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ANOTHER CONFERENCE

We hope that nothing comes of this talk about holding a "big three" meeting.

This nation is ill-prepared, ill-manned, and ill-defended for such an encounter. Perhaps it is too much to expect of dollar hungry Britain and land hungry Russia that they leave us alone until we acquire some traders with ability, but a "big three" meeting now will undoubtedly cost us a great deal.

In Britain the laborites are in no position to make deals and the labor administration has been most un-cooperative about the Marshall plan all along. We don't want another conference in which they talk us out of more billions.

No one believes Stalin anyway for good reason. Russia has wretched on nearly every one of its former pledges and no one thinks that any additional pledges would be followed.

The reputation of this nation in conferences is bad—terrible. We lose them all. We do not belong in the diplomatic big league. Our politicians go across the ocean with the fanfare of a sympathetic press and a few years after they return the people learn that they have been traded out of their money and what used to be called "our sacred honor". After Yalta, Potsdam, Cairo, there should be a popular demand that no president venture beyond the three mile limit.

Please Mr. Stalin take another fall out of Tito, deal with Mr. Mao, murder a few Poles, but don't invigle us into a conference in the shape we're in. And Mr. Atee, go ahead and devalue the pound again, raise the price of Scotch whiskey but don't talk us out of any more billions. We need it to hire bureaucrats.

DOUBTING DICK

This newspaper is not able to agree with the commentators who have dropped a word of praise for one Richard Neuberger who recently announced that he would not be a candidate for public office because he feared that such candidacy might keep him from saying the things he wanted to say as a writer, writing this and that being the most lucrative occupation of Mr. Neuberger.

We think the decision is not an evidence of bravery. It arouses doubt and questions. Some of them: If a writer writes what he believes why should he be ashamed of it even in a political campaign? Does a writer doubt his facts and fear reprisals?

Is a politician expected to say things he doesn't believe in a campaign? Must a politician be a moral coward to succeed?

The decision—which might not have been inclusive of all of the reasons why abandonment of political aspirations was indicated—casts no credit on either the occupation of writer, nor of politics. It causes doubt in the integrity of writers if it is assumed that they color their writings; it damns politics as the art of saying things that are not meant in order to get votes.

Should this person at some later time decide to enter the political lists the voters are already forewarned that he has abandoned "independence and freedom" for a possible political plum.

THIS IS THE WEEK

This is the week of the year when many men are adding and subtracting and trying to remember expenditures they made that might pass the eye of the tax collector as valid. Some make their tax returns earlier in the year, and for some it is made every payday except for a slight bit of figuring before March 15.

The income tax thus makes every one conscious of the cost of government without giving the individual any chance to do something about it. The job of protesting about a return entails attorneys, accountants, and other experts until a man must feel very gravely abused indeed to afford taking his case to court. In fact, the taxpayers are pretty well cowed. Some official often brags on their meekness, too, which helps keep them in line.

The trouble is that even in our form of government, the centralization has gone so far that the individual taxpayer hasn't much to say about anything.

We have often speculated about what would happen if each taxpayer had the right to vote on what he would pay for. Presumably all would have to pay for the wars regardless of how witlessly we were brought into them. What would happen to farm subsidies, housing subsidies, airmail subsidies, shipping subsidies, old age subsidies. European subsidies, engineering programs and reclamation plans to use more land to produce more crops to hide in caves?

Congress seems too timid to do anything about the Hoover report and Truman, who appointed the committee, has made nothing but feeble gestures toward getting the bills passed. We seem on the verge of being forced to give all of our income to the government and depending on it for everything. When efficiency is considered we would then be getting about half as much done as we could under private management.

However, the encroachment has been so steady and well timed, that no one will do anything about it. The spirit has been pretty well sapped out of the citizen.

4-H CLUB WEEK

This is the time of year for 4-H club week, as boys and girls all over the nation are getting their land in shape for a crop, their trees planted or their stock ready for new feed.

There is probably no branch of education so effective as 4-H club projects have been. The lessons learned are remembered longer than are those of more formal education.

