

# Sense And Some NONSENSE



By Dewey

It's good to see many of the returned GIs planning to go on to school—many this fall, and others planning for the next year. Never again, perhaps in the history of the world, will such an opportunity be offered young men of this nation, to put themselves in a position better to earn their living, in a manner they wish to do just that.

No one questions the veteran's right to this educational advantage. Certainly he has paid, many times over, in sweat and tears—yes, even mortal fear—for this right to pursue the education he might have planned some time before Uncle Sam said "Greetings" to him and took him away.

The veteran, now no longer a boy—a man in every sense of the word—realizes his advantage, and likely will bet about all there is in a course. He has seen how it took brains to out-smart an enemy whose education had been to destroy other countries. This same group of GIs want to educate toward a goal of building up the world.

On the other hand profs of the various schools and colleges will find a group of seasoned men—albeit their years—who want the facts—and want them straight. It certainly will show up the faculty of institution to try to "get by" in front of such a group of men.

These men have learned to use their minds. They have learned the value of team-work, and now they want education thrown at them in the same manner. These GIs will be the men who will be the profs of tomorrow—the engineers, the architects, and on through the list of skills. They, as in war, are out to get all there is in it for them.

Talking of educational systems—what shall be the course this nation must follow in years to come? Must this state, one of the greatest in the west, continue to "tag along" behind her neighbors? Must she "make it easy" to

get a high school diploma at the expense of the students who want to go on?

*This statement will bring a wave of criticism, but here goes: "Education must be made to fit the demands of the students—a future they wish to follow." It is certain that since many do not go on to schools of higher learning they must, in a small measure, be fitted for life.*

Certainly it will cost more! No use denying that statement. Yet, an investment must be made for the future, if this nation, and this section of the world is to progress. What of manual arts—what of home economics? What of this, or that course?

*The Pilot maintains that the average school district is hampered by a set of rules, by a so-called course of study, handed down by the state department of education. This set of rules may or may not fit the average school district—if it does, then fine, but what if it doesn't?*

This war proved the inadequacy of our present school systems. Insufficient mathematics have been taught. The average student is turned out of high school without "physics," that subject, in the opinion of the Pilot, is the most important of all sciences. What kind of an excuse can any state board of education give for not requiring physics for graduation?

*No girl should be given a high school diploma who has not had at least two years of home economics—at least enough that she might know the compatibility of foods. She should know enough of sewing that she could clothe a family, and do it well. True, most any mother can teach her daughter how to cook—but how far is this possible for the mothers to fully instruct a girl of the different foods when this mother has fully two jobs to perform at the time she is trying to teach the daughter?*

Every boy should be taught the common use of most any tool he may be required to use in the life he has planned. Certainly, on some, this may be wasted since they may never follow that trade. Yet, in the well-regulated home, it is expected that the man of the house to know those usual things—how about it?

*Proper education of the children will insure the future of the world, without which education, life certainly will be hopeless—yes, worthless. Think it over, look to Europe before you make a final decision.*

## Local News Items

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Rufener and son, of Dayton, were brief callers here Saturday en route from San Francisco to Dayton. Their son, recently released from Letterman's hospital, San Francisco, reported Monday at Fort Lewis, Wash., for a checkup. He

had undergone an operation for injuries suffered at Okinawa.

Miss Edith Ott left Saturday for Dayton and Portland where she will spend this week, visiting relatives and friends.

Dewey Akers and son, Ronald, will leave tonight for Dayton, to spend the week-end. Ronald will remain at Dayton until the family moves to Brookings shortly.

Excavation for a new building was made Friday by J. J. Gallagher, on his lot across from the Good East Cafe, where he will move his plumbing shop within the next thirty days. construction started this week.

Pfc. Conner Kessler arrived in Brookings, Monday afternoon on furlough from Fort Dix, N. Jer., where he is stationed in the army. He will have ten days to spend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Kessler, and brothers, at Curry County Lumber Co.

Bob Davis, owner of the Nook Cafe, arrived Sunday evening from Vancouver. He attended to business matters, and left Tuesday afternoon.

## Dunhams on Vacation

"We'll do a little fishing along the way, but we'll be in Eugene

the next couple o weeks. Rev. and Mrs. Dunham, when they asked the Pilot mail the next two issues gene. They are on their vacation rom the Baptist munity church.

Next Sunday, the Giders have charge of the service the local church.

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