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HIGH SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION

Each meeting of the non-high school board of this county results in a friendly argument as to the future of schools in the county and the place of the board in directing the course to be followed.

There is constant pressure brought on the board toward a consolidation of high schools so that two or eventually one will educate all of the pupils of this county. The argument is that if all of the high school students of the county were placed in one school, or at most two, subjects could be taught that are impossible now and that more efficient instructors could be obtained.

There are approximately 175 high school students here, enough to make a fairly good sized high school. If they were all together better courses in science could be taught, a Smith-Hughes instructor could be maintained and a domestic science course would be possible.

Against this argument is arrayed the forces of local pride and the strength of those who hold that smaller schools are as efficient as larger ones. Transportation, also, is held to be so expensive that no money would be saved by such consolidation.

It is assumed that the board has the authority to contract with but one school in the county if it chooses. The law says that "the board has power to contract—with the board of directors of any district maintaining a standard high school for the tuition of high school pupils" which could easily mean that it could send all the non high school pupils who have passed the eighth grade to one school if it chooses.

This would not, of course, prevent districts having a high school from retaining that institution but the loss of the pupils from the country would hinder its progress considerably and the addition of all the non-high pupils to any school in the county would build up a larger school in the favored town that would soon attract students from other towns.

There is undoubtedly strong sentiment toward the move and it is perhaps unfortunate that a vote cannot be taken to determine just how large a number of the voters favor high school consolidation for this county.

FARM MORTGAGE ADJUSTMENT

The excitement caused by the presidential signature on the debated Frazier-Lemke bill seems exaggerated. It is a less harmful bill than the one originally designed by Frazier to relieve the farm debt situation, for the first one provided for government bonds to refinance the farmer at an interest rate below the price at which bonds could be sold.

The present bill, which is now law, permits a farmer to go into court with the approval of his creditors and be declared a bankrupt. Our belief is that few will avail themselves of this opportunity and that few, in this county at least, are being so hard pressed by unreasonable creditors that such a move will be necessary. A copy of the bill is not at hand but from apparently complete reports the bill does not permit a farmer to evade his just debts. It insures six years time in which to work out his debts at "reasonable" valuation and an interest rate that will average about one percent less than now given to land bank borrowers in good standing.

A farmer who is carrying a larger loan than his land is worth must have his loan reduced or the mortgage holder will suffer a loss when he repossesses anyway. In many cases the mortgagor has been very reasonable in the matter of giving discounts and reducing interest which is the end toward which this bill is working. We do not believe it will result in transferring any sizeable amount of values from the hands of the creditor to the debtor as is feared by those who fear the demoralizing effect of such movements.

Let us hope that the next people who are elected to high office this year will preserve the rules of good conduct during their terms and at least speak to one another instead of about one another.

Herr Hitler should read and consider the old maxim: He who lives by the sword shall die by the sword.

Nobody seems to want to be boss of Oregon's liquor which rather strengthens the saying that it is more fun to drink it than to sell it.

With our patriotism recharged by some noise, some drink, some burned fingers and a few elaborate praises of our national destiny we hope to be able to struggle along until another national birthday makes us do it all over again.

If the farmer cannot sell his wheat because of strikes why not let him keep it off the market entirely. When the city folks get hungry they will settle differences a lot quicker than when they are fat.

Grass Valley

Roy Hulse and family from Dufur spent the fourth here visiting the V. A. Baker family and friends.

An old time couple who remember Grass Valley before there was a town and almost before there were any fences spent the holiday here Wednesday. Fred Jones and his wife were here from Maupin where they now reside. The well known Jones place on the Shearer road was originally the Jones homestead.

L. E. Webb with his wife and daughter were here for the celebration. Mr. Webb is teaching at King City, Cal. although he often spends his summers in Oregon. Mrs. Webb was formerly Marian White, a teacher here.

Fred Matthias was shaking hands with friends here the fourth. His home is in the Yakima valley and he is working here this summer.

Dave Jones was another former citizen who came back for the fourth. He is farming near Maupin.

A party gathered on the Baker lawn for picnic dinner the fourth in honor of the joint birthdays of the nation, Herman Schilling and Genevieve Beardsley.

Amiel Garthaffner and wife of The Dalles were here Tuesday night and Wednesday to meet friends Amiel knew when he attended school here.

Willard Wilcox is here for the harvest after an absence of several years.

Clifford Woods returned to the old stomping grounds for the celebration. With his family he lives in Klamath Falls.

L. R. French came up from Portland Monday to visit around home a few days before going back to the city.

Clarence Scheurer and Mrs. Scheurer spent the fourth here being guests of Matt Simon and family.

Phyllis Rudeen is visiting at the King home for a few days. She is a niece of Mrs. King.

Roy Messenger and wife visited here for a few days. He is a nephew of Mrs. J. B. Coon.

Mrs. George Wilcox returned this week from Newberg where she has been for several weeks watching over her son, Junior, who is still seriously ill.

R. J. Baker cut a bad gash in his arm while cutting rope in his store Monday. Several stitches were needed to repair the cut.

