

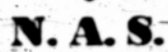
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## IT SEEMS TO ME:



By Dewey

One cannot help but wonder "the reason" sometimes for the events that happen. Reference in this thought is directed to the catastrophe which befell the Grants Pass football team, Sunday, while en route from Portland to their home, where a celebration was being planned. These boys, full of life, vigor,

and joy from winning the first football championship of that school, were riding in a bus, they were acting like any youth could be expected to act under like circumstances—having fun. They had not been dissipating, they were thinking only of their arrival home—and the joy of seeing their schoolmates.

While all details were not revealed at the time this column was written, enough were told to make me believe that fate stalked across their path in an exceedingly cruel way. These boys were within five miles of home, of "seeing" their parents, and of enjoying the thrills being arranged for them as state grid conquerors.

I have known Mel Ingram, the Grants Pass coach a number of years. During the time I lived in Northern Idaho, Mel was coach at Wallace, Idaho, where he had an enviable record. His record since moving to Oregon has been equally as good. He was proud of his boys, and his boys were proud to serve such a coach. He never tolerated any abuse of the rules of conduct or sportsmanship. Certainly such a calamity couldn't have been directed at him, or his team.

According to the meager details heard over the radio, the bus which was hauling the team, went out of control just as it reached the apex of a hill, and the story happened, all too instantly—without warning. Those boys who were killed and who are not expected to survive, were just about the best youth this nation could find.

It makes one wonder why it puts people to thinking about the joy that comes from winning some event, and the price that goes with it. Certainly these boys and their coach deserve a better fate than that which was their lot, Sunday.

While still thinking about athletics and the athletes of our schools, I did notice, Friday evening the display of sportsmanship that made me feel proud. Ophir, hopelessly outclassed, in the class, never resorted to any unsportsmanship means.

On the other hand, Brookings, while winning, did it gracefully—without any gloating which can easily creep into such a situation. These youth, vying with each other, did it all in a sportsmanlike manner which shows proper coaching, not only in ways of basketball, but in ways of manhood. I hope I always see such sportsmanship—it is good for the boys and girls coming up.

The cold which this area experienced the past week certainly brought out plenty of "beefing" on the part of local residents. Hags th local residents such cold temperatures as are now reported throughout the midwest, then they certainly would have reason to "whine."

## Coast-Wise Strike Settlement Affects Local Lumber Trade

The coast-wise shipping strike, which has practically paralyzed trade along the Pacific coast, especially in the lumber industry, for the past three months, came to a close the first of the week, much to the relief of the local lumber mills, sorely hurt by the tie-up.

In the first place, with lumber piled up at many points, the price took a drop, in the lower grades, putting a terrific crimp in the local picture. With no lumber movements, many of the local mills were forced to close due to market conditions, and this lay-off seriously affected a large number of local workers.

Most local lumbermen, interviewed by the Pilot, believe that it will be sometime after the first of the year before regular channels of trade will re-adjust themselves, and that the local mills may resume full-time production.

All point to the demand for lumber, and feel hopeful that with shipping again available, all mills along the coast will be soon swamped with orders.

### When is a home a house?

Words take on specific meanings. Take the word "home" for example. At least one Oregon newspaper is highly critical of the expression, "sold their home." Spokesmen for the paper say it might be "sold their house"—but never "home." Reason for that thinking is this: A home is a house with personality—in other words, people living in it. The

people may leave, but when they move, they take their "home" with them to the next "house." Have a happy thanksgiving.

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