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"SMART GUYS" NOT SO SMART.

PUBLICATION of the "ransom demand" in the Weyhehauser kidnapping case gives the world a rather remarkable document, seeming to indicate that here at last is a crime by "superior mentality." The demand is neatly typed. In spelling and composition, the piece is "above average": the writer probably could pass the "English A" requirements of any college. The terms of the demand are arranged with considerable understanding of the values of clarity, force, emphasis.

Nevertheless, it probably will be found that the "smart guys" were not so smart, and their very cleverness may prove their undoing. Every typewriter leaves its "signature." An expert will be able in a few minutes to identify the make and model used by the kidnapers and within certain limits to establish the possible number of the machine. Even if the machine is destroyed, as it probably will be, it will be impossible for the kidnapers to call back all documents ever written on the machine. The government experts will go to great pains to identify this machine and trace its entire history. The task is not even so difficult as tracing handwriting. There is less room for controversy between "experts": machine characteristics are absolutely uniform.

The ransom money will provide even hotter clues. The Weyhehauser family did not comply with the command to ignore the serial numbers of the bills. The small denominations required by the kidnapers are only a small handicap to justice agents. The world is full of amateur "detectives" who will take great delight in studying every five, ten or twenty dollar bill they see till something happens.

It is absolutely impossible for the kidnapers to destroy the traces of their state of Washington hideouts and the many relics of use and occupation. Any tiny object can be the key to absolute identification. Beyond that lies the hazard of the underdog "grapevine," the news that so-and-so is "in the money again." What money? Snatch money! Rewards are always a powerful temptation to rats of the underworld.

If betting were in order, the odds would lie heavily against the kidnapers, and with each day they grow heavier.

JAPAN PLAYS ANOTHER TRUMP.

NEXT move of the Japanese in their program of "Asia for the Asiatics" will be to move south of China's Great Wall, seize Peking and Tientsin and put Henry Pu Yi, last of the Manchus, on the throne of China. It is only a year since they made him emperor of the puppet state of Manchukuo, but the indignation of the busy and troubled world has cooled, and now in the early summer of 1935, Japanese armies are moving southward to "demilitarize" a vast area in China proper. Aren't words funny? In the Japanese lexicon, "to demilitarize" means to drive Chinese troops out and let Japanese troops take over.

Japanese policy in China is very simple. It is somewhat like the policy of Chancellor Kerr in administering Oregon's state system of higher education. Anybody who protests the Japanese method of control becomes automatically a "bandit," a hunted foe of "law and order." It is doubtful if the Japanese system will accomplish the peace of Asia any more than the Kerr method has accomplished peace in higher education. It may produce a semblance of order.

Recently there were signs that Japan might try friendly methods in China. A good many Japanese leaders realize that the bloody and futile Shanghai raid of a few years ago was "a stupendous blunder." But the stubborn military clique which knows only the rule of blood and iron still dominates, so once more the khaki divisions are moving southward. Conflict with the Europeans who have interests in China is the most to be feared aspect of the new development. Given time, the Chinese will probably find a way to deal with the conquerors.

Keen observers attribute Japanese policy to fear rather than strength. The Japanese live in mortal dread of the rising power of Russia and the too friendly relations of China and Russia. They fear a blow in the back from China if ever Japan fights the expected war with Russia. The odd part of the situation is that China should be Japan's natural ally against the Russians and all encroaching foreigners. Will forcing China into line at the point of a bayonet prove Japan's fatal blunder?

According to a style note, high heels are going out of fashion. Things have come to a pretty pass if women are going to start running around with low heels.

The world won't wear a path to your door even if you do have a wonderful trap—if you always keep it going.

Virginia laborer, at one sitting, eats a half bushel of apples. Probably he had just received a doctor bill.

Bela Lugosi, actor, says that women are more interested than men in things of horror. Which explains those new hat styles.

Al Smith, as honorary New York zoo superintendent, welcomes contributions for empty cages. We know where he can get a slightly dilapidated blue eagle.

British inheritance tax department keeps careful tab on physical condition of aged millionaires. For any needed technical advice, we would suggest they consult one of our gold-diggers.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

ROCKING APPLE CART

(The Dallas Chronicle)
 THE press of Oregon has been almost unanimous in upholding the state board of higher education in the recent controversy over the position of chancellor in the Oregon school system. Demands from Eugene that the position be abolished, or that Chancellor Kerr be removed immediately, have been refused by the board,

which has announced progress in its search for a successor to Dr. Kerr.

The crux of the situation appears to be that the board is having difficulty in finding a qualified man to accept this post, in view of the numerous rows that have beset higher education in Oregon. Men of the type the board wants are wary of stepping into a situation that might jeopardize their future.

