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GRANGE OFFERS SCHOOL PLAN.

ONE of the most interesting ideas emerging from the Grange convention at Roseburg is a plan for "county school equalization" which could be used by those counties which do not want the "county unit" plan. The main features of the Grange plan are:

Division of each county into five districts, each of which would elect a member of a county equalization board.

County equalization board to take over all duties now performed by school boundary boards.

Pooling of all revenues from the state elementary school fund, common school fund and additional taxes to be raised by the equalization board.

Distribution of these funds on a minimum level of \$800 per school room unit of 27 or less elementary pupils but with schools having less than 16 pupils barred from participation except where consolidation is impossible or impracticable.

Authority to compel consolidation in appropriate cases.

General supervision and control of teaching standards, including the right to fix minimum salaries, and supervision of district budgets.

Local school boards to be retained so far as possible and to have direct responsibility for hiring teachers and establishing policies in school work. (City districts not affected).

The Grange proposal is encouraging because it recognizes at long last the impossibility of going on with a system which is antiquated, expensive and in many cases inefficient. For counties which cannot be prevailed upon to accept unit management, the Grange plan would offer a step in the right direction.

But the Grange plan is weak in that it does not provide for the strong centralized administration without which rapid progress is difficult. For the county superintendent is left in the position of a mere councillor to the independent districts large and small and with no real control of local teachers, principals or superintendents. Nor would the problems of the county equalization board, dealing with scores of local boards be easy.

We question whether the local school board today is as important as many think it is, for the local P-T. A. or community club or grange is often a more potent influence. In these days of good roads, telephones and easy contacts there is little danger of shutting out the local viewpoint. There is danger of neglecting and postponing too long the careful planning of a county system of schools which can come only under centralized control and expert professional guidance.

IMPROVING WEATHER FORECASTS.

WITHIN the next year, the United States weather bureau expects to be making general use of the new "air mass analysis" system for making forecasts. It plans now being formulated by scientists gathered at Pasadena are carried out. Norway originated the new method which adds to the present system of charting the speed and direction and density of air movements the element of height.

So accurate is the new plan that government experts believe they will be able to forecast and give ample warning against such storms as the one which wrecked several Los Angeles suburbs last January. They will be able to prevent many a disaster to airplanes and airships, and ocean vessels, prepared as they are for fighting any weather, will find the detailed instructions as to the course and direction of storms a great help.

But, in order to perfect the new system, the government will have to install a great many more reporting stations than it has now, according to the head of the Portland bureau, J. C. Smith. In particular the Pacific area will need more reports from ships. There is an interesting angle to this. It is one instance where a scientific advance is creating jobs. In weather measurements mechanical devices are used only to limited extent. Trained people are required to put meaning into this work.

There could be no more profitable form of increased government expense. Weather control is still a distant dream, but weather prophecy is becoming a fairly reliable art. A good many of us can remember when the daily weather bulletin was little better than a guess. Today millions regulate their plans by the official forecasts and the percentage of error grows less and less.

SOMETHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

ONE of the measures on which Oregon voters may have to pass next November is a bill now being initiated by a group of Portland realtors to limit property taxes for all purposes, state and local, to a total of 20 mills. Apparently despairing of property tax relief through the sales tax or any other form of income levy, the realtors are taking the desperate course of an arbitrary slash in property tax rates and counting on the crisis to force a solution of the resulting muddle.

For the passage of the realtors bill would produce an historic muddle. Like so many initiated measures, the realtors' bill has apparently been drawn without any careful study of consequences. The 20 mill limitation by cutting off more than half of the present revenues would bankrupt temporarily every city, county, and school district in Oregon. Nor would the state be in any better position for out of the total 20 mill levy the state would be allowed only 10 per cent or two mills where it now gets four mills plus, and this allowance for state operations would be reduced to 1.5 mills at the end of five years.

Under such legislation the plight of the state institutions of higher learning, the state hospitals and all institutions would become almost impossible. The measure would virtually abolish the state levies which go to the support of common schools. The one saving feature is that it might be found impossible to include levies for debt service within the 20 mill limitation, or should

this be done the courts might declare the whole thing unconstitutional, for debt service which accounts for more than half of all taxation is a prior lien on all properties and has generally been held exempt from limitations.

