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WHY NOT?

School is about over for the term and it is a good time for parents and teachers alike to take stock and determine whether the school has been satisfactory or not or perhaps if it could not be made a better means of training children for adulthood. In one essential feature we contend the schools of this county and adjoining counties are decidedly lacking. That is in physical training.

In what is usually a hopeless effort to emulate larger schools we pick out and train teams for almost every kind of game. In small schools the same pupils follow the calendar around with some sort of interschool athletics. In football eleven to fifteen of the huskiest youths received valuable training in basketball five to ten are trained. Girls' athletics require an even smaller percentage of the total registration. During the season for any game in a majority of the high schools of the county the teams and the few substitutes receive the attention of a rather expensive coach for a sixth of the day.

The remainder of the school children are allowed to grow to adulthood with any physical defects they may have developed during their youth. They may be hollow chested, spindly legged, or humpbacked but no attention is given their development. Some of them barely look able to cheer for the husky ones.

If the scholastic branch of learning was handled in the same manner there would be something of a do about it. Let us presume that a boy or a girl was apt in arithmetic—should he or she get the attention of the teaching staff so that the school might get a cup or a ribbon while the others of the class worked out their own salvation? If teachers are expected to take especial care of these, slow in their studies in order that they may learn is it not proper that the athletic instructors should give especial attention to the weaker ones?

We believe that schools should have a class in posture correction as well as a football team; that every child should receive physical education as well as the naturally strong ones; that athletic competition between small schools should be based on the school average instead of upon the preformance of a few.

All those men who spent time in the army during the war will recall the beneficial results of the exercises given there. Such exercises have passed the stage of experimentation and are a success in correcting posture or developing muscle. Many of them might be used in training school children. Those who favor athletics in schools contend—and we think justly—that it is a part of proper development. Why not extend it to all?

EARL SNELL

Voters of this Mid-Columbia district are fortunate this nominating election in that they have the privilege of voting for a man from this very section for influential state office. We refer to Earl Snell, who if elected as secretary of state will be a part of the board of control for the next four years.

It has been years since a man with intimate acquaintance with the wheat country and the upper Columbia has sat in state counsels. Mr. Snell's knowledge of this part of eastern Oregon has gained through a lifelong residence here. Recently, through legislative experience he has become acquainted throughout the state and will be able to decide questions of state wide interest, but he always will have the welfare of this district at heart.

The state will be fortunate in his choice if he is elected and this section will be doubly so.

Brain Trustee Tugwell recommends wine, women, and song as a means to a fuller life. Lots of men have followed the lure for years without knowing how smart it was.

You wouldn't hardly believe it but there is going to be a nominating election in this state in a couple of weeks. For the love of Pete don't yawn about it.

If the Portland ball club gets five or six more good men they may finish fifth after all.

Judging from the increased salaries given to liquor commission employees it appears that demon rum is still a profitable acquaintance to a favored few.

The United States Chamber of Commerce has found the new deal O. K. Roosevelt should have prevented that.

An actress has received a divorce from hubby because of "deep disagreement as to life." Talk about inclusive terms.

Things are becoming normal again. The planer Jupiter made the headlines with its disturbance.

Grass Valley

Milch Cows for sale. L. D. Eakin Grass Valley.

E. R. Curfman, former teacher here, and now an insurance sales man was here this week interviewing prospects accompanied by Geo. Wilcox.

AIRWAY Cleans Without Attachments. Its light, nts new. Be safe. Its sanitary. No filthy bag to empty.

Paul Muller and Wallace Conley of Tygh Valley were here Tuesday afternoon for a few hours.

Brice Alley is ill in Salem where he is attending Willamette University. His illness has been diagnosed as stomach trouble.

Safe way—New way—Best way Air way.

Elmer Hansen and wife were Saturday from Goldendale for a visit with friends.

Mrs. William Luttrell visited here Friday and Saturday from her home near Hermiston.

