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OREGON'S 2,000 SCHOOL DISTRICTS

ONE of the problems sure to come before the legislature is what to do about Oregon's 2,000 and odd school districts. The Oregon State Teachers' Association, now meeting in Portland, has had a committee working on this problem for some time and it has cooperated with a special committee appointed by the governor. The State Teachers' Association favors grouping of the schools into some 100 districts.

There will be loud protest from those who see in such a plan a violation of home rule but the need for some change should be apparent. Pioneer days are over. The modern highway and the modern motor car have changed a lot of community boundaries. The whole of Lane county today, for instance, is more nearly one community unit than was any single valley forty years back.

Reorganization of school districts in Oregon should not entail any radical or expensive steps. It will probably speed up the process of consolidating grade and high school districts but in most cases the actual changes will have to wait till times are right. In the meantime, many advantages can be obtained by more adequate supervision and coordination of the detached school units.

Democracy will not perish with the disappearance of the small neighborhood school unit. Representation in the district board can be so arranged that every neighborhood has its voice. The one question which should overshadow all others in the minds of taxpayers and parents is:

Is the present system efficient?
 Quite obviously it is NOT. The struggling one or two-room district is usually a burden except where industrial valuations can be tapped. It has difficulty maintaining teaching standards. It cannot offer its children more than the outlines of modern education. It lags farther and farther behind because it is out of date.

It will be necessary in the beginning to proceed slowly with physical consolidations because new buildings and buses and equipment cost money, but in the long run both efficiency and economy can be served by a sensible reorganization and regrouping of Oregon's 2,000 school districts.

PROBLEM FOR THE DEMOCRATS

THE last presidential campaign was in some ways very educational.

During the course of it Americans generally were persuaded that it makes very little difference, as far as business prosperity is concerned, whether we have a Republican or Democratic administration in Washington.

They gave up the hoary myth that one party is sure to keep business booming and that the other is pretty apt to drop a monkey wrench in the machinery.

Learning that the economic cycle operates more or less independently of governments was the beginning of wisdom. But just as we got that lesson down pat, along comes Col. Leonard P. Ayres, famous business statistician, to declare bluntly that whether prosperity comes back in the near future depends largely on what the new administration does during its first few months.

Yet this needn't be as confusing as it sounds. This depression, Colonel Ayres explains, is unlike all previous ones. Our economic difficulties, for the first time, will not be self-curing. Hitherto a steadily increasing population, a constantly expanding export trade and the steady rise of great new industries have made the eventual return of prosperity automatic. Now, for the first time, all three of these factors are absent. If we are to recover, it must be through definite government action.

In that fact lies both hope and danger.

If a wise settlement of the war debts and a sane readjustment of tariff laws can rehabilitate our export trade; if the soundness of our money can be preserved by proper fiscal policies at Washington; if the government can find some way of adjusting the relationship between low commodity prices and a domestic debt structure which is based on pre-depression prices—if all of these things can be done, says Colonel Ayres, the foundations for a genuine recovery will have been laid, and the rest will be just a matter of time.

But there is, of course, another side to it. If these things are not done; if the debt-and-tariff muddle remains in its present chaotic condition; if the budget stays off balance; if we resort to inflation as a stimulus for business—in that case we may find that our hard times have only begun.

RED TAPE AND BABIES

RED TAPE is bad enough when it concerns only such things as diplomacy and affairs of state. When it stands in the way of the welfare of little children it is time to do something about it.

Over in the great state of New York, Mrs. Hugo Connor wants to adopt and mother a certain girl baby. It happens that Mrs. Connor (believe it or not) is Jewish (maybe Huxley's little Yiddish Rose; that often happens in New York). It happens the little girl is Catholic. She doesn't know it but the authorities say so because they follow a quaint little LAW which says that every other founding shall be Protestant or Catholic and only a bona fide Jewish foundling Jewish. It was the Catholic turn to add a son when the little girl was left on Mrs. Connor's doorstep.