Unfortunately, the latest blast from Eugene has only accentuated the belief that higher education in Oregon is so beset with politics and internal strife, that nobody could please both sides and administer efficiently. Outstanding educators who also have administrative ability are rare, and not inclined to stick their heads into rows of their own making.

Obviously it is up to the board to obtain a new chancellor as speedily as possible. Dr. Kerr resigned more than a year ago, and repeatedly has expressed a desire to retire. The board's task would be made a lot easier, if Eugene would refrain from "tipping over the apple cart" just as negotiations are about to be closed with a likely applicant.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY DUTCHER

Register-Guard Washington Correspondent
 WASHINGTON, June 6.—Four correspondents asked a seasoned labor leader who had been mixed up with NRA from the beginning the same question that everybody in Washington seemed to be asking everybody else:

"Well, where do we go from here?"

The labor leader replied promptly:

"How old is Ann? Who struck Billy Patterson? What is the meaning of the Einstein theory?"

This dialog is cited because it so well sets forth the composite state of mind of the New Deal, from Papa Roosevelt down the line, following the U. S. Supreme Court's decision in the Schechter case.

Squirreler Than Ever

One hopes historians will do justice to the period of utter confusion immediately following—and that they will not have to record its continuance.

Some of us previously had been wont to refer to the Washington scene under the New Deal as a "squirrel cage" and if we stick to the analogy we must now record that the "cage" increased its revolutions from 35 to 112 a minute, with occasional sudden reversals of the clockwise to a counter-clockwise movement.

As the New Dealers went into their innumerable huddles, the same gay combination of sincerity, practicality, politics, and wit-which characterized the New Deal's beginnings was still to be seen.

But there was far less agreement and even more confusion. Never were Roosevelt's advisers at odds from so many different directions.

The supreme court had scrambled up a jigsaw puzzle and some of the fellows who were trying to put it together again insisted the court had thrown away most of the pieces. You could find General Johnson, Attorney General Cummings, Felix Frankfurter, Donald Richberg, and General Counsel Blackwell Smith of NRA all with different recipes as to what could be done about Humpty-Dumpty.

Fantastic Ideas Abound

No wonder. The supreme court has often reversed itself, but it has seldom achieved a more remarkable performance in providing encouragement in one paragraph and discouragement in another.

It was downright fantastic to hear, as your correspondent did, the amazing number of private New Deal interpretations of just what the court meant in its interpretation of the Constitution's commerce clause and just what could be done under that interpretation.

And when any two brain-trusters managed to agree on those points, they promptly broke into violent argument as to how far they should go in future legislation for psychological effect or on the bet that the court could be liberalized in the next year or so and be much more amiable after the New Deal stopped delegating vast goals of power.

Block Own Retreat

But it was pitiable to realize that they, the New Dealers, had failed to provide themselves with a path of retreat or any alternative in case the Supreme Court should do exactly what it did. The "sick chicken" case just left in its wake a lot of chickens with their heads cut off.

Donald Richberg had offered to stake his legal reputation on his belief that the court would uphold NRA on the Schechter case.

I don't know anyone here, in fact, who imagined the opinion would be so sweeping.

But the responsibility for the floundering and flopping which followed the verdict seems to rest with Roosevelt and Richberg.

Thirty-six hours after the decision, your correspondent encountered in a popular hotel refectory four young New Deal lawyers who were trying to console themselves while their bosses were in heavy conferences.

They had had several drinks and were trying to figure out a solution to the crisis for themselves. They had got as far as a plan by which Roosevelt would appoint:

Chief Justice Hughes as chairman of the Railroad Retirement Board (recently killed by the court, 5 to 4); Justice Van Devanter as commissioner of Indian Affairs; Justice McReynolds as a G-Man; Justice Brandeis as commissioner of internal revenue; Justice Sutherland as sergeant-at-arms of the Senate; Justice Butler as minister to the Irish Free State; Justice Stone as public trustee for holding companies; Justice Roberts as commissioner of patents; and Justice Cardozo as poet laureate.

At that time, anyway, these boys were doing as well with the situation as anyone else.

AN EDITORIAL ON HEALTH

By DR. MORRIS FISHER

Editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, and of Hygiene, the Health Magazine.

A LITTLE help, a pleasant word of praise coming from you will enable your child to form good habits and develop properly much faster than he would if left alone.

Children generally learn by practice. From infancy they begin to acquire the necessary technique, for instance, to feed themselves, and soon they know how to handle a spoon correctly and how to drink from a cup.

A small boy gets on a bicycle and promptly falls off. With a little practice he learns how to balance himself successfully, co-ordinating his muscles in such manner that balance is maintained and he is able to go forward.

