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SHALL WE HAVE HIGH SCHOOL OR NOT?

Information about Sherman county schools published in another column will surely induce some serious thoughts in the minds of those who take interest and would like to take pride in the education we provide for the coming generations.

Of the 85 children of high school age in Sherman county a sixth are going to school in another county. Inasmuch as the parents of these 14 pupils are going to pay nearly two hundred dollars tuition and around \$40 per month board and other incidental expenses that arise in keeping an adolescent in a sizeable city, there must be some reason for their removal to other schools.

It is very likely that the quality of instruction in Sherman county schools is good enough. For many parents the quantity is lacking. Parents who want their boys and girls to learn some science other than the sketchy kind, who want their daughters to be taught home economics and their sons manual training or agriculture are sending them to another town despite the added expense.

The cost of educating high school youngsters in The Dalles is nearly \$200 per year (latest data published gives \$199); the cost in Sherman county varies from \$226 to over a thousand. We pay enough for education. It is obvious that parents are willing to pay more if assured more education.

School boards do not seem anxious to take any steps on their own accord. If better conditions are to be obtained it seems necessary that parents start action themselves. It is true that quite a number of parents have taken action by sending children away, most of them for reasons not connected with religion. Yet running away from a problem is not a way to settle it except for that immediate time and person.

It should be apparent now to everyone that if we are to retain our high schools at all in Sherman county, we must adopt some other system than the present one which is being slowly sapped by its patrons.

TIME FOR A THINKER

In his autobiography Ephraim Tutt, Arthur Train's fictional character remarks that one of the major troubles of the world is that the talkers are running it. They have recently had a great boost by the invention and popularity of the radio.

The observation may be new to this generation, yet it must have been made many times before in the many years since speech became understandable. It is rather apparent that the talkers do run the world. That is, up to a certain point.

Talkers can run the world as long as there is not too much difficulty about the job. They disseminate their ideas, which may be followed unless they are too bad.

When the going gets tough the people of the world may become critical of the ideas of the talkers for there is general understanding that no relationship exists between talking and thinking.

That is the reason why the electors often choose a man of action, perhaps a soldier, to lead them in time of trouble, or turn to men of thought instead of a man of words no matter how golden and persuasive those words

may be.

Mr. Train has called to our attention an old truism and an added reason for hope.

BOND BUILD-UP

There are seven men on a raft in Portland awaiting, while cameras click and reporters write, the day when Oregon goes over the top in the war bond drive. Their self imposed plight is indicative of the difference in method between selling bonds in the city and in the country and, perhaps, between city and country people.

In the city, it appears, showmanship is needed. There must be bond rallies, Victory centers, stunts, music, invasion expositions, crowd eating and emotional stimulants. In the country there can be little of that for to arouse emotions enough to do any good it is necessary to get a crowd together of sufficient size to engender some sort of action.

Rural folks are more likely to buy bonds because they think through the necessity for them and see the value of the investment offered. They are a bit hard-headed about it.

None of this keeps country people from buying bond, however, for they do as well or better than their city cousins without all the ballyhoo.

The difference is in the psychology of the people. In the country they are much alone and have time to think. They become more individualistic therefore because they are guided by their own thoughts. In the city they are never alone, are more often motivated by emotions and have more pressure of public opinion on them.

In the country if a group of able bodied men went into a sit down strike until the bond quota was sold they would be put to tending drills or hauling straw. In the city it may be a good stunt, we wouldn't know.

Those who want to have a share in the financing of the war through the Third War Loan have but five days in which to do it.

It is too bad that the negro whose skull flattened a bullet doesn't like the army. He is well adapted to that sort of thing.

In Other Days

From the Observer Sept. 23, 1901
After 35 days of work during which time W A Norcross threshed over 30,000 sacks, his machine was called home Sunday.

J H Rineason for so long host at the Vinton hotel in Grass Valley is expected to close a deal this week whereby a Portland man becomes owner of the hotel.