Don't blame the churches for the mess. The case had a direct counterpart some years ago in another eastern state. A court discovered that a little boy who had been adopted for more than two years in a Protestant home was the child of Catholic parents. He decreed the child must be transferred to a Catholic orphanage. The parish priest, the director of Catholic charities, the bishop and archbishop joined in protest.

"If that child has a good home, for heaven's sake let him be," said they.

The court could see nothing but Sec. 606-1479 of the code. Adoption was voided but at the Catholic bishop's suggestion the Protestant parents kept the child and told the court to take a running

jump in the lake. The court is still trying to find a section of code to cover that.

Jews, Catholics, Protestants will join in protest against bull-headed, legalistic interpretations of statutes which are intended only to indicate a general course. Where a child is concerned any real home and mother, Jewish, Catholic or Protestant is better than the finest institution ever built.

It looks like it's going to be a great year for the democrats and the autocrats and the technocrats and the bureaucrats, but Ajax McGurk says plutocrats are still a pretty safe bet.

This new bunch of "Technocrats" promises everybody everything for just a few days work each year. If the public is strangely slow it is because they have heard political promises before.

Ajax McGurk, looking over the work schedule of the "Technocrats," opines that the real "Technocrats" are already on the government payroll.

Salem reports that a statistician has figured out that the boys on the Oregon "camp" are wearing fewer corduroy trousers. Dad is setting the campus fashions this year.

The controversy over the ten most beautiful words in the English language is followed by one over the ten ugliest words. Ajax McGurk says he will not enter because he might win it.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

THE FARMER'S PRAYER

(Clark County, Mo., Courier)

LORD, I am only a farmer. Thou knowest that when wheat was \$2.00 per bushel and I had flour and sugar in the house and cakes and pies and everything I wanted—I was not satisfied—I voted for a change. Thou knowest that I wore a Hoover badge and was faithful in all things to the G.O.P. Even so Thou knowest I believed in the dawn of a new day.

Thou knowest I would advance in price, that I would get \$3.00 for wheat and \$200 for pork.

Lord, two years have come over to return. I am too poor to buy necessities. Still, I wear the Hoover badge—but it is on the seat of my overalls.

Oh, Lord, I am thankful that Hoover has been able to make the jackrabbit taste good in the summer time. I pray that Thou will keep them replenished so that I shall not go hungry.

I am glad, Oh Lord, that Thou hast prospered the great trucking systems. And that they have been able to keep their high freight rates while my corn would not pay the expense of gathering it.

And I pray that Thou will continue to uphold Wall Street, that they may be able to collect for the year's interest on the funds of my own bank account. For it is a righteous cause. Teach me to pray: Our Father who are in Washington, Hoover be thy name, his kingdom come, his will be done. Even beating the soldiers out of their bonus. Give each our daily corn bread that Wilson tried to make us eat for two years and Harding had as eating in three months. And lead us not out into temptation to vote for a Democratic president. For Hoover has all the power, Wall Street all the money, Rockefeller the oil and me the patched overalls for ever and ever. Amen.

—Henry, the hired man.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL BAG

ON DELINQUENT TAXES

EUGENE, Ore.—(To the Editor)—Why so much delinquent taxes? Before the year of 1900 indebtedness was taken from real estate so you paid on just what you owned. If you had money notes and accounts it was taxed. Then there was a law passed to exempt money, notes and accounts, this created a shortage and to make up that shortage on the little home mortgage. If they can tax a man's debts and collect by law it is something new to me. Again if you tax the mortgage for this debt and let the mortgagee with this investment go free, you have created unequal rights for the one and special privilege for the other which is in violation of the constitution of the United States.

Had equal rights to all and special privilege to none been the rule there would not be any delinquent taxes. Indebtedness caused by wrong and high taxes would be wiped out. All interest bearing secured paper should pay their part of tax.

Real estate asks nothing but a square deal which they have not had for the last 25 years. There are those who know how these conditions came about but none better than the tax collector.

