

Annual Tax Meeting

Estacada is to be congratulated on the fine progressive educational program made possible as a result of the annual tax meeting last Wednesday. Superintendent Signs and the Board of Education have been working for some time on a comprehensive plan of improvement and growth to present the district and this was outlined at the meeting and the funds necessary to carry out the plans were voted with but three dissenting votes. Briefly outlined the plans consist of first, the placing of a motion picture machine in the High School for community and educational purposes. This will make it possible in addition to the regular film service of an entertaining and instructive nature, to take advantage of a fine collection of educational films and slides which are sent free to schools by the University Extension Department. The outfit has already been ordered and we hope to receive it within a few weeks.

The next feature which will be placed in force at once, will be that of Music Supervision in all departments. It is possible by combining with other schools between here and Portland to get a capable music instructor to come to Estacada for one full day's work per week in the schools at a very nominal cost. There are several people who would like this work and the Board expects to reach a decision soon.

Then, the interest in our Commercial Department and the prospects for a large beginning class next year make an assistant teacher in that work necessary and this has been provided for, together with funds for some needed increases in salaries if we are to keep our best teachers.

However, if there is any discrimination to be made, the most far reaching movement set on foot touches upon two main points where we are about to join hands with the government in its educational program, by providing for an agriculture teacher under the Smith-Hughes Act (the government paying half the salary) and the establishment of a summer school for Agriculture, Home Economics, Commercial and Industrial work, thereby making it possible to realize full value from our educational plant, by keeping it open practically the year round, rather than idle three months.

Prof. H. P. Barrows, of the Agriculture Department at O. A. C. and a member of the State Vocational Board, was a speaker at the Teachers' Institute Saturday. He said he tried all last

year to get an invitation or some excuse to come to Estacada to interest the district in the Smith-Hughes Act and he was most happily surprised when he arrived Saturday to find that cooperation with the government had been made possible by the action of the voters. The State Board of Vocational Training must pass upon the qualifications of the instructor, and the equipment, and assist the local authorities in supervising the work. Prof. Barrows will assist us in securing the proper man to head the work in Estacada and vicinity, and the plan should prove one of the best steps taken toward the building up of the Estacada schools.

There is another feature of the Smith-Hughes Act that it may be worth while to be thing about. The government will pay half the salary of the Domestic Science teacher if a five room modern practice house is available for instruction work. The half of the teacher's salary contributed by the government for two years would build and equip the house. Why not have it?

The same provision is made for helping out the Manual Training and shop work. The Government will pay half the salary of the teacher if the school meets certain definite requirements. Uncle Sam is a pretty good fellow to be in partnership with.

We might add that Estacada is among the pioneers in the agriculture work referred to above, Enterprise, Hood River and Gresham having just started. We shall begin our work in the spring and whoever takes up the work will be with us the year round. Half his work will be in school and half in the field and if there is the same hearty cooperation in this work that is shown in all other lines the results will be immeasurable.

Just a word about our dream for the Estacada school plant. Roughly sketched—there should be a heating plant in the center of the block supplying heat to all the buildings, there would be a gymnasium north of the present High School, in the basement of which would be the shops with electric power machinery, forges, and a place for teaching auto construction and repairs. There would also be a practice house for home economics. Then with an intelligent scheme of landscape gardening, we would have one of the finest plants in the state.

Little Louise Powers is having quite a serious time with her eyes, not being able to attend school all the time.

New Fares on The Interurban

Effective next Sunday, December 1, 1918, the Public Service Commission has ordered new passenger fares inaugurated on the Interurban lines of this Company.

The following will be the cash fares on the Estacada-Cazadero line between Portland and the following points:

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60 RIDE FAMILY BOOKS will be good for any member of the family for a period of six months from date of sale.

SCHOOL TICKETS will be sold at the same rates as heretofore.

OTHER CHANGES

The sale of all round-trip tickets has been ordered discontinued. All present 20 coupon books outstanding on December 1, will be void but will be redeemed at cost.

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