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QUALITY NOT QUANTITY

A writer has said that America has been noted for its emphasis on quantity. We have wanted the biggest of everything: factories, farms, cars, election. He suggests that it is now time we thought about quality.

He was talking about education. We have, he says, been educating more pupils, in bigger schools at bigger expense and bigger courses of study. The number of pupils cannot be reduced very well. But the quality of education can be improved, partly by more concentration on basic education.

His plea is, of course, right in line with the parent's feeling that readin', writin' and 'rithmetic were getting the go-around for fancier subjects that were easier and less instructive.

But his argument need not be restricted to education alone. In many other fields we insist on size when quality would be more satisfactory if tried.

NEW KEYBOARD

We are unsympathetic with efforts to change the keyboard of the typewriter. It could be improved. Experience with the keyboard of a type setting machine shows very quickly that a different arrangement of letters would improve the speed of the normal person on a typewriter.

Nevertheless we are not impressed with the keyboard proposed by the research staff now working on the subject. In much of the typing we see and do the letters hit by the little fingers is lighter indicating a weak touch. We would put little used letters at the ends.

It is probably wise to put the vowels on one side for many words alternate vowels with consonants and each hand would get in its licks alternately.

We realize that what we think about it is of no consequence to anyone other than ourselves for it is extremely unlikely that we will change under any circumstances. Furthermore, being in the profession addicted to ancient typewriters, it is highly improbable that we will change machines.

PAYMENT FOR WATERWAYS

There is a bit of a hassle going about a proposal to make companies that used the waterways pay some toll for the improvements that are made for their successful operation. Of course, the companies think this a very reprehensible suggestion and those who ship by water are being induced to echo the same sentiment.

There is something to be said for it. If the government goes to great expense to make a waterway usable for shipping the only reason why it should do so is to make shipping cheaper for the citizens of that area. Unless the companies haul freight for less the money spent for the improvement does no good.

In the northwest we have the experience of the waterways associations being active in holding up freight rates instead of trying to lower them. Whenever we in this country obtain a lowered freight rate the first one to oppose it is the Inland Waterways association and the barge companies.

We could look with more favor on their plea for free use of the river and on continued appropriations for better and cheaper channels if the barge and ship companies were the aggressors in reducing freight rates.

THE FEDERAL PLAN

The Oregon supreme court has given a quick OK to the use of the title for the Federal Plan of legislative reapportionment and the petitions will be ready for signing in a short time. Instructions of the committee for the plan to its officers were to file the bill and print petitions. Those instructions have been followed.

Those who realize the danger to Oregon government that would come from continuance of the population plan now in effect will also realize that the filing of an initiative and printing of the pe-

titions is only the start of a long campaign. The result will depend on the number who are willing to give some time to the campaign and those who can and will give money.

It will first be necessary to obtain the signatures of 40,000 voters of the state and that is quite a few voters. It is a larger number than has heretofore been necessary because the law was changed increasing the number. It was felt by a majority that initiative measures were getting on the ballot too easily. With that decision we have no quarrel. The more who sign the petition the more will be acquainted with the bill.

The important and effective farm organizations of the state are in favor of the Federal Plan led by the Farm Bureau and the Grange, the largest agricultural groups. Those favoring it are not in search of a club to permit them to dominate the more populated centers; what they want is an equal bit of legislative power. The Federal Plan offers them that opportunity.

TAX ASSOCIATION

We noted an advertisement in a weekly newspaper recently about the formation of a local tax league. And we remembered how influential and effective one was that worked in this county some years ago.

The time is not ripe for a tax association to work on local taxes. These are high and getting higher and may get out of hand soon. But right now local taxes offer the most for the tax payer's dollar he can get from any government. If local citizens want roads and schools and other improvements and are willing to pay for them that is their business and by building them they do escape state and federal taxes for which they receive less on the dollar.

A tax association is valuable when it is necessary to obtain information not readily available and when a group or several groups are in need of a centralizing unit to make a case for them.

In Oregon the Business and Tax Research association has been working against tax abuses for many years. It has been a state organization with insufficient local associations. That has occurred because citizens have not needed or wanted to take issue with local taxes in many cases and apparently it is only local taxes that will hold a group together.

