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EDUCATION

Ever since states began to appropriate money for local schools the serious problem about how to do it equitably so it would do the most good has been with school administrators and legislators. It is still there for it has not been solved.

Most states have a system something like Oregon's in that the state money is parceled out on an accounting basis, so much for each teacher, so much per child, so much for a cry of distress. Apportionment has been to taxpayers and for taxpayers, not for children or education of them. And may we repeat here that no one—no one—can define education or chart a course that will achieve it.

Now because Oregon is broke and almost on the verge of admitting it, the flow of funds downward from the state to the districts may be slowed. The districts that have been getting the bigger share of the state funds have gotten used to easy money and want to keep on getting the huge grants at the expense of districts that have been getting less state funds. Such things are always a result of pouring money into an organization, especially a poor one. It is an axiom of government that no improvement can be made so long as there is lots of money. No one would dare endanger a dime of it.

Certainly there are other factors in what we are calling education, other than money. It isn't just a process of putting a stated number of nickels in the slot and getting a package of cigarettes or a brightly educated youth. Some way of evaluating these other factors is certainly necessary before more money is spent on state aid. The state should know what it is aiding, why it is aiding, how well it is aiding, what results are coming from the aid.

We think the problem of determining "educational" effect of state money is a legislative problem.

It should not be expected that a dollar will produce the same amount of education in one county as in another but the question cannot be answered until there is a way to measure an education. In other words the state is helping pay for a process and perhaps a product which is not measured in either quality or quantity. It cannot know whether it is paying too much or too little or whether its money wasted or well used. It merely knows that it is gone and that there is a demand for more.

School principals and superintendents have long been making tests, using several kinds. The practice is general all over the nation, they say. If they are compiled on a statewide basis and comparisons made about them the results have not been generally made known.

Before the legislature changes the method of distributing state money it should know whether large schools are doing a better job of teaching than small schools, how valuable is a college graduate in comparison to a normal school graduate as a teacher, the effect of bus transportation on learning (if any), the effect of reduction in the teaching of history and civics government and the substitution of science, whether doubling-up of pupils in a school is harmful and many other questions.

Instead of having a huge six-pound tome about the desirability of taking from Peter to subsidize Paul, there should be an investigation to find out what Paul is getting out of it other than a taste for dependence.

It is our understanding that principals and superintendents would be glad to co-operate in such a study, when made, would add a great deal to the meager information we now have about education. It is our belief that the legislature should authorize such a study. It would be relief from talking about money which is certainly only one of the many factors affecting education.

NOW FOR A GARDEN

Come Sunday we are going to risk a radish seed if we have to put it into the ground with a pick. It will be April and if a radish won't grow in April it won't grow at all.

The winter was so late it never did arrive until March. Nevertheless there has to be a spring of some sort although admittedly it can be delayed until June. But spring or no spring a radish can't wait; it must grow in the slowly warming ground, hot earth ruins a radish and aids the worms that prevent its being a purely vegetable tidbit.

This is very late for a garden in this country where we often have radishes big enough to tickle a spring appetite by now. But we learn that it has been later and know it has been earlier. All of that is encouraging, that is, that the weather is not getting in a rut and still can be different and refreshing.

So we will be just as happy with our May radishes as with April ones we have enjoyed.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman county, his Final Account as Executor of the estate of Herman H. Nichols, deceased; that Monday, the 2nd day of May, 1955, at ten o'clock a. m. of said day in the court room of the County Court in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Account and for settlement of said estate.

Wesley E. Nichols
Executor
Brown & Van Vactor and
T. Lester Johnson
Attorneys for Executor 22-5c

NOTICE OF CREDITORS

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HANS C. BARDENHAGEN
Executor of the Estate of
Claus J. Bardenhagen
T. Tracy Barta
Attorney for the Estate
The Dalles, Oregon 19-22c

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Harold D. Eakin
Norris Gilkison
Executors
T. Lester Johnson

notice is March 18, 1955.
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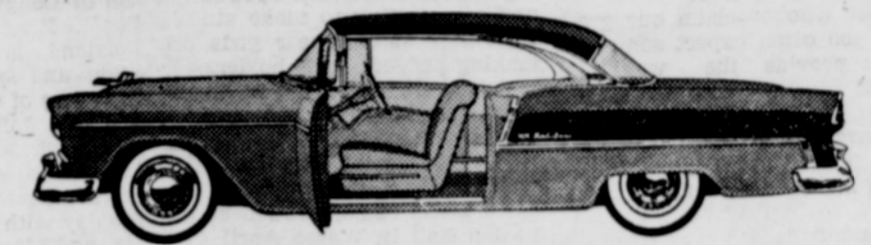
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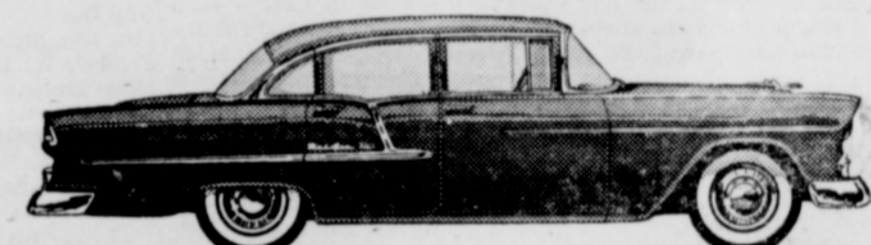
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