After the death of Mr. Hoover we have a new president. He will doubtless do his best. If he doesn't then he will slump out as Hoover did. I can't say that the platform he is standing on is very sound. Am not believing that he will help the poor any, only to make more poor and put them on a lower level and to make that need help and those don't always make the best of citizens.

If there is anyone that ever gets rich drinking intoxicating liquors I would like to see what he looks like. The more poor and needy we have the higher taxes go and a drunk is a fool and dangerous. Our aim in life should be to make men better. A bad habit always goes to shorten life and the making of poor health and liquor drinking is among the worst.

J. N. B. FULLER.

AN EDITORIAL ON HEALTH

By DR. MORRIS FISHER
 Editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, and of Hygiene, the Health Magazine

THE year 1932 has not seen the discovery of any new vitamins, but it has seen the development of more knowledge concerning the vitamins already available, and the correction of certain beliefs formerly held concerning some of them.

Vitamin B, is now definitely recognized to be composed of two parts, which are sometimes named F and G, but which are also called B₁ and B₂. The first of these is concerned with the condition called polyneuritis or beriberi, and the other with pellagra.

Vitamin D has now been made available not only in cod liver oil and through the use of ultraviolet rays on the body, but by the addition of vitamin D concentrates to all sorts of food, and by the irradiation of various types of foods so as to permit them to develop the vitamin D. A further step has been the development of additional vitamin D in milk and in bread, two of the staple foods used by mankind.

The laboratories throughout the world are attempting to find active principles for all of the glands for which such active principles have not yet been found.

This refers particularly to the male sex gland, the thymus gland, and to the possibility that some glands, like the pituitary, may have active principles beyond those already discovered. The discovery of such an active principle makes it possible to give it to people who have deficient glands, and thereby to overcome various types of disease which depend on such deficiencies.

The x-ray continues to be a special medium for study by physicians. Formerly the x-ray was used only to see bones or to see various substances swallowed or inhaled. Now substances have been developed which can be swallowed or which can be injected into the veins, thereby making visible some of the soft tissue of the body.

Moreover, air can be injected into various cavities and thus make visible the outlines of the organs. Previous to this year it was possible to visualize the kidney and the gallbladder. Now means have been discovered for visualizing the liver, the spleen and the connective tissue in the body, but the means have not yet been so definitely perfected that the method can be considered as established.

It seems reasonable to believe, however, that continued research will soon make it possible for the physician, by the aid of the x-ray, to visualize every tissue in the human body, at least so far as the outlines are concerned.

SIDE GLANCES



"The captain says your wife called and wants you to come home and see if you can do anything with the kid."

YOUR CHILDREN'S PROBLEMS

By OLIVE ROBERTS BARTON

IT seems almost incredible that in this day and era a child could grow up without books. I mean books in the home. Yet a girl of seventeen wished the other day as she said she wished she had books when she was a little girl. It came about at a "Little Theater" performance for children. They were playing "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" and she did not know the story—until, of course, the play was over.

This girl came of a good family. Her father was a lawyer and promoter and always made money. She had everything a child could wish when she was little, including a pony, and the wonder of the town, a little black and white monkey. She had more clothes than almost any other child I knew, lived in a big house and traveled with her aunt extensively. Her mother died when she was about ten.

Perhaps this accounts for the fact that she had never been given books. And yet most children know the classical fairy tales at that age. "I always wanted books—I always asked for them," she explained when I expressed surprise, "but maybe they thought I was nervous or didn't get out enough or something. I never owned a book of my own, except school books, until I was a great big girl."

One day a woman was giving a book to a child for a birthday gift. She proudly showed me the modern volume of little stories illustrated in a manner we children would have opened our eyes over when we were little had anything half so marvelous come our way. Pastels of fairytale, fit for French belletrists!

Didn't know Cinderella.

As I carefully leafed through this

wonderful book she said, "Do please look at the illustration of Cinderella."

"Who?"

"Cinderella! It is so absolutely lovely."

"Oh, you mean Cinderella," I corrected rudely.