A lady from California had the misfortune to burn her car on the highway just south of the cross road leading to the Rosebush school house last week. She was accompanied by her son and a young man traveling with her. She was on her way to Idaho to visit her husband who is a doctor in a CCC camp.

Yours for a sanitary home. Airway.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Douglass were here Saturday visiting with friends. Mrs. Douglass was formerly Geraldine Vinton.

The Odd-Fellows met with the Rebekahs Wednesday and decided on a location for their new hall. The contracts will be let within a short time and construction will be underway before the end of the month according to present plans. The new hall will have a concrete foundation with wooden construction.

Several persons here attended the political meeting in Moro Tuesday evening when General McAlexander spoke.

Kent News

A surprise birthday dinner was given Mrs. J. L. Matthis at her home Sunday. Those present were Mrs. Arthur Holt of Redmond, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Barnett and daughters Ethel and Margaret and son Kenneth, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Barnett and daughters Betty and Dorothy, and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith of Grass Valley. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barnett and daughter LeVina and sons Lee and Leland, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Barnett and daughter Rosellen and sons Melvin, Cary and Eugene of Kent.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson and daughter Nellie went to Hood River Friday to attend the District Conference of the Christian church held at that place. Enroute home Sunday they spent the day at the C. C. Wilson home at Rufus.

An ounce of prevention. Be safe clean with airway.

Kent Grange held their regular meeting Saturday night April 29, about twenty members being present. The next meeting will be May 12.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. MacInnes were visiting at Antelope Sunday.

Those visiting at the J. H. Wilson home over the week end were Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Wilson and daughters Alice May and Velma, of Moscow, Idaho; Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Ward of Bend; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McCoy and daughter Marcella and Mrs. Deming of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McKelvey and Floyd McKelvey of Redmond were visiting Dave McKelvey Sunday.

CLUB NOTES

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The United States. We were given two judging classes in these cattle. One class contained the Grand Champion Aberdeen Angus bull of the United States and Canada, and one that ranked fourth. We next drove to the Todd Dairy and had a class of three Holstein cows to judge. Mr. Allen picking the classes and giving his reasons, which we respect very much. We then visited the Reese Brown Ranch to see the finest horses in the United States. Two Belgian stallions, and the other took second at the Chicago International Stock show, and one Percheron Stallion, weighing 2300 pounds, the Grand Champion of the Pacific International Livestock show. One saddle Stallion that took second prize at the Chicago Exposition. We then saw fifteen beautiful Belgian mares and their colts in a pasture, which was a sight we shall never forget.

The manager of Reese Browns farm took us to their cattle barns to see their pure bred Hereford Cattle which was the finest we have ever seen. One of these Herefords took Grand Champion and another took second at the Pacific

International Livestock show. Here we got more information from Mr. Freeman, the herdsman, on feeding, and preparing our club calves for show. Also when to take them off the pastures, the kinds of grains, the portion of each to use for the best fattening results. This alone was worth the trip to our Calf Club.

Darkness prevented us from visiting Reese Browns other set of barns which housed 3 breeds of pure bred hogs. Duroc Jerseys, Chester Whites, and Poland Chinas. This ranch had a sufficient variety of pure bred stock with prize records to furnish classes and a full days judging for any 4-H Stock Club.

We want to thank Mr. Johnston, Mr. Knighten and Mr. Allen and all those who made this trip possible. If other club members were left with the same impression, and desire to duplicate some of the fine animals that I saw. I know that the leaders and parents time, effort and money was well spent.

The Kent Calf Club No. 2 will meet next Sunday, May 6 at the home of Luther Davis Jr.

Luther Davis Jr.

Cutting patterns from cloth for required garments, sewing on certain articles and talking occupied the hour of the sewing club meeting last Wednesday. Mrs. Sayrs is planning on having 100 percent exhibit from her Moro Sewing Club at the 4-H club fair.

