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Teacher-Parent Conferences

School report cards have been under fire for a long time. "Progressive" educators of course would have nothing to do with them. Moderates have altered them greatly from the percentage ratings formerly given to students in department and in the several subjects they were studying. More recently the A-B-C-D or Excellent-Good-Fair-Failed markings have been dropped for other forms of advising parents of the progress or lack of progress of their children at school.

Some of the Salem grade schools, as was reported in The Statesman Monday, have made the substitution of teacher-parent conferences for the traditional report card. Results so far seem to be satisfactory, though the administration does not favor extending the system to high schools.

The conference method calls for talks between parents and teachers twice a year. If full and frank it certainly can be much better than the old method of giving a specific percentage grade to a pupil's work. It is time-consuming, and requires a common basis of interest in the child for its success. Today's parents have had more schooling than the parents of former generations. They should know more about the progress their children should make, and at the same time be better able to give them the push or the assistance that many seem to require. The teacher though must develop courage to tell parents the truth and must have some ability to give guidance to the parent for home instruction. She will have to develop new techniques herself.

Too often parents feel so unacquainted with teaching practices that the schoolroom seems alien to them with their own experience. The conference system should break down barriers and develop a better understanding of what goes on in the school. It will however consume a lot more teacher-energy than the former custom of getting down the report cards and scattering the As, Bs and Cs among the children.

Pete French, Cattle King

Harney County, which recently had its historical picture "taken" in a book by George Francis Brimlow, rates again in current literature in the biography, "Pete French, Cattle King" by Mrs. Elizabeth Lambert Wood (Bimfords & Mort, Portland; \$3). Pete French is a proper subject for a biography, for his name still is legend in the cattle country. His "P" ranch is now part of the U. S. bird refuge; and the Blitzen River which pours down out of the Steens Mountains to water the hummocks where the birds nest, as formerly its water irrigated Pete French's rich hay pastures.

Mrs. Wood fictionalizes her biography, but it is assumed that she has endeavored to paint an accurate picture of the man who came to control more land than any private owner in Oregon. She makes him of heroic proportions,

in spite of his slight figure, because of his amazing capacity at range and livestock management. He didn't do so well with people as did his contemporary John Devine, another great stockman of the late 19th century in Southeastern Oregon. Animosity grew up between French and the small ranchers who fringed his domain. French accused them of stealing his cattle and "mooching" on his pastures. They accused him of crowding them out in his greed for land. One of the small ranchers shot and killed French at one of the round-ups, in 1897, and after a stirring trial at Burns was acquitted. But the French legend lived on.

Pete French came from California. As a youth he went to work for Dr. Hugh Glenn, who operated the biggest wheat ranch in the Sacramento Valley. Glenn staked French for the Oregon venture (the Postoffice of Frenchglen preserves this association). French married Glenn's daughter, Ella, but she was a spoiled child who refused to live in Oregon, preferring the luxury of the Palace Hotel in San Francisco. Glenn was killed by a disgruntled employe and his estate was squandered by his family. Ella finally divorced French; their son remained with her and amounted to nothing. So French's life became lonely and ended in a tragedy which still is the subject of discussion and debate in the great cattle country, though his death occurred in the 1890s.

Our preference would be for biography without the dress of fiction. That may make it more readable, however; and Pete French was a character for fiction and even for drama. The book is a worthwhile addition to Oregon history-literature.

Alaska Airlines got a lot of publicity for its flight to drop a striped pole at the North Pole, just before Christmas, along with a bundle of letters to Santa Claus. At the same time it talked about over-the-pole flights to the other side of the world. Now the Scandinavian Airlines are projecting similar flights as part of a regular commercial schedule. This is probably some years off, for test flights must be made and suitable intermediate bases located; and flying over the top of the world may become commonplace before long.

A building doesn't have to be big and imposing to have architectural character. For example see the new Courtway Building on Court Street, recently completed by Frank Doolittle. Without being an imitation of the style in the old French Quarter of New Orleans its front is suggestive of that style in its balcony and grill work. Fronting as it does on the civic center it will attract interest as the years go by.

In some cities lawyers are getting a new run of business: defending clients accused of evading their income taxes. It's an ill wind . . .

Egypt Government Steps Back from Brink Of Final Diplomatic Break With Great Britain

By J. M. ROBERTS, JR.
Associated Press News Analyst

Egypt, through the sudden intervention of King Farouk to change premiers, has taken a step back from the brink of a complete diplomatic break with England.

The step was received in Allied diplomatic circles as offering some hope for eventual solution of the friction which has halted their plans for a Middle East Command in conjunction with the defense of Europe.