The Committee for the Hoover Report has been trying to bring some economies to the federal government and been terribly abused in the process. If you've ever tried to pull a pig away from a trough you know the kind of a squeal that has gone up.

The point of all this is that the days of big spending and big taxing will come to an end—are coming to an end, it seems—and there is going to be a need for some informed group to advise citizens about how to change the trend. We do not think that the citizen should work four months out of the year for the government. It isn't necessary and it isn't worth it.

Probably the saddest thing of all is an old radical. The world catches up with some of them but most of them are merely discredited by their own thoughts.

Rufus Personals

Mrs. George Fox

Mrs. Allen Tom and Mrs. Curtis Neal were hostesses Thursday to home extension members at the home of Mrs. Joe Morris. The county extension agent, Ina Hanson gave a demonstration and talk on salads, and the different kinds of dressing. The delicious buffet luncheon featuring salads and different breads was served by the hostesses during the noon hour.

After lunch Mrs. Allen Tom, president, called a business meeting. She was assisted by her secretary Mrs. Ralph Vrana. The group meets the third Thursday of each month, and any one interested in this work is welcome. However, the December meeting will not be held on account of the date near Christmas. Mrs. Roy Lake will have the club at her home for the January meeting. Mrs. Ralph Vrana will be co-hostess. Present for the occasion besides the hostesses and Mrs. Hanson were Mrs. Leslie Hascall, Mrs. Ralph Vrana, Mrs. Trace Fields, Mrs. Don Macnab, Mrs. Harland McDonald, Mrs. Roy Lake, Mrs. Harvey Hanson, Mrs. Robert Byrd, Mrs. Bill Huck, Mrs. George Fox, Mrs. Frank Reid and Mrs. Joe Morris.

The people at Rufus interested in volley ball met at the school house Wednesday night to enjoy playing volleyball. Both men and women play together to keep the competition even.

The Rufus grange met Thursday evening despite the big snow storm that fell that night. Ten brave grangers residing near the hall met with master, Harland McDonald conducting the meeting. Mrs. McDonald announced she will have the Home Ec. club at her home December 8. This will



Hood River Vodka, a new Oregon product made from famous Hood River pears, has gone into the market to become not only the first distillery-made Vodka in the Pacific Northwest, but also the first in the entire country made of fruit.

Hood River Distillers, Inc., Oregon's first and only distillery, have long been noted throughout the nation for the production of Apple Brandy-Cherry (Kirschwasser) Brandy, and Plum (Slivovitz) Brandy. In recent years, the major portion of their production

has been neutral fruit brandies which are used primarily as a base for fruit flavored brandies by the major Eastern rectifiers.

"Our answer to the growing national trend toward lighter, milder tasting liquors, is Hood River Vodka", explained George D. Heisley Jr., general manager of the firm. "Consumption of Vodka nationally has increased spectacularly. For instance, during the first eight months of the year, sales jumped 48 per cent above the same period of 1954."

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the holidays. Oh Well! The children enjoyed getting their sleds out for some sleighing fun coasting on the hills.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Morris and son Joe who were elk hunting in the mountains near Wallowa arrived home over the weekend. For awhile their safety was feared as the snow got deeper here. However, they were just fine; just trying to get another elk besides the small one they had. They say the elk were scarce this year.

Mr. and Mrs. George Church of Canby, a former resident of Rufus, together with their son in law and daughter stopped in Rufus Tuesday evening on their return from an elk hunting trip near the

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Vada DeMosa, N. G. Jo Gentry, Sec.

Moro Lodge No. 113 I.O.O.F. Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in I.O.O.F. hall. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited. John Shipley, N. G. Leo Watkins, Secretary

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78. O.E.S. Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays in each month; visiting members invited. Moro, Oregon. Catherine Thompson, W. M. Naomi Van Gilder, Secretary

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A.F. & A.M. Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us. Frank Sayrs, W. M. Clyde Gillmor, Secretary

Wallowa mountains. They report a nice elk for theirarder. Their party went through Rufus last Thursday going to the mountains where they camped near the Morris'.

Rufus school did not open Friday due to the extra six inches of snow that fell the evening before. The snow hasn't drifted any, so the roads are open and thawing at this writing. Last Friday's silver thaw was rough on the motorists as a sheet of ice lay every where and on everything it could reach. Anyone venturing out did so at their own risk.

