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IT COULD HAPPEN HERE

The other day an incident occurred in Bend which might have been a community tragedy but for the foresight and several years planning by business leaders there. Bend lost its biggest lumber payroll when the Shevlin Hixon Lumber Co. ceased operations and let 850 employees go because of lack of pine timber. It is believed, however, that the loss of the payroll won't be too much of a financial shock to that section because several years ago community leaders there saw the future possibilities, which did not look too bright and began making plans for diversification for industry.

We might be facing the same possibilities within the next few years unless two or three things happen, one of which is the adoption of the federal unit plan, which appears to offer the most logical remedy for a sustained production of timber and the other is greater utilization of wood waste and still a third is more pride in home ownership. The latter remedy may sound a bit odd, but wherever there is civic pride, the communities facing similar outlooks with civic pride and a determination have not become ghost towns.

It might be in order to point out here that in our progress thus far we owe a great deal to a few people, some of whom have been humanitarian enough to put their regard for their own community above the possibility of personal gain. It might also be in order to mention that twice within the past ten years an opportunity has been present to sell one of our biggest operations at a profit. The buyers wanted the timber only. The processing operations would have been moved out of the community, which would have meant the loss of a substantial payroll.

When we think of our situation in this light, we realize that it isn't asking too much of the average individual to expect his or her full cooperation in whatever undertaking we may launch for the benefit of the section we live in. Too many people are standing back to wait for some mysterious "they" to make a better community, to bring in new payrolls and to maintain those that we have. In the past few years we have heard "they" cussed and discussed a great deal for the things "they" did or did not do. And the pronoun "they" might refer to most any civic organization, the city, or the chamber of commerce. The fault finder evidently is operating on the same principle as a lot of people who are looking to the government for security and who apparently refuse to make an effort to help themselves.

IT'S CATCHING, WE HOPE

Perhaps you had never thought of it, but did you realize that 1950 has been Cottage Grove's biggest and best year in building activity and building improvements? We are sure that you will agree with us that this is something we could stand a lot more of very profitably. As mentioned in another editorial on this page, civic pride is one of the necessary ingredients to building a worthwhile and permanent community, in which we can feel a little pride in calling it our home town. You don't have to live within the city limit to have a vital part in a development of this kind.

Main street has gotten quite a bit of face lifting within the past two or three years and if the present plans materialize, a lot more is due before another twelve months pass. Perhaps it was the Githens building modernization that provided the necessary shot in the arm to start other merchants thinking of the desirability of such a program. At any rate there is one modernization job underway that will run in the neighborhood of \$60,000 we are told. Another is underway that will add a new front and at least two other face lifting programs are being planned for the future, if our information is correct.

We might also suggest that the removal of several fire hazards along the main thoroughfare would also be in order and perhaps even a better gesture toward improving the looks of the street than some of the face lifting jobs, finished or contemplated.

ARE WE SPENDING OURSELVES INTO DESTRUCTION?

United States Senator George W. Malone (R., Nev.) said at Washington Wednesday that, with the world situation as it is, congress is facing the grave and immediate responsibility of preventing the actual collapse of the American economic system.

"We are nearer the brink of destruction than most people realize," the Nevada Senator said, "as a result of socialistic legislation, gigantic give-away programs, deficit spending, and an international policy designed for the benefit of others, all master-minded by friends of Communism within the Government."

Senator Malone continued: "Is it not possible that the cost is more than our economy can stand—the cost of carrying on our domestic governmental functions, including the several highly expensive socialistic programs, plus the war in Asia, plus mobilizing and arming the Western nations, plus further financial gifts to so-called Marshall Plan countries? There is the danger that we may be spending ourselves into destruction (which is an avowed objective of Soviet Russia)."

TELLURIDE, COLO., TRIBUNE: "Government is curtailing building of almost every kind. Suppose it will be a prelude to a huge government housing project within the next year or so. Doctors are also being drafted in large numbers. No one wants the armed forces to be without the very best medical care, but a false shortage of civilian doctors would probably soften the public up and make them more receptive to socialized medicine."

ALBANY, OREGON, DEMOCRAT-HERALD: "The rank and file of the American people who pay the taxes pay little attention to national government. This has encouraged wastefulness to a degree which has become alarming."

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, DESERET NEWS: "The domestic political difficulty which harasses the governments of . . . the world these days, including ours, is this: Each one . . . now has more 'welfare' promises in circulation than they can possibly take up."

NEXT ROUND IN A LOPSIDED BOUT



Final Holy Report Reveals Weaknesses of Oregon Schools

This is the last of the series of six articles on the survey of Oregon's elementary and secondary public schools made by Dr. T. C. Holy, school organization authority of the Ohio State University.

