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"A LITTLE KNOWLEDGE IS A DANGEROUS THING"

It has been a source of gratification to the Sentinel editor to hear the comments of Coquille business men who had read the libelous attack made on him by the Coos Bay Times in a two-column editorial last Friday evening.

Many made a point of calling the Sentinel to express their indignation and resentment and if it has had any effect it is to make the Times even more unpopular in Coquille than it has been.

Two days ago, the Times was inclined to the dictatorial policy, but it had an able editor then, and not a water-boy puppet such as is the youngster who attempted to belittle the Sentinel editor last Friday.

And in this connection it can be added that this same youth was probably influenced in his libelous article by the fact that his attempts to purchase the Sentinel have been futile. Coquille business interests have been very kind to the Sentinel for the past quarter of a century and we would not care to inflict such a personality on Coquille by selling the Sentinel to him.

Another thing that the boy can chew on: We feel perfectly capable of conducting the Sentinel as we see fit, and his fledgling ideas of what we should do are only in keeping with the Times' dictatorial policy.

Had the Times' publisher himself been at home and responsible for the Times' childish and silly editorial, it might have been considered a more serious offense against decency and good taste.

But it's the making of the pup, and even though Marshfield readers universally condemn such a personal attack as the Times made, we can only consider the unfitness of the youngster for the position he holds.

THOUSANDS LIKE THEM

"If you think I'm going to vote for Hess for governor, you're mistaken," said a stalwart democrat to the Sentinel man yesterday. Another, equally strong in his democratic allegiance heretofore, asked Saturday how soon he could change his registration. "I'm through with the democratic party," was his fiat.

Neither of these men have been New Dealers, but they have been life-long democrats; their forefathers were democrats. They have not been office holders, but were part of the backbone of democracy in Coquille, when they went down to defeat year after year, before the party was sold out to goonism and the "live without work" idea.

And these two are typical of the changes taking place in Oregon these days.

"We're out of shovels," said a recent telegram to WPA headquarters at Washington. "We are out, too; let them lean on one another," was the prompt reply.



The results of Friday's primary election were full of surprises. Not the least of these was the strength developed by Henry L. Hess, democratic nominee for governor, in the outstate counties. While the nomination of Hess had been regarded as a possibility, although not a probability, all pre-election surveys had shown Governor Martin to be running far ahead of his opponent in all but a few of the out-state counties. The result of the election has thoroughly discredited "straw votes" as a dependable gauge of public sentiment. In this case, at least, they failed to go deep enough to reach the supporters of the union labor candidate. While Martin did go into Multnomah county with a plurality over Hess, the margin of difference between the two candidates was too close for comfort. Hess showed the governor a clean pair of heels in 13 counties and ran him a neck-and-neck race in four

other counties which had been regarded as Martin strongholds. On the other hand Martin gained a slight lead in Klamath county which had been regarded as a Hess stronghold because of its large labor vote.

One of the surprising results of Friday's balloting was the poor showing made by Sam Brown in his race for the republican nomination for governor. While Charles Sprague, Salem publisher, was picked to win the nomination, Brown was expected to run at least a fairly close second. The results, however, show the Gervais farmer to be trailing far in the rear with fewer than half the number of votes received by Sprague who came within a few votes of a majority of the total cast for the gubernatorial candidates.

The victory of Hall S. Lusk, non-partisan candidate for one of the supreme court possibilities, also contained an element of surprise, in that he not only led his two opponents but polled more votes than both of the other candidates combined, thus obviating the necessity for a run-off election next fall.

The anti-price discrimination act passed by the legislative session of 1937 became effective last Saturday when Circuit Judge Lewelling filed a default decree quashing a referendum instituted by George C. Stanley, Eugene merchant, in an effort to defeat the measure. Modeled after the federal Robinson-Patman act, the new law prohibits price discrimination in the sale of goods and to ban sales of goods or services at less than cost for the purpose of destroying competition. The measure was sponsored by the Oregon Association of Trade Executives, an organization said to number in its membership thousands of small merchants.

The latest initiative proposal to make its appearance is a proposed constitutional amendment which would prohibit the imposition of a sales tax on articles of food for human consumption. The petition was filed by the Family Budget Protective League, and Western Consumers, Inc., with headquarters in Portland.

