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**OF EDUCATION**

Among Oregon's growing pains perhaps the presently most painful is the one that comes from its schools.

In counties where the population has increased fifty percent in the last ten years or in towns that have doubled in that time there is great difficulty about educating children.

Workers come to Oregon to help harvest our timber and they have or accumulate children and they expect the state to give said children an education—and a pretty generous one in some cases. It is not a surprising expectation. The war hastened marriages and child births for a time and those children are now in school. Those born after the war will be going to school in a year or two. The increased need will last until these children are through high school.

Workers move into towns en masse in trailers. Some school districts are swamped with so many children the school buildings barely held them. It is true that our population gain was not so large as we thought and true that our increase in school census is greatly exaggerated. But the gain has been great and the resultant problem is a serious one.

As for the education phase of the matter it appears that we have been inclined to follow a lot of expensive theories about what constitutes an education. It embraces broadened athletic programs, kindergartens, curricula that include many non-essentials. Our teachers are well paid and consequently we have all we need, except in some branches.

No one knows what an education is, no one attempts to define it. We follow any leadership and compete for every new educational gadget. We provide equipment in our schools that few parents have in their homes. We confuse the ownership (by schools) of busses, radios, moving picture equipment, gymnasium paraphenalia, spreading lawns, fluorescent lights, lunch serving furniture, playground articles and so forth with "education." (One school is reported to have bought four electric pop corn poppers).

That is because we very apparently do not know what we are trying to do. The leaders of education are bound tightly into a sort of labor union which has power to coerce citizens into constantly voting more money. The pursuit of money by "educators" appears to be more important than the pursuit of "education"—whatever that is.

Parents want an education for their children. Most of them are willing to pay well for it. Some property owners do not want to pay and some workers do not pay. Except in particular circumstances the majority does pay. But the parents do not know what an education is either. Some of them talk about how much better they learned than do their children, some rail at the frills, some fall for every new idea. We are chasing a will o' the wisp. We do not know what we want, how to get it, nor who is best able to provide it.

It is an expensive chase. The state is providing some \$60 per census child, including the county school fund from income tax money which is getting low. "Educators" want \$30 more. School districts ask for ever increasing levies on property. Costs are tremendous and getting higher.

School districts flooded with children from nearby lumber camps have no means of either housing or "educating" them. They cry for a sales tax so the workers would help, but there is no present means of distributing such a tax satisfactorily and no way to get it passed.

The state department has used its power to inspect buildings and cause new ones to be built under the assumption that money could be best spent for buildings than for "education." At least one knows what a building is.

It seems that we might define what we are trying to do for

each boy or girl. If it wasn't pleasing to parents it could be changed. We might determine to teach them to add and divide, to read, to understand democracy, to get along with their fellows. We might practice some economy. It is certain that we are doing wrong now and spending wildly.

**MULTNOMAH**

The county that contains the state's largest city is in financial troubles also. The voters turned down a special levy for operating expenses and there is not going to be enough money to carry on all the activities the county has been doing.

Officials, some of them, are going home to papa. That is, asking the governor for a special session of the legislature to give the state the job of helping Multnomah county which its citizens failed to do.

It would establish an expensive precedent if county voters could refuse funds and pass the load to the state. In any case the legislature will meet before Multnomah county is out of funds. And another—and reduced—levy would probably pass. And Multnomah county does not have very high taxes anyway.

**RUFUS NEWS**

By Mrs. George L. Fox  
Pomona grange will be held at Rufus Saturday, May 27, beginning with a dinner at noon. An

Mrs. Dewey Thomas was hostess with a one thirty dessert luncheon to the Young Mother's bridge club at her home at Emigrant Springs Wednesday afternoon. The guests were bidden to "Come As You Are". Mrs. Kenneth Blau had the most unusual attire, coming in a night gown. Mrs. James O'Meara won high score. Mrs. John Foss second high, and Mrs. Stuart Macnab received the consolation prize.

The Rufus Women's Missionary society met Tuesday after-

noon at the church for their regular monthly meeting. Since it was 'close to Memorial day, a short time was given in honor of deceased missionaries. Roll call was answered by each member telling a little about the deceased missionaries.

Boys club was held Tuesday night at the Fay Brackett home with eight boys in attendance. Some of the boys are starting to work on a flying model airplane which they find much more difficult than the small models they were working on.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hydron and family of Wallula, Wn., were in Rufus over the weekend visiting relatives. Mr. Hydron has not returned to work yet, because of the weakness of his arm caused from an accident he was in last winter.

