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**CURIOSITY DESIRABLE**

If your small son or daughter takes your store of information, and often your patience by his or her ability to ask questions, you may sometimes feel a trifle irritated. But you are to be congratulated.

Curiosity, according to Miss Rena Heagen, assistant professor of hygiene at Oregon State college, is a sign of normal intelligence in a child. If the questioning tendency fails to appear, she says, there must be grave doubts as to the child's mental integrity.

"Normal children ask every variety of question," says Miss Heagen. "It is of the utmost importance for parents to realize that the bulk of information cannot be acquired within the formal confines of the schoolroom, and that unless normal curiosity is satisfied, the child will remain stunted in his mental stature."

Curiosity, Miss Heagen believes, is a common and essential trait in all children with the possible exception of the idiot. Some children, do have an over-supply of it, while others have too little, but it is difficult to decide just when it is beyond the limits of mental health in either direction.

A party of Union Pacific railroad officials visited Athena and interviewed Athena merchants and business men, relative to giving their freight business to the railroad rather than to the auto truck companies. The Union Pacific apparently offers equal shipping facilities from Portland to Eastern Oregon points on its lines by the introduction of a truck pickup delivery service. As a matter of loyalty due the Union Pacific in freight patronage the officials while in this office cited the amount of taxes the company pays into the treasury of Umatilla county this year as being \$232,774.98, and that the deficit in operating expenses of O.-W. R. & N. divisions for the first five months of 1931 had reached a total of \$500,000. Further they said, the business on the Oregon-Washington division of the system had fallen to a level where there was at the present time serious consideration of abandoning the agency stations at both Weston and Adams, and transferring the clerical work to the Athena station.

Idaho protects her dairy herds and markets from oleo competition by stringent laws. In 1929 her legislature made it unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to sell, exchange, offer for sale or have in possession with intent to sell or offer for sale or exchange any oleomargarine, imitation or filled cheese or any substitute for any dairy products made from milk or cream, without first securing a license from the State Department of Agriculture. The fee for such annual license to the wholesaler is \$200 and to retailer \$50.00. Further protection was given the dairy industry by a law passed by her 1931 legislature providing a tax of 5 cents a pound on all oleomargarine sold by merchant, dealer or manufacturer. In case the color is yellow the tax is 10 cents a pound.

Capone is still reaching out for "business" in Chicago. Forty-one new resorts were recently seized by Capone forces who squeezed them into using beer from the scumface breweries, exclusively, and it was done in the customary Chicago business way. Loaded in three cars the Capone buccaners visited the resorts, one after another, tossing out the gambling paraphernalia, slot machines, beer and liquor, substituting Capone material. Now they look for another gang war in Chicago. Well, let 'em have it; that's what they thrive on in the windy city.

Governor Meier says the organization of the state police department will save the taxpayer a matter of \$184,000 during the next biennium. If it will do that without juggling game department funds which accrue through sale of hunting and fishing licenses for the specific purpose of fish and game propagation and protection, we say go ahead with the department—let Meier have his chance to cut away the fat spots heretofore existing in Oregon government solely for the purpose of bleeding the taxpayer white.

Tuesday, May 5, 1931, was an important day in the history of accident prevention. At that time a campaign was started to reach all the 27,000, 000 school children of the United States with safety education, instead of only the 13,000,000 that have been reached in the past. The campaign is designed for the child in the old red schoolhouse at the cross-roads as

well as the child in the modern million-dollar metropolitan school.

When one sees the duplication of cost in highway re-construction due to mistakes in engineering calculations which makes it necessary to reduce curvature, widen roadbed and in many instances change in location of the highway altogether, one begins to realize that it takes money and a whole lot of it, to build roads in Oregon.

The final stunt eventually comes to the stunter who stunts. Zoom brought death to "Speed" Holman, internationally famous flyer, at Omaha Sunday. His plane was hitting it off upside down at a 200-mile clip, when the ship dipped to the ground, with the noted pilot a part of the wreck.

Down in California, the frog-leaping contest was won by Budweiser, which leaped a distance of 11 feet, 5 inches. Budweiser cleaned up all frog contestants and big winnings for his owner.

The gasoline war has spread to the Rogue River valley where Monday it sold for 12½ cents a gallon. The skirmish line has not yet advanced to the east side of the Cascades.

While the rest of the world is resting, France takes another pot shot at the plan for an Austro-German Customs Union. Those French are eternally doing something.

County and state officers found something besides water in a Umatilla milk house, when they seized a merrily sizzling still and 28 gallons of finished product.

Revolution and riot in Spain and the French putting skids under Briand, are recent events that is causing Europe to teeter again.

As President Hoover recently pointed out, tax reduction must be a vital element in any program for industrial and economic stabilization.