Kent has lost four threshing machines by fire this harvest. Spoonmoore 2, Al Hembree 1, J W Brown 1. Fred Jones lost 40 tons of hay by fire caused no doubt by a careless sleeper.

Sherman county contributes 3,000,000 bushels of wheat this year to feed the bread winners.

From the Observer Sept. 25, 1914
Harry A. Van Gilder and Miss Ethel May Laidlaw of Portland were married Wednesday September 16. Miss Laidlaw was a popular teacher in Sherman county schools.

Dr C L Foley performed an operation on Jake Douma at Wasco Tuesday.

A. Nish has grown a new red hybrid club wheat this year being the same variety Dan McDermid threshed 19 sacks to the acre from.

Jack Kelly, now with J N Landry, will have charge of the new barber shop in Hi Donley's confectionery.

From the Observer Sept. 26, 1924
The funeral of Otto Peetz, beloved county assessor, was held last Wednesday from the opera house. Mr Peetz whose death occurred in Portland September 21, was born in Minnesota and had been a resident of Sherman county since 1886 except for a few years spent in Grant county. Rev H G Hanson was minister for the funeral which brought friends of the deceased from all over the county and from other parts of the state. Otto Peetz was one of the county's most popular citizens.

Vernon Platt and wife arrived here from Grandin, N.D. making the trip by auto. He is a brother of Floyd Platt and comes with the intention of staying.

Kelly's Column

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Idaho during the fall harvest, but the Mexican government canceled the deal, claiming the men were needed at home to help relieve a manpower shortage. The fruit districts of the Yakima valley, Hood River and other sections of south-east Washington and eastern Oregon will be had hit by the cancellation. Those districts were depending on the Mexicans to relieve their shortage of help. The army will be asked to make available immediately several thousand prisoners of war who are now camped in that area to take the place of the Mexicans in the fields.

If nothing comes out of the meeting to be held in the national capital September 28, when a whole flock of leading dairy farmers are scheduled to hold a big powwow on the milk situation, it milk rationing will be with us in mighty short order. The milk producers have been at odds with OPA for many months. Northwest producers have been battling long and hard with OPA and getting no place fast. The universal cry of milk producers is, they need a higher price than the ceiling set by OPA. A big reduction in herds has already taken place and producers say a still further reduction is certain at the end of the pasture season unless a better price can be obtained. Milk producers say they can't feed hay and grain to cows all during the winter season at the prices they have to pay for feed and sell milk at any profit. If this situation continues it means a continued decrease in the supply of milk, and that in turn means rationing.

The wine industry of the Pacific coast is booming. California with its huge wine-grape acreage and flocks of wineries, is going to town in a big way. The shortage of whiskey has caused many "hooch" buyers to become connoisseurs of California wines. Wine is not rationed and is sold in almost every corner grocery store. The northwest reports a heavy increase in the consumption of all classes of wines. The whiskey supply will be further curtailed in the next few months, is the prediction of distillers. The distillers had hoped to greatly augment their dwindling stocks by obtaining permission from the government to distill whiskey again for the next two months instead of turning out nothing but government alcohol for war purposes. But Mr. Whiskers said No to any distilling of liquor.

Donald Shaw, brother of Mrs. Nesbit, was a visitor in Moro, while on furlough from the navy.

Mr and Mrs M M Oveson left Tuesday morning for Corvallis to take down to the college labora-

Two Men In County Jail On Liquor Sales

Tom Woods, reported to be a quarter breed Indian, is in the county jail with a ten day sentence and a \$40 fine, with apparent intentions of staying until both are used in time. He was charged with selling intoxicating liquor to an Indian. Also in the local bastille is Pansy Finley, male, Indian who was arrested near Moro for possession of intoxicating liquor. Sheriff Wilson made the arrests.

Mr and Mrs Jack Eva and Mr and Mrs M A Bull drove to Pendleton Sunday.