It seemed to have eased what has become a very grave possibility of real Anglo-Egyptian war.

On the other hand, it appeared to be just a move and perhaps more of a move by Farouk to quell incipient revolt.

The people, inflamed by the Nationalist propaganda of the Nahas Pasha government, were taking the bit in their teeth, and showed signs of going against that government itself for its failure to oust the British from the Suez Zone.

The prospect that any Egyptian government will be able to make a deal with Britain without attracting riotous public anger seems just as remote as ever.

The announced aims of the new government are the same as before — to establish sole Egyptian sovereignty over the Sudan and to oust British troops from Egypt. The immediate objective is to restore security within the country against repetition of Saturday's riots.

Farouk appears to have been influenced by advisers who favor ultimate treaty arrangements with Britain and the United States.

New parliamentary elections, required by the constitution after a cabinet is removed, will give him some idea of just where the country stands and what he can do.

There is nothing to indicate that anyone can seriously cut the power of the anti-British Wafdist who now hold 80 per cent of the seats.

In that case, the situation created by Farouk's intervention merely means a month's lull. This might offer the opportunity for some third party to do some spade work. It can hardly be the

United States, which is too close to Britain.

The most powerful nation which could get the ear of the Cairo government, one which is associated with the U. S. and British defense program against Russia, one which could provide a stable defense of the Suez Canal—now the prime objective of British policy in Egypt—is Turkey.

The Egyptian contention that they can take care of the Canal is laughed off by the Allies, who remember what happened when the Egyptian army took the field against Palestine.

There is not even much hope that a stable government can be

The Safety Valve

The Bend of the River To the Editor:

It was the personal jealousy of the people in my neighbor, Mt. Hood and her beautiful surroundings gardens that prompted me to witness the current cinema showing of "Bend of the River". I had seen Mt. Hood play such a majestic role in Oregon's summer sunset and glistening winter snows, that I was extremely hopeful of her part in the movies.

She turned in a splendid performance, looking just as glamorous a hundred years ago as she does today. I did not particularly notice the bend in the river, but against such a scenic backdrop the twist in men's minds, and the treacherous double cross in their deeds, did strike out with considerable impact.

I wondered what the tranquil mountain lady thought of the drama of men and conquest unfolding at her feet. Did she not feel that I was making progress against the forces of nature? Now fine highways skirted her doorway, and automobiles encircled her in a Sunday afternoon. Great steel spans crossed the Willamette at Portland. What then, she would survey, have been accomplished to regulate the forces of just, greed, and intrigue within themselves. A hundred years ago unwarranted personal privileges and gains were the product of the six shooter, now it is the fur coat deep freeze, and undue influence.

For us to realize a better world, we must strive for better people in it. As the picture tells us, we must raise better apples. We must put quality apples in the barrel of American leadership, and maintain constant vigilance

for the bad ones. Rotten apples have no respect to position, they show up in the top of the barrel as well as the bottom.

How Mold Our Children? To the Editor:

I appreciate very much your editorial page and the opinions of the people voiced there. I am thankful for a free press and the good that is done through your paper.

A very small thing has come to my attention, yet it is large in its outreach. I refer to the candy cigarettes on sale throughout Salem. I have four small children and therefore am able to see their reaction to things clearly. The candy cigarettes are similar to popular brand cigarettes, and they are even wrapped in white "cigaret" paper. Personally I don't want my children to regard smoking as OK for I consider it injurious to health and a very messy, bad appearing and expensive habit.

Children are adults so readily that it may appear comic to some to see children pretend "smoking."

There are many ways to shape candy—and I eat as much as (and sometimes more than) my figure will permit. Could it be too much to ask the candy manufacturers to change their molds?

And then there is the same subtle habit-forming device put forth in soft drink quarters where the bottles resemble beer bottles. How are we allowing our youth to be shaped?

Mrs. Harry Keller, 2338 N. 34th St.

GRIN AND BEAR IT by Lichty



"I guess rosy plans aren't what they used to be... they're talking about getting married and managing to live somehow..."

Sisters Lose Fight to Share In Huge Estate

PORTLAND (AP) - A woman's will leaving half a million dollars to two of her daughters and cutting off two others with \$10 each was upheld in court here Monday.

Circuit Judge James R. Bain ruled that Mrs. Agnes L. McBride, art patroness, was mentally competent when she executed the will in 1948.

It left the \$500,000 estate in trust with 40 per cent of the income going to Mrs. Flora McBride Kerron and 60 per cent to Dorothy McBride. Both are daughters of the late D. B. McBride, Portland woolen mill operator and real estate man. They live in Portland.