The bill is a perfect example of the kind of poorly planned legislation which can be foisted on the people through the initiative. Its supporters count heavily on the farmer and the small home owner to vote for their plan out of sheer desperation after the many failures to secure adequate property relief. They forget, however, that their measure raises the spectre of sales taxes more drastic than any ever proposed, and this being the case the farmer and the small home owner may not "fall" for the scheme.

It should be pointed out that if property is difficult to sell now with taxes what they are, it certainly will be unsaleable if the state enacts any such madhouse legislation paralyzing the operation of its schools and other public services. Such a frantic scheme illustrates the need of actual property relief in the next legislature, but the plan itself must be voted down emphatically, because no class, whatever its woes, has any right to cripple a state with any such selfish program.

CHAMBER LAUNCHES A FORUM.

IN the Friday luncheon forum which the Eugene Chamber of Commerce has started lies great possibilities—if actual discussion of public problems can be developed. President Stevenson's determination to start the meetings on time and close them promptly at 1 o'clock is commendable, since no business man has time to waste in idle talk, but there will be little objection to an extra hour now and then if interesting debate develops.

Nothing is so helpful to any community as the discussion of public policies from every viewpoint. For many years the City Club of Portland has performed this service with eminent success. The Portland club seeks to bring before its membership those who represent opposite views of every big question. Generally it is necessary to present one side one week and the other the next. Questions and statements from the floor are as important as the "speech."

Though in a town the size of Eugene, procedure would have to be modified (one reason being that the Chamber could not hope to cover as wide a field as a City Club) a genuine exchange of ideas can be developed.

We have many problems which need the frank but friendly influence of round table opinion. For instance, in the matter of getting transportation rates at least as good as those of seaport cities. Actual experiences and observation of shippers and truckers and merchants can give a constructive guidance in such matters as Route F.

Present and future water board policy is involved deeply in such a development as the Rennie project. We have the perennial riddle of inequality in taxation and assessment. Our city planning is an infant effort. The vision of flood control in its relation of land use and development in this region has just been opened up.

There is material for a year of interesting discussions if some of those best qualified to speak can be induced to set aside their reticence and take on the forum habit.

One of the most interesting forums we know about is conducted by an organization which makes it a rule never to vote or pass resolutions on any subject. Its discussions are limited to 20 minutes for presentation, three minutes for answering any question and questions must be stated in one minute each. In 20 years its average attendance has never been less than 100.

These are merely ideas suggested by what the Chamber is attempting. This forum can render a big community service and incidentally develop that personal interest in the Chamber itself which the organization badly needs.

FATHER'S DAY ROLLS ROUND.

PREPARING for this occasion we began a week ago to enumerate some of the nicer things about Father, Dad, the Old Man, the family's good thing. But it is so difficult to become rhapsodic about Father. Consider the case of the present world's champion father, Pere Dionne, the sire of the famous Canadian quintuplets, the overly blessed man. Was it not the immortal Shakespeare who said: "Some men are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them?" The imagination of the most paternal cannot go much beyond twins.

Times have changed since those Old Testament days when to be the Patriarch was indeed a career. In these days of collegiate aspirations it is a doubtful asset to have too many stalwart sons and blooming maidens. In a dim, dumb sort of way, Dad does his bit for posterity and civilization, but it will require more than an annual Father's Day to restore the illusion that the world revolves about him.

He has become merely one of many necessary things. His parenthood has become an incident rather than a career. He has ceased to be the fount of wisdom, the king within his tribe, the source of all decisions. He still requires a bit of handling but he has been tamed. Like all wild animals he submits to a combination of kindnesses and disciplines. Properly cajoled, he is even a pleasing playmate, the source of unending nickels and dimes.

Give him a gorgeous blue, green, orange, lavender and scarlet tie with socks to match. Feed him well with fried chicken. Dance around him gaily with paens of praise. Give him one day out of the 365 and kid him along, the son of Adam, the lineal heir of kings!

