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## Let's Try Religion

No one can justifiably question the text nor the quality of addresses given at the fine Coos-Curry Workshop for teachers. If that word Workshop baffles you, then bear with us, too, when our tongue twists and stutters as we try to use it instead of the fine old American term, teachers' institute.

The topics on a professional level were good and the groups handled the reports well. The teachers profited.

But more interesting to us were several other talks which served as the frosting so to speak on the cake of the teachers' get-together.

J. W. Tewinkle of Spokane high school, spoke on "Let's Try Education" and he made some mighty fine remarks. Quoting him in part is no doubt a bit unfair, but quote him we must.

"Adequate public education is life insurance of national existence." He then went on to say that we aren't so hot and that "Actually we are far down the line among the nations of the world in national literacy and behind the Russians in ability to read and write."

"Education is the balancing force in a nation's economy. As it grows older and weakens its resources, it must learn new technological devices or die."

"There is a direct relationship between a country's stability, its ability to withstand economic shocks and the generosity of its public education. The only safety for men and property lies in the education of the mass of mankind in loyalty to certain rights and institutions."

Now just considered as such, Educator Tewinkle's statements are so much push.

We doubt if Russia is ahead of us. And we'd like him to prove it to us. From the last reports we have seen Russia is a pretty badly mixed up country when it comes to literacy.

We're not so sure that public education, per se, is life insurance of a country. Some of the best Reds we have uncovered during the past few years and Alger Hiss comes to mind, too, have been fine examples of well educated people.

From watching the 1929-1933 fiasco we aren't a bit sure that education balanced the nation's economy. In fact the people who jumped out of windows in New York's Wall Street were mighty finely educated citizens.

And the great technological devices of the past century or more many times have come

from the strong and rugged working man with a spirit and a heart.

Lest we be too unfair, however, we must say that Mr. Tewinkle does feel that the home is responsible for much, too, and that the schools can't do it all.

Our disagreement, if there is any, must surely come from the pat ready-made way all, well-nearly all, educators have of building up the SCHOOL as the dominant force in a nation.

Instead of "Let's Try Education" perhaps we might say "Let's Try Religion."

Certainly the greatest blow this country has had struck at it is not at its schools, but at its churches.

A bare handful of men and women at an early mass. A church with empty pews. A minister with no avowed purpose and faith and no message. A children not knowing the warm comfort of an everpresent God.

No schools with their cold straight rows of desks. No school with its counting-house-like office where each child is a record in black and white marks and a psychological profile is going to take the place of a nation with a great faith and religion.

Let's try religion, too, as well as education. And to Mr. Tewinkle we say thanks for a good talk. It really was good. We just think he overemphasizes the place of the school in a strong nation.

## They Can't Beat Truman

Strange as it may seem to the warhorses of the saddened and depleted ranks of the republican advance guard, they can't beat Harry Truman.

We know! We just spent a few hours with a group of workers of the A. F. of L. and the C. I. O. and though we were actually on a sort of vacation from our editorial duties, the subject still came up, and they told us. "We like Ike, he's a nice guy, but a military man has no place running for president and that goes for MacArthur, too, if such guys as George Hall of Myrtle Point would like to put him up."

We mentioned Taft. And you should have heard it. Boy, if Taft heard what the great vociferous mass of America's working men such as we have here in Coos county said, he wouldn't even file his name in New Hampshire.

"Who will win?" we asked, and the answer we got was "Harry Truman."

Now this is February and our good friends who make logs and lumber and plywood tell us—at least a lot of them—that Mr. Truman will be president.

They told us last time. We didn't believe 'em.

Mark this on your little notebook page. Harry Truman is the next president. Want to know why? Because those guys all vote. Yep, 100 per cent. While the GOPs forgot how to go to the polls, being too busy worrying about Truman.

Of course, it might be, that if they all voted, it might be different. But they probably will do just like they did in 1948. And they're going to get a Democrat again.

## Leave Us Face It

(From the Forest Log)

Certainly you are busy. Work is piling up and you fume and fuss and pitch in and work, but it piles even higher. What the heck! Slow down! You could live to be as old as Methuselah and still find work piling up on you. One man, harried, hurried and explosive over his work, was advised to work six hours a day instead of eight and to spend one day a week in a cemetery.

"But what," asked the man, "shall I do in a cemetery?"

"Just loaf," sez the Doctor. "Get acquainted with some of the people who are there permanently. They didn't finish their work either. Nobody does, you know."

So slow down today and enjoy life—before you go down permanently. Please read this again.

Marshfield high school for honors in the Oregon high school debating league for the Coos Bay district. Coquille's debate squad was composed of Madeline McKeown and Avery Combs, affirmative speakers; while Donald Farr and Fred Fuhrman upheld the negative.

For four days, beginning today, the Southern Pacific sells round trip tickets at one cent a mile, the only limit being a return before midnight of March 1.

Adolph Isler, proprietor of the Coquille Sheet Metal Works, has made a deal with C. A. Gage for the purchase of the old Knowlton Drug store frame building on Front street and moved into it last Saturday from the Paulson building on Front, next to the City Cleaners.

