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SCHOOL BILLS

The week that school starts should be an appropriate time for discussion of the two bills concerning schools that will be on the ballot next November.

One will make the office of state school superintendent appointive instead of elective. The state board of education is to be composed of seven persons appointed by the governor with senate approval. There shall be one from each congressional district and three at large and shall not be engaged in school teaching, administration or operation of schools. The superintendent of public instruction will be appointed by such a board instead of elected by the voters.

Ordinarily it is safer for the people to elect public officers. However in the case of men with technical duties to perform appointment often works better. This applies to engineers, medical men, and school administrators. Political abilities are not among the requirements for the job—in fact, are not desirable.

It is the opinion of this newspaper that a better state administration can be obtained by passage of this bill.

The second bill before the people is the school reorganization bill which the grange and some other organizations have initiated against.

It provides for unified school districts in each county with different sized boards of directors. In each case rural areas have a majority on the boards. The effect is to reduce the number of school districts, to further equalize taxes and (it is hoped) to reduce costs. After the job of providing for county committees with power to recommend reorganization the bill provides that they shall have power to study the county's school needs, hear complaints, prepare a reorganization plan and call an election.

There is a state commissioner who shall pass upon the plan for reorganization. The bill is silent upon what happens if he does not approve the county board's plan, but it gives him no authority to change it.

Voters approve or reject the plan but in event the plan is defeated school districts continue as before. Some objection has been raised about the powers and duties of these temporary committees which seems immaterial. They are a means of obtaining a plan and a vote. The important part of the bill is the establishment (after a favorable vote) of a unified school district or districts.

Oregon now has first, second and third class districts, union high school districts, county high school districts and several lesser kind of districts. All have different laws and different officers. One purpose of this bill is to simplify types of school districts.

Whenever a unified school district is established it shall have a board of five, elected for five years. The districts will be operated under the laws governing first class districts.

As far as the writer can discern the bill, if passed, would have limited effects on Sherman county, or other similar counties. Commissioners would be elected from each of the five normal divisions of the county. We do not think that school consolidation or school districts could be changed materially. The plan of reorganization recommended would certainly follow the present plan. This county has already consolidated its school districts as far as seems possible at present.

The greatest effect of the bill will be felt in Willamette valley counties where there are many small districts, 80 in Linn; 7 in Marion; 68 in Washington; 4 in Polk. There the prosperous districts are robbing the smaller districts of pupils and thereby effecting a consolidation in pupils that is not followed by consolidation in districts.

Certainly Oregon's school district system is out of date; as out of date as the coal oil lamp. Efforts to get better schools for children should be as important as getting electricity for farm

homes. Dr. T. C. Holy found that our district system was the greatest handicap to better education in Oregon.

It is true that many persons have become well educated after a start in small country schools as it is true that Abraham Lincoln learned to read by the light of a fire. Neither proves the superiority of the medium used.

It is our studied opinion—and we mean studied—that education in Oregon would be benefited by the passage of this bill as the legislature passed it. Our school system has been and is subject to much criticism. We should try to improve it. This way of improvement has the support of a good investigating group; it received the careful study of a good legislative committee; was carefully explained and approved by house and senate. It is the most carefully worked out plan so far proposed and while it will necessarily need amendment it should be a step toward the ultimate goal of better school district organization, better education, more equitable taxes.

ADD IT UP ADLAI

Governor Stevenson found cause for alarm that a majority of newspapers were supporting General Eisenhower. There would be more cause for alarm if newspapers were supporting this kind of an administration, but let that pass. It is likely that newspapers are not so partisan as the governor has to be in his "unwanted" position and that they consider government on its record. It's possible editors remember the long casualty lists in this administration's bootless wars; it's possible editors remember Yalta, Teheran and Potsdam; it's possible editors consider the \$262 billion and growing debt; it's possible editors think about the country's young men who are sent to Korea to fight and die in a war they are not permitted to win; it's possible editors know about the corruption in government from top to bottom; it's possible editors remember that war material was sold for pitifully small sums and replaced at higher prices; it's possible editors dislike boasts about controlling inflation (and boosts to inflation); it's possible editors do not think an American administration should be allied with a labor union; it's possible editors consider the state department a national disgrace; it's possible editors think we need an administrator that does not harbor communists; it's possible editors do not think it was necessary to let China go to the Reds through ignorance of our administrators; it's possible editors do not like to see this greatest nation in the world kept constantly afraid for political reasons. The wonder is, Adlai, that there are 15 percent of this nation's editors who still hope that the Democratic party can be worthy again without the purge of defeat.