For the boy or girl of real ability, the one with independence sufficient to make him or her want to do the work themselves, club work gives an opportunity seldom found before adulthood. Children long for the time when they can assume the responsibilities of grown ups and become impatient with the seemingly long years of childhood.

Their ambition is laudable and club work provides an outlet for it. They learn to do by doing. There is some instruction, some one to tell them what to do and when. But there is also a ready means to find out the practical side of the lesson.

Club work is fine. Best when parents allow the boy or girl to take the responsibility they crave and from which they learn.

BREAD

An article in Harper's tells about bread and how many chemicals are included in the ordinary baker's loaf. It is most entertaining for one who has been saying that bakers were working themselves out of a job with an unpalatable product without proper nutritional value.

The thing that should interest us in this county is that the bakers are also doing the whole wheat industry a disfavor. Wheat is good food. Real bread is good food. There are lots of people although somewhat gray and wrinkled, who can remember when it was a tasty food.

That was when baking bread was a household accomplishment and when young ladies about to venture into matrimony practiced bread-making on father and the boys until her loaf was as fine and appetizing as her mothers'. All she had to make bread out of was food—maybe a little boughten

yeast in later years. It had a fine nutty flavor and a crust. If the family preferred—or if given to reading advertisements—the cook made bread out of coarser flour, some that had the bran in it and the wheat germ and those other parts of the kernel now carefully removed. The sort of bread enhanced the natural goodness of wheat.

The article mentioned above reported that good bread, made without aid of chemicals, is selling in some cities at a premium over the usual white and soggy variety. It should. A larger percentage of the whole kernel is used in such bread and the flour should be cheaper. If machinery was made to grind and mix the coarser, purer flour it should sell for less.

Until wheat growers and bakers can provide consumers with a good loaf, of nutritious, tasty bread the consumption per capita will decline and eventually wheat will become another stock feed. The modern loaf wouldn't be good stock feed, but in its natural state wheat is a very good one.

Better Living for a Better World

NATIONAL 4-H CLUB WEEK

MARCH 4-12

A Youth Program of Activity, Adventure and Achievement

People's Column

To the Editor:

A wakeful attitude of our people regarding our county high school fiasco would readily reveal certain stresses and strains upon the "horse sense" long considered natural for Sherman county folks.

Take a map of Sherman county and note how the five major school districts cut across its face from east to west. Now suppose each district was compelled to build and maintain its own roads never to cross its boundary, but in order to leave or enter the county its people must navigate either the Deschutes or the John Day. Did you say "Nuts". We are sending each graduating class, "down the river" to achieve whatever higher education it may wish to acquire.

Has it occurred to you the many infractions of our boundaries by these students within our county, because of the barriers we have set up for them in "district economy"? In desperation many of them have jumped the district claim upon them, rather to pay tuition than serve the usury their district would make upon their time in tribute to the most costly experiment in district holdout integrity in the state of Oregon!

O.K., somebody "stole a court-house" years ago. These kids of ours still say, "so what?" Does that mean that we have to sit in 20 by 20 class rooms six hours a day with an average of 4.3 follows gazing at the rows of fluorescent lights our prodigal school board mistook for the light of knowledge; or spend half our daily periods in idleness because there are not enough trained teachers to make seven periods interesting and profitable? "Must I, a rancher's son, spend my 'ACTIVITY PERIOD' telling yarns in the furnace room or some other empty room, because there is no shop or lab or anyone to lead my steps into the realm of practices I need to learn?"

For the girls—Does the "home living" course deal in abstract and theoretical problems of a world gone amusements conscious when I know cooking will engage me three times a day and the home will need care and management?" "Should the six or seven of us boys show the girls how to play football so we can have enough for a game?" "Oh, nuts, Dad, why not let me stay home and help you overhaul the combine, or go to The Dalles?"

Why is this county losing students to The Dalles, Portland

and even Canada and their parents still paying extortionate taxes to keep our schools open? Why will Sherman county lose several more next year unless predictions of several of them fall short? They will tell you they want a Union Hi School. Even then they know that phrase is no sure cure; they do know it is a diagnosis. These youngsters of ours know when they are being overlooked and ignored. They know when their precious heritage is being wasted away, sacrificed by jealousy. They have the clear eyed comprehension of American principles to coolly say, "Nuts to you."

