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SCHOOLS OF DEMOCRACY

With only a few scattered nays, 5,000 delegates to the National Education Association sessions in San Francisco last week adopted a resolution opposing all efforts to devote public funds to either the direct or indirect support of non-public schools. It is heartening to find educators themselves stanchly resisting all efforts to break down the distinction between church and state in this vital matter.

The NEA resolution goes beyond Supreme Court decisions which permit such an indirect form of aid as bus transportation to be furnished to sectarian schools. But we believe the educators are closer to the spirit and letter of the Constitution in refusing to countenance any concessions which would result in taxing the general public to provide special services for church-administered schools.

The teaching profession is a prime example of that American independence of spirit which resists any attempt to "push it around." The NEA has warned against the efforts of various pressure blocs and special-interest groups to dictate the character of American public school education. It would be clearly inconsistent for it to advocate or condone the use of public moneys for even the indirect support of schools where the character of the teaching is determined by authorities beyond the reach of democratic public opinion.

Far from being discrimination against any segment of the American people, this is, in fact, protection of the whole public from a situation which in several European countries today is causing unlimited bitterness and political strife. Nothing is easier—and more popular—for the Communists to attack than an alliance of church and state through the educational system. An independent and democratic public school system is one of the basic defenses against all forms of authoritarian control.—Christian Science Monitor.

PROTECTION AGAINST ANOTHER THREAT

Recent disclosures regarding how narcotic dope peddlers have made dope fiends out of children are shocking. This is an indirect problem of a nation made restless by the growing threat of war and the threat of moral disintegration is just as great as that of an atomic attack, probably more so with our young people.

While the public is being taught how to protect itself against an atomic attack, we are doing less to protect the youth against moral disintegration. Jules Archer writing in the current issue of True Story says:

"Although headlines of teen-age misdeeds would make it appear that almost all teen-agers have become immoral, Archer points out that, actually, delinquent girls represent only 3 per cent of the 7,486,000 girls between thirteen and nineteen. What is dangerous, however, is that this 3 per cent are magnets for about 25 per cent more girls on the borderline of delinquency.

"The nine girls out of ten who are not delinquents can best protect themselves from the moral disintegration of these turbulent times by this code, he suggests; stay in high school until graduation; resist the temptation of the 'sophisticated' crowd; join local groups which give you deep emotional satisfaction and strengthen your self-respect like hobby clubs, church groups, youth hostel groups, Hi-Y clubs, dramatic societies, etc.; take a job that will permit you to live at home while still a teen-ager; keep busy and get fun out of your social activities.

"Parents can do the most effective job of halting moral disintegration, by giving their daughters understanding and hope and by helping them solve their personal problems wisely.

GRAND SCALE ENTERTAINMENT

Last week in his "Letter from Washington," Congressman Harris Ellsworth called attention to one thing, which may account for a small part of the big bite the federal government takes out of your paycheck.

Most congressmen, he says, have no quarrel with the fact that the president of the United States has a private yacht, but some of them are objecting to the scale on which the yacht is operated. A congressman and a member of the house appropriations committee looked into the matter long ago and found that the navy keeps eight officers and 156 enlisted men on duty to keep the yacht ready to go. This costs the taxpayers \$450,000 a year and the supplies and repairs run about \$50,000 per year. With other minor items the cost runs over \$500,000 per year. All to provide the president with his weekend relaxation on the Potomac.

SOME LAWS WORK WELL

Some laws work well and as an example we can cite the recently enacted state law, banning fireworks. The last Fourth of July was the quietest one the state has seen in a long time and it is one law that really worked the first time without any of the usual explanations or educational processes which are sometimes undertaken to acquaint the public as to what can and can not be done.

Local city ordinances never served as a curb for getting reckless a few days prior to the 4th. Previously if you walked the street you took a good chance of having a few firecrackers exploded under your feet or in your vicinity.

Laws can be made to work, if public opinion is behind them.

DON'T FORGET YOUR BIRTHDAY

Most people like birthday celebrations until they begin to grow old and then sometimes they don't like to be reminded of them, but if you drive a car and have to have a driver's license, a reminder of your birthday should be a rather pleasant affair.

Even after a birthday celebration, a lot of people have been known to neglect the renewal of their driver's license. And the neglect has been known to be costly. The system to use to keep out of trouble is when you think of your birthday, look at the expiration of your driver license.