John Mathieson was laid up during the cold spell with infection in his hand. The Mathiesons' just finished putting a new roof on the north side of their house when a cut John received while cutting some tin for stripping the curve of the roof acted up. It is better now, although John says the hand feels a little stiff yet.

Mrs. Benton Barnett has been laid up with a cold the last two weeks. Mrs. Jean Thompson has also been at home with a cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Meyers and son Billy were business visitors in Portland last week.

3977 or 5293, 1205 E. 12th St. Vern Campell and Jack Null, The Dalles, Oregon 38tn

FOR SALE: Used Oliver 77 tractor with scoop. Grass Valley Equip. & Repair, ph. 141. 46ctfn

FOR SALE: Tamarack fence posts. Priced reasonably, best of quality. Must see to appreciate. Good road. Homer E. Davis, Lone-rock, Oregon 48-3c

FOR SALE: Deep well pump jack, 1/2 horse electric motor. Ernest Esslinger, Moro. 51-1p

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
All persons having claims against the Estate of W. D. Fuller, deceased, are hereby notified to present them, with the proper vouchers and duly verified, to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Administratrix of the estate of W. D. Fuller, deceased, at the office of T. Lester Johnson, attorney at law, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, to-wit: November 11, 1955.

Eunice L. Fuller Administratrix

T. Lester Johnson Attorney for Administratrix Moro, Oregon 2-5c

CALL FOR BIDS
Sherman county will receive sealed bids up to 10:00 a. m. December 7, 1955 for the following surplus equipment:

1939 Chevrolet dump truck. Has good motor, 3-yd bed and hoist.
One C36 straight eight Chrysler Industrial motor. Complete with starter, governor, radiator, clutch and stand.

One automatic Iron Fireman coal burner.
Equipment can be seen at the county road shed.
County reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Vernon Miller, Judge 4-5c

WANT ADS

FOR SALE: 300 Head Cattle Ranch on Innaha River—fully stocked and equipped—reserve rights—modern buildings—for full information contact—GUY SKAGGS AGENCY, Enterprise, Ore. H. R. WEATHER-FORD, Salesman. 3-4c

LOST: Chev. truck spare wheel with tire between Condon and home. Earl Gentry, Moro 2p

CUSTOM SLAUGHTERING — Meat cutting, wrapping, sharp freeze. Kenny's Market, Grass Valley, Oregon Ph. 242 47tn

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WHAT'S DOING

Cal Horn, your Telephone Manager

Christmas gifts everyone in your family will enjoy

Time sure flies, and Christmas is almost here again. So why not take a minute out right now and go Christmas shopping for your family. Below are some of the telephone gifts from which you can choose. They'll bring new pleasure to your home not just at Christmastime but every day of the year.

Color phones: For added beauty and convenience in every room you use a lot. Come in red, ivory, brown, green . . . blue, beige, yellow, or gray. Also in two-tone combinations. Mom, especially, would be pleased with an attractive gift like this.

Speakerphones: You can use this remarkable new hands-free telephone without lifting the receiver. Talk conveniently through the miniature microphone. Hear at a distance through the loudspeaker. Can be used like any other phone, too.

Illuminated dials: When you lift the receiver of this special telephone, the dial lights up automatically. Dialing is easy for you even in total darkness. Just the thing for bedrooms and any other dimly lit place.

Wall phones: Here's something no modern kitchen should be without. Dad would find a wall phone handy in his workshop, too. It's "out-of-way" when you're working yet is always easy to reach. Take your choice of attractive colors.

These are just a few of the things now available to make your telephone still more useful and attractive. When you've made your choices, call your telephone business office and talk it over. You'll be surprised how little it costs to give these unusual yet extremely practical gifts. And if you call now, you'll be sure to have them in plenty of time for Christmas.

You will find it in the yellow pages . . .

Customer surveys show that when one is in the market to buy a certain item or service, and want to know where to buy it, the classified section of the telephone directory is the place to find it. Advertising in the yellow pages is your silent salesman and is on the job 24 hours a day and every day of the year. Our representatives are here now contacting business customers in this area. Let them "PINPOINT" what you have to sell in this valuable advertising medium. Call our Business Office, 2101, and we will arrange an appointment.

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