The church held their annual meeting and have their new teachers elected. There were few changes. A new teacher was chosen for Jessie Rice's class as she has moved to Washington and will work in Goldendale this summer. Her class was the primary department and Mrs. Roberts is the new teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon McDowell and family of Monmouth were visiting at the Brackett homes over the weekend. They came especially to visit Herman Brackett who has been ill.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

All persons having claims against the estate of Samuel B. Holmes, deceased, are hereby notified to present them, in proper form, to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Executrices of the Last Will and Testament of Samuel B. Holmes, deceased, at the office of Geo. G. Updegraff, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice, to wit: May 26, 1950.

Mabel Holmes  
Cassie Holmes  
Geo. G. Updegraff,  
Attorney for Executrices 30-3c

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election has been called to be held in the City of Moro on Saturday, the 3rd day of June, 1950. The polling place for said election will be the County Courtroom, Courthouse, Moro, Oregon, and the polls will be opened from 8 o'clock A. M. until 8 o'clock P. M. The Judges and Clerks appointed to conduct said election are as follows:

J. F. FOSS, Judge, Chairman  
Vernon Flatt, Judge  
R. P. Brisbine, Judge  
Naomi Van Gilder, Clerk  
Gwendolyn Mitchell, Clerk  
Said election has been called for the purpose of submitting to the legal voters for their acceptance or rejection, the following proposed Charter Amendment as embodied in the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION**  
BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Moro, Oregon, that the following proposed amendment of the charter of said City be and the same is hereby proposed for submission to the legal voters for their adoption or rejection at a special election to be held on the 3rd day of June, 1950, as herein provided.

**CHARTER AMENDMENT SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS BY THE COUNCIL**  
AN ACT

To amend the charter of the City of Moro, Oregon, adopted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon and approved February 17, 1899, and to amend all amendments thereof by adding a new chapter authorizing the Council to improve the city by constructing, reconstructing, repairing, or maintaining streets and drains of said City and issue and sell improvement bonds in the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to provide funds with which to make said improvements, and to provide a tax levy to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF MORO, OREGON,** that the Char-

ter of said City of Moro, adopted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon and approved February 17, 1899 as amended be and the same hereby is amended by adding thereto a new chapter to read as follows:

**CHAPTER XVII**

Section 1. The Council of the City of Moro is authorized to improve the city by constructing, reconstructing, repairing or maintaining streets and drains of said City. For the purpose of providing funds with which to pay the cost of said improvements the Council is authorized to issue and sell general obligation improvement bonds of the City in the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) Said bonds shall be in such form and mature as determined by the Council.

Section 2. The debt limitations contained in the Charter of said City shall not apply to the bonds hereby authorized.

Section 3. The Council of the City shall include in the annual tax levy a special additional levy in a sum sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on the bonds hereby authorized as it becomes due.

RESOLVED further that the following ballot title is hereby adopted for said amendment: **CHARTER AMENDMENT SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS BY THE COUNCIL**

Shall the Charter of the City of Moro, Oregon, be amended, by adding thereto a new chapter, providing for the issuance of improvement bonds of the City in the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to provide funds with which to improve the streets and drains of the City, and providing a special tax levy to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds?

100 Yes  
101 No  
RESOLVED FURTHER that this resolution for a proposed charter amendment be filed with the Recorder for submission to the legal voters for their adoption or rejection to be voted on at a special election which is hereby called to be held on the 3rd day of June, 1950.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Recorder be and he is hereby instructed and required to publish the hereinabove proposed Charter Amendment submitted to the voters by the Council in the manner provided by law, that is to say, by publication of this Resolution in full in the Sherman County Journal, a newspaper in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, and hereby designated by the Council, for two consecutive publications thereof, within the twenty days preceding said election at which said amendment is to be voted upon, and that the proposed Charter Amendment be kept open for inspection in his office during all office hours prior to said election.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Recorder be and he is hereby instructed and required to post notice of election in at least three public and conspicuous places in the City for a period of not less than ten days prior to said election.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the 3rd day of June, 1950, between the hours of 8:00 o'clock A. M. and 8:00 o'clock P. M. is hereby designated as the time for the holding of said election, and the following polling place and the following judges and clerks are hereby designated as the place and the officials to conduct said election, to wit:

polling Place: County Courtroom, Courthouse, Moro, Oregon.  
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Vernon Flatt, Judge

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Whereas it is necessary for the peace, health and safety of the City and its inhabitants that improvements to the streets and drains be made as soon as possible, and that this election be called at as early a date as possible, now, therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this resolution shall come into force and effect upon its adoption.

Adopted this 12th day of May, 1950 by the following vote:  
Yes 5

No 0  
Absent 1  
Giles L. French, Mayor  
Carrel S. Bennett, Recorder

**George G. Updegraff**  
Attorney at law

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H. B. Pinkerton, Secretary

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Marvin Howell, N. G.  
Leo Watkins, Secretary

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