Letter From Washington High Prices Due to Inflated Currency—

by Harris Ellsworth
Representative, Fourth District

The administration propaganda drive which has been put on for the purpose of pressuring the extension of the price control law has done one thing at least. It seems to have completely altered the meaning of the common word "inflation." I am sure most people now believe that the term means the increase or "inflation" of the prices of goods. That is not correct. High prices are simply the result of inflation. Inflation, which has ruined people and nations in ancient as well as in modern times, was the inflation of the currency. When money enough to buy a loaf of bread in Germany had to be carried in a suitcase, it was the value of the money that had been changed. The actual value of the loaf of bread did not change. The government of Germany had simply printed money or, as we term it, inflated the currency.

The Government of the United States has similarly inflated the currency of our country but to a much smaller extent. As the amount of money in circulation increases without an equivalent increase in goods, the value of our dollar in terms of goods and services becomes less. This is a big and complicated subject, but that is the essence of it.

The point is that high prices are not inflation—they are merely the result of inflated currency. Therefore, how absurd it is to pass a law to control prices while ignoring laws already in existence under which the inflation of the currency can be controlled. If your coffee pot starts to boil over you don't hunt up a brick and put it on the lid, do you? No, you will move it away from the hottest part of the stove—or turn down the heat under it. That,

it seems to me, is the inflation story in a nutshell. The administration is asking permission to use the "brick on the lid" technique. We who oppose price control simply ask the government to quit feeding the fire (with currency inflation policies).

One of the greatest of the inflationary pressures is government spending—the throwing of deficit dollars into our already swollen currency stream for things that are not needed. From here on I quote from a letter written by a prominent member of the House Appropriations Committee who knows what he is talking about because he has heard the testimony before his committee on these subjects. Read these questions which Congressman John Phillips of California asks in a letter to his Congressional district:

"Was it NECESSARY for the army to buy 68,000,000 web belts? Or 6 million cans of paint, in quarts and gallons, a full year requirement, and then DEMAND delivery in 60 days? Or 11,753,000 pairs of combat boots, in a rush? Or buy 1,917,000 pounds of black pepper in 9 months? Or was it NECESSARY for the Quartermaster to BUY 5 million pounds of oleo at 25¢ just when the Department of Agriculture was SELLING 5½ million pounds of butter to Italy for 15¢? This is the scare buying with which the administration charges the public, and it is a cause for inflation. Witness the jump in price of the boots just mentioned, from \$7.82 to \$16.00 as a result of this absurd buying. If this is war, couldn't we omit temporarily 175 lunchcans for foreign students, under the State Department's educational exchange program, at \$8.73 a plate, to a total of \$24,875—which item alone would take the income tax payments of 200 average American families?"

Louise M. Dahl

Louise M. Dahl, of Rt. 1, Creswell, passed away at her home Wednesday, July 11, 1951, at the age of 85 years. She was born at New Ulm, Minn., Sept. 29, 1865, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Dahl, and was married at Clarkfield, Minn., to Samuel Dahl in 1885. He passed away in April, 1949. She had been a resident of Creswell for 2 years, coming from Grants Pass. Mrs. Dahl was a member of the Methodist Church, Creswell Grange No. 496 and the V.F.W. Auxiliary of Grants Pass.

She is survived by 2 sons: Sumner L. Dahl of Creswell; Orel K. Dahl of Gold Hill; 4 daughters: Ione Moore of Oakland, Calif.; Gladys C. Leader of Madras, Edna W. Love of Swissmore; Norma W. Weech of Grants Pass; 24 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

The remains were taken to the Hall Funeral Home in Grants Pass where services were held Saturday, July 14, at 10:30 a.m. The Rev. Frank Brown officiated. Burial was in Hillcrest Memorial Cemetery at Grants Pass.

Mills Mortuary was in charge of local arrangements.

Milton A. Ross

Milton A. Ross, a resident of Cottage Grove for the past 26 years, passed away Wednesday, July 11, 1951, at the home of his daughter, Alice Sprinkle, Scappoose, Oregon, at the age of 84 years. He was born in Pennsylvania Oct. 22, 1866, and was married to Lucy Lucinda Gressley in Smithport, Pa. They came to Cottage Grove from Mahaffey, Pa., in 1925. Mrs. Ross passed away in 1936. Mr. Ross was a member of the Free Methodist Church.

He is survived by 1 son, John W. Ross of Cottage Grove; 1 daughter, Alice E. Sprinkle of Scappoose, Ore.; 7 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; 3 brothers: Leonard and Harry, both of Drain and Jim of Junction City; 4 sisters: Alice Varleman of Portland; Clara Pardee of Castle Rock, Wash.; Edith Brown of Elkton and Pearl Smith of Roseburg.

Funeral services were held in Mills Mortuary Friday, July 13, at 2 p.m. Rev. C. B. Starkey officiated with interment in the Masonic cemetery.

