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DEAR OLD GOLDEN
RULE DAYS

Within a few days thousands upon thousands of children in the tooth-shedding stage will begin a twelve year stint known as education. There is almost no escape, save death or unutterable dumbness; there is almost no delay except in the first few grades when it may be deemed advisable to take a grade twice.

Par for the course is twelve years, nine months per year, 180 days and it is rare indeed to permit one to fall after the course is well started. (It might damage the little psyche and cause frustrations). Nearly all are graduated with elaborate ceremonies and a portion of a sheep more decorative to the new owner than the old, but not as useful.

During this sixth of a life the child will learn to sign his name and perhaps write other words with fair accuracy; a few will learn to read with understanding; all will be able to add simple figures although reliance on a machine will be preferred; they will remember that Columbus discovered America; George Washington was the first president and may know the names of half of the other 32; almost none will be able to spell; their idea of geography will be "rudimentary"; their knowledge of history will be sketchy. If the course was not gauged to the slow ones it could be done in five years.

Parents will to all intents and purposes abandon the child's learning to the school without deliberately and directly giving that duty to the teacher. The local school board will levy the taxes and pay the bills; the state system will decide what is to be taught and the normal schools how it is to be taught.

No one knows what an education is; no one has a definite idea what he is trying to do. The direct cost will be \$4500 per pupil over the state, inflation not considered, and some \$10,000 in Sherman county. Investment, costs to parents, trips, athletic events are extras.

Parents will get a great deal of enjoyment seeing their children sing and speak on the stage or play at athletic games. The social side of school will also please the child. He may learn to get along with others or to be unsocial. At any rate he will have powerful forces acting on him to make him conform, to make him as much like each other unit as possible. There will be little place for his natural curiosity.

Upon completion of the job he will be an avid reader of the "comics", a patron of sports contests, and thankfully, old and big enough to work at something his parents taught him during vacations.

FIRST FALL RAIN

It rained a bit this week, a few drops at Moro, a good shower in The Dalles and on some of Oregon's higher elevations snow fell. Rain in varying amounts came to the western part of the state where humans wilt and grow limber like a lush squash vine without frequent rains.

Except for the very few farmers who are still threshing most of this county would also welcome a rain. Lawns that have been on short rations for water would be green again, another crop of weeds could be started on the summerfallow and farmers would probably seed the 1952 crop shortly after a good rain. We are not speaking of a shower that settles the dust and leaves the ground dry.

The everlasting round of the seasons provides for rain at the end of summer and it is a notable exception when none comes—although that happens occasionally. The great question with us here in the mid-Columbia basin is when is the wet cycle going to end. Are we to go on indefinitely getting 12 and 15 inches of rain each year, with wet months at appropriate times to aid the crops, or are we to have another dry spell when seven or eight inches is all that is sent from the skies? The answer is something to wait for.

CO-OP TAXES

A senate committee has tentatively voted to tax cooperatives in the hope of raising some of the money needed by the government. It is not likely that the bill will be written to include co-ops but the fact that committee has so voted indicates strengthening of the trend toward more universal taxation.

Since the federal government and later the state government, has been taxing the income from co-ops the matter of taxation is not so acute. It is likely that in this country as much revenue is obtained as if the co-op itself was taxed. The co-op itself can make a better showing when not taxed.

Yet, it is not the little marketing co-ops that are the goal of the tax gatherers. Most of them are conducted so carefully as to make no profit at all and they obtain almost nothing from customers not members. It would be easy for most of them to pare charges to barely meet costs and evade taxes; in fact, they were designed to do just that in the first place.

There are co-ops, so-called, that do make money and expand investments rapidly and are more certainly in competition with corporate business that does pay taxes. It is these that tax men would like to tax and it is proper that they should for it is unfair for one business to pay taxes while another goes free.

BONUS BONDS

It seems unlikely that the state will be able to sell its bonus bonds and pay veterans the amounts voted them by the electorate last November. The regulation of the federal government against bond issues of that nature has kept bond buyers from bidding.

Bonus bonds are inflationary by their very nature. No new goods are produced by the money used for them; they are used for the purchase of goods and thus tend to raise prices. Under such conditions they would be less valuable to veterans now than in other economic times.

The state will go ahead with the sale of some \$700,000 in bonds to take the steps necessary to print and distribute application forms so that when bonus bonds are permitted the work of distributing the money can go on rapidly. An organization will be necessary for this preparation and some expense as well.

The delay does not mean that veterans will be deprived of the money. It was voted and will not be changed without another vote of the people for which there is no occasion.

OF FAIRS

Years of watching fairs, and more particularly herman County Fairs, brings us to the conclusion that the best fairs are concocted from many ingredients and that the leavening ingredient is enthusiasm.

Work, planning, equipment, good acts, exhibits, all are part of a fair and of these the county and the board has enough. But it's hard to make the biscuits raise unless there's baking powder. And the baking powder is the enthusiasm.

Some years ago this county, both the male and the female portions, broke out in a rash of bright color a month before the fair. Women wore their gayest shirts, business men tottered about in boots and the most casual visitor knew that something unusual was going on around here pretty soon. He didn't have to ask.

Now a fancy shirt won't make a fair, but the fancy shirt is visual evidence of the enthusiasm that will make a fair. Put a yellow shirt on a man and he's ready to take part in a rally.

There's going to be a fair. It has the necessary quality and quantity to be a good one. It is the county's show, its display counter. We can't sell it, even to ourselves, without trying. Fairs are fun for those who make them so.

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NEW CHIEF . . . Vice-Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Lynde D. McCormick, who automatically succeeds Admiral Forrest P. Sherman as chief of that agency, talks over the telephone. Admiral Sherman succumbed to a heart attack.

GAMBLING
Down in Louisiana there is something that ought to be a scandal brewing.
Some newspaper men wrote

stories about gamblers and have been indicted for defamation of character. Apparently the gamblers did not deny being gamblers but thought it defamation to be so called.

We have enough of what grandpa used to call dishonesty in high places recently, not enough, however, to keep this new outrage from being surprising. Have we gone so far that those who work against gambling are to be prosecuted and sent to jail while the gambling goes blithely on?

We have come to a pretty pass when no one may freely inveigh against sin or crime.

GRASS VALLEY NEWS

(Mrs. A. F. Balzer, Phone 281)
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smethurst of Lexington were overnight guests Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Olds to visit their son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ziegler Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Arzell Lemley left Monday for Portland on business for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Fields and son Steven, left Saturday for Pilot Rock to leave Steven with his grandmother, Mrs. Ralph Lister, while they go to Long Beach, Washington for a week vacationing. Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith and son, Larry, and Danny Duncan left Sunday and will

join them at the coast.

Wanted Ads

TAKEN UP: Red Durham, yearling heifer at John Conroy place, Pat McHugh, Grass Valley. 42c.

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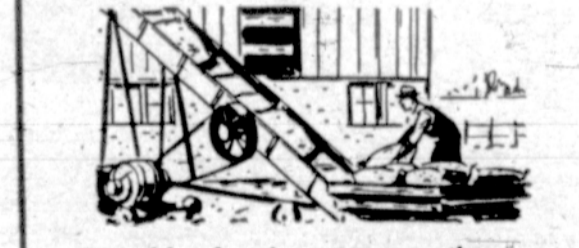
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