General Butler did not have a chance to swear when he met the reception committee at Portland. Commissioner Pier, in friendly greeting, did it for him.

**WHERE STRENGTH LIES**  
(The Manufacturer)  
American government is based on the theory that those who govern shall have the minimum of power and authority so that the people can keep their individual liberties, said Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt in a recent address in New York City.

Reviewing the functions of both the state and federal governments, Governor Roosevelt maintained that back of the national and state constitutions was the one thought that the governing authorities be not given broad power. He complained that there was an "awful lot of misinformation" about government and that some persons even assumed that the governor was a "great white father."

"The government does not have omnipotent power," said Governor Roosevelt. "The federal constitution, after listing the powers of the national government, specifically gives all other powers to the states. The state must not be given broad powers to regulate your life and mine. That is our own task. The strength of the nation lies not in statutes and governments, but in individual and families."

It is encouraging to see a high public official assert this American fundamental which is entirely disregarded by too many of our public servants in their eagerness to extend the functions of government, thereby increasing their own powers over the people.

**NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING**  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as administratrix of the estate of Reed Hill, deceased, has filed her final account and report in said estate with the Clerk of the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County; and that the Judge thereof has fixed Saturday, the 20th day of June, 1931, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m., as the time, and the County Court room in the courthouse at Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon, as the place for the hearing of objections to such final account and the settlement thereof.

MARY I. HILL,  
Administratrix of the estate of Reed Hill, Deceased. M22119  
Raley, Raley & Warner, John F. Kilkenny, Alfred F. Cunha, Attorneys for Admrx., Pendleton, Oregon.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.  
In the Matter of the Estate of Sarah J. Harden, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed executrix of the last will and testament of Sarah J. Harden, deceased, by the above entitled Court.

All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me at Athena, Oregon, or to my attorneys, Watts & Prestbye, at their office in Athena, Oregon, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice. All claims must be verified as by law required.

Dated at Athena, Oregon, this 8th day of May, 1931.

MARY McKAY,  
Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of Sarah J. Harden, Deceased.

Watts & Prestbye, Athena, Oregon,  
Attorneys for Estate. M8 J5

**22 Years Ago**

Friday, May 28, 1909

S. F. Wilson, secretary of the Athena Land and Trust company, was in Walla Walla Tuesday, where he went for the purpose of securing the services of an expert in artesian well drilling, to come and look over the Athena field with the view of sinking a well here.

What may perhaps be the last commencement exercises of the Eastern Oregon State Normal School, began Sunday with the Baccalaureate services in the Chapel of the Normal building at Weston Sunday.

Everybody will be accorded a genuine Scottish welcome when they come to attend the tenth annual picnic of the Umatilla County Caledonian Society in this city, Friday and Saturday, June 4 and 5.

Emery Worthington, Herbert Parker, Tched McFayden, George Winslow, Dale Campbell and Kittle Gholson, pupils of the eighth grade class in Athena school, were successful in the recent examination.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Kirk and J. A. Kirk are at the Warm Springs, below The Dalles, for a few days.

Ad Pinkerton is engaged in fencing his two acre tract which he recently purchased from the Athena Land & Trust Company.

Attorney Wilson is expecting his new automobile next week. It is a 30-horsepower Franklin and one of the very latest models.

Misses Edith and Blanch Orswell left Tuesday for their home in Eugene, where they will spend the summer vacation. They were accompanied as far as Albany by Miss Velma Wilkinson, who will teach a sum-

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mer term of school near Yaquina, on the coast.

H. C. Adams has disposed of his stock in the First National Bank of Athena, which necessitated a change in the officers and board of directors. T. J. Kirk has been elected president; D. H. Preston vice-president and E. E. Koontz takes Mr. Adams' place on the board of directors.

At the meeting of the Alumni of the Normal school Monday afternoon, Joseph N. Scott was elected president of the association. The society will meet annually at the time of the Pioneers' meeting, and will take charge of the class presents and art collection of the Normal school.

Walter Preston is in the city from Walla Walla.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McIntyre, May 27, 1909, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. James Huggins have arrived in town from Bayview, Wash., where they were in the hotel business. Mr. and Mrs. Huggins, like many others, found no better place than Athena, and so returned to make this their home. They are comfortably established in the A. A. Foss cottage on Jefferson street, near 3rd.

Just what everyone was hoping for, transpired Wednesday night—a good, soaking rain fell on the just and the unjust. Crops were in serious need of moisture. In fact, the hardpan spots had become conspicuously prominent in the crying need for rain. The rain fell nearly all of Wednesday night, and everybody wears a smile.

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We are reminded of the young poet who sent his most treasured poem to a magazine editor. "Let me know if you can use this," he wrote, "as I have other irons in the fire." In a few days the hard-boiled editor answered: "Remove the irons and insert poem."

A. M. Johnson, Editor

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