"Is it 'Ella'?" she repeated much amused. "You know I never knew those stories as a little girl. My parents didn't believe in things like that. I'm afraid I have missed something."

This lady has never been poor. She has had blessings that a lot of us have missed. All but one thing. The wealth of stories that we can close our eyes and live over again she will never have. She can read them now but with the shut mind of middle age. She cannot "live" them as a little child lives them and remembers.

Even "Cinderella," which she must have heard hundreds of times, did not register clearly. Unbelievable, isn't it?

Fast in Minds Always

It seems that I am sticking to fairy tales, but that is merely a coincidence. Fairy tales are only a hundredth part of the wealth of reading for children.

Books are eternal treasures. I should not let Christmas go by without them. One can pay anything from ten cents to ten dollars—they are there to fit any one's purse. Don't look upon a book as merely paper and ink. A book is a country, a continent, a world, that can never be taken away from us, even after the covers have crumpled and the printing has blurred. "Snow White," "Cinderella," "The Sleeping Beauty," "Alice," are as important as "Soldier," "Gulliver" or "Islands" and will live longer in our minds than any of the classical ladies of literature reading, even the reading of the "teens."

HINTS ON HOUSEHOLD ARTS

By SISTER MARY

TWICE a day the average housewife must decide what she will have for dessert. Simple, inexpensive puddings are always in demand. Bread puddings, eggless steamed puddings and cornstarch puddings are exceedingly palatable. Eggless suet puddings are especially good in cold weather.

Cumberland pudding is made with vegetable and suet and is as delicious as it is inexpensive.

Cumberland Pudding

One cup grated raw carrot, 1 cup grated raw potato, 1 cup brown sugar, 1/2 cup chopped suet, 1/2 cup cleaned currants, 1/2 cup seeded raisins, 4 tablespoons shredded citron, 2 tablespoons candied lemon peel, 1/2 cups flour, 1 teaspoon soda, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/2 teaspoon cloves, 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg, 1/4 cup milk.

Mix and sift 1 cup flour with spices, soda and salt. Sift remaining flour over fruit. Mix grated vegetables, sugar and suet. Mix thoroughly and add milk. Mix and add dry ingredients. Blend thoroughly and add flour. Mix well and turn into a buttered mold. Cover and steam three and one-half hours. Serve warm with liquid sauce.

Indian Pudding

One-fourth cup yellow cornmeal, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 2 1/2 cups milk, 1-3 cup molasses, 1/2 teaspoon ginger, 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon, 1 tablespoon butter. Scald milk and pour slowly onto

cornmeal, stirring vigorously. Add salt and cook and stir directly over the fire for five minutes and then over boiling water for twenty minutes. Rub spices into butter and add with molasses to the meal mixture. Pour into a buttered baking dish, cover and bake two hours in a slow oven. If baked too rapidly it will not wobble. Serve warm with cream.

Norwegian Prune Pudding

One-third pound (15) prunes, 1 1/2 cups cold water, 2-3 cup granulated sugar, 1 inch piece stick cinnamon, 1 cup boiling water, 3 tablespoons cornstarch, 1 tablespoon lemon juice.

Pick over and wash prunes. Let stand in cold water for one hour. Simmer until tender but not soft in the same water. Remove stones from prunes. Return prunes to the water in which they were cooked and add boiling water, sugar and cinnamon and simmer ten minutes. Dilute cornstarch with enough cold water to pour easily and add to mixture. Cook and stir for ten minutes longer. Remove from fire and remove cinnamon. Add lemon juice and pour into a mold. Chill for several hours and serve with plain or whipped cream. When the cornstarch mixture is removed from the fire 1/2 cup nut meats can be added and the well beaten whites of two eggs folded into the mixture. Serve this variation with custard sauce made with the yolks of the eggs.

On Camp Creek

UPPER CAMP CREEK, Dec. 29.—(Special)—The community Christmas tree was held Friday evening. A good program was appreciated by the audience which filled the schoolhouse to capacity.