Eventually he learns to ride the bicycle so well that his actions are quite automatic and he does not even hold the handle-bars in propelling himself forward. This is learning by establishing a habit.

The intelligent child learns also by what is known as the "trial and error" method. For example, if he will sample a new food substance and if attracted will eat it again.

It may, for example, try to put on its own stockings while standing up. Eventually it sits down and pulls on the stockings; if not, the child may go on day after day trying to put on the stockings while standing up. Children have to have time for learning.

Of great importance in getting suitable reactions in learning is what the psychologists call "a satisfying effect." If an activity is successful, pleasing and satisfying to a child, the child is more likely to repeat that activity.

Much depends, therefore, on a suitable amount of praise in connection with any new achievement and suitable instruction as to its value in daily life.

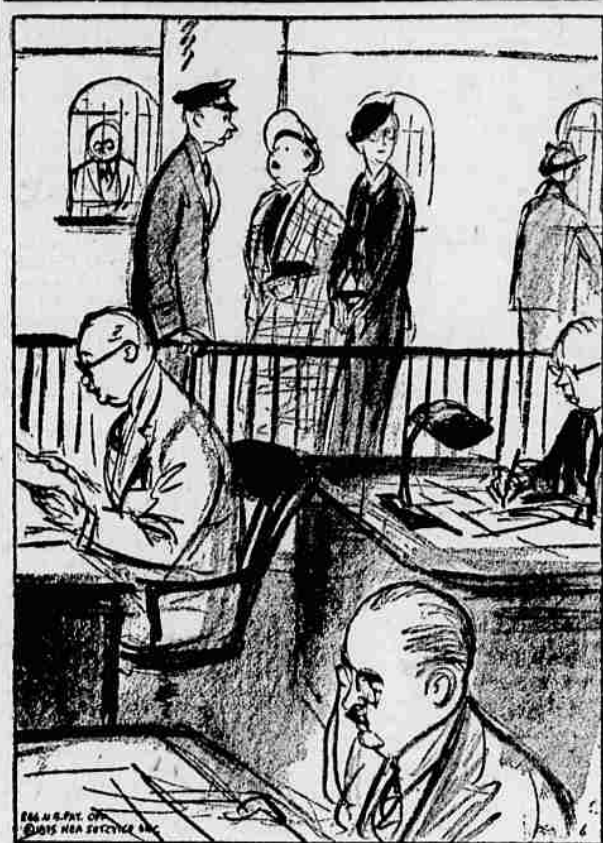
The way to cause any person to learn is to make learning pleasurable. A dry lecture can make learning exceedingly unpleasant, and children do not get on well when the teachers are dull.

Many of the activities of the child which seem to be anti-social and unsatisfactory become very useful if diverted into proper fields.

A considerable part of the satisfying effect of any performance is an interest developed in that performance. Children do not want to learn except when learning is pleasing. If their interest is developed, however, they have the satisfying effect which will certainly encourage learning.

Every child differs from every other child, and it is necessary for parents and teachers to have a good understanding of the nature of the child in developing its ability to co-ordinate muscle action and mental control.

SIDE GLANCES



"I don't remember his name. He's a pink-faced little vice-president with a sparkle in his eye."

Large Group Out For Musicales, Reception

A large group of interested friends attended the musicale-reception given by the Adult Music Study club, Wednesday afternoon, at the campus school of music building.

A program was presented by the various groups formed through the work of the Adult Music Study club during the past year: the Women's Choral society, directed by John Stark Evans; the Chamber Music group, directed by Rex Underwood; the Piano Ensemble group, directed by Mrs. Jean Thacker; and the Opera Study group, led by Mrs. Rose McGraw.

Dean John J. Landbury of the school of music gave a talk on the study club and the program to be carried through for the group at the university next year. Some sixty organizations in the county have signed to cooperate in the program next year.

Following the program, punch was served in the lounge. Mrs. John Stark Evans, and Miss Hollis Haven, president of the active chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon, women's music group, presiding at the punch bowl. Active members of Mu Phi Epsilon ushered for the afternoon and also served.

Hostesses for the afternoon included patronesses of Mu Phi Epsilon who have sponsored the Adult Music Study club. Mrs. Walter E. Robertson is chairman of the patronesses group.

Music Group

Alumnae of Mu Phi Epsilon, women's national music honorary society, met with Mrs. Bernice Ingalls Zeller Tuesday evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Ingalls.

A supper was served in the oak grove near the home, followed by an impromptu musical program. The group made plans to continue similar meetings in the fall. Those attending Tuesday's affair were Mrs. C. A. E. Whitton, Mrs. E. A. Stacks, Mrs. Frank Riggs, Miss Maud Densmore, Miss Wanda Eastwood, Miss Celeste Campbell, Miss June Sanders, Mrs. Zeller, and as a special guest, Miss Virginia Stacks.

