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EDUCATION BILLS

There are no bills, not even one, that will improve education in Oregon although there are many bills to increase the cost thereof. In fact teachers, administrators and supervisors seem unanimous in saying that it is impossible to define an education or even to explain the purpose of attending school at all.

The helplessness of these educators makes it possible that Johnny has been right all these years in his opposition to going to school. No one seems to have any idea how many mechanics we are going to need in ten years, or how many lawyers or housewives or welders and there is no plan to try to educate people for anything. We just provide every kind of teaching and exercise no control.

In Sherman county we give college preparatory courses and no farming lessons. That may not be bad for we have turned out more college students than farmers. Our record for preparation of scientists is very poor although the growth of science in daily living should provide opportunity for some young people. But when there are thousands who

they'll have to get that some place else. Sprague Carter of Pendleton would cut the cost of the basic school fund by a quarter or more if he can pass—and the people approve—his bill to make the school census ages 6-17 inclusive instead of 4-20. He would not count children who attend parochial schools either, because they receive nothing from the fund.

Threat to reduce state expenditures for schools brings violent reactions from the school lobby. Members threaten to initiate bills for greater sums, to defeat the legislator who dares to suggest economy and they call upon school boards, teachers and the syncretist groups to aid in the defeat of any proposal that by economy might induce efficiency in the use of state school moneys.

All this to-do may be successful although there is great resentment among legislators at the tactics used to pass the school bills. The method of consolidation incorporated in the Holy report bills is that the vote of the entire area be taken and that each district be not considered a unit in the counting. It is not likely to pass in that form as few legislators believe in forcing consolidations. Thus the effectiveness of the Holy report will be lost unless districts come to realize the desirability of consolidations under the general plan advocated by Dr. Holy.

There is great interest in the report and legislators are asked to explain it more often than any other thing. There is urge to change the school system, to reduce its cost for it now takes 59.61 per cent of the property tax dollar. Money for roads has been cut in half in the past ten years because of the rise in school costs, that is the percentage of property tax money used for roads has been cut. Elementary and secondary schools now get \$53 million whereas in 1940 they got \$18 million. That is enough living should provide opportunity for some young people. But when there are thousands who

feel that the quality of education has not increased at all.

Probably little progress will be made because of lack of ability and time during the session, but if the report is debated in enough forums this winter the information given out may start some movement that will benefit the processes of education in Oregon and halt the increase in cost.

MILK
It is now apparent that the milk control act will not be repealed in its entirety. It came in under sponsorship devoid of support indicated that the repealer may have been introduced more for publicity than reformation.

However there may be an opportunity to amend the present law so that the farmer will continue to be protected and the distribution of milk will be made competitive to a degree. The charge of arrogance and inefficiency is often made against the milk co-op and while it is not proven the leader does give the impression of being a dictator now and then.

All of the production of milk and the handling and sale of milk is under the umbrella provided under the milk control act. The managers would not be human had they not permitted some bad practices to grow with such complete protection.

CLOSING BILLS
Bills to close the three coast streams of fishing are in the hopper and the usual battle is being made on and for them. The fishermen and often their wives are pleading for continued right to net salmon and the sportsmen (sic) are asking for exclusive right to catch the few fish that remain.

Fact is there aren't enough fish left to smell up a skillet. Legally and illegally they have been caught for profit or for fun by avid humans. In addition to there being no fish in the rivers trolls come inside the three mile limit and catch fish at night so that few get to the rivers. The law is not enforced.

Perhaps nothing would help to increase the supply of fish on coast rivers as much as to prevent all fishing of any kind for five or ten years.

DRAFTING MEN

There are natural objections to drafting men for service in the army especially for foreign service.

Americans have always objected to being forced to serve in any capacity. Whether the age is 18 or 19 really makes little difference in reality but provision might be made that training should begin upon completion of high school. That would be better than now when so many start schools of higher education and must stop.

But there is no sense in having the young men do all the training. Nor in having them bear all the brunt of defending the nation. The draft should include everyone. Unless a man was actively engaged in some enterprise that was adjudged necessary to the national defense he should be taken into the armed services. At the present time such a law would improve the health of innumerable railroad men who are helping defeat our Korean armies.

There are thousands of jobs in the army and navy that could be done as well by men of sixty as of eighteen. Neither should a

man be physically perfect to serve his country. There are jobs within the ability of the lame, the halt and even the blind.

A recent story told that Russia gets 80 soldiers out of every 100 while the United States gets 23 out of every 100. The remainder of ours are engaged in rear action work, supply and similar duties. Perhaps the actual fighting will have to be done by the young and husky for front line duty requires physical stamina, but the distribution of mail, the cooking, the bookkeeping, the watching and thousands of other things can be done by older and weaker men.

Such a policy would give this nation at least twice as many fighting men as it can now muster; it would reduce the smugness of the over draft age man about working hours and wages. If we are going to fight a war let's make it a national enterprise, not merely one for boys.

GRANGE MEMBERS RELATE EARLY OREGON HISTORY

(By Mrs. George L. Fox)

Rufus Grange met in regular session Thursday evening with Master Andy Engberg presiding.

Mr. and Mrs. John Belloni, former members of Kent Grange, were reinstated in Rufus Grange. Mrs. Rolland Johnson announced the Home Economics club would meet February 8 at the home of Mrs. Curt Tom with Mrs. Elizabeth Kuypers as co-hostess.