Individuality is everywhere to be spared and respected as the root of everything good. —Jean Paul Richter

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## PARAGRAPHS OF THE PAST

From The Sentinel Files of 20 Years Ago

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, February 19, 1932)

The "fish Pullman" truck of the State Fish and Game Commission left last Saturday after liberating 1,025,700 fry in the streams of Coos and Curry counties since Nov. 27. The fish were all taken from the state hatchery on Ferry creek near Bandon.

W. E. Marrion of Portland, president of the Coast Oil Co., and J. J. Jutze, its secretary-treasurer, came in last Saturday and remained until Monday, conferring with J. Ellis Loreman, geologist, who has been studying this section, as to the possibilities of gas and oil development for the past six weeks.

There were nearly 500 dairymen and members of their families present for the Swift Day program at the Liberty theatre Tuesday.

Although the state election laws provide for the nomination of city officials in towns of over 2,000 by primary election at the same time the state general primary is held, City Attorney Corby gives as his opinion that the city of Coquille can nominate by caucus as it has always done heretofore under the city charter. One reason he gives for this opinion is that the state law presupposes candidates of political parties, something that the charter of the city does not recognize, and it is well that it doesn't, for what difference can it possibly

make whether a mayor or councilman is republican or a democrat?

Hal Baxter expects to begin next week hauling logs from his camp north of Coquille. There is 15 to 18 million feet of red fir that he will log out. About 20 men are employed at present.

Nearly a week now of below freezing weather, the thermometer this morning standing at 24 degrees.

Coquille high school debaters, by taking three out of four debates of the 1932 schedule, with a total of eight out of a possible twelve points, stands tied with

## I Would Have Daffodils

I would have daffodils brought to my burying,  
If my time should hap to be their time, the spring.  
Daffodils glorious,  
The flower victorious,  
Golden throats shaped for the psalm they sing.

I would have daffodils over me planted,  
When under grass-roots I lie, long forgot.  
Thro' dead earth leaping,  
Their trust with light keeping,  
Shall come my daffodils, falling me not.

I would have daffodils, I would have daffodils,  
Yearly my message to sunlight to bring.  
Always one story,  
One gospel of glory,  
"Grave hath no victory, death hath no sting!"

FRANCES HOLMSTROM

# WASHINGTON WEEK

The visit of Winston Churchill and his staff was not for the purpose of asking us to furnish financial aid directly to Great Britain. It was for two other purposes—both of which could involve heavy expenditures by us.

(1) Churchill explained that England's financial difficulties can be eased, if not actually solved, if she is relieved of some of her present commitments in the fight against communism.

(2) The British government would like us to assume an equal share in keeping the Suez Canal open and protected, and to join in "walk the same path."

The British Prime Minister produced an impressive bundle of facts to bolster his request that his country be relieved of some of the cold war and defense burden it has voluntarily carried. He pointed out, for example, that Britain's participation in the European defense system is now equal to two-thirds as much as all of the rest of Europe combined. Certainly Churchill's approach to the problem of settling the financial affairs of his country in better order makes a lot of sense. He says simply that the United Kingdom is spending more money than it has or can raise and that it cannot continue to do that. What a pity that we have not had that sort of simple logic used in the operation of our own government these last four years.

As I listened to Mr. Churchill's speech, I wondered a few times if it would not be better for him to make his statement to the other European governments rather than to us. After all, we, too, have all but over-extended ourselves in

this fight for freedom in the world. I was lately right close up to the situation in Europe and came away with the impression that the governments in Western Europe are not really going "all out" in this fight—surely not to the extent that the United States and the United Kingdom are contributing.

As for the British second objective, that of our closer unity with them in their world policies and endeavors, I have some grave misgivings. We may be forced finally to do exactly that but I am inclined to think that to do it voluntarily, and now, might foreclose the still living possibility of genuine cooperation in all of the free world. In other words, I think it would be unwise to consolidate the English speaking areas into a tight and separate combination of power. This could have the effect of creating a third great division in the world which would then consist of: (1) the Communist-controlled countries; (2) the English speaking countries; and (3) the remainder of the free world. It will be better, I think, to keep the present lineup—the entire free world opposed to communist aggression.

The House Committee on Banking and Currency has been directed by the House to investigate the insuring the guaranteeing of loans (by the U.S.) for private housing in order to determine the extent to which government agencies have facilitated or more possible the insuring or guaranteeing of loans for defective housing.

Hon. Brent Spence, chairman of the committee, says the committee will welcome receiving any complaints from home purchasers dealing with defective construc-

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tion, draining or sanitary conditions. Such information, says Chairman Spence, will be most helpful in appraising the extent of defective private housing which is being constructed with the assistance of Government home loan financing. Such complaints which should recite specific facts, may either be sent to me for transmittal to the committee, or directly to the House of representatives

Committee on Banking and Currency, Washington, D. C.

## HOLLYWOOD VETERAN

Jack Mulhall, veteran of many Hollywood films, celebrated his 38th year in pictures during filming of Paramount's "Just For You." Technicolor musical drama co-starring Bing Crosby, Jane Wyton and Ethel Barrymore.

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