Careful motorists will be rewarded with a refund of insurance premiums under a merit rating plan of automobile insurance which has just been approved by Hugh Earle, state insurance commissioner. Earle says that he expects the new plan to result in a saving of at least \$200,000 a year to motorists who earn the reward by escaping responsibility for any traffic accident during the year.

Attorney General Van Winkle has advised the Board of Control that it has no jurisdiction over expenditures of the State Employment commission. The ruling came after two months of jockeying between the board and the commission over the rental of a building in Portland for use by the commission. Two months ago the board refused to approval rental of the building at \$850. Negotiations by representatives of the board brought about a reduction of the rent figure to \$700 a month. The Employment commission then proceeded to write in new requirements into the lease which the owner of the building refused to accept without an increase in the rental price. For the past two weeks the deal has been stalemated because the board and the commission have refused to give in. The ruling of the attorney general removes the board from the picture and leaves the commission free to negotiate its own lease without interference.

County School News from Mrs. Martha Mulkey's Office

Library Project
The library workers who are repairing books of the schools in the county are temporarily working downstairs in the court house, due to the fact that the grand jury is in session this week.

Books are being received from many districts large and small and the workers are doing a very creditable piece of work. By means of a small machine they are able to recase even the larger books which need to be resealed.

Children's Book League

Children in the following school districts have been awarded individual certificates by the Oregon state library: Millington, Pleasant Hill and Bridge. Room certificates have been awarded to the 7th and 8th room at Millington with Nellie Shephard as teacher, and to 5th and 6th grade room in same school with Ethel Fish, teacher.

Non-High

Walter Cox has agreed to meet the low bid for transportation of pupils on the south of Bandon route and the Non-High school board will therefore contract with him again. Ennis Loshbaugh was the low bidder at the Non-High school board meeting of May 9.

See Cream O' Coos for Kelvinator refrigerators.

Riverton School

by Wayne R. Robinson

The Riverton Baccalaureate services, which were held last Sunday, May 22, for the eleven members of the class of 1938 in the Pioneer Methodist church in Coquille, were very well-attended. The members of the class and the friends who attended the services expressed the opinion that Rev. H. L. Graybeal's sermon was one of the most inspiring and appropriate sermons that they had heard on such an occasion.

The Riverton High School commencement exercises will be held at 8 p. m. Thursday, May 26, in the high school gymnasium at Riverton. The tentative program is as follows:

- Processional - Harriet Miller
- Invocation - Rev. M. Smith
- Piano solo, "Aspiration" by Ethelbert Vivin - Harriet Miller
- Introduction of Speaker - Supt. Wayne Robinson
- Address - Leland P. Linn
- Supt. Myrtle Point Schools
- Piano, "Waltz in A Flat" by Johannes Bookus - Harriet Miller
- Presentation of Awards and Certificates - Wayne R. Robinson

Master Engravers' Memorial Plaque - Highest scholastic average (4 yrs.), Bonita Fee; activity and citizenship (1937-38), Ralph Herman.

Future Farmers of America - State Officers: Ralph Herman, Pacific International Livestock Exposition judging champion in Holsteins (first in Oregon), Joe Fetch.

Daughters of American Revolution - Good citizenship pilgrimage award, Louise Carlson.

Scholarship Certificates (grade average above "2") - Fred Porter, Ferril Schrader, Bill Ray, Alice Church, Mabel Westley, Clarabel Chard, Hazel Heffley, Pauline Westley, Ralph Herman, Quentin Church, Caroline Fetch, Muriel Herman, Mayme Royer, Lois Auer, Bonita Fee, Louise Carlson, Hilma Leonard, Mary Gilmore, Glenys Gilbert, Margaret Carlson, Keith Young, Doris Morgan.

Perfect Attendance (all year) - Jean Gilmore.

Perfect Attendance (one semester) - Keith Young, Mayme Royer, Genevieve Fetch.

Student Body Athletic Awards - Warren Haga, Grant Hartwell, Joe Fetch, Bill Ray, Max Mullen, Miles Hartwell, Bob McCue, captain.