Nine cars and a large school bus took between sixty and seventy-five Sherman countians either club leaders, 4-H club members or persons interested in the 4-H club, into the Yakima valley on a livestock judging tour. Seven cars from Moro, one from both Grass Valley and Kent and the Buckley school bus from Grass Valley made the trip.

The group left Moro between the hours of 5 and 6 a. m. and reached their first destination about 9 o'clock. The first livestock farm visited was the Hubbard Sheep ranch located several miles from Sunnyside. Chauncey Hubbard, who is the manager of the farm, spoke to the members and leaders about the history of the ranch and the sheep. This 150 acre ranch is owned by Mr. Fleming of Sunnyside. The beginning of this nationally known farm dates back about nine or ten years. First Mr. Hubbard obtained good sires and a good flock of breeding ewes, then began raising good feed for the sheep. The starting was a good one for the future. There are from 300 to 400 first class sheep on the place, 200 of these being breeding ewes. These sheep are extraordinary for a large share of these are exhibited at the state, Pacific International and National shows not only this but most of them are grand champions. One of the Hampshire bucks shown by Mr. Hubbard won first place at the Pacific International and is the best buck on the Pacific coast of this breed. Mr. Hubbard gave some invaluable information concerning judging, care and feeding of sheep. Some points to look for on an ideal sheep are: characteristic of breed, head, back, rump, uniformity of shape, size of bone chest, loin, and condition of the fleece. The best ewe of the flock was shown to the visitors. One class of Hampshire yearling ewes were judged by the members. Mr. Hubbard placed as they should be and explained why he had done so.

Mr. Hubbard stated that when beginning a herd, have good sires, good breeding ewes and good feed. The feeds used by this farm are rotation crops, grain, and chopped hay. The purpose for chopped hay is to save one fourth waste and the feed lasts much longer. Another thing to keep in mind is the age of the ewes. By selling the older ewes and saving the younger ones, a healthier bunch of lambs are produced.

The owner of the farm, Mr. Fleming and Chauncey Hubbard Jr. son of Mr. Hubbard, were introduced to the visitors. Chauncey Hubbard Jr. is a 4-H club member and has extensive knowledge about sheep.

Leaving this location the club started to Candron-Battles enroute to Yakima where they planned to eat dinner. The plans were changed and the group ate lunch on a lawn of the extensive Candron-Battles estate.

Shortly after dinner, Billie Normile, herdsman of the Aberdeen Angus, talked to the group. In judging any type of livestock your animal should be sized up from a distance, watch the animal moving, take care in noticing the back, shoulder, ribs, loin, quarters and head of the animal being judged.

At this time Clifford Bailey, a W. S. C. student and a former 4-H club boy, and M. D. Hickey, who is the feeder of this superb herd, brought some choice Aberdeen Angus stock from the barn. One of the heifers shown won first place at the Chicago International. Four first class heifers were then judged which proved to be rather difficult. Mr. Normile then explained why they should be placed the way they were. The youthful judges then attempted to place three Angus bulls. One of these was the famous "Barbarian of Rosemere" 64, best bull in Canada and the United States of this breed.

Several interesting points about feeding cattle were told by Mr. Normile. Cooked barley, oats and bran are some of the grains fed to the cattle on this farm for the purpose of smoothing and fattening. This herd of cattle are not allowed to see grass after a certain time before shipping as grains are what puts the fat on cattle. Three large silos, one capable of holding 350 tons of silage, the other two containing oats and barley are found near the immense cattle barn.

The price of a 13 month old calf is about \$125, while a producing cow is priced about the same not including her calf. The champion bulls cost from \$1500 to \$2500 a piece.

On this lovely ranch is an enormous cattle costing over \$1,000,000 built by Mr. Congdon shortly before his death.

From the Congdon-Battles farm the Sherman countians traveled to the Cascadian Dairy owned by the Todd Brothers. A class of producing holstein cows were judged. Doctor Allen arranged the animals in their correct order.