Dr. Holy's 400-page report, released September 9, contains 275 recommendations, on every aspect of the public school system.

It is the result of an interim committee study ordered by the last legislature to be made under the direction of the State Board of Education.

"The athletic teams leave in the morning and half the school goes with them."

"The superintendent in this district has assumed the role of dictator."

"We couldn't understand why the children in the third and fourth grade are not made to learn the multiplication tables."

"The educational program as a whole is failing in teaching fundamentals."

"The degree of discipline in the home has dropped . . . but parents expect children to come home from school with 100 per cent discipline."

"Under the guise of efficiency, the school system has become so highly organized, the primary purpose of teaching is lost."

These are a few of the comments attached to some 783 questionnaires which parents filled out for Dr. T. C. Holy and his survey staff who have just released a 400-page report on Oregon public schools. The survey, made at the request of the legislature through an interim committee and the State Board of Education, covers all phases of common and high school education in the state.

As will be seen in the following summary of parental comment, Oregon's mothers and fathers, in general, are satisfied with their schools.

Also by way of a modest bouquet, are the off-the-cuff comments of Dr. Holy, himself, concerning the good and bad of the Oregon system.

Main complaints of parents who were queried through forms sent to parent-teacher heads throughout the state, are: (1) over-emphasis on athletics, (2) neglect in teaching the fundamentals, (3) too many extracurriculum activities, and poor discipline.

Items receiving the lowest general ratings in the elementary schools were, "community attitude toward the school," "quantity and quality of competitive athletic program," "quality of the extracurricular social activities."

Most criticism in the high schools was leveled at "teaching of fundamentals" and "discipline." The grade schools came off somewhat better than the high schools on tabulated replies to the questionnaire which was divided into 12 headings covering everything from the school board to reading and athletics.

Boiling down the elementary statistics shows that 25 per cent of all ratings given schools (on a five-point scale) were "excellent"; 36 per cent, "good"; 26 per cent "average"; 8.6 per cent "poor"; and 2.4 per cent "very poor."

Less enthusiastic high school parents gave the schools: 19.4 per cent "excellent"; 33.3 per cent

"good"; 30 per cent "average"; 12.2 per cent "poor"; and 4.8 per cent "very poor."

Three hundred and fifty-eight parents used the space allotted for comments, nearly all of them critical and several complaining that the quality of teaching itself is sub-standard.

More than 90 per cent wanted more discipline, more emphasis on fundamentals, particularly the multiplication tables, and urged that academic achievement, music and public speaking be given the same recognition as athletics. Nearly three-fourths of the answers declared athletics to be over-emphasized.

Dr. T. C. Holy, who left Oregon September 15, to return to his Ohio State University post, in an interview, gave the following as some of the good features of Oregon's public schools:

Provision for equalization of local taxes for school support.

The fact that in 1947-48, latest year for which figures are available, Oregon teachers were paid 10th best in the nation. (Still below Washington and California.)

Many fine buildings, recently built.

Size of classes which has been kept generally within desired limits, in face of greatly increased enrollments.

Rapid rate of professional preparation among teachers.

The five year training requirement for Oregon high school teachers.

Dr. Holy summarizes the bad features of the Oregon schools: "The complex, wasteful, and educationally damaging school district system" is most fundamental defect.

The managing and purchasing practices of the school transportation system are wasteful. For instance, costs for similar bus insurance range from \$20 to \$198. Prices paid for similar school buses range from \$5,500 to \$8,850. Only one-third of the districts having transportation get discounts on gas and tires.

Present school laws, which are poorly organized, so contradictory and full of obsolete provisions as to be difficult to understand.

The 6 per cent constitutional tax limitation which fosters great inequities in the tax bases of school districts and diverts time of administrators from real education.

Method of apportioning state money for transportation, which makes it possible for densely populated districts in sparsely populated counties to get more than their share.

The high rate of turnover in administrative and teacher positions, especially in the small school districts. In 1949-50, 31 per cent of all teachers were in their jobs for the first time and 24 per cent of administrators were new to their posts.

Broiling Temperatures

To get variations in broiling temperatures in an electric range leave the oven door partly open. This trick also keeps the heating unit on and prevents possible smoking. Or you can place the broiler pan at different distances from the heating element to vary the temperature.