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STYLES CHANGE

We've been seeing a lot of big hats lately. That is a sort of seasonal occurrence, coming with fair times, rodeos and such fall diversions as western American overalls.

And we note that women wear western hats nowadays and often with more aplomb as do the men. It seems to become them as well as do the other garments of masculine apparel they have appropriated although the sight of fluffy hair protruding from beneath a man's hat instead of a pair of red ears is odd at first. But we doubt if women go in for men's hats as a steady style although we must admit that we did not think that the penchant for pants would enthrall the retherly plump sex either.

But it was the men we started to write about—and how they wore their hats. Cowboys used to wear their hats to keep their heads warm, to provide protection for their ears and their eyes. At all of which the wide brimmed western hat is well designed. It is also useful for carrying water, fanning a campfire or catching fishbait that is an extra dividend.

Hats were once simply created and that is still the style used by old timers. Some affect a peak, made by four dents equally spaced around the hat and one time the style was to push the crown in and make a little ditch all the way around which was fine to catch rainwater and reduce the amount of heat resistant air in the heat piece.

Nowadays the hat is bent into a combination of two styles with a ridge along the middle with the rain catching ditch remaining. The sides are starched into a permanent roll leaving the ears to bake in the sun. It appears that the utilitarian western hat is getting the beauty treatment, is being made into a caricature of its former useful self as did the rain coat which lost its durability along with its

opacity or the fur coat that turned inside out to meet the demands of fashion.

The felt with high crown and some width of brim filled a need when men rode all day in the sun or were caught in winter storms. Now cattle are around the feed lots before the blizzards start and most of the long riding is done by jeep. It may be time for the serviceable old hat to cut up a few capers and take on new styles and new uses.

THEY'D OUGHT TO BE A LAW

A few years ago the Oregon legislature for reasons then and now unknown, passed a law to the effect that all slow drivers must pull to the side of the road and let fast drivers pass. So far as known no slow driver has pulled to the side of the road without benefit of flat tire; no cop has told any slow driver to so pull out for traffic; fast drivers still cuss and fume. As a pattern for good conduct the law is a very good one and as a law it is entirely useless.

Sometimes and some places 40 miles is slow, other times and places it is fast. The law set no criteria, the public cannot. Like a bb shot under the hide this law cannot be removed without surgery.

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The wedding of Miss Dorothy Leatitia Wilson to Robert J. Roberson was held Sunday, September 7, at the Moro Community church with the Rev. W. W. Gearhart reading the impressive double ring ceremony before assembled relatives and friends.

The bride, in a white satin gown, with fingertip veil, was given away by her father, Paul Wilson of Eugene, after the groom and his brother James, as best man, her brother Kelly and Bill Platt as ushers, her sister Connie, as maid of honor and Miss Evelyn Kirkelle and Mrs. Bob Platt as bridesmaids had assembled at the altar. Little Judy Dunlap was a cute flower girl and Karen Wilson and Mary Mobley were candle lighters.

The maid of honor was in pink and the brides' maids in green and blue, in otherwise identical net covered dresses.

Mrs. Velma McKean sang two solos before the ceremony accompanied by Mrs. Carroll Sayrs at the Hammond organ on which she also played the wedding march.

A reception was held in the social rooms of the church following the wedding with Mrs. B. H. Roberson, mother of the groom in a silk beige suit, Mrs. Arthur Watkins, mother of the bride in an afternoon frock of plum taffeta, the newly married couple and the brides' maids making up the receiving line.

Mrs. John Foss of Wasco obtained the signatures of the guests for the guest book. Pouring at the serving tables were Mrs. Guy Haynes of Yamhill, Mrs. H. D. McKnight of Portland, Mrs. Vinton Watkins, Mrs. John Haynes of Carlton and Mrs. Paul Wilson of Eugene.

Bob Brishine and Carl Ziegler were additional ushers for the event which united in marriage a local couple who have attended high school in Moro until graduation. Mr. Roberson has served with the U. S. army in Europe and they will go to LaGrande where he will attend Eastern Oregon College of Education this fall. The bride will be employed in the First National bank there as she was until recently in the local branch.

GRASS VALLEY NEWS

W. L. Hull of Vancouver was a visitor at the home of his cousin, C. W. Fields, several days last week. He also called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Balzer.