Mrs. McBride's daughters by a previous marriage, Agnes McBride, Portland, and Mrs. Marie Diamond, Detroit, Mich., were bequeathed \$10 each. Their attorneys argued that their mother held an insane delusion against them.

When McBride died, she left half a million dollars to the widow and another half million to Dorothy McBride and Mrs. Kerron.

IT SEEMS TO ME

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the opening up of iron ore deposits in Ontario, Labrador and Quebec and in exploitation of other minerals. This has served to bring the exchange into balance.

Our principal imports from Canada are newsprint, metals and some agricultural products. Canada buys from the United States great quantities of manufactured goods. Travel of U. S. citizens into the Northland has helped Canada's exchange situation. The relaxing of controls on travel allowances will permit Canadians to do more traveling in the United States.

The two countries are separated by a boundary line, unfortified. They live under independent flags and governments. But economically and culturally they are closely united. It really seems like stealing from a friend to convert a U. S. dollar into \$1.09 or \$1.10 Canadian. Now we can visit Canada without feeling like a thief. Americans really rejoice that Canada's dollar is at parity with our own.

Congressional Quiz

Q-How much difference is there in the views of the contenders for the GOP Presidential nomination?

A-The main disagreements among the leading candidates—Gen. Eisenhower, commander of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization forces in Europe, ex-Gov. Stassen (Minn.), Sen. Taft (R. Ohio) and Gov. Warren (Calif.)—are over military and foreign policy, according to a Congressional Quarterly study of their public statements. All four agreed, however, in opposing corruption in government, government waste and overgrown bureaucracy, excessive taxation, communism and "isolationism."

Q-Do they see alike on conduct of the cold war in Europe?

A-Eisenhower has said the U. S. must aid Western Europe militarily as much as possible. Taft has said the military program under the Atlantic Pact was "a waste of money." Stassen has backed Eisenhower's stand on Europe. Warren called for foreign aid "consistent with the security and solvency" of the U. S.

Q-Are these four Republicans in favor of universal military training?

A-Only Eisenhower has called for UMT in peacetime. The other three have opposed it.

Truman to Present Medals of Honor To 2 Soldiers

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Truman will present Medals of Honor Tuesday to two soldiers for deeds of extraordinary valor in Korea.

The nation's highest military award will be bestowed at a White House ceremony to M-Sgt. Hubert L. Lee, of Leland, Miss., and Sfc. Joseph G. Rodriguez of San Bernardino, Calif.

Since the beginning of the Korean conflict, the Army has announced the award of Medals of Honor to 40 officers and men. Nine survived and have returned to the U. S. The remaining 31 were either killed in action or listed as missing.

Sen. Anderson Resigns Senate Campaign Post

WASHINGTON (AP)-Sen. Anderson (D-NM) resigned Monday as chairman of the Senate Democratic Campaign Committee for reasons of health. Sen. Clements (D-Ky) was named to succeed him.

Anderson told reporters he will serve as vice chairman of the committee, a position Clements has been filling.

K of C to Burn Mortgage At Catholic Center

The Salem Knights of Columbus tonight will burn the mortgage of the Salem Catholic Center, 725 Shipping St.

Attending the ceremony, which will follow a dinner for all Knights, will be State Deputy Jasper W. Kennedy of Eugene. The meeting will be held at the Center.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

Better English (11 1/2)—Ed P—

1. What is wrong with this sentence? 'Do you know who I can get to do the work proper?'
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "eviscerate"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Juniper, junier, clother, financier.
4. What does the word "irrevocable" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with "q" that means "born after the death of the father"?

ANSWERS
1. Say, "Do you know whom I can get to do the work properly?"
2. Pronounce e-vis-er-at, first e as in me, unstressed, i as in it, second e as in set, a as in ate, accent second syllable.
3. Juniper. 4. Incapable of being revoked; unalterable. "This is an irrevocable law."
5. Posthumous.

386 Mid-Valley Residents Eligible for State Tax Rebates

A new dividend in tax refunds is due some 386 Mid-Willamette Valley residents from the State of Oregon.

The Statesman today prints the complete list of those from this area released by the State Tax Commissions for whom refunds are due from taxes paid in the past three years.

Persons whose names appear on the list should write to: State Tax Commission, Withholding Department, Salem, supplying social security number, former address and present address and sign the letter with personal signature. The checks will be sent by mail.

