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MODERN EDUCATIONAL TRENDS

Most of us can remember the time when boys constituted only a small percent of the graduating class of any high school. Today that picture has been changed. The number of male high school graduates almost equal and in some cases exceed the number of girl graduates.

Two factors have increased the number of boy graduates from the high school. One is that the chances for finding employment in the teen age have been lessened and the other is that advantages of obtaining at least a high school education have become more widely recognized.

Apparently the percentage of graduates to the total enrollment of the schools have also shown a decided increase and the percentage of graduates to the enrollment is higher in the north-west than in many sections of the nation. The same trend has been reflected in the colleges and universities, which have been taxed to capacity to care for the increasing number of college students seeking a college education.

The problem of caring for a larger number of students has of course made enlarged school facilities necessary as well as more modern facilities, which has accounted for a mounting tax rate, all of which means that we are spending more on education.

A MUCH NEEDED WEAPON

A bill to provide for deportation of aliens who advocate an overthrow of the United States form of government, has been under consideration in Congress.

This should provide a much needed weapon at a time when there are a great many agitators beating the drum of Communism, Fascism or some other "ism" and advocating that Americanism be discarded.

It is to be hoped that the bill finally be approved by the Senate and signed by the President, even though the C.I.O. is opposing it.

While such a new law would greatly strengthen the powers of officials charged with deportation of undesirable aliens, there are similar laws now on the statute books. It might be well for enforcement agencies to start a rigid application of these existing laws at once.

Japan's apparent disinclination to sign an iron-clad agreement with Germany and Italy, is of immense importance to the U. S. For, in the opinion of military experts, we could keep out of an European war if we wanted to—but we couldn't keep out of a Pacific war.

Germany and Italy are extremely eager to obtain Japan as an ally. And for a while it looked like Nippon was a 100 per cent supporter of the Rome-Berlin axis. But now, going by recent cautious announcements of Japanese Foreign Minister Hachiro Arita, it looks as if Japan is working slowly toward a policy of semi-neutrality.

Reason for that is supposed to be a Japanese fear of American participation in a future European war—which, in the event Japan was lined up with Hitler and Mussolini, would automatically mean war between Japan and the U. S. And apparently the Japanese government (which is now controlled by more moderate officials than were in power a year or so back) is anxious to avoid that. American-Japanese relations are comparatively good at present, and are getting better. And both governments would like to keep them that way.

Loss of Japan as an ally would be a heavy blow to the Axis powers, which have depended on Nippon to keep Russia busy in the Far East when and if war comes.

Last week, "Music Week," passed unobserved locally. Perhaps it will take periods of this kind to awaken the average American to a deeper appreciation of music. We have heard it said that people neither whistle nor sing as much as formerly. Maybe that's because the strain of trying to cope with modern civilization is too great.

In the college craze of trying to swallow things, we have been listening to hear of some college boy undertaking to swallow a horn toad. If and when this occurs some doctor will have a nice job.

New Auto Laws

A survey of laws affecting motor vehicles and their operation, introduced at this year's session of the legislature, discloses that some important new measures were written into the books, while other legislation fell by the wayside before the expiration of the 20-day period granted to the governor for considering bills following the close of the legislature.

Passed were a bill requiring the examination of all automobile operators at four-year intervals, beginning in 1943; a bill changing many details of the automobile lighting code, and a third bill requiring pedestrians to observe traffic signals in the same manner as motor vehicles. Also successful was a bill enabling the owners of trucks and buses which are destroyed, retired from service or sold out of the state to transfer their registration to other vehicles similarly used. A dozen lesser measures, making minor changes or additions to the law, were also passed.

Chief casualties were a speed bill which would have set a maximum speed of 50 miles per hour on all the state's roads, but giving the state highway commission authority to raise or lower this limit on given stretches of high-

way in accordance with the nature and condition of the highway; and the state automobile inspection bill, which would have authorized the state highway commission to provide inspection of all motor vehicles in the state.

The new driver's examination law will require all drivers to be reexamined every four years just as new drivers are now examined, in order to check on their vision, knowledge of law and driving ability. The examination may be taken at any time within the next four years at the option of the driver, but must be passed before June 30th, 1943.

The two chief changes in the new headlight code will require drivers to dim their headlights at all times when approaching within 500 feet of other vehicles at night, and to have their headlights turned on from a half hour after sunset to a half hour before sunrise, and whenever there is insufficient light to make visible a person 500 feet away, rather than 200 feet away, as at present.

