy, Ina May Monroe, Lorene Perini, Robert Plank, Norma Tucker, Elnora Shoves, Vivian White, Madge Carille, Ada Chestnut, Mildred Cellers, Phillip Glass, Pauline Gregory, Mildred Holm, Virginia Metcalf, Helen Ross, Peggy Savage and Stella Smith.

Milton Smith, junior, who has been absent a week on account of illness, has not yet returned. Martin Shaw of Canyonville visited school Monday.

Dale Pitcher and Marcell Abeene freshmen, withdrew from school Monday.

Peggy Savage spent the week end in Marshfield visiting friends. Esther Raisor, freshman, is absent on account of illness.

Mildred Long, sophomore, returned to school Monday after spending three weeks with friends and relatives in Aberdeen and Centralia, Wash.

Plans for a public initiation of new members were discussed at an honor society meeting Thursday of last week.

Alene Cox from Monroe high school visited school Monday and Tuesday of last week.

Miss Myrtle Kem spent Friday and Saturday in Eugene visiting Mrs. Edna Pearson. Her sister Thelma returned with her to spend Sunday with her parents.

Alice Haney, senior, went to Iowa City, Ia., because of the death of her mother. She probably will return to school in about two weeks.

Ila Caraly, junior, returned to school Wednesday of last week after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Caraly, at Gridley, Cal.

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