Presentation of grade school diplomas - Mrs. Clara Jeffries

Eight Grade Graduates: Geraldine Guerin, Junior Gilbert, Margie Rogers, Nancy Roberts, Kenneth Rogers, Bobby Georges, Ernest Kight, Winston Gibson, Dorothy Newman, Orville Young

Presentation of High School Diplomas: Louise Carlson, Lois Auer, Bonita Fee, Joe Fetch, Ralph Herman, Hilma Leonard, Warren Haga, Quentin Church, Grover Haga, Bob McCue, Grant Hartwell

Benediction - Rev. M. Smith

Recessional

Harriet Miller

This year's high school extra-curricular program has been quite varied and successful under the guidance of the four Riverton high school teachers. At the beginning of the year, the extra-curricular work was divided among the teachers and with few exceptions was carried through the year.

Miss Gale Hufford (Home ec. and English teacher) took the responsibility of reporting the school news to the newspapers, advising the school paper and annual staff and supervising the cafeteria. Miss Hufford was offered a new contract for next year but declined in favor of a higher-salaried position at Yoncola, Oregon. Miss Edna Gilman acted as girls' league adviser, assisted in production of the annual, and was sophomore class adviser. Miss Gilman will be at Riverton again next year. Comm. and History).

Carroll Rycraft (Smith-Hughes agriculture and science) coached a three-act play, "Step On It Stan" and acted as adviser of the F. F. A. and the junior class. Mr. Rycraft will be at Riverton again next year.

Wayne Robinson, superintendent and teachers of mathematics and civics) was senior class adviser and coached the three major sports—baseball, basketball and track. Mr. Robinson spends one-fourth of his time as grade school principal and expects to return to Riverton for work again this fall.

Those who served on the high school board during the school year were Frank Van Leuven, chairman; Mrs. D. P. Jenkins, Conrad Borgard, Mrs. William Carlson, Joe Nilsen and Mrs. Lillian Hanly, clerk.

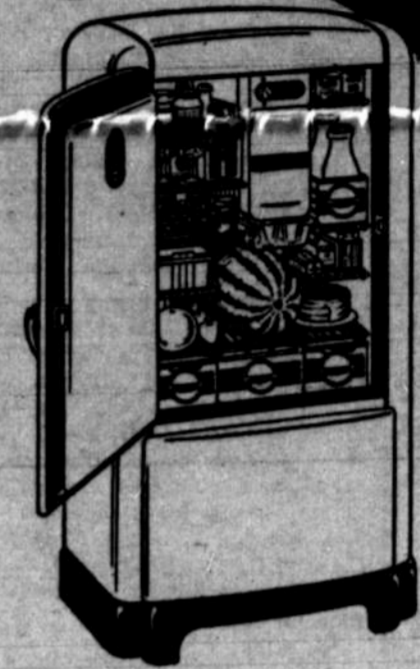
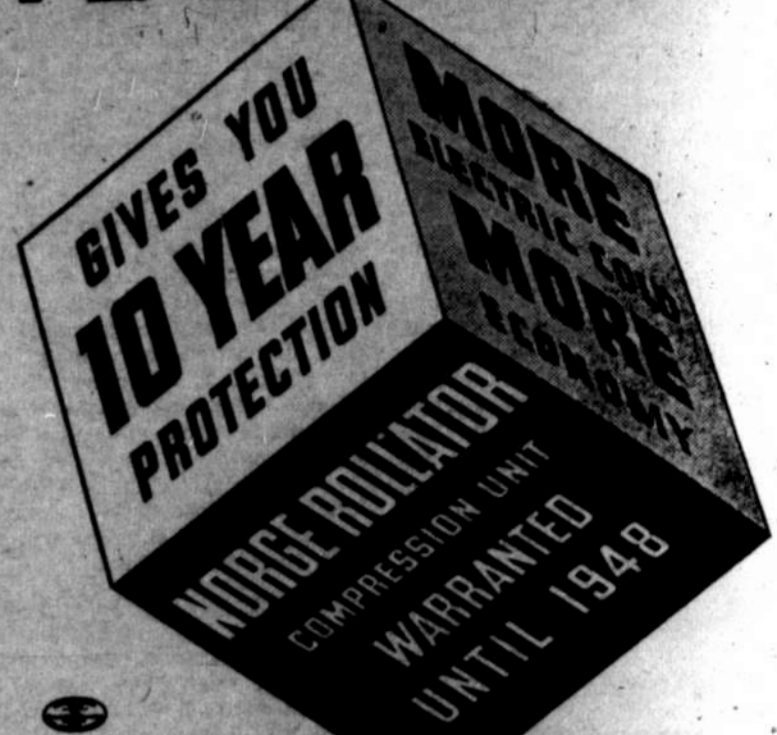
On the grade school board Mrs. Clara Jeffries acted as chairman with Joe Nilsen and Randall Johnson as board members.

