

Best stick to jelly beans

Homer's Hadnuff of school tax levies

by SHARA'DEEN ANDERSON

At last we have found that renowned taxpayer, Homer T. Hadnuff, who, with his newly founded "Ignorance Decreases Your Taxes" Committee, played a major role in the defeat of a majority of school levies in the community.

"Tell me, Mr. Hadnuff, exactly what kind of an IDYT committee would work against the welfare of their own children and why have you singled out schools as a major cure-all for tax frustration?"

"Well now, when you think on it, edgycashun' is likely the biggest waste o' money they is. Them kids get smart nuff, they's just gonna move off to the big city. And you think they's gonna send any money home once they get there?"

"But sir, what about the value of concise thinking and the benefits to mankind?"

"Mankind hain't never did me no favors and I get along jest fine. I got me where I is today by takin care of myself'. And them things can't be larn'd in no fancy-fandangled books nor video projectors."

"I agree, Mr. Hadnuff, experience is a fine teacher, but should it be the only teacher? Wouldn't activity and education assist in the learning process?"

"Heck fire, tain't that much to larn! I got me 11 kids and ain't yet had to show one of 'em how to eat nor sleep."

"But surely there is more to life. What of your children's careers?"

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What about their plans for the future?"

"Well now, let's see — Ezra's goin' fishin' tomorrow and Jacob hain't finished cleanin' the barn and Dan'l's down with the pox so he ain't goin' nowhere."

"Yes, I see. . . Actually, I was thinking of long-range plans. What

would they like to do when they grow up and wouldn't a sound education be of help to them in pursuin' their goals?"

"I ain't never had no goals myself, been raisin' goats fer years. Course, them kids can do whatever they's got a hankerin' for. Whether you's pursuin' goats or goals, they's all gotta be rounded up and milked, I suspect."

"The tail of the possum is — they just ain't many things in this world needs to be done that requires

much on brains. If'n it's there, you jest get up an do it. Take presidentin' fer example — ain't one of my kids don't eats jelly beans natural as all get out. Course tain't nary a one knows what color they's eatin' nor how many, but they slog 'em down jest the same."

"Then, Mr. Hadnuff, you see no value at all in a formal education or school activities?"

"No sirree bub! I admit it might be nice to count up them goats and

write down how much milk each'n gives — cept it don't make no difference to the goat. She's only gonna give what she's got anyway."

"It don't make a pint o' sense, specially them what-cha-call activities. If'n a kid's supposed to larn how to read and figur' numbers and use his brain, why in tarnation put a helmet on him and have him bash his head against a grain sack. Course the running might be good for 'em, cept they's got 'em running round and round in circles all the time. No wonder them kids don't get nowhere."

"I tell you, they's got nerve askin' me for money for li'rary story books and roundy running circles and video pro jectors, and who knows how them kids is gonna turn out anyway? No sirree, it ain't worth the risk of good money."

"If'n a kid's got brains, he'll figure a way to use 'em — and if'n he ain't, he'd best stick to jelly beans."

Shara'Deen Anderson is a resident of Eagle Creek and will be writing a weekly column for The Post.

ESD head named to board

Robert Burns has been elected to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the Northwest Region Educational Laboratory.

Burns is the superintendent of the Clackamas County Education Service District (ESD).

He was elected by the 261 Oregon institutions and

agencies which are members of the Laboratory, including school districts, colleges and other education organizations.

The Laboratory is a non-profit organization which conducts educational research and development work and assists schools and other institutions in improv-

ing educational programs.

It is conducting programs in areas such as rural education, computer technology, Indian education, education and work, assessment and evaluation.

The laboratory serves Oregon, Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana and Washington.

Neighbor group to meet

The Boring Neighborhood Advisory Committee will meet Monday, July 13, at the Boring Fire Station. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Items on the agenda include the election of a committee chairman and secretary for the next year, street and storm drainage improvement projects and street lighting for the area.

There will also be a discussion of what neighborhood improvements the community would like funded in Clackamas County's next three-year Community Development Block Grant plan.

Representatives from Tri-Met will attend the meeting to receive comments on the proposed bus service in the Damascus-Boring area.

The committee meetings are open to the public. All Boring Neighborhood Strategy Area residents,

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CETA program designed to help women workers

A new program sponsored by four area CETA groups is designed to help women find non-traditional jobs and training.

Clackamas County CETA is one of the sponsoring groups.

New Skills for Women is the five-week CETA course. To qualify, women must be unemployed and meet low-income CETA eligibility requirements. The program is a pre-employment effort designed to prepare women for entry into non-traditional jobs or training.

New Skills for Women concentrates on both physical and psychological prepara-

tion. Through a structured five-hour a week gym and exercise program, the women become more physically fit and develop greater self-confidence.

Many women come into the program in extremely poor physical condition, due to long-term or chronic unemployment, accompanied with low self-esteem and little self-confidence, according to program director Judith Ewing.

A demonstrated improvement in mental and physical well-being has resulted from the physical fitness program.

Conditioning also helps

prepare for physically strenuous jobs in convincing employers that a woman is capable of non-traditional jobs.

Other objectives of the course are assertiveness training and communicating in a non-traditional work setting, exploration of career opportunities, building confidence and self-esteem and mechanics of stress reduction.

Preparation for the dual career roles of mother and provider is also covered.

County women interested in the program should contact Fay Gilman, Clackamas County CETA, at 635-4591.

Craft market set at Rim

The second annual Timberline Rim Craft Market will be held Saturday and Sunday, July 18-19, at the Rim's Lodge in Brightwood.

The market will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

More than 30 artists will display their wares at the market. A wide variety of crafts will be offered from professional and amateur artisans. Projects range

from clay sculpture to bronze, wood carving, stained glass, weaving, lace work, oil painting, water colors, pottery, jewelry, photography and many others.

Booths of food will also be available with authentic Mexican food as well as egg rolls, fruit kabobs and raspberry shortcake.

Demonstrations will also be presented by artisans

throughout the market.

A special feature of this year's market will be the Tour of Homes. The tour will include viewing of 10 special homes in the Timberline Rim community. The tour, offered Sunday, July 19, from 1 to 5 p.m., will cost \$3.50. Proceeds will go toward maintenance and upgrading the community's facilities.

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