The names, listed alphabetically, with the last known address, follows:

Anderson, Clyde Eugene, Albany, Ore.
Anderson, Peter A. and Edwina J., Salem
Andrus, Roger D., Salem
Arnold, Floy F., Newberg
Arthur, Ernest E., Sweet Home
Babcock, Richard A., and Pearl, Stayton
Bailey, J. W. and Marcel, Independence
Bailey, Katie Ann, Salem
Baker, Fred and Mary, Idanha
Barnes, Gilford L. and Sally, Turlock
Bashford, Willis S. and Barbara B., Philomath
Bellinger, Norwood and Freda, Menmouth
Beverly, Ernest D., Molalla
Bigelow, Viola, Salem
Blissard, Virgil L. and Dora E., Albany
Blair, Elmer L., Brownsville
Blom, Raymond, Lebanon
Boyd, Robert E., Willard, Albany
Bowman, Quentin G., and Phyllis L., Corvallis
Branford, Clarence W. and Bernice M., Salem
Branford, Zatia, Corvallis
Brown, Myrtle E., Albany
Bullock, Evelyn C. Jones, Salem
Burford, Charlene, Albany
Burt, Harold L. and Magna, Corvallis
Burza, Gene, Menmouth
Campbell, Louise, Salem
Carney, Mary, Salem
Carr, William, Sweet Home
Carson, Joan, Corvallis
Casey, Denver, G. and Laura J., Salem
Catsforth, Irvin J. and Wanda, Salem
Candlish, John A. and Hazel C., Salem
Chrisman, Leroy, Corvallis
Churchman, F. B., Salem
Clark, Andrew, Philomath
Clemons, Ronald E. and Marion, Salem
Coble, Charles G. and Doris, Salem
Cole, Jack H., Willard, Albany
Cooley, Ray, Albany
Coom, James Milton, Harrisburg
Cooper, Dempsey Paul, Lebanon
Cooper, Joseph T., and Norma G., Carlton
Copeland, Claude C. and Dorothy, Salem
Corey, Barbara J., Albany
Cox, Earl W., Willard, Albany
Cox, Lawrence T. and Naomi, Newberg
Craibree, Egbert H., Corvallis
Crawford, Leslie A., Harrisburg
Crawford, Samuel T. and Mary, Stayton
Crites, Annie H., Salem
Crow, Marie, Salem
Cubb, James E., Salem
Cummings, Donald J., Canby
Curpoe, Agapito, Brooks
Dales, John A., Mill City
Daley, Roy Edwin and Leona M., Marquam
Daniels, Walter and Mary M., Molalla
Darby, Harold, Lebanon
Darling, Eva, Independence
Davison, Darwin L. and Lena, Salem
Davidson, Richard E., Monmouth
Davis, Betty Lou, Albany
Davis, James E. and Lillian, Salem
Davis, Leonard B. and Lillian, Salem
Davis, Sanford Q., Dallas
Delahamant, Benjamin and Marjorie A., Albany
Demich, Margaret, Corvallis
Dichter, Ralph L. and Phyllis J., Corvallis
Dickson, Alberta, Lebanon
Dinges, Lester L., Salem
Dobbs, Henry, Independence
Dolan, Oadie, Scio
Dollmar, Francis, Salem
Dorgan, Alvin, Salem
Dotson, Darrel, Lebanon
Drake, David, Lebanon
Dresser, Stanley, Salem
Duncan, Elmer W., Salem
Duvall, Edmund J., Salem
Eagan, Elmer D., Woodburn
Eagle, Leona B., Salem
Eck, Troy William, Sweet Home
Eastman, Joseph H., Sweet Home
Edgewood, Augusta, Brownsville
Edith-George, Lewis and Mae L., Salem
Elliott, Morice A. and Laura, Lebanon
Ella, Quentin E., Salem
Emery, Bettie R., Lebanon
Evers, Lee A. and Iowa, Salem
Farmer, Robert, Albany
Farrad, Emil and Myrtle, Albany
Fast, Albert F. and Grace L., Corvallis
Ferguson, Leonard and Lenora, Independence
Fick, Ernest D. and Joyce D., Salem
Fleig, Edna Mae, Lebanon
Folson, Lou L., Salem
Ford, George, Salem
Ford, Raymond and Mary V., Lebanon
Foster, Richard, Salem
Fowler, John P. and Clara, Albany
Fowler, George D., Jr., Salem
Fris, Glen E., Salem
Fuller, Bert E. and Olive, Sweet Home
Games, Madeline and Earl E., Albany
Gamas, Joe G. and Caterina, Albany
Gahn, Rex E. and Eva, Albany
Gerspacher, Francis, Stayton
Gilbertson, James B., Salem
Goodman, Eleanor L., Corvallis
Graham, Margaret W., Corvallis
Gray, James Lyle, Lebanon
Gray, Tim and Lisa, Stayton
Greig, Georgia, Salem
Grenz, Doris L., Salem
Grossnickel, Marie, Salem
Grossnickel, Victor and Marie, Salem
Hall, Orel V. and Oma, Salem
Haley, Robert Larry, Stayton
Hanna, Edgar C., Salem
Hare, Theodore R., Corvallis
Hartley, Noel A., Sweet Home
Heston, Y. M. and Hilma, Albany
Heston, Douglas and Wilma, Albany
Heckard, Arde, Willamina
Hedley, John C., Salem
Heisiger, D. S., Albany
Hevey, Myron
Henderson, Pat, Salem
Hewitt, Wilma M., Salem
Higginsbeath, Paul L. and Naomi, Salem
Hillsbery, Edwin E., Molalla
Hilton, Shirley G. and Betty E., West
Hinds, Vera J., Salem
Hoagland, Clarence R. and Hazel, Salem
Hokanson, Dalhard H., Salem
Holman, Rex, Albany
Hopper, Archie and Esther, Sweet Home
Horne, Frank D., Canby
Housck, Dorothy L., Salem
Houston, George I. and Frances J., Salem
Hudson, Dona G., Salem
Huskey, Myrtle C., Molalla
Husted, Fred and Edna May, Salem
Huston, Betty E., Salem
Irwin, Jennie K., Stayton
Jackson, Myrtle M., and Donald A., Newberg
James, Frank M. and Ann M., Newberg
Janzen, Edward A., Dallas
Jarvis, Lois C. and Graham, Salem
Jennings, Leo L. and Mae E., Lebanon
Johnson, Alfred E., Scio
Johnson, Merle W., Lyons
Jones, Edna, Salem
Jones, Henry W. and Hattie, Sweet Home
Jones, Will D. and Frances, Independence
Just, Elizabeth and Estelle, Salem
Kammner, O. W. and Gladys M., Salem
Keller, Harry C. and Frances, Salem
Keller, Nora, Salem