The signing of three year contracts with principals will not purchase our release from our responsibility, nor will the making of a scrape goat of our county superintendent atone for our heedlessness to his wise warnings during his service to us over so many years. We must answer to our young folks. If you think they don't know the score, just try them.

Ted M. Ball

CENSUS ENUMERATORS

Applicants for employment as enumerators for the 17th Decennial Census in Sherman county and adjoining area will be required to pass oral and written tests to demonstrate their ability for the work, it is announced by Robert W. Gibson, district supervisor here for the United States Bureau of the Census. The tests will indicate which applicants can best comprehend and follow the detailed and exacting written and oral instructions given to enumerators as they train for their assignments. To date, Supervisor Gibson stated, about 10 applications

have been received for the two enumerator positions to be filled. Among these are a considerable number of war veterans who will be given preference for appointment over nonveterans provided they meet other qualifications.

Applicants must be United States citizens of good health and character, have completed high school or have comparable experience, be between 25 and 45, and be financially able to sustain themselves for 4 weeks before receiving their first salary check. Persons are ineligible for consideration if they draw Federal retirement pay (other than Social Security), are state or local government employees, law enforcement officers of political organizations, individuals engaged in political activity or contemplating such activity during the census taking period. Close relatives will not be considered for employment in the same locality in this area.

Rufus socials have been at a standstill. There has been no grand meetings nor card parties. The PTA was postponed on account of a ball game the same night with Ione. The P-T-A plans a meeting Tuesday night and will discuss plans for their carnival for March 11. Mrs. Robert Byrd was to be hostess in place of Mrs. George Fox who is snowed in. The Home Economics club meeting was postponed. The meeting is tentatively set for the middle of next week.

T. Lester Johnson
 LAWYER
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problems as well as those of the small business-man and has a very kindly feeling toward labor and the working classes.

He is a Mason and a Shriner having served his lodge as Master in 1948.

Among the pledges made by the candidate upon filing he says that he is interested very deeply in the advancement of the Roosevelt social security plan.

HUGH BOWMAN FILES FOR CONGRESS

Hugh Bowman, Pendleton business man hotel operator, filed today for the office of U.S. Representative in Congress from the second Oregon district. He will seek the Democratic nomination in the May primaries.

He is a former mayor of Pendleton and has devoted much time to civic affairs of his community and state.

He is a past commander of the American Legion and served that organization for two years as its national executive committee from Oregon.

In 1936 he served as Umatilla county chairman of the Roosevelt-Garner veteran's committee and has been a life-long democrat.

Born on a farm of pioneer parents, he is familiar with farm

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All persons having claims against the estate of Emma J. Sayrs, deceased, are hereby notified to present them, in proper form, to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Emma J. Sayrs, deceased, at the office of Geo. G. Updegraff, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice, to wit: February 24, 1950.

Carroll Sayrs
 Geo. G. Updegraff
 Attorney for Executor 17-20c

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County his Final and Supplemental Final Account as Administrator, with the will annexed, of the Estate of William M. Van Patten, deceased, and that Monday, the 20th day of March 1950, at 10:00 o'clock A. M. of said day, at the court room, in the court house in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, have been fixed by the court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final and Supplemental Final Account and for the settlement of said estate.

T. Lester Johnson
 Administrator with Will Annexed. 16-19c

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

Notice is hereby given that Charles A. Tom, Administrator of the Estate of Cara E. Bartholomew, deceased, has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, his Final Account and the Court has set the 13th day of March 1950 in the Office of the County Clerk in the Court House at Moro, Oregon, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a. m., as the time and place for the settlement of said accounting and hearing objections to the same, if any.

Charles A. Tom
 Administrator
 J. Tracy Barton
 The Dalles, Oregon
 Attorney for the Estate

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Bethlehem Chapter No. 78. O.E.S.
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Olive Young, W. M.
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