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A NEWSPAPER IS A CITIZEN OF ITS COMMUNITY

DADDY FALLS SHORT

A FRIEND of ours brings us this interesting little anecdote. He was helping put the children to bed the other night and after buttoning the littlest girl into her sleepers he bundled her in a blanket and picked her up to start the march for the sleeping porch.

"Gee, daddy!" said the little girl.

"Yes, honey," said dad, "what is it?"

"Gee, but you're s-t-r-o-n-g!"

"Why, oh yes, of course, Daddies have to be."

But as he laid the little girl into her bed, there was still a question in her eyes.

"Daddy," said she, "I bet you could lift yourself UP."

"Now what," said daddy.

"I bet you could lift yourself UP."

"Just what do you mean by UP, honey; I don't believe any man, even Lindbergh or Johnny Kitamiller or President Hoover could do that. Just what do you mean UP?"

"I mean UP. Put your hands on your hips and give a big jump sort of and then just lift yourself UP. You're s-t-r-o-n-g daddy. I know you could."

"I think," said daddy gently, "you'd better go to sleep. Sure, daddies are always trying to do stunts like that, dear. Daddy can stand on his head and he can drive the car fast, but don't expect too much. Now go to sleep."

All of which, says our friend is an extremely touching and significant incident which should provoke the most profound and self-searching philosophic thoughts. But our friend Ajax McGurk, who happened to hear the tale, says all it means is that one little girl in Eugene will get a too-expensive doll for Christmas. What do you think?

A RURAL SCHOOL PLAN

A PLAN by which rural education will move progressively and systematically with the development of Oregon is being devised by a committee of the Oregon State Teachers Association. And at the head of this important committee is none other than Professor F. L. Stetson, affectionately known to hundreds of Oregon graduates and graduate students. The completed work of this committee is known as the "Oregon Education Plan."

It recommends that the state education board be entirely legislative. This board would appoint a state education commissioner, whose work would be entirely executive. The staff would be appointed by the board as needed by the executive. But the most important recommendation has to do with school consolidations. The report urges units of school organization and administration of such size as will permit efficiency and economy comparable with that now found in other fields. The committee are of the opinion that real quality in educational opportunity, less financial burden, better articulation of elementary and secondary schools, and greater effectiveness in administration can be secured through replacement of the present district system by larger units including both elementary and high schools. They are not inclined to favor consolidation of high schools alone.

In line with this thought, the committee recommends that eventually there be no independent school units in operation which have enrollments of less than 500 in grades of 1 to 12, offering the large unit of organization as the alternative.

Still another important recommendation suggests that the first six years shall be devoted to elementary education, designed to meet the needs of pupils approximately from six to 12 years of age; and the second six years to secondary education designed to meet the needs of those from 12 to 18 years of age. In the latter, junior and senior high school organizations may be approved by the state board. Easy transition for the pupil from one level to another would be the objective.

Nationally recognized experts have approved the outline. Prof. Stetson believes in it thoroughly. He says it will increase the quality of education. The working out of the program, of course, will come slowly. In Lane county, for instance, we have already made much progress in the direction of intelligent consolidations, as at Blachly, Loran, Lowell, Oakridge, and many other places. But for years there will be districts where progress will be held back to wait for road building. That is just one of the reasons why money should be spent and the rural system built in accordance with a well-thought-out, economical plan. We hope the legislature will not be reluctant to make whatever legal changes may be necessary to give effect to the proposed system. Certainly it is logical to plan school development on a coordinated system just as we have planned our state highways.

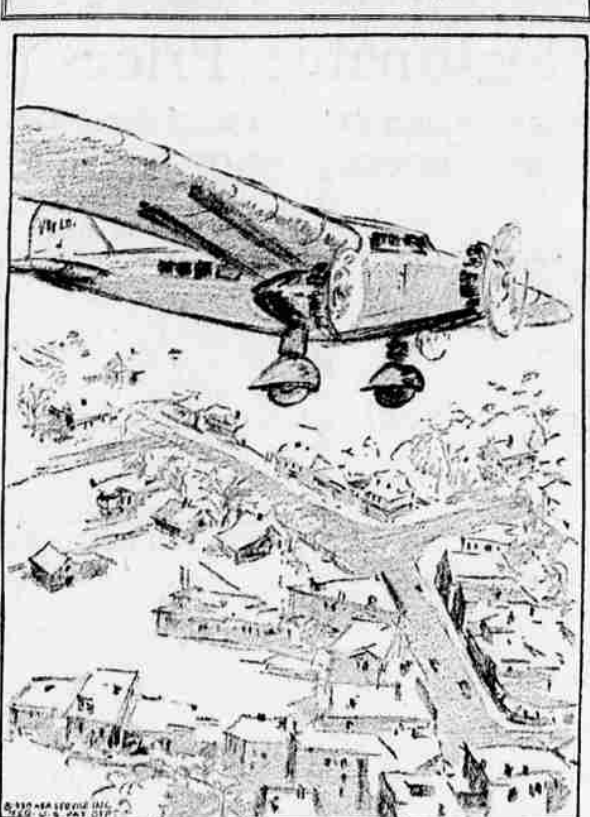
We are neither professional pessimists nor professional optimists. We are quite willing to believe that business is ready for the big up-turn on the fact of obvious economic facts. And we get kinda tired of listening to the chap who is just sitting still to make sure when things hit bottom by listening for "bump!"

