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## IT SEEMS TO ME:



By Dewey

One of the most revealing articles yet published by any Oregon daily, appeared Sunday in the Oregonian, under the By-Line of WILMA MORRISON, and gave reasons "Why Do College Freshmen Flunk?" This article has put into the proper words ideas long advocated by the Pilot, especially since this district has had difficulties convincing its citizens that the local schools were far below standard.

Oregon and Oregon State, because of this sub-standard condition of the high schools generally over the state, have had to lower their own standards as far as freshmen were concerned. This fact does not speak well for the educational system of the state, in face of the increasing demand for more "specialized" graduates. Certainly odds are against them under present conditions.

Under criticism in the Oregonian article was the lack of English and mathematical preparation of the freshmen entering all colleges, and the apparent inability to read correctly. Compared to 20 years ago, the article continues, they are woefully weak. As a result both Oregon and Oregon State must conduct high school English and math classes for about one-third of the freshmen entering these institutions.

Long have I insisted that our own schools should offer more mathematics and science courses. Personally I cannot think of a boy or girl graduating from high school without at least three or four mathematics, and likewise I feel the boy or girl has missed something if they have not had physics before they graduated in high school. The war proved how inadequately these schools prepared boys for the air corps.

Personally I do not feel high school is anything but mockery unless it includes these:

English .....4 credits  
Mathematics .....4 credits  
Language .....2 credits  
Vocational .....2 credits  
The remainder of the 16 credits necessary for graduation, may be divided according to the wishes of the individual student.

Some of Oregon's high schools offer agriculture as the vocational courses, and certainly I think this has no equal in the communities where agriculture predominates as an industry. I know a number of boys who have 'made' themselves through FFA work in high school, and as far as they are concerned, are somewhat fitted for life at graduation time.

Another addition to high school studies, I firmly believe, should be a course of general nature to try to determine the life-work of students. In some states this is aptly called "Vocational Guidance." I have had considerable experience along this line while at Whitefish, Mont., as member of Kiwanis club. This committee interviewed seniors and made an effort to ascertain their likes and wishes for the future, and at the same time obtained for them a several jobs leading toward this goal. I might review, as far as my memory serves me, of one boy who was about the first in this vocational guidance experiment, in 1928:

This boy, let's call him 'Les,' for his name was Lester, wanted to own a store. He liked selling, he liked meeting the public. One member of the club hired him to work in his clothing store, evenings and Saturday. The next year he entered University of Montana to major in business administration. I heard of him a number of times since. Last time he was general manager of Missoula Mercantile Co., a multi-million dollar concern. Surely, he was a natural.

Another lad, by name of Lloyd Hovde, an orphaned son of a barber, came under this committee's attention. He wanted newspaper work. I helped him and another senior, a girl by name of Helena Jones to start a school paper, and the first year they won first for that size school in the state. Twenty-one years later, Lloyd is general manager of the Great Falls, Mont., Tribune Publishing Co., and Helena is his wife, I understand.

My criticism of schools today may be simply summed up in this statement: "What preparation is made for the student's future? Investment in the future of these youth means security for the nation in less than a generation in the future. Is this a rash statement? Then prove me wrong!"

## Adventists Play Baseball To Settle Picnic Dinner, Sun.

Members of the Brookings Seventh-Day Adventist church met Sunday for the annual picnic of the church, when about 100 were present for the day.

Following the lunch at the M. F. Ostenburg place, Sunday the men, who had eaten well, felt a little baseball would be good for that overstuffed feeling. Harry Newman and Bill Fisher chose up sides, with Fishers team victors in the close 24 to 11 game, featured by Leo VanDolson's unassisted triple play and the reckless baserunning by the fleet Howard Adams.

Monday it was noticeable that few of the participants were seen about, on their own power. No casualties, however, were reported to the Pilot.

## Dorothy Newton Named County H. D. Agent

GOLD BEACH—The state extension service has announced the appointment of Miss Dorothy Newton as county extension agent (home economics) to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Mrs. Aldene N. Aho. Miss Newton was graduated from Linfield College, McMinnville in 1945 with bachelor of science degree; and has since taken graduate work at Oregon State College.

Following her graduation at Linfield she taught at Newberg Union High School. For the past two years she has served as the county extension agent (home economics) in Washington county, working in both adult home extension and girls 4-H work. She will begin her work in Curry county Aug. 1. She will have charge of the adult home extension program and the girls home economics 4-H club project work.

Mrs. Aho who has served as home demonstration agent for two years, is moving to Crescent City, Calif., where she will be at home with her family, after the first of July.

## Reception Planned For Newlyweds

While away on his two-weeks cruise as reserve officer in the navy, Bob Stanhurst stole a

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march on friends, when he and Bernice Johnson of Smith River were married at San Francisco on June 17, at the home of Mrs. Chedister, former Smith River resident.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanhurst are at home in the former Baxter house, near the Baxter auto camp, in Harbor.

A reception has been planned for Wednesday evening, June 29, at the Grange hall for them. All friends of the couple are invited to come.

## LOCAL NEWS

Ed F. Ackley, who had been in the Bay region for a couple of weeks, returned home last Thursday morning for some legal matters at Gold Beach, and left for San Francisco again late Saturday, where he expects to be gone another week at least.

## Notice To Creditors

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Curry.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Administrator of the Estate of Elsie Elizabeth Hogan, deceased, by the County Court of Curry County, Oregon, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified as by law required to the undersigned at the office of Hugh C. Gearin, Brookings, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

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