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IT SEEMS TO ME:



By Dewey

This column, this week due to lack of space and time, will be brief, but I hope sufficiently enlightening to readers to be of a little worth. Easter is approaching, as we know, and with it a realization of the responsibility of man, or men, I am referring to the future—to the youngsters coming up soon to take my place and your places, if you must.

I cannot get out of my mind the accusations made last week by Charlie Hassett, who told of his educational deficiencies from this school. True, I am aware of the greater discrepancies at the time he was graduated than of today, but that does not mean that today the schools are sufficient to give the youth the opportunity which is their due.

I am aware that Curry county has a unique problem—however, Curry county has not the worst situation in the world, if George Funk's observation of Miami, Oklahoma, means anything. Their immediate problem is just about the limit, if you can say there is a limit.

In recent years, especially in those after the world war, the growth of this place was such that the school population is now scattered all over the town, in every available building. It will take more than a million dollars to get abreast of the situation, but the community has a bonding limit of only about a fifth of what is needed.

Wouldn't we cry if we had a situation comparable? Well, if I am not exactly over-optimistic, Curry county may expect just a comparable situation in the next ten years, if not sooner. Don't try to make me prove it, but if you look back a few years, say the last five—

Northern Curry today is in a situation Brookings and Harbor found themselves two years ago. It will be forced upon them to build, perhaps sooner than they might like to think. However, it is noticeable that the north end of the county is not harrassed by some who would like to practically eliminate the schools.

I have maintained all my life, and as long as I am able to sit at this linotype and "howl" the schools will come first in my "musts" for the community. I'd much prefer to do without something else in way of the so-called luxuries than to have the children denied their right of education of preparation for life.

If Curry county is to be divid-

ed by a group who say that we must vote down the budget this May, under the guise that it is all wrong and too high, it will be my guess that the outside world will take note of this situation and likely the drop in property values will wipe out all of the "hoped-for" savings some wish to realize through expense of the schools.

I have noted in my years with newspapers, that it is not at all uncommon for a dairy farmer to spend as much as \$2 to \$4 a head to keep his dairy herd registered with his herd association. He will go to no small end to make his herd the best—but the children—well that's different—I went to this type of a school and it is good enough for my children.

Do they keep the cows in the same old barn their granapas had hewn from logs? Not likely. The cows drink warm water, they have scrubbed floors, they have about everything—of course, the best that can be bought.

Along Azalea Row

BY B. MILLER

Brookings and Harbor ladies were seen en force supporting the efforts of their sister community at the recent Smith River Women's Club flower show and art exhibit.

The Indians stole the show; Mrs. Billy with her basket weaving, Mr. Billy with his drum, and a perfectly precious baby taking an afternoon siesta in her little woven cradle.

The art exhibit of new flower paintings by Sydney Armer and the photographic studies made by Mrs. Armer were enjoyed by all. All this was good, but over in one corner of the hall was an exhibit which caught the eye of the conservation-minded members of Azalea Garden Club. Here were salvage products from the Albright's forest.

The Albrights purchased, last year, seven acres of logged off and old burnt over land with a stand of young trees. Some of their land lies along Hwy 101. They went to work with a right good will to utilize every bit of old wood, new wood, and any kind of wood in the most effective way.

By-products, as big industry well knows, often are worth more than the original product. The Albrights who take seriously that good, old adage, of "waste not, want not," spent a very productive summer during the tourist season last year. Assembled in one corner of the hall at the Smith River flower show were some of the by-products from the ancient burned redwood snags.

There was a most attractive fern container made from a rotted fallen redwood tree. There were redwood buris, split shakes and posts, wooden stepping blocks for garden walks. Selected trees were felled for homesite clearance.

Young Albright made \$50 for himself, last summer, selling hobby woods to tourists.

We shall have an opportunity to see what some of the youngsters here in our own neighborhood can do at the next meeting of Azalea Garden Club, Thursday, April 13.

The junior garden club will hold its show with exhibits of wild flower scrap books, birdhouses and bird books, as well as horticulture specimens from junior gardens. We all look forward with much pleasure to this annual event.