The few farmers who have started threshing report that grain is making from 4 to 6 sacks and few expect more than that.

Con Buckley was a visitor here the fourth from The Dalles.

To the George Bell Post No. 49 American Legion, the I. O. O. F. lodge and the many friends, we extend our deepest appreciation for the sympathy expressed in our sad hour, also for the many beautiful floral tributes.

Mrs. W. O. Smith
 J. H. Smith and family

A Chicago man is a great believer in efficiency so he hung up a sign in his office saying "Do it now". Within 24 hours the cashier of the firm had bolted with the contents of the safe, his eldest son eloped with the stenographer, the office boy threw the ink bottle into the electric fan and the whole force struck for more pay.

PCA Is Taking Over RACC Loans

Loans totalling \$22,500 were transferred today to the production credit association system as the first transaction in a contemplated \$10,000,000 purchase by the associations of notes held by the Regional Agricultural Credit corporation of Spokane.

Secretary managers of the 31 PCAs dotted over the four north west states moved into the four RACC offices last week to begin the job of selecting the notes they desired to buy. Final decision will be made by the local farmer directors of the associations.

About \$20,000,000 worth of RACC loans all have been discounted by the federal intermediate credit bank of Spokane, so that the ap-

Designed to Replace Detroit Slum



G. Frank Cordner, consulting engineer of the Detroit city plan commission, is showing a young lady a model of one of the projects designed to replace the slums of that city.

proval by the PCAs is all that is necessary to transfer the paper. The Intermediate Credit bank will continue to hold the notes on discount as it is the money source for the PCAs just as it has been for the RACC.

"By the end of this week we should have completed the transfer of several hundred thousand dollars worth of notes from the Regional to the PCAs, and from then on, the job will move ahead rapidly," said Ernest E. Henry, vice-president of the Production Credit corporation of Spokane, managing agency for the network of PCAs.

"After this \$20,000,000 worth of Regional collateral has been inspected, and the good notes purchased, the PCA secretaries will

move back into the Regional offices to inspect another \$8,000,000 worth of notes in which the Regional has its capital funds invested. No doubt, a substantial share of these notes also will be purchased by the PCAs."

The plan is the first major step in the liquidation of the Regional the functions of which have been taken over by the production credit associations, set up this year by the Farm Credit Administration.

Borrowers whose notes are transferred will be benefited by having supervision of their loans moved into the hands of their local production credit associations but they will not be required to purchase stock in the PCAs except should they desire to renew or extend their loans.



It is a good plan before the summer gets too far along to check up on the diets of your family especially where there are children. Vacation days mean busy days for homemakers with all the added activities that come with them. Short cuts in the many household duties are in order as long as they do not mean cutting down the essential food elements in the child's diet.

Children need the same food in summer that they do in winter, only perhaps in different combinations adapted to warm weather. Vacation days should end with the child in better physical con-

dition than when they began. Children are tempted by many things such as too many sweets, soda pop and other things which if they do more than to interfere with their normal appetites for the right foods are damaging enough.

Cool refreshing milk should have first place in the summer diet. If this becomes an old story try combining the milk with fruit juices, in season. This combination is delicious. Any flavoring as vanilla, root beer, chocolate or even a teaspoon of jelly added to a glass of milk will dress it up and make it something pleasing and tempting. A graham cracker or two or a cookie served with strawberry milk shake for instance makes a dessert which promises success to almost any meal.

Fruit juices may be used in combination with both eggs and milk to make a more substantial drink. Quantities of syrup may be prepared at one time and kept on ice to be used as needed. Use 1 to 3 tbsp. of fruit syrup with 1 cup of cold milk. Measure desired amount of syrup, add milk and beat or whip thoroughly.

Other drinks are:
 Honey Iced Chocolate
 2 tsp. cocoa, 3tbsp. honey
 1 cup milk Heat milk to boiling point. Mix cocoa and honey. Remove heated milk from fire, add cocoa and honey mixture and a good pinch of salt. Stir well. Pour this mixture in iced tea glass filled with cracked ice. A-bon amount will provide two servings. Top with whipped cream.
 Sun-Tan
 1 cup fresh milk Dash nutmeg
 1 tbsp. sugar 1/2 tsp. root beer extract.

1 tbsp. sugar, 1/2 tsp. root beer extract. Combine the ingredients and mix for one or two minutes. Add the nutmeg before serving. This recipe makes one serving.

Kent News

Della Helyer and Alta Norton went to Portland Wednesday accompanied by Lurline Smith and Clarice Wilson who were on their way to Monmouth. The first two girls returned Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Helyer and daughter Rua were shopping in The Dalles Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Wilson and family, Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schadtz and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wilson and daughters Connie and Dorothy were picnicing in Buellollow Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Hogue of Oakland are visiting at the home of the former's mother, Mr. Bells Hogue.

W. R. Adams of Antelope was a visitor at Kent Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Harbin and Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Wilson were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mrs. Essie Wilson.

Clarice Wilson and Lurline Smith were here Tuesday from Normal school to attend the funeral of W.O. Smith.

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