Next meeting of the Grange will be near the grange's birthday, so a potluck supper at 8:30 p. m., and a short grange meeting to be followed by a social evening was planned for February 15.

For the evening's program, the lecturer, Mrs. Harland McDonald, called on everyone to tell about some early Oregon history which they had seen or experienced. This proved very interesting. Sam Brock told of the flood of 1894 at Rufus which was then

called Grants. He said all Sherman county farmers hauled their wheat to Grants then. It usually was a three day trip with most outfits using two wagon and six horses.

Mrs. Rolland Johnson gave a reading on the history of George Washington as a farmer. After the meeting adjourned, the women of the grange served a potluck supper.

BIRTH ANNIVERSARY FETE
Mrs. Sam Brock was pleasantly surprised in honor of her birthday last Friday evening. The group of friends brought a shower of hankies. Cards were played during the evening. The refreshments included a loaf angel food

cake appropriately decorated in Ray Farrer is a new eighth grade pupil at Rufus school.

BASKETBALL

HARLEM GLOBE TROTTERS

V. S.

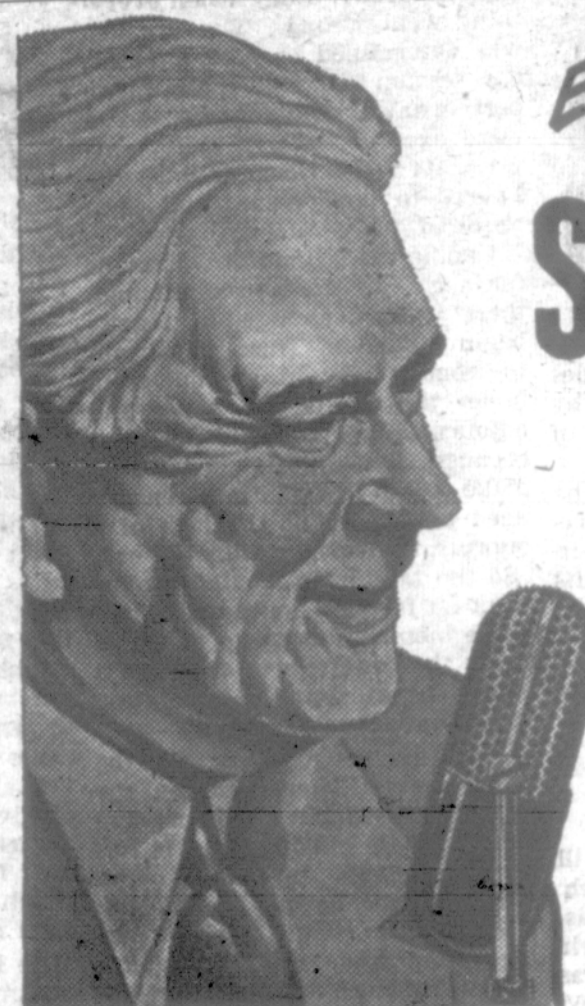
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NOTICE OF NONHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in compliance with section 111-1244, O. C. L. A., to the legal voters of the Nonhigh School District of Sherman County, Oregon, that a meeting will be held at the Courthouse in Moro, Oregon, on the 5th day of March, 1951, at 10 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of discussing the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1951, and ending June 30, 1952, hereinafter set forth.

BUDGET

1. Estimated available cash on hand at beginning of the year for which this budget is made
2. Estimated receipts from delinquent taxes
3. Amounts received from other sources

Total \$ 3,071.16

Estimated Expenditures

Item	Expenditures and Budget Allowance for Six Months of Current School Year	Estimated Expenditures for 1951-1952
	1950-51	1950-51
1. Tuition		
2. Transportation		\$ 3,200.00
3. Personal Service (Clerical—Legal)	27.50	22.50
4. Postage, Telegraph, Telephone		6.00
5. Supplies and Printing		45.00
6. Election and Publicity		75.00
7. Travel		
8. Interest on Warrants or Other Indebtedness	25.73	25.00
9. Other Miscellaneous Exp.		500.00
10. Emergency		
Totals	\$ 53.23	\$ 3,823.50

I. Total estimated expenditures \$ 4,378.50

II. Deduct total estimated receipts and available cash balances 3,071.16

III. Amount necessary to balance the budget 1,307.34

IV. Deduct deficit forward to next fiscal year None

V. Balance to be raised by taxation 1,307.34

VI. Add estimated amount of taxes that will not be collected during the fiscal year for which this budget is made 40.00

VII. Total estimated tax levy for the ensuing fiscal year \$ 1,347.34

Analysis of Estimated Tax Levies: None

Dated February 5, 1951.

Signed: W. L. MAY, Chairman Board of Directors

Approved by Budget Committee February 5, 1951.

Signed: B. C. Baumgartner, Secretary, Budget Committee.

Harold D. Eakin, Chairman, Budget Committee.

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Marvin Howell, N.G.

Leo Watkins, Secretary

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116

Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome.

Gladys Morrison, N.G.

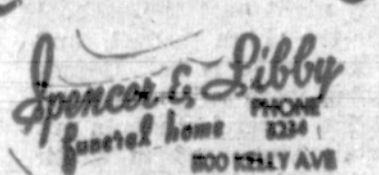
Helen Martin, Sec.

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Naomi Van Gilder, Secretary



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