LeRoy Wright will be in The Dalles Saturday and in Tygh Valley Sunday to judge the Wasco county fair which is being held at both places to make less traveling for the club boys and girls.

Mrs Lawrence Kenny and Mrs Roscoe Moore left Monday morning for Portland expecting to remain the greater part of the week.

Mrs Lena Searcy left Monday for Portland after a visit of several weeks with her daughter here.

Genevieve Morgan, editor of the state department of Agriculture's new quarterly, and Grace Ruckliff of the department were here Monday night from Salem while on a tour of eastern Oregon on behalf of official business.

Born: To Sgt. and Mrs. Sam VanVactor of The Dalles, September 21, a 6 pound 12 oz. son, named Samuel Arthur. Sam Sr. had to return to camp Saturday night before the baby was born although he had come from California to see his heir.

Mr and Mrs M M Oveson left Tuesday morning for Corvallis to take down to the college labora-

tory the samples of hay and straw flour, meal, fruits, potatoes, vegetables, and tobacco. The restriction on the bag sizes permitted for certain commodities has been relaxed to allow an additional size for each of two types of seed. A 1-2 bushel-bag is allowed for hybrid seed corn, a 3-bushel bag for cottonseed. These are in addition to the sizes previously permitted.

Mrs H E Endicott of Pringleville was a visitor in Moro last weekend and also visited her parents, Mr and Mrs H H White in Wasco.

Misses Ruth Catterson and Vades Koonst arrived Saturday to teach in the Moro school and have taken an apartment at the hotel.

Leland and Lyle Wallah and their families were here last weekend to visit their parents, Mr and Mrs W D Wallah.

Clarence Sparling and family returned Tuesday night from a trip to Portland.

Mr and Mrs W J Martin Jr. left Wednesday for a few days at the coast and in Portland.

Word from Mrs B W Rice at Ione is that Delbert Rice is home from the islands and is recovering from malarial fever in Hammond General hospital at Modesto, Cal.

Mrs John Tonkins and children moved into the Brisbane house for the winter. Her brother, Hugh Koss, may stay on the John Day for some time.

Corporal Darwin VanGilder of Geiger Field near Spokane was here last week end on a short three day pass.

Mrs Tom Douma was in Portland for several days returning home Wednesday evening.

Joe Belanger left for Pendleton expecting to return next week to seed his experimental plots.

Howard Conlee is back at Bilozi, Miss. and expects a further soon to visit his parents.

Mr and Mrs Merle Thompson were here last week to visit her brother and wife, Mr and Mrs Ormond Weaver.

BURLAP BAG

QUOTAS REMOVED

Quotas on farmers and packers purchases of new burlap bags for packing certain agricultural products have been removed for the remainder of 1943. "Certain Agricultural products" includes, but is not limited to beans, cotton, feed,

flour, meal, fruits, potatoes, vegetables, and tobacco. The restriction on the bag sizes permitted for certain commodities has been relaxed to allow an additional size for each of two types of seed. A 1-2 bushel-bag is allowed for hybrid seed corn, a 3-bushel bag for cottonseed. These are in addition to the sizes previously permitted.

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From where I sit...

by Joe Marsh

At Jeb Crowell's the other day, we were havin' a glass of beer or two and talkin' about the kind of world there'd be when Peace came.

"Hear they'll have trans-Atlantic airplanes flyin' regular as taxi service," says Ed Carey.

"Yep," says Will Frost, "and television and plastic cars and air conditioned homes and super-duper highways."

Finally, Doc Mitchell chimes in. "You know," he says, "we're talkin' about the future in terms

of luxuries—like air-conditioned houses and television.

"But what really will shape tomorrow's world is what goes on in men's own hearts... like tolerance and understanding."

And from where I sit, Doc's right. Whether it's tolerance or another's politics or respect for a neighbor's right to enjoy a glass of beer occasionally, tolerance is a mighty good foundation for a peacetime world.

Joe Marsh

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