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ARE TEACHERS HUMAN? WELL!
If any proof were needed that school teachers are entirely human, we have it in a letter from one of Eugene's junior high principals, taking us to task and sharply for some of our seeming animadversions on the teaching craft in Wednesday's rather extended discussion of "Teen Canteen" and its related problems. The letter:

"Your editorial in yesterday's Guard has more than provoked interest among my teaching staff; it has just plain provoked many of them.

"We thoroughly agree with some of your statements but such remarks as, 'I quote: * * * not a school teacher or an uplifter'—but a person who has good sense about kids and knows how to organize 'things to do,' indoors and outdoors, for both sexes, and * * * are outright disparaging to teachers and the teaching profession.

"Assuming that teachers are of average intelligence and have acquired at least a minimum of understanding of boys and girls from their educational preparation as teachers and from their teaching experience, it certainly stands to reason that teachers possess 'good sense about kids' if anyone does.

"Furthermore, may I point out to you that many of our teachers at the present time (thirteen on my own staff) have families of their own, including teen-age boys and girls, and hence, have developed within their own homes at least as much good sense about kids as the average family has developed."

First let us make plain that we did not intend any reflection upon a profession which we admire beyond measure. Fact is, sometimes, in our own bungling efforts to work with the young, we wonder:

"How on earth do teachers survive it?"

Nevertheless we think it will be generally admitted that we all bear the marks and scars of our trades. The signs are not always so obvious as the cowboy's bowed legs, but they are there. The doctor finds it difficult to lay aside his "bedside manner" entirely even at a poker game. The lawyer inclines to "split a hair" even though the earth shiver with disaster. The old soldier barks and the preacher intones even though it's only "Good day, sir!"

Editors? They show the ravages of many "occupational diseases"—such as "deadlines" which is close kin to St. Vitus dance, "astigmatism," hallucinations, nightmares, and worst of all a malady which Jack Cramer once diagnosed as "that * * * newspaper Jehovah complex." (Boy, that one hurt!)

The teachers, lord bless 'em, well they do tend to talk "pedigree" and it has often been observed that they acquire a certain haunted look. But after all, in that offending line about "no school teachers or uplifters" we were only echoing the "teeners" themselves. These kids will grow up and they will look back gratefully (and with many a regret for youthful cruelties) upon the teachers they have had.

The present fact is that the kids ARE SQUIRMING. In their after school program they crave something different. Maybe they don't know what they want. Maybe they ought to have their "ears knocked down." Maybe this fabulous leader from the great outside will have a knack for doing just that. And the strange thing is maybe they will like it.

(Last summer we watched a youthful forest gang whose mentor was a rough, tough old woodsman—but he knew every trail and creek, and every wildlife "sign," and just what to do and how to do it. He was working "the liver and lights out of 'em" on tool grinding, but he was brightening their toll with some marvellous woods tales and they were "his band of sheep."

This isn't the woods, and this is a different problem, but we do not think the teachers of Eugene need to feel hurt, or wonder if they have failed, just because there is a clamor for a new approach to this "after school" program.

The youngsters and their Junior Chamber pals have done more to steam up action on playgrounds and recreation programs than all of us Elders after several years of talk. We have a hunch the youngsters won't find this thing as easy as it looks. We have a hunch that after a few weeks of ferment they'll dash off to new fields and look to the Elders to finish the job (the way Franklin Delano Fiddle does with sawdust and grass cutting projects).

Our main thought has been that this enthusiasm is much too good to be lost. It merits a few prompt, even if painful, experiments. Actual delinquency in this community is not large, not more than 1 per cent, but it has been on the increase, and the danger signs are up.

There is only one difficulty in the relationship of teachers and kids—you see each other too much! McGuffey's old reader used to have a story about the boy who ran away from school because he didn't like the looks of Old Master Toil. He tried a lot of things, but he found that Mr. Toil's brothers were everywhere. This might be something like that.

PREVIEW FOR THE POST-WAR

In the early days of Eugene's Vocational School the dynamic Lillian Van Loan made a statement which sums up its "philosophy."