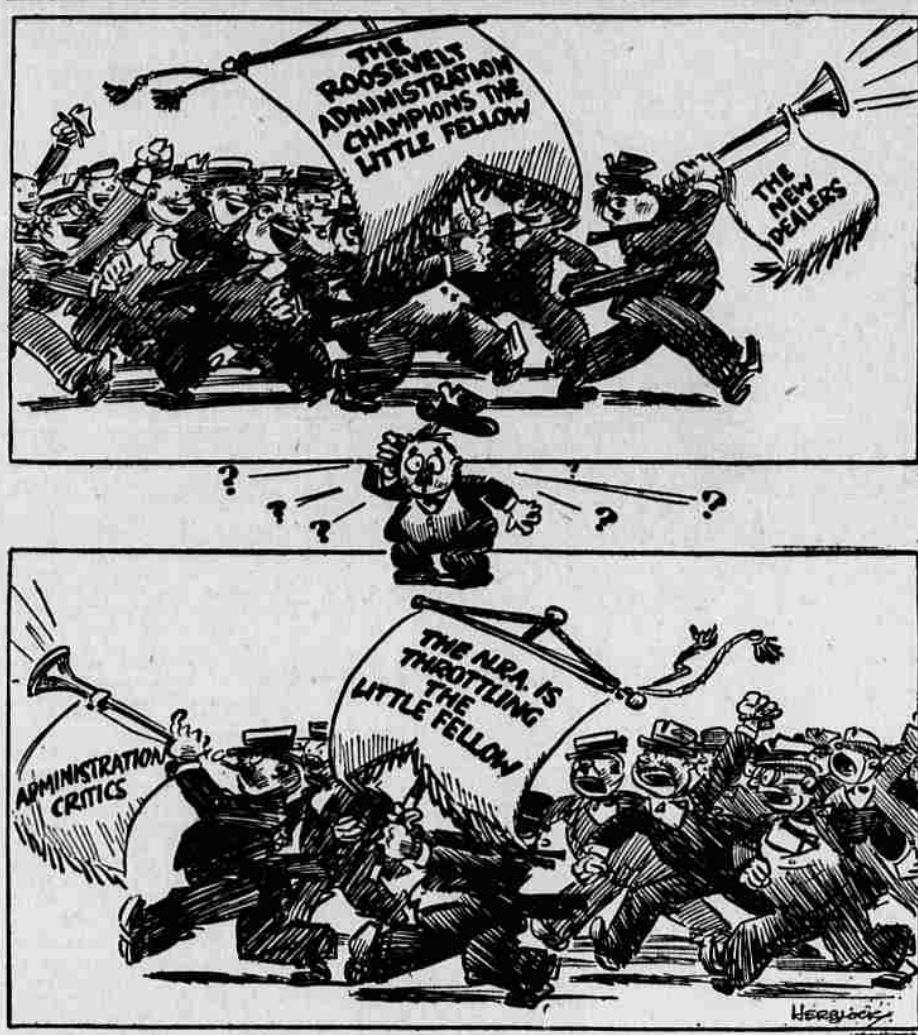
State board of higher education meets Monday to decide what next in the matter of finding a new chancellor and completing the long promised New Deal in Oregon higher education. McGurk says that on the law of percentages along there ought to be some action. But, oh Ajax, look at the disarmament conferences in Geneva.

A movement is under way to establish a state bank. Well, says Blue River Bill, he doesn't know what they're going to put in it unless it is the state's deficits. Cheer up Bill, this is an age of optimism.

The federal relief administration has let a large contract for cheese for the poor. No need to let a contract for boloney. Everybody gets plenty of that free.

"Killjoys" and grumblers in Germany should be shot, cries an editor there. That includes Vox Populi, Pax Vobiscum, and others who write embarrassing letters to editors.

Little Man, What Now?



WHAT SOME THINKERS THINK

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CEDRIC FOWLER: "We are a literate nation in the sense that we can read, but we are not in the wider sense that we 'do' read."

Helen Murray, secretary of the department of social relations, Congregational church: "Did you know that 30,000,000 men and women throughout the world, accustomed to work prior to 1929, are now out of employment with no prospect of work. That 80 per cent of the 2,000,000,000 human beings constituting the human race live below the poverty line."

Dr. Harry Ward, eminent Methodist churchman: "It is possible to level up from the bottom 'spiritually,' without leveling down from the top; but we can level up from the bottom 'economically' only by leveling down from the top."

Frank Simonds, noted newspaper correspondent: "Lynch the 'merchants of death,' the munition makers, as guilty of the crimes here charged and proven against them. But do not expect when you come back from the lynching party to find the world freed from the dangers of war, or cleansed of the causes of war."

Committee on Social and Industrial Relations of Presbyterian General Assembly: "It is in the arena of economics that the next battles for Christ must be fought."

United Church of Canada: "We hold the capitalist system to be unchristian on the following grounds: (1) It is organized about and continually incites to action the motives that Jesus condemned. (2) It destroys the initiative, freedom and security of vast multitudes of people. (3) It is unjust and inhuman in its distribution of the burdens and benefits of economic effort." etc.