John Rolfe left Thursday for Roseburg to move his sister, Mrs. Roy Wells to Glide where she will teach school again this year, her sixth year there. Mr. Rolfe returned Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Payne and family returned last Tuesday from a vacation trip to As-

toria and Portland where they visited their daughter, Miss Leone Moore. Miss Moore came Friday and spent the weekend here.

Want Ads

FOR SALE: 1000 bu. Elmar, from certified seed. Alfred Kock, Grass Valley. 45-6p

LOST: Car keys, on key chain with rabbit's foot. Marie Balzer, Moro. 45c

FOR SALE: Registered Hereford bull. A. von Borstel, Kent 45-6c

FOR SALE: Cedar Posts—Wemme, Oregon, thru Sept. 28. Write Amos Robison. 45-7p

WANTED: Reliable man with car, part or full time, to call on farmers in Sherman county. Wonderful opportunity. \$15 to \$20 in a day. No experience

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FOR SALE: Purebred Daschund blk. pups, six weeks old. \$12.00. Gordon Johnson, Wasco Phone 622. 44-5p

FOR SALE: Good field run Brever seed. \$2.25 bu. Tom Fraser, Moro, Oregon. 43-6p

FOR SALE: Registered Hereford bull, 4 years old. Amandus von Borstel, Kent, Oregon 41c tfn.

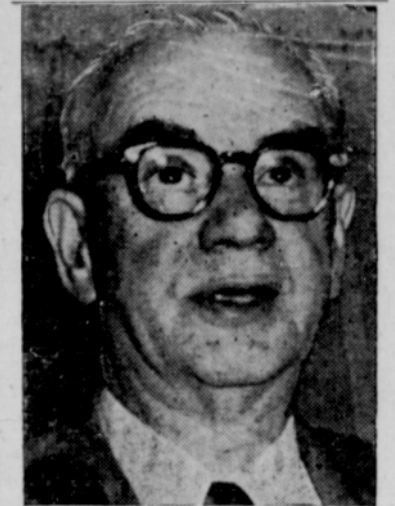
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GIVES CIO SUPPORT . . .
 CIO President Philip Murray is shown as he announced in a Washington news conference recently that he will ask the six million members of the CIO to vote for the Adlai Stevenson-John Sparkman Democratic ticket November 4.

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On November 4 the people of Oregon will vote on a measure that will give our state a fair milk law—fair to consumers and producers alike. It will replace the present milk control law which was written by special milk interests for their own benefit. Under present law it is unlawful to sell milk below prices fixed by the Milk Controller. The new law will eliminate all price fixing above the farm level.

The measure will appear on your ballot as "Milk Production and Marketing Act"—Number 332 YES. Here's what this fair milk law will do—

LOWER MILK PRICES FOR CONSUMERS
 332 YES will permit lower retail prices to consumers. It will restore competition. Consumers will get the benefit of modern methods and economies in distributing milk. The new milk law will stop monopoly by repealing a law which has primarily benefited and protected certain middlemen.

RICHER, MORE HEALTHFUL MILK
 332 YES will permit richer milk to be sold, thus assuring more healthful milk for children and better value for the money you spend for milk.

ASSURED FAIR PRICES TO DAIRY FARMERS
 332 YES will assure the dairy farmer a minimum fair price which will be set after public hearings. This, in turn, will assure an adequate supply of milk.

It will allow all dairymen who meet the standards for Grade A milk to sell such milk on the Grade A market.

With milk production and marketing on a sound basis (fair to all) the dairy farmer will not be in constant danger of losing his minimum price protection.

DON'T BE FOOLED
 Neither the present Milk Control Law nor the proposed Milk Production and Marketing Act regulates sanitation or minimum quality standards. Separate state laws and city ordinances regulate and control the

cleanliness of milk and its minimum quality. These separate laws are enforced by city and state health officers.

THE FAIR MILK BILL WILL BE ON YOUR BALLOT IN NOVEMBER—VOTE YES 332
 for a milk law that's fair to you

The FAIR Milk Bill, called the MILK PRODUCTION AND MARKETING ACT, was put on the November ballot through the efforts of the Affiliated Milk Committees of Oregon in association with your local Milk Committee. It represents the work of hundreds of volunteers, some from your own neighborhood, who circulated the petitions. Although only 26,000 signatures were required, over 43,000 citizens actually signed the petitions in 28 Oregon counties during a short six-week period. If approved in the coming election, the proposed MILK PRODUCTION AND MARKETING ACT will automatically replace the present Milk Control Law.

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