All we got to say about Einstein's theory of relativity is that probably the old gentleman himself won't understand it when the reporters get through with it.

AS OTHERS SEE THINGS

More Games Here
(Corvallis Gazette-Times)
SOME time ago the Eugene Register-Guard, which we shall hereafter refer to as this column as the R-G, which doesn't always stand for right thing, had an editorial objecting to the fact that so few of the football games played by the university are played on the local field. We think the people of the university city have a right to object. Not only are the students who support the team loyal to the school, but the games without going to the expense of a trip to Corvallis, let the fans in the town where the school is are entitled to some consideration. If there is a football player in Eugene or Corvallis who is having a hard time making it possible for him to stay in school, the football enthusiasts down town are expected to give him preference for jobs when jobs are available. They are expected in numerous and sundry ways to support the team and they do it loyally and enthusiastically. It is unjust therefore to both the town and the student body when so many of the good games are taken in Portland in an effort to help Portland pay for its expensive stadium. And that's about the only reason we can see for it. It may be argued that the athletic department gets more money out of games in Portland than they do out of games in Eugene or Corvallis and that the departments need the money. We know that the departments do need money. It takes a lot of it to run an athletic department the way they have to be run nowadays to get any thing. But, so far as the two state

SIDE GLANCES



"I hope there'll be snow. It will be so thrilling for Junior if grand-dad meets us in a sleigh."

When Croup Attacks in Night Quick Action Important

By R. S. COVELAND, M. D.
(U. S. Senator from New York, Former Commissioner of Health New York City)

ONE of the most painful experiences of childhood is the "membranous croup." We hear that name infrequently these days because now it is recognized as a mild form of diphtheria.

The symptoms of this condition are caused by an inflammation of the larynx, the windpipe, with the formation of a false membrane. The attack may start as a cold, but the child between the ages of two and five years.

The attack may start as a cold, but the child between the ages of two and five years. There may be some fever, and general discomfort. It may come very suddenly, or it may come on gradually. In a sudden attack which is apt to come on at night, the child is awakened from sleep gasping for breath. The mucous membrane lining the throat is so swollen that scarcely any air can pass through. There is a sharp, barking cough, with what is usually described as a "metallic" sound. The fever increases and the pulse is rapid.

Keep Cool
The child appears to be desperately sick. It is natural that the mother should feel terrified. But heroic measures should be taken at once, so she must be as calm as possible. The first thing to do is to send for a doctor. While waiting his coming there are certain things to be done to give relief to the little sufferer.

Put the child in a hot bath at a temperature of about 100 degrees. Be careful not to have the water too hot, so as to scald the little patient. Try the heat of the water on your elbow to make sure it is safe for the child.

Keep the little patient in the bath for fifteen to twenty minutes. At the same time cold compresses should be applied to the head.

In an older child a hot foot bath, to which a teaspoonful of mustard

Hatch, it will make trips to Eugene City.

The annual meeting of the Lane County Bible society was held at the Christian church, Rev. P. H. Hatcher, Bible agent, and others spoke, Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock.

Lower Sunday note: Captain Cox arrived from Corvallis with his schooner. She is at anchor in the bay.

QUOTATIONS

IN the end, war comes from the existence of the war-mind. From the acceptance of the view that war is a reasonable and proper method of settling international differences.—Lord Cecil.

I personally would rather manage a home if I did not have to earn a living—Alice Lee Crockett, secretary of state of Louisiana.

The national prohibition laws can, under existing general conditions, be enforced to about the same degree of efficiency as other anti-crime laws are being enforced.—Prohibition Administrator Woodcock.

Life is the acceptance of responsibilities or the evasion of it; it is a business of meeting obligations. The choice is continually being offered, and by the manner of his choosing you may fairly measure him.—Ben Ames Williams.