CIRCULATING PETITIONS

In many sections of the state petitions seeking to change the date of the state primary from May to September have been circulated or are being circulated.

Mimeograph stencils. Sentinel.

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Beauty at Fair



Two tall light standards along the side of the Portals of the Sun for this unusual photographic effect at the California World's Fair on Treasure Island. At night the tower and standards glow with warm, golden color.

SCHOOL TAX DISTRIBUTED

A total of \$145,642.85 school fund was distributed Monday by County Treasurer Grace Schiska at Eugene. County school distribution was \$102,402 and the elementary school fund totaled \$43,240.85.

NEW STATE EGG GRADES WILL HELP HOUSEWIFE

SALEM — No longer will the busy housewife be hopelessly perplexed by technical trade terms which tell the quality of the eggs she is buying. Those days are gone forever under the provisions of the new Oregon egg law passed by the last legislature and enforced by the state department of agriculture.

Under the new law, the housewife has merely to recall the alphabet. The present egg grade terms are "Grade AA," "Grade A," and "Grade B"—this is the order of the quality. These now take the place of the old terms used in retail trade which were "Specials," "Extras" and "Standards."

The housewife wants to know the weight of the eggs she is buying as well as the quality in order to get the most for her money. The state department of agriculture says that the size designations have been expanded. These now include "undersize" and "oversize" in addition to the older "large," "medium" and "small" designations. The "oversize" designation applies to all eggs weighing more than the "large." Correspondingly, "undersize" includes eggs weighing less than the "small."

"The standards of egg quality remain substantially the same and correspond very closely with the federal standards," according to Director of Agriculture J. D. Mickle. "A, B and C grade nomenclature has been adopted with the view to improving consumer understanding of egg qualities and with the further thought of anticipating the probable adoption of such terms by the U. S. Department of Agriculture in the near future."

The "Grade C" eggs will not be sold in retail stores. The law also provides for a "Grade B, Soiled" and a "Checks" classification. The latter grade applies to eggs which are cracked but not leaking. They may be sold at retail.

L. M. Webb, former superintendent of the Springfield Flax plant, indicted on charge of larceny and embezzlement, was sentenced to five years in the pen by Judge G. F. Skipworth and paroled to his brother, Tom Webb of Turner.

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SITTING BULL RELICS AT U. O. MUSEUM.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON—The tomahawk carried by Sitting Bull, famous Indian warrior, from the time he was 18 until after his capture, can now be grasped and its grisly history speculated on by students of the University of Oregon and visitors to the Oregon Museum of Natural History. It was announced here by Dr. L. S. Cressman, director of the museum.

The war weapon, a lethal-looking instrument with an unusually long handle, and numerous other relics once owned by this noted Sioux chief, are included in a collection loaned to the museum by Mrs. Sarah A. Evans of Oswego. The articles give an intimate picture of Sitting Bull, for included are some actual pictures, many of them highly colored in typical plains Indian style, drawn by the warrior while he was a prisoner of the United States army. Some of the pictures depict him in action, ruthlessly slaying his enemies. The collection also includes some actual photographs of the chief, other Indians, and army Indian fighters, taken in the early 1880's.

The collection includes two typical Indian pipes owned by Sitting Bull, one of which is made from the red stone mentioned by Longfellow in his Hiawatha tale. The chief's tobacco pouch, with his name on it, and some other pouches decorated with colorful beads and porcupine quills are also interesting.

In addition to the authentic Sitting Bull articles, the collection contains two human hair scalp locks, stone-headed war clubs, a shell neck piece worn by Sitting Bull's son at the time the boy and his father were slain, metal headed arrows, beaded moccasins made by the chief's daughter, spoons made out of buffalo horn, and other relics.

London

The all day services and basket dinner held at the church here Sunday was quite well attended. A number from other points were in attendance. Thomas Clark of Central View preached at the morning hour. The afternoon was devoted to singing and quoting Bible verses from memory. Bible study at 7:30.

The Friendly Neighbors club will meet May 24th with Mrs. Ella Wells.

Mrs. Martha Shortridge, who

has been ill several months, went to the Sacred Heart hospital Saturday for treatment.

Forest Cox was painfully injured Sunday when he was thrown from a car to the hard graveled road.

The 4-H clubbers held a party at their club house Friday evening.

Mauling dogs have killed some sheep belonging to LeRoy Goodwin.

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