"Our job is to try to find the answers for anybody that comes through that door whether he (or she) is 17 or 70."

When the post-war arrives—and the signs are that it has begun—all the schools everywhere are going to get plenty of questions.

Friday's night's "preview for post-war" at the Eugene Vocational school is worth every citizen's attention. Already the Vocational School has several students returned from service; men who have been disabled and must learn new skills, men who want to round out training started before war interrupted.

Pretty soon the trickle will become a flood. Lane County's post-war program has attracted nation wide attention by reason of the proposition:

"We will take care of our own, without waiting for Santa Claus."

In that program the Vocational School is one of the most important units. It is functioning NOW. Visitors to the "open house" will get no pretty speeches or fancy souvenirs, but they will see men and women at work perfecting skills. It is our own school, directed by the Eugene school board.

Out on West 4th, just beyond Madison, the old Geary building, rebuilt by people who learned to build by building! Worth an evening!

Now that Mr. Roosevelt has tried his hand at improving Thanksgiving, Magna Charta, and the famous American Bill of Rights, Ajax McGurk predicts that a fourth term will see him offering a few betterments on the Ten Commandments.

Herb Cox who came in to kabitz on the McGurk statement says: "Heck, Ajax, he did that long ago; since the New Deal we've got Ten Thousand Commandments." (Herb used to be a Democrat.)

So far there is not even a hint of spring; Billy Maddaugh has the flu and there is silence on Route F, but those green things are just the candidacies beginning to sprout.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By PETER EDSON
Register-Guard Washington Correspondent

OWI AND THE REPORT SYSTEM

THE tale of woe of the Office of War Information in Washington does not consist solely of trying to make the Army and Navy give out information, nor of waging war with the Congress for more money and with the press corps for more news. Those are three important fronts, but the bloodiest of all is the battle which OWI wages with the other civilian offices of the government, trying to get them to agree on what is what and what should be told the American people about all manner of things pertaining to the war effort.

Getting and giving out this official dope was one of the standing assignments given OWI when it was first set up. It was also an assignment given to OWI's predecessor, the late and unlamented Office of Facts and Figures. OFF started off on the wrong foot by trying to do the job with pamphlets. OWI continued this line until it was discovered that the costs were excessive and the results negligible because the United States simply is not a tract-reading country. So OWI hit upon the technique of digging up its data and making it available to the established information media of press, magazines and radio in the form of duplicated reports, leaving it up to the writers and speakers to rehash such of the material as they desired.

30 Reports in Past Year
THESE OWI reports seldom get out into general circulation except in some of the larger cities where, sometimes, a newspaper will reproduce full text. From 1000 to 3000 copies of each report are run off, at a cost of \$86 per report, they say, and there it ends. At the past year there have been about 30 of these reports. All have been on more or less controversial subjects, but you'd never know it from reading the reports, which are pretty maddening dull. They have to be. It isn't the fault of the writers, but of the system.

Every report which concerns a subject of interest to more than one agency has to be cleared by them all. That's where feuds begin.

It took six weeks to get out the report on civilian gasoline supply. The Office of Petroleum Administration for War Harold L. Ickes wanted to say one thing and the then Office of Price Administrator Prentiss M. Brown wanted to say something else. Most of the time of preparation was consumed in trying to get the two parties to agree on not only the facts, but what should be said about them.

Last summer when there was a temporary butter shortage the War Food Administration wanted to get out a quick report explaining why. OWI didn't like what WFA prepared, and OWI took six weeks to get together the material it wanted. By that time the first butter shortage was over and another situation had developed.

Staff Subdued
EVERY effort is made to boil out all the propaganda and politics. A few of the early OWI pamphlets got out with a suspicion of New Deal economic doctrine in them and there was a row in Congress. When a corrective order was issued to cut out the opinionated stuff last April, 15 of the talented writers resigned in a huff. The staff today numbers eight, and they're pretty well subdued.