Alumnae Meet

Alpha Delta Pi alumnae met at the home of Miss Patricia Faulkner, Tuesday evening. The group decided to continue meetings through the summer. Those attending the Tuesday meeting were Mrs. Lucy Perkins, Mrs. Floyd Westerfield, Mrs. Paul Hughes, Mrs. Robert Otto, Mrs. Claude Potter of Harrisburg, Mrs. Melvin Hargreaves, Miss Elma Doris Hayemann, Miss Ruth Irvin of Redmond, Miss Betty Harcombe, Mrs. Wilfred A. Moore, Miss Faulkner.

Mothers Group

The Crescent club of Gamma Phi Beta mothers held its final meeting of the year, Wednesday, the members assembling in the McMoran and Washburne committee room for a no-hostess luncheon. Those attending were Mrs. C. A. Wintermiller, Mrs. Ray P. Miller, Mrs. Ernest R. Gilstrap, Mrs. Sherman W. Moody, Mrs. C. M. Collier, Mrs. L. D. Pierce, Mrs. E. D. Curtis, Mrs. W. T. Sherman, and Mrs. C. K. DeNeffe. Following the luncheon, the group went to the musicale-reception given at the campus school of music by the Adult Music study club.

Thornton Corners

THORNTON CORNERS, June 6.—(Special)—Ellena Golden of Klamath Falls is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Shortridge, and also friends in Springfield this week.

Miss Arvela Plaster who had visited relatives in Portland for some time, returned Friday to her home here.

Mrs. C. R. Trent and daughter Mary left Sunday morning for North Bend for a week's visit with relatives.

Mrs. H. C. Rose and daughters, Evelyn and McClannan, of Newport, were callers last week of Mrs. John William and Mrs. R. B. Dixon.

The Dewey Eagle family of Sweet Home and Mary Alma Benston of Saginaw, the Claude Willey family of Cottage Grove, and Mr. Willey's father, J. W. Willey, of Marcola were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Keene.

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Connie remained until Saturday and was accompanied home by the Otto Smith family of Springfield, who remained over Sunday at the L. R. Smith home.

Mrs. James Plaster, who spent last week in the Eugene hospital, was brought home Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fisher accompanied Mrs. Jean Long of Cottage Grove to the Addison Heath home at Hebron and spent the evening Tuesday of last week.

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ORGANIZATIONS

BUSY FRIDAY

Welfare League, O. E. S. Chapter Plan Events

By MARIAN LOWRY
 FRIDAY'S social events center mainly in club activities.

The Welfare League will hold its monthly meeting in the morning at nine-thirty o'clock at the Osburn hotel.

Evangeline chapter, Order of Eastern Star, is sponsoring its annual children's night meeting and program Friday at the Masonic temple. There will be a covered dish supper at six-thirty o'clock. Children of all members are being invited.

The Rainbow Order for Girls is to hold its regular meeting Friday evening at the Masonic temple, starting at seven-fifteen o'clock.

AMARANTH CLUB
 Amaranth Bridge club held its meeting, Wednesday, Mrs. W. S. Jost being hostess for the luncheon and afternoon of cards. Four tables were in play, honors going to Mrs. O. C. Davis and Miss Nellie McClure. The group is giving a picnic on June 17 at Swimmers' Delight.

TO MEET FRIDAY
 East W. C. T. U. is to meet Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. T. H. Garrett.

R. N. A. MEETING
 Gitchell camp, Royal Neighbors of America, is to meet Friday evening in regular session at the Eagles hall.

TO ENTERTAIN GROUP
 Mrs. A. Lombard is to be hostess Saturday for the luncheon and meeting of the New League.

WED MONDAY
 Miss Opal Ellison and Edward B. Conway were married Monday afternoon at the home of Rev. and Mrs. D. E. Baker, Rev. Mr. Baker performing the ceremony. Mrs. Lottie Conway, mother of the bridegroom, and Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Player were present for the wedding. The couple is to live in Eugene.

WEDDING FRIDAY
 The marriage of Miss Catherine Gribble, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gribble of Medford, to H. Donald Neely, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Neely of Mapleton, will be solemnized at noon, Friday, in Central Presbyterian church, Rev. Milton S. Weber officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Gribble arrived from Medford, Thursday, to be here for the wedding.

Rebekahs Planning Memorial Event
 The Rebekah lodge held its meeting, Wednesday evening, forty-eight attending. The program and refreshments were in charge of the F. L. Girls' club of the lodge.

A memorial service for deceased members will be held jointly by the Rebekahs and L. O. O. F. lodge on June 19 with Mrs. Bertha Pearson