Dirty public life and dirty public officers were never any good to any political party.—Major James J. Walker.

We cannot have great things without great cost.—Rt. Rev. William T. Manning.

Every useful occupation gives ample opportunity for service. The happiest men in the world are those who are making the things they do mean more than endless routine of work and income.—Harvey S. Firestone.

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some interesting figures in naming them.

Many Church Contacts
The churches "deal with probably 25,000,000 persons." The girl agencies touch 1,500,000 girls during their leisure time. The boy agencies enroll 2,100,000. The neighborhood agencies attract 1,400,000.

Motion pictures catch the eye of 115,000,000 customers a week, of whom one-third are under 16. Other commercial amusements lure 2,000,000 persons daily. Radio, with its 13,478,000 sets, probably has more than 60,000,000 listeners.

Playground facilities serve 2,250,000 children every day. Most children read, but 20,000,000 have no public library facilities.

Camping is indulged in by probably 8,000,000 persons, including 3,000,000 young ones.

Other conditions and factors encountered by youth industry, with its 4,000,000 youth employed full time and 2,000,000 part time. Rural life, with 55 per cent of youth living in rural territory. Institutions, which stand "in loco parentis" for about one per cent.

Four Million Work
Of the approximately 45,000,000 persons under 18, 28,000,000 are in schools and 4,000,000 have "gone to work." There are 23,700,000 such girls, 14,900,000 at school and 1,400,000 employed. Of 27,087,000 boys, some 14,000,000 are in school, a little more than 2,600,000 work regularly and another 1,000,000 part time.

The church shows a tendency to react to young people, "not only in matters of worship, but in various ways, aiding in adjustment to the actual every-day experience of younger folk." Sunday schools have 25,000,000 members. There are 10,200,000 church members under 18 years of age.

The committee says the possible effects of movies on children is a matter of concern. Unfortunately, the first movies youngsters are not as a rule the most profitable. But children's tastes "reveal a pleasing sanity."

Sixth graders want heroism and spurn cheap melodrama and torrid romances. High school youngsters demand a plot with action, girls leaning toward romance and boys toward comedy. The committee recommends more "family programs" of suitable pictures, more careful selection of films and better regulation of juvenile attendance, public relations activities between producers and citizens' organizations and encouragement of amateur dramatics.

Need More Libraries
The influence of commercial amusements under business auspices are in the main wholesome, the committee declares.

It recommends adequate educational radio broadcasting as a youth influence, elimination of any pernicious programs by active expression of public opinion and good taste and more consideration of younger listeners.

And more public libraries, it says, are needed for the 20,000,000 children and 34,000,000 adults who now go to school.

Farmer Isolates
Limiting the family in recreational and social contacts, develops individualism but also works to the disadvantage of farm boys and girls. Rural youth is handicapped in school opportunities. Available data indicates that about 71 per cent of urban children are enrolled in high school and only 26 per cent of rural children. There are still about 101,000 one-room and 20,000 two-room rural schools, with rural school terms averaging six weeks shorter and teachers usually of lower grade.

"We hear considerable criticism of youth," the committee says finally. "We are unanimously convinced that, in spite of the conditions and difficulties they face, youth today are clearer, finer, sturdier of purpose, and sturdier of character than any generation we have known."

YOUR CHILDREN

By OLIVE ROBERTS BARTON

DOES your child like to be alone? Would he rather play by himself for hours at a time than mix with other children?

This in itself is all right. But children need companions, other kindred spirits, just as older people do. It is not good to be too much alone.

There are several reasons for this love of solitude in a child, but the most common one is due to his own emotional make-up. The child who builds up a little dream world of his own, an imaginative place peopled by his shapes and figures of his own creating, usually is the loneliest, sensitive type who shrinks from reality.

A Lonely Existence

There are many people who go through life actually living alone although they are surrounded by people about them. They refuse to enjoy any happiness, except that of their own thoughts and their own feelings. That these feelings are occasionally morbid does not lessen the enjoyment of them in the least. Again the child may be seeking release, not particularly to enjoy his own art, but through fear of contact with other children. He is saving himself instinctively from exposure to all sorts of things, not his body particularly, but his mind and his easily hurt feelings. His brief experience with playmates may have caused the discovery that a day's play with them brought a variety of sensations that he did not enjoy.

Perhaps his playmates were not always kind or generous or sympathetic or admiring. He never felt elevated after he had been with them, as he did when alone in the house with just his mother. His pride suffered from that ruthless attitude of theirs.