The question is whether all this is worth the effort. There is nothing in any of these jobs that any enterprising newspaper couldn't do for itself, if it wanted to. Few newspapers, and few magazines for that matter, can spend six weeks getting a half-column or even a full page. Should the government do it for them? In wartime, facts are made available to someone inside the government service which for security reasons aren't given to the entire press corps. The OWI writer can't use these facts any more than the outside writer or announcer could, but having the restricted information, the government writer can make some statements the reporter outside the government couldn't get at. Beyond that, the advantage doesn't exist.

The report system is bad in that it is a further development of the government public relations handout system, which contributes to a lazy, unenterprising press. The report system is not critical of government effort. It does not dig for dirt, or expose what's wrong. The report system erects a barrier between the independent press and the source of the news, because the independent reporter can't get at the prime source of the news. Abolishing the whole business the day the war ends or before won't be a day too soon.

B-PW Club Takes Up Projects

By MARIAN LOWRY

THE Eugene Business and Professional Women's club is to be among groups assisting in the women's division for the annual fight infantile paralysis campaign, it was voted at the luncheon meeting of the group, Thursday.

Mrs. Ruth Johnson has been named chairman for this activity, and will be assisted by Mrs. Clarence V. Simon, who will take over the tag sales for the club; Miss Geneva Blaine, Mrs. Scott Hastings, Mrs. Golda Reed, Mrs. Nora Robertson, Mrs. Mary Ellen Moore, Mrs. Earl Byrom.

Mrs. Merle Chase, club activities chairman, and Mrs. Harold Jensen, club president, talked on the women's participation in the coming fourth war loan drive. Mrs. Jensen mentioning the special awards for individual clubs who are responsible for selling \$25,000 or more in bonds, and individual women who sell \$5000 or more.

On Camp Project

Miss Marjorie Stewart reported on the club's project to furnish an evacuation hospital unit day room at Camp Adair, saying a piano, a portable phonograph, a radio, sheet music, phonograph records, two tables, and two chairs already have been sent there. The club is looking for a larger supply of sturdy, easy chairs, as well as davenport. Miss Stewart resigned as chairman of the committee and Mrs. Gail D. Liston was named to take her place.

Mrs. J. F. White reported on the club's executive group's plan to sponsor a club room for teen-age youth, but said the Junior chamber of commerce had come out with such a project before the business women's general membership could take up the matter, and she urged that the club now fall in line in supporting the chamber group in such a plan.

For Program

"Equal Pay for Comparable Work" was the topic for the day's program. Mrs. Thomas E. Carey in charge. Mrs. Perry Walbridge, Mrs. Delbert Brown, and Mrs. Mary Ellen Moore also gave comments on the topic. Mrs. Walbridge especially brought out that women have the power and the vote, it is a question now of uniting on what they want and going ahead to see that their plan is set up.

Miss Bertha Comings was announced as the new legislative chairman, succeeding Miss Martha Foster, resigned.

RETURNS TO EUGENE

Being welcomed back to Eugene is Mrs. Harold J. Shearer (Elaine Untermyer), who was in the east for several months, then at Forest Grove. Her husband is now overseas with the army.

WED IN SEATTLE

Miss Lorraine Winters and George Crocker, U.S.N., were married Sunday, Jan. 9, by Chaplain Smith at Sand Point U. S. Naval Air Station, Seattle, Wash. Mrs. Crocker is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Winters, Adrian, N. D. Mr. Crocker is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Crocker, Roseburg. Mr. Crocker is a former teacher at Eugene Vocational school. They will be at home in Seattle. The only attendants at the wedding were Miss Viola Madgen of Eugene and Bernard Choquette of U. S. Naval Air Station, Sand Point.

ALUMNAE MEET

Zeta Tau Alpha Alumnae met at the home of Mrs. R. Vernon Thompson Wednesday evening. A short business meeting was held. Those attending were: Mrs. Walter Erickson, Miss Ruth Hopson, Mrs. George Todd, Miss Evelyn Raymond, Miss Alice Gerot, Miss Wilhelmina Gerot. The next meeting will be at the Gerot home Wednesday, Feb. 9.