In the approaching annual school election one member will be elected to the high school board and two members for the grade board. This year Mrs. Jeffries' term expires and Randall Johnson will accept a position as bus driver and janitor next fall. He expects to resign before the annual school election in order to prevent the necessity of a special school election in the fall.

Riverton's annual school picnic will be held at Eel Creek camp on May 31, the Tuesday after Decoration Day. Both the grade school and high school student bodies will spend the day there. Transportation is being furnished by the district free (the usual price for use of busses for student trips is ten cents per mile both ways). The grade students will ride in the two small busses and the high school students in the large bus. Parents are invited to attend the picnic but are urged to bring their cars if they have any. The high school students expect to take in the amusements at Currier's Village.

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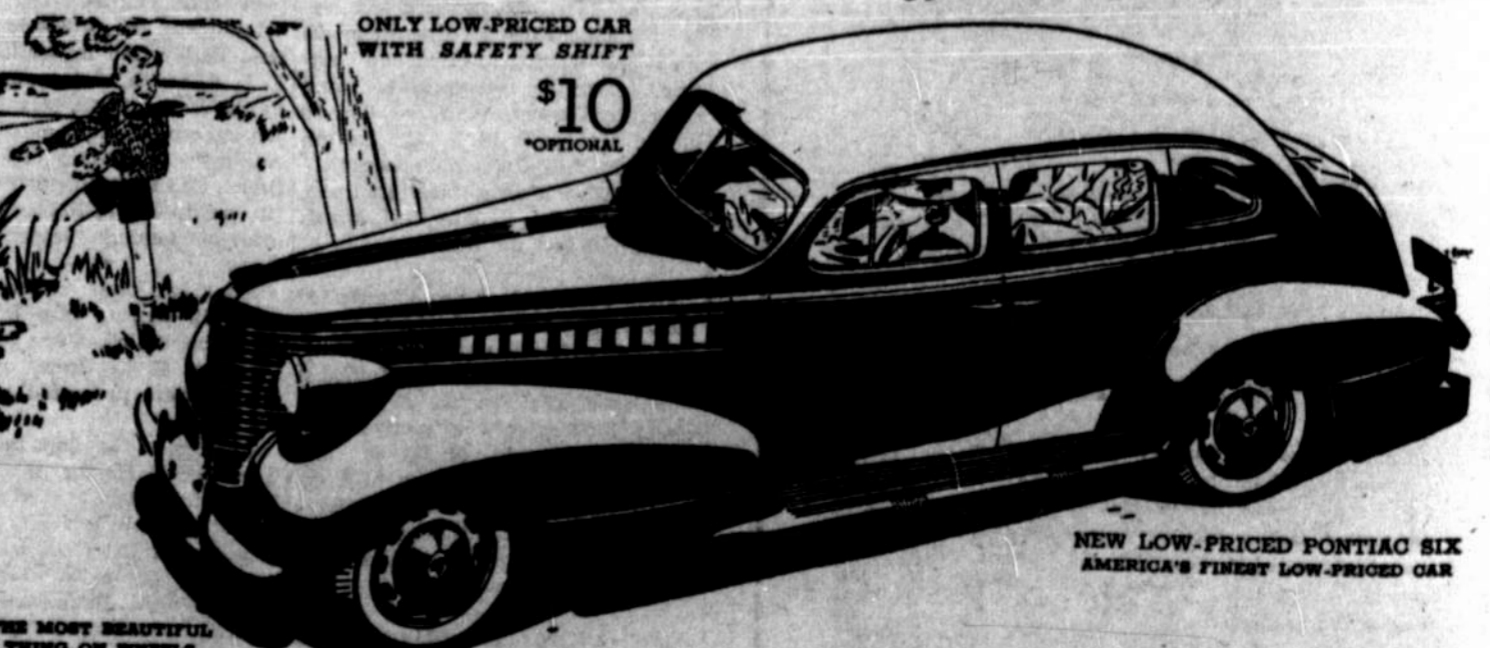
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