Charles L. Peck

Charles L. Peck, 826 Taylor street, died at the local hospital Tuesday, July 17, 1951, at the age of 65, following a short illness. He was born in Metropolis, Ill., August 8, 1885. He resided there until coming to Portland, Ore., in 1905. He was married to Cora M. Gibbins in Portland, June 23, 1910. From Portland, they moved to Tigard, Ore., and then to Cottage Grove in 1935, where they have since made their home. He was a member of the Masonic lodge of Ridgefield and a past pastor of the Eastern Star, also at Ridgefield.

Surviving are his widow; two sons, Ralph of Creswell and Charles Jr., of Cottage Grove; one daughter, Mrs. Helen Brazzel of Yamhill; three brothers and three sisters; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday, July 19, at 10:30 a.m. at the Smith Funeral Chapel. The Rev. D. Hugh Peniston officiated. Committal services at the IOOF cemetery were in charge of the Cottage Grove Masonic lodge.

Only those men and women gain greatness who gain themselves in a complete subordination of self.

A dew never falls on a stormy night, so the dew of His grace never come to the restless soul.

—A. B. Stimpson

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Local people who have not yet tried the outdoor picnic grounds and recreation area at the Wilson Creek side of the Cottage Grove Dam are in for a treat already being enjoyed by their city cousins this fine picnic weather. There are protected swimming pools for the kids, cool shade and tables for the outdoors meal, and specially built outdoor camp stoves and modern rest rooms. The area was completed last year by the U. S. Engineers.

"Lady bug, Lady bug, fly away home..." was apparently the theme song of swarms of millions of lady bugs up Cougar Bend last Wednesday, the hottest day of the summer. All heading down the road they seemed to be going somewhere as they skidded off the windshield and flipped in the car windows, in a never ending stream in the air above the road and open spaces, for several miles, must surely have been all the lady bug relations in the country.

The Power was off for four hours late Saturday afternoon in the Blackbutte section caused from a fallen pole, from a falling tree, cause of the falling tree, unknown. Four company trucks answered the repair call. The trouble was back of the Larry Haynes place.

Construction crews "shot" the Woodward road last week with a coating of hot oil that came straight from Portland in big tankers and transferred to a spray truck that sprayed the black hot oil quickly on the road. This was again quickly covered with fine new gravel, that kept crews working extra long hours on trucks and the crusher. It was said five or six applications of this coating may be added to the road. Log hauling is suspended until the oiling is completed, possibly this week.

The only two farmers line phones still working in the London community furnish a "private" line from the Willard McKay home across the field to the home of Mrs. McKay's mother, Mrs. Thomas Funk that the two can keep in touch. The McKays also have a modern phone.

A "humidity" wood pile is a private scheme of L. E. Bechtold to lay away warm days for next winter before the fire-log in the fire-place. When it gets too hot and dry to work in the woods, these days, Mr. Bechtold and the boys, Norman "Porky," Johnnie "Donnie" and Ronald, split up their own wood logs in the shade of the walnut tree, near the garden hose in the door yard. The pile grows higher, wider and longer almost every day.

Mrs. Thomas Funk found she had a bone to pick with her 20th birthday last week after patiently waiting two weeks for it to get better after she thought she just bruised it in the car door. Due to the delay in getting it cared for she will need to keep the finger in splints for six weeks.

Mrs. Thomas Funk entertained her children at her home and prepared the dinner for her own birthday celebration, July 10, when she was 74. Attending was

Wife Preservers



Leave enough room around items stored in kitchen cabinets so that those at the back can be reached easily.

her daughter, Grace Jenkins from Cottage Grove, a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy McKay and family and a son Lawrence Funk and family. A niece, Claudia Kienle and girl friend, Gay Moss recently visited from Renton, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Garman recently returned from a weeks trip to visit their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Leathers at Astoria, and who accompanied them on a side trip to The Dalles, Yakima and Mr. Rainer national park. They spent July 4 at Seaside where they saw the fireworks display.

A family gathering July 13, honored the Glen Stimmel family visiting here from navy duty at Millington, Tennessee, and in special observance of their daughter Gloria's tenth birthday, with a swim at the lake and picnic outdoors. Attending besides the Stimmels was Mr. and Mrs. Harold Abene, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lusk and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob

Bloom, Jack Mills and Gloria Stimmel who returned from Yreka and Norway last week to continue her visit here from Kootenai, Idaho until August 1. Mr. and Mrs. Stimmel expect to leave about July 29.

Other activities to entertain the Stimmel family and younger relatives has included boating on the lake with Jack Mills and attending the Cottage Grove Rodeo. A number of the youngsters are taking swimming lessons at the Lake, extended this week to take care of extra entrants.

Mrs. Earl Murry has recovered from a recent fall in her back yard that kept her in bed for a week.