Sumpter, John W., Dallas
Swallow, Fred Herman, Salem
Swanson, George W., Corvallis
Swartz, Harold and Regina, Lebanon
Taylor, Frank, Sweet Home
Thetford, Robert E., Lebanon
Thomas, Alpha L., Salem
Thomas, Andrew C. Jr. and Faye G., Salem
Thomas, Letha, Willamina
Thomas, Oscar A. and Nellie, Albany
Thompson, George W., Corvallis
Thompson, Ivan and Gladys E., Mill City
Thompson, Walter W. and Lily, Corvallis
Todd, Robert C. and Mildred, Menmouth
Tonies, Dave E. and Florence G., Lebanon
Torrrey, Dan, Lebanon
Trommittz, Lida and Mildred, Salem
Troyer, Willard A., Corvallis
Tumcliff, T. J. and Iva, Independence
Vance, Ted, Newberg
Veenma, Fester and Anna, Salem
Wakeman, James C., Albany
Walters, Homer and Elsie, Salem
Warren, Nancy, Salem
Weatherston, Beverly Lida, Salem
Webber, Cleo M. and Dorothy, Lebanon
Weskiy, Kenneth and Helen, Salem
Welch, Martin K. and Leah, Lebanon
Wiley, June E., Newberg
West, Herschel G., Amity
West, Leroy L., Sheridan
Weston, George W., Sweet Home
Weston, Denzel D. and Jey, Dallas
Wilbanks, Francis W., Scio
Wilcox, Raymond Lida, Salem
Wilkus, John J., Sheridan
Wilkinson, Lindley M. and Janet, Salem
Williams, Albert James, Salem
Williams, Clyde G., Newberg
Williams, Louis, Willamina
Wilson, Betty Jean, Salem
Wiseman, Beverly Lida, Manning
Wolfe, James Douglas and Eric J., Carlton
Wood, Alfred M., Independence
Worme, Fred and Edna, Salem
Worben, Ellis W., Albany
Yoder, Benedict, Amity
Young, Roy L. and Margie A., Newberg

Mrs. Beal Joins County Clerk Staff

Mrs. Lena Beal has joined the Marion County clerk's staff as clerk for Circuit Judge Rex Kimball's court. She replaces Mrs. Alice Brandvold, who after 1 1/2 years in the office finished work Monday.

Mrs. Beal, who has been employed at times with the county tax collection department, is the wife of M. H. (Pat) Beal, principal of North Marion Union High School.

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Did you get those Xmas ties that blind and send Friends into a tizzy?

Did Santa drop-off ties So LOUD they make fog-horns Sound like timerites snoring?

Do you have ties around That have become ties from past wearings?

THEN Wait and Watch for The Tie-rific News!