NEEDLE CLUB

Needle club of the Women's Relief Corps met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. A. Barker, Mrs. R. A. Bingham and Mrs. Ella Bray assisting. A project of child welfare work was discussed favorably, and it was agreed the club will assist the USO. Red Cross sewing was done by members. New officers were in charge of the meeting.

FAIRMOUNT GUILD

Fairmount Guild, scheduled to meet Thursday afternoon in postponed session, again postponed its meeting a week, and will gather next Thursday afternoon. Mrs. D. Miller will be the hostess. Illness among members was responsible for the double postponement.

Record Program Told

The record concert Sunday afternoon at 4 in the University library browsing room will feature the second "Brandenburg" concerto by Bach, the 'cello concerto by Haydn, and Beethoven's string quartette, Op. 129. By request, records by Gregor Piatagorsky will be played at the conclusion. The concert is one of the weekly series sponsored by Mu Phi Epsilon Patronesses association. Hostesses will be Mrs. Everett Harpham of the patronesses; Miss Celeste Campbell, alumnae; Miss Ruth Baker, active; Miss Mary Jane Wick, house librarians; Miss Adeline Adams, library staff. Selections are from the record libraries of two members of the U. of O. symphony orchestra, Miss Barbara Eagley and Verne Sellin.

Willie Hoppe gave billiard exhibitions when but seven years old.



IN SALEM next Monday evening to visit clubs of this district will be Miss Winnifred J. Hughes, president of Zonta International. Several Eugene members are expected to greet her at the Salem meeting.

Recreation House Planned at School

The Lincoln school Parent-Teacher association held its regular monthly meeting Wednesday evening, at the school assembly room.

Miss Viva Green's fourth grade class presented a short program, and group singing was led by Miss Marie Mitchell.

A short talk on health was given by Miss Mabel Kirshman. The business meeting was presided over by Mrs. Hershel McIntyre, Pres., Kenneth Shumaker, assistant general supervisor of Eugene city schools, was the principal speaker, discussing the recreational situation in Eugene. He also assisted the planning of a recreation house which is to be sponsored by the parents and patrons of the Lincoln P.T.A. The committee appointed to take charge of this project includes Charles E. Teague, I. C. Richards, and Clyde L. Quam.

Refreshments were served by the mothers of the fifth grade rooms, the committee including Mrs. Claude Gardiner, Mrs. C. B. Lee, Mrs. H. L. G. Smith, and Mrs. W. E. Montandon.

The room prize for the largest attendance of parents was won by Miss Viva Green's fourth grade class.

Mothers Meet

Sigma Kappa Mothers' club met the past Wednesday with Mrs. Mary C. Brockelbank and Mrs. N. P. Larsen as hostesses at the home of the former. Dessert was served. Attending were Mrs. L. C. Achterman, Mrs. Louis E. Bean, Mrs. Brockelbank, Mrs. Margaret Cushman, Mrs. R. E. Griswold, Mrs. Gus Helikon, Mrs. J. B. Hewitt, Mrs. Andrew Hill, Mrs. Louis Johnson, Mrs. Nels Jorgensen, Mrs. Larsen, Mrs. P. H. Lehman, Mrs. L. L. Ray, Mrs. F. H. Skillern.

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Elections For Guild Reported

NEW officers were chosen this week by St. Mary's guild, St. Mary's Episcopal church as follows: Mrs. Herbert Smeed, president; Mrs. Allen Osborne, vice-president; Mrs. F. L. Travess, secretary; Mrs. Nels Jorgensen, treasurer; Mrs. Burr E. Fisher, cards and flowers chairman.

The group made plans for a pot-luck luncheon to be served at next week's meeting. At that time there will be two comforts to tie, a new quilt to be started on, and other sewing done. Mrs. Smeed will have charge of the luncheon.

YBW Club Talks Over Activities

At their dessert meeting Wednesday evening, members of the Young Business Women's Club were honored by the presence of Mrs. James Gurley, formerly Arnetta Wood, who is a charter member of the club. She is now residing in Seattle and gave a report on her club activities there.