Members and friends are asked to come to the meeting in hats fashioned from flowers or vegetables and enter the Easter Bonnet contest. "A very good idea," says the philosopher of Weedy Acres "Why purchase a new hat when you can pick yourself one

from the garden, and a different one each time?"

Gay with exhibits of the junior club members, with garden hats, plant sale, the meeting place for next Thursday should be a spring next Thursday should be a spring bower! Mrs. Harroun, who will be in charge of the plant sale, asks all members to bring bulbs, of every kind, as well as house plants, slips and starts from the garden, and share with your neighbor your choice delights, in order to increase the amount in the club treasury.

In a good cause, Mrs. Victor Reynolds very generously offered to auction a cake at the next meeting. With her husband a Sunset Magazine Chef, it ought to be mighty good! Hostesses are to be announced later.

Co. Service Officers Reports To You:

BY C. E. SEGER
Gold Beach, Ore.

A meeting of Curry County Hospital Board was held March 21 for final consideration of the plans for early construction of the projected building. Present, beside board members, were Guy Forsyth, Mrs. Irene Mateer, hospital association president, Geo. Sshiffer of the Oregon State Board of Health and Elmer Harrington, architect of Portland.

Complete agreement was reached on all points and the hospital will become a reality provided the events take place as outlined:

Curry county now has \$50,000 derived from a serial levy, \$13,000 in cash, and \$10,000 in pledges by reliable persons totaling \$73,000. The architect states that a modern central unit with 10 beds can be constructed for \$120,000 of which the federal government will provide \$40,000, leaving only \$80,000 as the county's share. As the county has \$73,000 at present, the difference is \$7,000.

One difficulty is the fact that financial arrangements must be completed by June 1, and preferably by May 15. However, hospital supporters are confident that the \$7000 will be raised by the deadline, if citizens of the county are informed of the facts.

When the hospital project was first considered, it was thought a 30-bed hospital would be desirable for future expansion and growth. However, raising a sum sufficient to build such a hospital proved to be impractical. Fortunately, due to the co-operation and genuine helpfulness of the state board of health, a workable arrangement has been adopted. The first unit, to be built will have a large central unit but only 10 beds. As already stated it will cost \$120,000, of which the county pays \$80,000. An additional 10 beds can be added at any time for \$12,000 actual cost to the county. The central unit is so designed that it can conveniently handle 30 beds or even more if certain small additional facilities are added.

The rapidity with which such a project can advance once the necessary financial requirements are met is brought out by the following time schedule: The plans must be submitted by May 15 with the tentative appropriation list compiled by the state board of health in June. The actual meeting for approval of appropriations will be held in July. Architect then can submit final specifications for the contract bids and construction can easily be started in August or September of this year. Mr. Harrington, the architect, estimates the construction will take approximately seven months. The hospital will therefore be completed and ready to serve Curry county by spring of 1951.

LOCAL NEWS

Pearl Henry was elected head of the Winchuch River club for the coming year at the last meeting of the group at the home of Mrs. Beulah Keiser. Other officers named were Mrs. Doris Bolen as vice-president; Thelma Petty-grew, secretary and Mary Waterman, reporter. Refreshments were enjoyed after a few solos sung by Mrs. Willamina Donnelly.

Mrs. Pernot Duff left last Friday for ten days in the northern part of the state. She will spend a week at Nelscott, teaching a number of former pupils, and to Portland for the remainder of her stay.

Ben Kerns attended a school for Westinghouse appliance at Medford Monday, and stayed until Tuesday to attend to other business.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Springer left for Portland Saturday to visit their son LeRoy and family. They also plan to go to Port Townsend, Wash., to visit Mr. Springer's aunt over Easter.

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By Pete Lesmeister



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Answer. Actually the comprehensive fire and theft insurance policy is the best form to buy. It costs very little more than the ordinary fire and theft policy and its coverage is much broader. The insurance company makes certain exceptions for which it will not be liable but assumes responsibility for just about any other form of damage. Even stains, damage from falling objects and glass breakage are covered under this policy.

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