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RESIDENTIAL CHRISTMAS DECORATION CONTEST

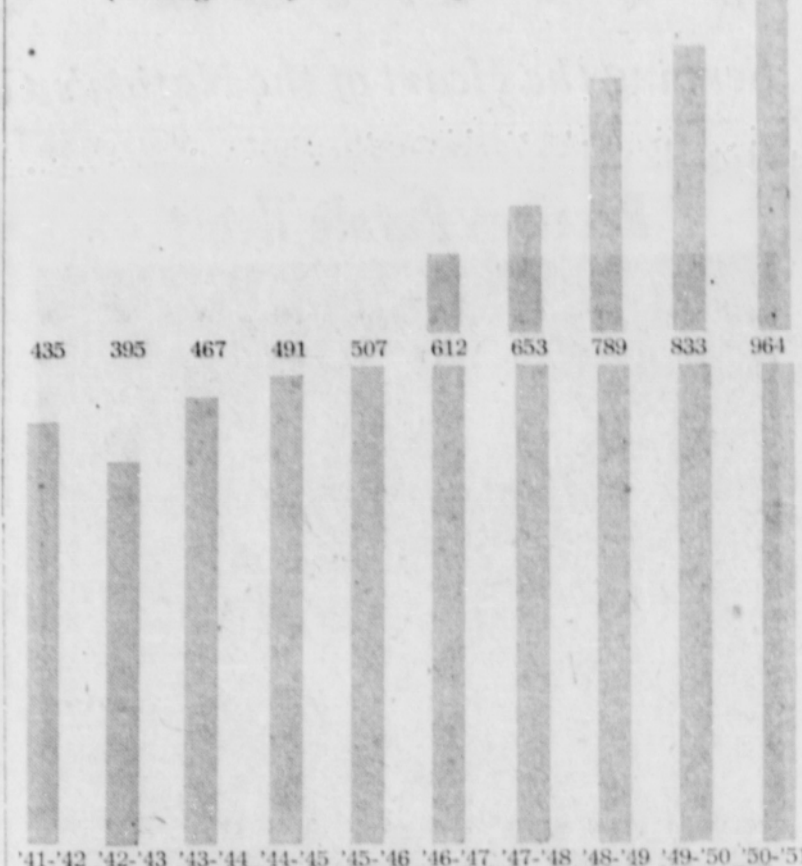
This is to indicate that I want to enter the Christmas decoration contest for residences in Cottage Grove and vicinity. My home is within three miles of the Cottage Grove business district.

Name _____
Address _____
Directions to reach house (if outside city limits) _____

Mail this entry blank to Mrs. Horace Hatch, P. O. Box 305, Cottage Grove.

Enrollment in Cottage Grove Elementary Schools

1941 - 1950
(Average Daily Membership)



WIN NOBEL PRIZES FOR LITERATURE



William Faulkner

Bertrand Russell

AMERICAN NOVELIST William Faulkner, and Bertrand Russell, British philosopher and author, have been awarded Nobel Prizes for Literature, it was announced in Stockholm. Faulkner won the prize for 1949 which went unawarded last year. Russell received 1950 award. (International)

SEN. TAFT WEARS VICTORY SMILE



FLANKED BY A HUGE SIGN announcing his "landslide," Sen. Robert A. Taft fairly beams as he accepts the congratulations of well-wishers at Cincinnati, O. Although bitterly opposed by organized labor, he easily defeated State Auditor Joseph T. Ferguson. (International Soundphoto)

TEAMING UP MUSCLE WITH MERCY



SOUTH KOREAN ARMY NURSES, finding no one on hand to help them with their baggage as they arrive at Hamburg Station, do what Korean women have done through the ages, carry it on their heads. (International)

PRIZE-WINNING GOAT AND FRIEND



TO A SIX-YEAR-OLD like Yvonne Coupe, from whom it welcomes a leafy snack, this goat might look like any other of his species. However, this particular one happens to be prize-winner "Bertram Evelyns," of which the Dairy Show in London, England, is very proud. (International)

WALKER GREETSON AFTER ESCAPE



COMMANDER OF U. S. GROUND FORCES in Korea, Lt. Gen. Walton H. Walker (left) is reunited with his son, Capt. Sam Walker, on the eastern front in Korea after the latter's outfit had escaped encirclement by the North Koreans in the Unsan area. (International Exclusive)

WOUNDED YANKS RUSHED TO JAPAN



TWO AMERICAN LEATHERNECKS, wounded in the Korean fighting, are photographed on their arrival at a base in Japan. The Yanks, pounded earlier in the day, were placed aboard transport planes and rushed to the Japanese mainland the same day. (Marine Corps—International Photo)

'OR WOULD YOU RATHER BE A PIG?'



'DON'T TRY TO HOG the show.' Joann Scott warns "Snookie," a six-weeks-old piglet as she gives him instructions on how to behave in the presence of blue bloods at the Los Angeles County Fair. (International)