The new year for the YBW starts in February and plans were discussed for some project or aim to be undertaken whereby the club will be taking a more active part in contributing to the civic welfare of Eugene.

Mrs. Robert Goodwin gave a report on the bond rally dinner held earlier that evening which she attended in place of the club president. A letter from Private Joyce Phillips, who is taking marine corps training in North Carolina, was read.

Misses Darlene Wood and Joan Knight will be hostesses for the dinner meeting to be held Wednesday evening, Jan. 28.

Aid Elects

Officers elected by Central Lutheran aid society Thursday afternoon were: Mrs. Chris Jorgander, president; Mrs. George Myrmo, vice president; Mrs. J. L. Jepson, secretary; Mrs. Arthur Warberg, treasurer. The society presented little Jan Aalbu, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Harold Aalbu, with a defense bond, it being her first birthday. Next meeting will be at the parish house, with Mrs. George Chalberg as hostess.

Zontians to Greet International Head

Zonta clubs of Salem, Corvallis, and Eugene will entertain the president of Zonta International, Miss Winnifred J. Hughes of Syracuse, N. Y., next Monday evening, Jan. 24, Marion hotel, Salem. She is on tour to visit clubs in the five western states and mid-western areas.

A banquet is being arranged for the visitor in Salem. Miss Hughes for the past twenty years has been executive secretary of the Alumni association of Syracuse university and editor of the Alumni News there. She is active in the USO and Red Cross nurse recruitment work in Syracuse, as well as other civilian defense activities, and is an active member of the American Association of University Women, Daughters of the American Revolution, and women writers' groups.

Local members planning to attend the Salem event are asked to contact the local president, Mrs. Fanny Mariatte.

Dotsons Observe 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Dotson observed their golden wedding anniversary, January 6, with a family dinner gathering at their home. They were married fifty years ago in Aliceville, Kansas, and have lived in Eugene some thirty-five years.

All four of their children and the families of the latter attended the reunion, including the two daughters, Miss Vala Dotson of Los Angeles and Mrs. V. S. McClellan of Klamath Falls and her daughters, Misses Elaine and Patricia McClellan; and the two sons, Glendon and Dot Dotson, both of Eugene and Dot Dotson's children, Jimmy and Barbara Dotson. The other grandson, Bertrand Dotson, son of Glendon Dotson, is in the service. Also attending the reunion were V. S. McClellan, Mrs. Dot Dotson, W. E. Brazelton of Los Angeles, a nephew, S. A. Valentine of Creswell, and Mrs. Lois McHoes.

The Navajo Indians of New Mexico are natural soldiers. Most of them are already hardened by their nomadic life. That may account for the fact that they like the strenuous branches of the service. Recently 92 joined the Marines. On the firing range, they outshot all other platoons at their particular field.

Mrs. Osborn Will Head Local CDA

THE Catholic Daughters of America met Wednesday evening for their regular meeting with the visiting group, Mrs. L. J. Osborn, in the place of the guest, the late Mrs. George Helm.

The court elected Mrs. Osborn to the office of president and Mrs. Charles C. Osborn to the office of vice-president. Several items of importance were discussed and decided upon. The Catholic Daughters at their next social meeting, Feb. 26, to have a card party and funds for infants, and a silver offering to be made.

Next regular meeting, Feb. 9.

Dorcas Group

Dorcas society of Emmanuel church held its meeting Wednesday evening at the home of Misses Margaret and Othy Christenson. Reports of the year were heard, and the year officers were elected. Miss Ardis Anderson, Patricia Fenn, vice-president; Lois Johnson, secretary; Louise Elgaard, treasurer; Miss Hansen, corresponding secretary; Misses Elaine and Gladys Lund, flower girls; Misses Marcia Hansen, Margaret Christenson, Marion Anderson, and Marcia Hansen, committee. The next meeting will be a valentine party at the home of Miss Fenn.

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II Peter 2:2

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