George William and family spent the Christmas week-end at Waverille where they attended the exercises at the Waverille church Christmas eve and a family reunion at the home of Mrs. William's mother, Mrs. Anna Stacy, Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Nye entertained with a Christmas dinner. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Shackelford and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Nye and family. Mr. and Mrs. Will Ruth were callers in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fisher were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Montgomery for Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cox and daughter Thelma of Eugene, attended the

program at the schoolhouse Friday evening.

Miss Mary Fisher, who teaches near Corvallis returned home Friday evening. She was accompanied by her mother and brother Gene, who are with her this year.

Dorothy Jensen, a student in the University of Oregon, is spending her vacation at the home of her father, John Jensen.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Wegner and son, Donald, came down from Salem Saturday evening. They visited at the Wegner home.

Toxoid Clinics to Be Held Tuesday

Toxoid clinics will be held Tuesday in Junction City and Wendling, according to Beasie Williams, county public health nurse.

The Junction City clinic will be held in the health center at 9:30 a. m. The Wendling clinic will begin at 1:30 p. m. It will be held in the health center.

COMING WEEK WILL BE ACTIVE

Numerous Club Events Are Listed

By MARIAN LOWRY

THE holiday week half gone, plans turn to the new week which is bringing many organizational activities and many meetings postponed from the pre-Christmas period.

The chamber of commerce auxiliary is to meet Monday evening. The Ladies of the Elks will have their regular party on next Thursday. The Eugene Fortnightly club has its meeting scheduled for Thursday afternoon. The Unitarian Alliance is to meet Tuesday afternoon. Monday Book club is to meet Monday. The Amaranth Bridge club is to have its monthly luncheon on Wednesday and on Thursday afternoon the monthly social for the Kory Korner club will be held. Evangelical church, Order of Eastern Star, is to install new officers a week from Friday, January 6. The Women of Active are to meet next Thursday afternoon.

TEAS ARE GIVEN

The late week brings several informal tea gatherings to honor visitors.

Mrs. E. R. Bryan is entertaining a small group Friday at her home to honor her sister, Mrs. L. N. Glen of Dallas.

Mrs. J. O. Holt entertained Thursday at ten to honor Mrs. Frances Philbrick and Miss Zula Green, both visitors from Seattle as guests of Mrs. G. E. Jolly, and Miss Edith Barnard, sister of Mrs. Holt from southern Oregon. On Friday afternoon, Mrs. Holt is giving another small tea to honor holiday guests of Mrs. Arthur Wilcox.

Mrs. Leavitt O. Wright and Mrs. T. J. Flippin Jr. entertained informally Wednesday afternoon at the Wright home at ten to honor Mrs. Philbrick, Miss Green, and Miss Barnard.

Mrs. Donald Campbell is giving an informal tea Friday afternoon for the visitors.

Among other hostesses for the week will be Miss Phyllis Melsel who is entertaining at bridge Thursday evening.

MEETING POSTPONED

The Alcega club meeting was postponed Wednesday afternoon, the date for meeting to be announced later.

HOSTS FOR CLUB

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Hardy entertained for the meeting of the Wednesday dinner club last evening. J. K. Pratt was a special guest. In two weeks, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson H. Jewett will entertain for the group.

HOSTESS FOR CLUB

Mrs. Georgia Tobey entertained for the Tuesday club on Wednesday evening. The next meeting is to be in two weeks.

CLUB PLANS PARTY

The Hit and Miss club members are entertaining their husbands at a New Year's party Saturday evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. P. J. Bartle, a covered dish supper to be served at six-thirty o'clock.

IN PORTLAND

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Griswold are expected home Saturday after spending a few days in Portland.

TO ENTERTAIN

Miss Beatrice Simon is entertaining Friday evening at a bridge party at her home.

MEETING POSTPONED

The meeting of Chapter AM of P. E. O. Sisterhood planned for Wednesday was postponed until January 11.

HERE FOR VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Littell (Mrs. Lottie Brunstetter) are here from Portland for a visit of a few days.