A young Christian of India: "I have found that if you follow Christ, here in India, three things will happen. First, you will be delivered of all fear. Second, you will be abundantly happy. Third, you will have trouble."

J. Henry Hornung: "Jesus is the hope of the world because of the things for which he stood. He stood for open-faced, open-hearted and open-minded honesty. He stood for human consideration and understanding."

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL BAG

FATHER

To our earthly fathers, I give loving praise,
 For their love and protection and kindly ways;
 They gladly labor their whole lives through,
 And all these tasks they so willingly do.
 They give of their best, to their loved ones so dear,
 And only ask in return, that we keep our names clear.
 And when at last their tired, weary feet,
 Turn to that rest, that is peaceful and sweet;
 I'm sure there will be waiting, from our Father above—
 A reward, very great, for their labors of love.

LA VETA IRENE DYER.

PAGEANT IDEAS!

SPRINGFIELD, Ore.—(To the Editor)—Hurray for Eugene! We are going to get our pageant. Well, you have to hand it to us. We have never been beaten but once—when a Canadian mother gave birth to quintuplets. At that you can't blame us. I don't think that many of us had even heard of such a thing until they arrived. So give us time! A good idea would be to send out a call and maybe by next pageant time someone will give us sextuplets. I believe Eugene can do it—for the bigger the parade the bigger the show. Now while we are all for the show—we must not forget our unemployed and needy. Any little jobs that the professionals can't do you might give to some unemployed persons. They ought to save you money on some things for they have learned up do

wonders with very little. Some of us are almost human in that respect.

And just for fun to see how many unemployed we still have let them parade too—of course you know kind of bring up the drag so to speak. Just to make a bigger parade and a bigger show. Believe me some of our clothing would be antique and unique, quite comical in fact.

Well anyway a laugh now and then won't hurt anyone, and we need things to take our minds off hard times. We should all write to our friends to come see us and the pageant if they are not too busy. And I reckon a lot of them aren't, as scarce as work still is. Let's hope the railroads can't go on strike for if they do a lot of our friends can't get here, as they must travel by rail (side door Pullman and flat cars). But if they all could get here what a crowd we should have.

Yours for the pageant.

ELGIN HERBERT.

SAGE OF EUGENE

EUGENE, Ore.—(To the Editor)—We're all to take that journey, it's getting closer day by day, we're going to take that journey but we don't come back this way.

Those gold lined pockets out in Josephine and Jackson counties are so alluring, and just think, to pick a pocket out there isn't "agin" the law.

We are hoping the quadruplets and quintuplets affair will not grow into a national championship contest—or a habit.

We are going to get our coffee in flasks. A "new" coffee and a "new" deal. A mighty lot of difference signs the old pioneer days when out-

fee came in the green state, roasted in the oven and ground in the old coffee mill that hung on the wall. My! that old familiar morning grind, as regular as the alarm clock, to the sluggish boy under the feathers. Do you remember those drowsy yawns when mother called you to breakfast?

There are so many menaces coming up that they are crowding one another out and don't amount to much after all.

It looks like when a fellow is saving up to get a new hat, shirt and tie something goes wrong with the radio or he is forced to buy a second hand tire.

A man ran his auto into a tree and was taken, unconscious, to a hospital. When he eventually opened his eyes he was asked how it happened and he said the last thing he remembered was his mother-in-law.

The legal fraternity is taking some of the comic strips rather seriously. It appears to the lawyers that they are placing a misinterpretation upon their moral philosophy.

In revitalizing itself the republican party has, in its national committee meeting in Chicago, elected Henry P. Fletcher of Pennsylvania, a Hoover man in the home state of Mellon and Vane. About all the meeting accomplished was to glorify Hoover and crucify President Roosevelt and without offering any solution as to getting us out of the ruinous situation brought about under Mr. Hoover's misrule. The people had to be fed but what did that party do toward even offering a crust? Evidently the committee is still the same timber that ruled in 1932 and has started out with misrepresentation, depreciation and abuse. The same men who were repudiated by the people in the last presidential election. It's the same old story but the people, of today, should be given credit for some degree of intelligence after going through the deadly experience of uncombated greed and graft such as the Harding and Hoover administration permitted. Mr. Fletcher says sound principles of government finance are being flouted, not caring to take into consideration that it is an emergency caused by men of his own ilk and that he and his capitalist friends are being taxed by acts of his own party's inaction which he apparently prefers to be paid by the starvation and death of the common people.