Evidently the best farm was saved for the last, the Reese Brown being this. On the Reese Brown ranch are 1500 Hereford cattle besides the finest Belgian horses in the United States.

In a pretty meadow not far from the barns of this ranch the

group viewed fourteen beautiful Belgian mares with their colts. Two types of Belgians were seen in this meadow, the low, heavy set kind and the taller leggier sort. Dr. Palmer, graduate veterinarian from the University of Iowa and at present manager of the Reese Brown farm, said the demand for horses is 100 percent greater than for several years. He also said the best market for stallions was in the east. A carload of two-year old stallions were shipped to Iowa recently. All farm work done on this 1550 acres of irrigated land is done by horses. Several stallions were seen at the barns. One of these is the sire of most of the colts raised on this farm. "Easter Hill" a beautiful, five-gaited American saddle stallion, demonstrated for the Sherman county audience. This animal cost Reese Brown \$10,000 when bought in the east several years ago. At the cattle barns several grand champion Hereford bulls were seen as well as a barn of ideal Hereford stock. Three of the bulls won as being the three best bulls exhibited at the Portland show last fall.

This one, exciting day had to come to an end as all good things do, so the 4-H club leaders, members and friends left for their own county about 6:00 p. m. All the persons are greatly indebted to Perry Johnston, Willy Knighten and Doctor Allen for making this trip possible. Chauncey Hubbard, Billie Normile, the Todd Brothers and Dr. Palmer should be thanked for their kind and useful cooperation in helping the county officials to make the judging trip the huge success it turned out to be.

Dorothy Fraser.

The Little Housewives of Wasco held their meeting in the school library Friday.

Every one had a very nice time, as ping pong was played.

The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday. Sometime before Wednesday each member is to have cooked soe fruit.

As their was no business to discuss the meeting was cut short and only lasted from 11:30 to 12:30 instead of from 11:30 to 12:30. All of the members were present at the last meeting.

Margaret McDermid.

The 4-H Sewing Club, held a meeting Friday in the Girl Reserve room. The period was spent in sewing as had been planned.

The roll call was again answered by becoming colors. It was decided that at the next meeting it would be answered by the names of different seams.

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As the leader will be gone after school is out every member was told to try and have his garment finished by then.

Hazel Watkins.

The Merry Maker's, Kent's high school cooks, met at the school house in the science room April 27, for their eighth meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Clarice Mitchell after which the regular order of business was followed.

Only three of the eight members brought the required white cookies that were to be used in our judging contest. It was almost necessary to have four varieties in order to judge them correctly. However, through the courtesy of our leader, Mrs. Theodora Borsiel, we were enabled to have the fourth variety of cookies.

Before the judging began, Virginia Helyer and Lorena Young were called up stairs to listen to a representative from the Willamette University who wished to talk to the seniors about their future.

The cooking girls must have taken advantage of our absence because we found later that they had given us first and second prizes on our cookies. Bertha Helyer and the (purchase) cookies) won the third and fourth prizes.

At the next meeting two judging contests will be held, one on Baking Powder biscuits and the other on dark cookies.

Bertha Helyer, Evelyn Davis, Clarice Mitchell and Lorena Young will bring samples of the biscuits and Myrtle Helyer, Phyllis Hayne, Phoebe Lyons and Virginia Helyer will bring samples of dark cookies.

Our next meeting will be held at the schoolhouse May 4.

Let's make this meeting as interesting as the last one.

The Shamrock Sheep Club met at the school house April 26 for their 7th meeting.

Myrtle Helyer, president of the club, called the meeting to order and it proceeded in the usual manner. Each member answered the roll call by giving the progress of his sheep.

Hugh Hoskinson reported on the Lincoln breed of sheep, and Myrtle explained to the members the good points of the Rambouillet breed of sheep.

A discussion was held on where to go for their judging tour which will be held next Thursday, May 10. Robert Helyer obtained permission for the members to be absent.

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