MARRIED SATURDAY

Mrs. Arleva Davis and Howard F. New, both of Eugene, were married Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. Charles F. Smith on the River road. Rev. Milton S. Weber of Central Presbyterian church officiating. Only members of the two immediate families attended the ceremony. The couple is to live near Eugene.

LOWER LOBSTER VALLEY

LOWER LOBSTER VALLEY, Dec. 29.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Orsatt spent Christmas with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey L. Orsatt.

Miss Norma Edwards, teacher at Mt. Dell, spending the holidays with home folks at Newport.

Fred Stuart of Alsea spent several days of last week here with his mother, Mrs. Russ and brother Walter Stuart.

Earl Phillips made a trip to Corvallis and Albany Friday. His son Merle of Alsea accompanied him on the trip, returning home with him for the vacation. Glen Phillips of Paris is also at home with his folks for the vacation.

Mr. Taylor and son Claire, have been quite ill with flu, and several more in the neighborhood are on the sick list.

Charlie Follett, Alsea-Paris mail carrier, had to hire an extra car to bring part of the parcel post Friday, etc.

In District 17

DISTRICT 17, Dec. 29.—(Special)—Mrs. George Schulerich has been quite ill the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wynn and family spent Christmas day at the W. R. Robbins home in Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wright had as their Christmas guests Mrs. Wright's sister and family from Medford.

The Christmas party given the pupils at the school house Friday afternoon by the teacher was greatly enjoyed.

William Nalez dressed the remainder of his takers this week, though feeling much discouraged at the low price offered.

When there is a heavy frost cold enough to blacken growing vegetation it is called a "black frost."

CALENDAR

Thursday
 6:30 p. m.—Dinner supper and meeting for College Crest Community club, clubhouse.
 6:30 p. m.—Supper for Minerva club members and husbands, Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity house.
 Friday
 3:30 p. m.—Dance recital of pupils of Mrs. Kenneth W. Moore, McMorran and Washburne auditorium.
 8:30 p. m.—Dance of Rainbow Order for Girls and DeMolay, Masonic temple.

Harry Wheeler Is Married In Washington

Harry Wheeler, son of Mrs. Mary B. Wheeler of this city, and Miss Helen Harlow of Bellingham, Washington, were married Wednesday noon at Bellingham. Mrs. Wheeler went north with her son for the wedding. Rev. Mr. Van Noy of Portland, was officiating at all weddings in the family of Colonel Raley of Pandion performed the ceremony. The bride is a granddaughter of Colonel Raley.

Mr. Wheeler graduated from the University of Oregon three years ago. He took his master of arts degree at Stanford and is now at Stanford working for his Ph. D. degree in geology. The couple is to live in Palo Alto. Mrs. Wheeler attended the San Jose state normal school in California.

Mr. Wheeler is the brother of Mrs. Virgil A. Parker and Mrs. Carlton E. Spencer of this city.

Eagles Auxiliary

Fifty attended the covered dish dinner of the Ladies' auxiliary to the Fraternal Order of Eagles which was held Wednesday evening at the Eagles hall. At the business session following, plans were made for the third of a series of benefit card parties to be held January 11. Plans were also made to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the local auxiliary on January 25. Mrs. Hannah Johnson is chairman of the committee in charge.

Deadwood News

DEADWOOD, Dec. 29.—(Special)—The Christmas program given by the school children was well rendered. At the close of the program gifts were exchanged among the teachers and pupils.

Mrs. F. W. Taylor and son Walter, were in Eugene one day last week shopping.

Mrs. Orville Phelps received a telegram Saturday stating that her father had died in Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Phelps left for Portland early Sunday morning.

Miss Dorothy Leding left Thursday night to spend the Christmas vacation with relatives in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Downing had as their guests Christmas day, Charles, George and Joe Acheson. Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Lord and son Larry and Myrtle Keeler.

Mrs. Levi Berkshire is reported much worse and her daughter, Mrs. Trainie Campbell, and son, Levi, left Saturday for Eugene to help care for her.