It's no trick at all, these modern days, to get an acceptable present for your best girl. A plug of tobacco would be about the only thing you would be taking chances on.

A grouch has so much time to himself that it almost pays to be one.

I believe there is nothing quite as ugly as an ugly disposition.

HENRY W. STEWART.

Hebron Items

HEBRON, June 16—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Dan Beck and granddaughter, Mrs. Carl King, of Cottage Grove visited last Sunday at the home of Mrs. Beck's daughter and Mrs. King's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Phillips.

Fredrick Loebe has returned home after wandering around the United States for 18 months.

Mrs. Sarah Finley of Sico is visiting old friends and neighbors here now.

Tom Brasher of Cottage Grove visited a few days last week at the home of his brother Ed Brasher.

Ellen Nestle and brother Elven of Oregon City are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ward.

Miss M. J. Piper was over at Scotts Valley Wednesday on business. Mr. and Mrs. Ross Smith, E. T. Carille and Mrs. P. E. Young picnicked at London Thursday evening.

Native of the Solomon Islands wear necklaces of beetles' legs as love tokens.

ROAD THAT LEADS HOME

There's a road that winds through the foothills beside a river of blue, Where skies are just a bit brighter and friends a little more true. It's in the "Row River" valley and of roads I've chanced to roam, There's none that's half so dear to me as the one that leads to home.

There are friends that are really neighbors, true pioneers of the west, Loyal, upright and honest, willing to do their best.

And when fire destroys a neighbor's home, they work with might and main, To take him quilts and dishes and pans, and give him the courage to build again.

And when death comes and takes a loved one away, leaving hearts bowed in despair, They silently, quietly lay down their tasks, and stand near, your sorrows to share.

And close to that road on a little hill kissed by the sun and the rains, Rests—at her request, my mother's earthly remains.

And I like to think that her spirit comes from that fairer land she roams, And watches sometimes when I go by on that road that leads to home.

There are some who would think this valley of mine, where the ferns and the evergreens nod, A desolate lonely place to be, but to me—'tis home, home.

LA VETA IRENE DYER.

Delight Valley

DELIGHT VALLEY, June 16—(Special)—Mrs. George Hohman spent the week-end in Eugene with a daughter, Ruth, a student at the university.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wright of Cottage Grove spent Sunday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Oscar Jackson.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Hankins Tuesday, June 12. John Dunlevy and family recently from near Auburn, N. Y., have purchased the R. L. Leaming ranch and moved onto it last week. Wm. Kirk and family who lived on the place a few months moved to Cottage Grove.

Rudolph Hansen and family were Eugene visitors Wednesday. Mrs. Hansen had some dental work done. Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Shaw of Cottage Grove were callers at the Lawrence Brown home Tuesday forenoon.

Elta Hohman of O. S. C. at Corvallis and Ruth Hohman of U. of O. arrived home the first of the week to spend summer vacation.

Gail Lindamood of Cottage Grove is visiting at the home of an uncle, Lee Nixon.

Dorothy Hohman left Friday of last week for Winchester Bay where she will spend the summer.

Lawrence Brown and family were dinner guests at the Geo. A. Brown home near Goshen Sunday, the occasion honoring Mrs. Brown and C. D. Gay on their birthdays.

The Social Neighbors club was entertained Wednesday afternoon with a picnic. Mrs. Lawrence Brown being hostess. Those present were Mrs. Chas. Conner, Mrs. Oscar Jackson, Mrs. Lee Nixon, Mrs. E. J. Sears, Mrs. Elmer Ken and daughter Betty, Mrs. George Hohman, Mrs. Donald Wither and children, Mrs. C. H. Haight, Gwendolyn and Elsie Haight, Mrs. Jesse Tucker, Jessie Tucker of Gardner, Mrs. Clyde Wright and daughter Kathryn, Mary and Ruth Cameron, Mrs. Herman Howard and daughter of Walker, Mrs. John Dunlevy, Gail Lindamood of Cottage Grove, Ruth Childers and the hostess. The next meeting will be with Mrs. C. H. Haight June 27.

Goldson News Notes

GOLDSON, June 16—(Special)—A number of women assembled at the home of Miss Dorothy Dade and gave her a shower Friday afternoon. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. Fred Duquette and daughter, Ora Lee and Ruth, of Redmond, Ore., spent a few days this week at their old home here.