Mrs. Fred Mills of Blackbutte accompanied Mrs. Katie Hopman on their annual wild blackberry picking on Cedar Creek. They report the berries not as plentiful as usual and that they are gone already there.

George Johnson is operating a portable sawmill on the George Sibley place this summer cutting out the Sibley timber. Mr. Johnson formerly operated his mill up Cougar Bend. He expects to be on the present location about two years.

Doyl Paul is spending several weeks visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Walt Myers on the coast at Gold Beach.

Frank Guisinger has been hobnobbing around on crutches from a boil on his leg.

A letter of July 3 was received by Mrs. Chet Gilham that told of her son Clyde, arriving in Japan with the U. S. Army.

Emery Roby has arrived at Camp Stoneman, California with the Airforce and is on routine detail, and seeing his first television. He finished nine months of schooling at Sheppard Field in Texas May 3.

Mrs. S. T. Clark and children moved Monday to the bean fields at Coho where Mrs. Clark will "keep house" in a tent provided at the fields for the young people to help with the bean harvest. A son, Grant, who is attending Camp Lane this week and a friend, Thelma Johnson of Grants Pass will join the pickers later. Mr. Clark, principal in the Veneta schools will do re-finishing work on the home at London while the family is away.

Perry Stein and Mrs. Lawrence Funk took the 4H boys to 4H Camp Lane July 15, for a week's outing. S. T. Clark and Ralph Geer will make the trip July 22, to return the boys home.

Harley Parker is expecting his mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Quorn of Spokane to arrive soon to make their home here for awhile with him. He is building on an addition to his house for

their comfort. They are visiting this week at Portland with other relatives.

Chet Gilham, Glen, Lloyd and Mrs. Lloyd Gilham and Chester Parr spent four days of excellent fishing weather at Umpqua beach last week fishing for tom cod and sea perch off the jetties at Winchester Bay. They had a sack full to bring home Sunday, though the catch was light due to low tides that day. They camped out at the Forest Camp near Tenmile lakes.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Darby and two children are here from Portland visiting on a week's vacation with relatives.

Joe Olds left Saturday for Berkeley, Calif. for his work in the ship yards.

New people here this week are Mr. and Mrs. Vern Duffy and two children of Ewewater, Ore., who plan to locate here. They are staying with an uncle, George Hinkle.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sibley made a quick trip to Burley, Ida. Friday night to bring back their daughter, Mrs. Ed Miller and three grandsons for an extended visit here. They sweltered in 100 degrees temperature as they passed through Boise Saturday on their return.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hess and Mr. and Mrs. Julian Small and Ula Belle took a camping trip to the beach last week, camping out two nights at Yaachats.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gunn made a week end trip to Crater Lake and the coast where their guests on the trip, Elwood Gunn of Fall Creek, and Mrs. Waldo Thomas of Park City, Utah, were impressed with the salmon fishing at Winchester Bay, Sunday.

Mrs. Waldo Thomas of Utah is a sister of George and Elwood Gunn. She was accompanied by her two daughters, Lavana and Paula, and left Monday for a trip through the Redwoods and San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Frazier and children and Mr. and Mrs. Gale Roby and children spent Sunday at the coast where the sea was calm, the weather sunny but cool for a visit at Umpqua Beach.

London 4H Mothers Club.

Nine members turned out for the regular meeting of London 4H Mothers Club, July 11 at the club house. A summer salad luncheon helped to inspire willing working willing fingers that tried hard to accomplish a showing on the two quilts now in the frames in spite of the heat that day. It was decided to come early at the next meeting at 9 a.m., July 25 to off set the hot weather in the afternoon. Luncheon will be served at noon.

Twenty-one young folks and relatives helped Faye McKay cele-

brate her twelfth birthday, Friday evening, July 13, at her home. Her mother baked two birthday cakes and served jello, and ice cream after games were played.

Mrs. Carl Small entertained at her home July 12 at a dainty pink and blue baby shower for her near neighbor, Mrs. Aaron Ballard. Ten guests attended with Mrs. Jack Long of Drain and Mrs. Roy Easley of Cottage Grove as out of the community guests. Games furnished the entertainment and ice cream and cake served for refreshments.

London Merry-makers.

Mrs. George Sibley entertained for the London Merry-makers club, July 12. Due to other activities all members were not able to attend making it necessary for two tables of three handed games of cards, which followed a noon luncheon by the hostess. Winning high score was Mrs. Charles Abene, and Mrs. Claude Abene second who both received hand painted vases as gift prizes. Mrs. Lela Perini won low score receiving a hand painted vinegar cruet. Mrs. Sibley received an assorted number of hostess gifts from her guests, that included, plastic planters for her window, a tray and a luncheon cloth to embroider.

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