The child with an inferiority complex usually is the most sensitive. His pride always is on the alert. If he finds that by playing alone he is saving his feelings from being scrapped, play alone he will.

Some Choose Own Friends

Sometimes, of course, he will play alone because the children he knows are too entirely different from him to make-up to cause him the least interest. Older people may choose their own friends, and little people should have the same right.

One way to approach the matter of bringing the little hermit out of his cave is through this very idea: to see if congenial spirits won't lift the self-imposed quarantine; also, to study the things that interest him most and then to work other children into his favorite plays.

It is the kindest thing in the end, if possible, to see him accustomed to different sorts of companions, for he has to live in a social world made up of a variety of people and he needs preparation for that.

Week-End Social News And Club Items Given

By MARIAN LOWRY

IN meeting Friday afternoon the Eugene Town Girls club voted to have a card membership and due organization and named committee heads to work for a more organized group.

The club is open to all Eugene women students attending the University of Oregon. The only requirement for membership is to sign a membership card to pay dues. Heretofore, the club has had no formal organization. Miss Louise Smartt is president of the group.

Miss May Masterton has been named chairman of the committee to draw up a constitution. Miss Gwendolyn Caverhill has been appointed chairman of the committee to fix up a name list for members.

VISITOR HERE
Miss Joyce Bridges of Oakland, Ore. is visiting at the home of Dr. Mrs. A. B. Lord. Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. C. C. Endicott. She is a niece of Mrs. Endicott.

MOTHERS MEET
The Delta Gamma Mothers' club met Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. W. Calkins. Seven were present. Mrs. C. C. Endicott will entertain the group on the second Friday in January.

MRS. KELLY HOSTESS
Mrs. John Kelly entertained Friday afternoon for the Westside bridge club. Mrs. A. B. Lord, Mrs. Thomas Coleman, Mrs. Mark Hathaway, and Mrs. Herbert Olson were additional guests. Mrs. Gale H. Campbell is to be hostess for the next meeting of the club.

ENTERTAINS CLUB
Mrs. H. M. Peery was hostess for the meeting of the Friday bridge club. Mrs. M. M. Peery was an additional guest. Mrs. Gay Pyle is to entertain for the next meeting of the club.

LA JUNTA CLUB
Mrs. E. D. Curtis was hostess for the meeting of the La Junta club Friday afternoon. On January 9 Mrs. Horace Burnett is to entertain the group.

CRESCENT CLUB
Mrs. A. C. Gottsche was hostess on Friday for the meeting of the Crescent club. Blanche division, G. L. A. B. of L. E. L. and Mrs. W. W. Calkins, Mrs. Wilmot, Mrs. Marchen, Mrs. R. D. Wright, and Mrs. Oshenash were additional guests. The group has discontinued meetings until January 9.

OFFICERS ELECTED
Election of officers was held at the regular meeting of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War the past week at the armory. Following are those named to serve for the coming year: President, Mrs. May Furber; senior vice-president, Mrs. Lois McHugh; junior vice-president, Mrs. Nellie E. Bush; chairman, Mrs. Hattie Gray; treasurer, Mrs. Rebecca Chapman; patriotic instructor, Mrs. Anna Carpenter; councilman number one, Miss Cora Keeney; councilman number two, Mrs. Nellie E. Bush; councilman number three, Mrs. Bertha Dunbar. The appointive officers will be named later by the president.

Mrs. Maud DeVaney's group was announced as the winner of the membership contest and Mrs. Lois McHugh team will serve the installation banquet in January. The Daughters are not meeting again in December as the regular meeting date falls on Christmas eve.

MISSIONARY PARTY
The Women's Missionary society of the United Lutheran church is having the regular monthly meeting Thursday afternoon at two o'clock at the church. Hostesses have not yet been named.

COTTA CLUB
The Cotta club of the United Lutheran church will meet Monday evening at seven-thirty o'clock at the home of Eugene Hecker for the regular meeting. Mrs. F. S. Beitel is leader of the club.

CHRISTMAS PARTY
The "Tri-Girls" club of the First Christian church is having a Christmas party and meeting Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Margaret Robertson. All members are requested to attend and to invite a friend.

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Mrs. Inman Is New Iowa Head

Forty attended the meeting of the Iowa club Friday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A.

Mrs. Jesse Inman was elected the new president of the group; Mrs. J. A. Russell, vice-president; Mrs. K. K. Kiehl, secretary; Mrs. L. R. Gray, treasurer. The club held its Christmas party and brought the gifts for the Doernbecher hospital.

The next meeting will be held on the second Friday of January.

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