Mrs. Myrtle Freeman of Eugene is visiting with O. G. McDonald and family. Mrs. Freeman is Mr. McDonald's sister.

C. F. Smith and Mr. Jamison left a few days ago for California, where they are employed. Mrs. Jamison's sister is staying with her during Mr. Jamison's absence.

L. R. Dade was very much surprised Friday evening by a birthday party in his honor at the Low Pass community hall. The evening was spent playing cards after which refreshments were served. Almost all the neighbors were present except Mr. Shibe, who was suffering from insomnia.

Mrs. J. H. Bricker and children left Wednesday for Redmond, where they expect to spend the summer.

Miss Monica Terpin has completed a term at the Monmouth Normal school and is enjoying a vacation at home.

The annual community picnic will be held at the community hall Sunday, June 17. There will be a basket dinner at noon and election of officers in the afternoon.

Cushman News Notes

CUSHMAN, June 16—(Special)—Miss Ethel Sweet left for Portland Monday evening for a visit with friends and to attend the Rose festival.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Benedict visited with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Burnett.

Mrs. Ralph Lee is spending the week with her sister in Portland.

Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Curt Sweet and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bester had a picnic near Swishome.

C. E. Southworth and Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Mills spent Monday at the Nute ranch on south slope.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hill left Monday morning for Eugene. Earl, accompanied by his son, Irvin, returned the same evening while Mrs. Hill went on to Portland to attend the Rose show.

Mrs. Glee Drinkwater and daughter, who have been visiting here in the past week, returned to their home in Nott Thursday.

Several salmon were caught by trawlers here this week, although they are not coming in very fast yet.

Mr. and Mrs. James Embry and

children were here Thursday about place just south of Glenada, recently purchased from the Colter brothers. The Embrys are moving from Medford here, and are quite enthusiastic over their coast country and climate.

Kiernan company has finished the highway oiling contract above the Baker ranch and moved Thursday to East Gardiner, where it has another contract oiling between Gardiner and Glenada.

The Mill company is quite busy this week, repairing the dock at its lumber yard.

E. K. Benedict and son have their new fish boat almost ready to launch the engine.

Loren Sweet is building a new garage at his home here.

Dee Mills and J. McCully are working for a few days with the oil crew near Gardiner.

Saginaw News

SAGINAW, June 16—(Special)—Mrs. Florence Monroe and daughter, Mrs. Helen Downey were in Eugene on business Thursday.

Mrs. Gertrude Buchanan and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Earl Briggs of Culp Creek, visited with Mrs. Howard Keene Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Lowell Benston and children, Mrs. Benston's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Keene of Cottage Grove, and Mrs. M. G. Fry attended church in Cottage Grove Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sharon who had spent the last two months at the home of their son Charles, returned to their home at Colton last week.

Richard Wright of Cottage Grove spent Wednesday at the Monroe home.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Benston and daughter of Eugene spent Sunday evening at the F. T. Benston home.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Willey and daughter of Cottage Grove spent Sunday at the O. C. Bork home.

Art Reed and George Conley spent several days last week on the South Fork, fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shave were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taplin Sunday.

Trent News Notes

TRENT, June 16—(Special)—Helping Hand club met at the Mrs. Verna Mauney home last Wednesday afternoon, with 27 ladies present. The next meeting will be an afternoon meeting with Mrs. Arthur Laidler.

Mrs. Markham of Springfield has been visiting her daughters, Bill Smith and Lillian Bristow, the past week.

Blanche Wheeler is home now after spending the past school term at Monmouth.

Last Sunday the High Climbers entertained the Live Wires, on the river, and served sandwiches, salad, and lemonade, with a lot of a contest, and the boys lost to the girls.

Next Sunday, 17, the Christiana deavors go to Zion and have a meeting in the Zion school house. Everyone is asked to come.

Mrs. Don McClure is still in Idaho, having been called there by the illness of her father several weeks ago.

Mrs. Mac Maltzen and Austin Maltzen entertained a few young people with a bonfire and waltz last party last Thursday evening.

BIG ONION CENTER

LAREDO, Tex.—(P)—The Laredo district, which a few years ago became the largest shipping center in Texas for Bermuda onions, shipped more than half the 1934 Texas crop. Nearly 1,100 carloads were shipped in the first four months of the year.