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AIDS TO EDUCATION

Certainly it will not be long before taxpayers, school administrators and parents are going to be discussing the problem of why it would not be possible to instruct the youth of the land by audio-visual aids without having so many school teachers around. It would be easy to put a lecture course on tape and have it done perfectly each time and also to repeat it for the benefit of the absent or indolent. It is possible to make almost any kind of a demonstration by means of TV and the best one would always be available. Giving of examinations might require some help although not necessarily professional. We know someone will say it is impossible but in these days that is no bar to probability. One development might be that pupils would be more on their own and would be entirely responsible for their education; there would be no teacher to wheedle and beg enough action out of them to excuse a passing grade. We may always need a few shovel wielders anyway and those who won't make an effort to acquire an education are natural candidates for that job.

Of course, there is no way to get out of reading and studying if one is to be educated for all the knowledge of the race is in books. That doesn't have to be done under the eye of an instructor, cannot be. In fact, the process of education as now practiced is not a marked stimulant to reading. Education by radio and TV might be.

OF MORALS

The teaching and preaching of morals has been long with us. And we are thankful for that. Men could hardly live together were it not for general observation of a moral code that softened their aggressiveness, their selfishness, their brutality. At one period in the history of civilization morals were taught, it little plays, somewhat similar, it is our belief, to the one presented here Tuesday night. Perhaps the old morality plays were more direct and made the lesson sharper, but the intent was the same. We need to have morals taught repeatedly lest we forget them. So many of our activities teach an opposite lesson, so often the teaching is to get instead of to give, boastfulness instead of humility.

All of our philosophies and all of our religions teach much the same doctrine and the disagreements among them are on the smaller things not the basic principle. A Buddhist, a Moslem, a follower of Confucius could live amongst us as easily as anyone if we did not know his beliefs and throw him out because of our prejudices.

SUPPORT

When the man of the house comes home with his shoulders sagging and a mentally beat-up expression all over, the wise wife goes into a cheering up routine designed to soften the business blows of the day and restore the confidence of the bread winner. When in the old days, a man hooked a team of horses onto a heavy load and found that strain as they might they couldn't budge it, he went to their heads and patted them encouragingly. Victors need few pats. They are cocky enough already and in some cases it may be best to kick victors around a little to reduce an inflated ego. It is losers that need support. The losers we have immediately in mind are the members of the Moro high school basketball team who, try as they might, can't win a game. They now have absorbed 14 lickings and seem, at this writing, to go on to the end without winning one. We think that a kind word might appropriately be said and a kind gesture made in their behalf. Because they have tried. Week after week they go out and play a fair first half only to fall in the second and wind up second in a match game. The community might vote them an "E" for effort.

COUNTY MANAGER

Herman Kerhil, director of municipal research at the university and long time leader in affairs of Oregon counties and cities writes to a newspaper to explain his stand on home rule in Oregon. He says that the county manager plan is not the one under which counties could obtain more authority over their own government. With this we agree. However, the county manager plan is probably the one under which counties could obtain more power the easiest and quickest. The original conception of Oregon's county manager law was that as counties adopted it the legislature would give more power to county governments until counties were in position to govern themselves without running to the legislature for such puerile matters as herding of stock or county zoning.

Oregon is a broad state and one of many diverse interests and of many occupations of its people. A law that works well in Multnomah county may often be full of hardships for Harney county. Good government requires that there be a means of adjusting these differences. More power to county government would help. Because of local prejudices no county has as yet adopted the county manager form of government. It is still probable that many will do so for the advantages outweigh the disadvantages especially when the plan for more home rule is made evident.

Despite our national and state tendency toward centralization of authority the best government is still local government and we must retain it at all costs. Centralization is too expensive, causes unfairness where not necessary and loses the local and personal interest so needed for a government of the people. Oregon has always been in favor of the theory of home rule, much more than it has been in favor of the practice of home rule. The county manager plan was devised to make home rule obtainable and workable. That it would do.

SCIENCE

It seems often that we give too much importance to science and are too concerned with developments in that field. One might think that our living had changed completely because cars were invented, radio was developed, machinery became common. We doubt that it is true. The business of living is much as it has always been for it consists of relationships between fellow humans. We treat a visitor the same, and enjoy him equally, whether he drives up a car or if he comes on a horse as he did a generation or so ago; home life consists in getting along with a family and whether the center of interest there is a television set or a few books the problem is the same.

Reliance on science is a material manifestation for science deals with material things—saves our time and gives us leisure. We can do more work and always find work to do. Whether or not we enjoy other people—or ourselves—whether we take pleasure from the sun and sky, whether we like our food and our recreations is seldom affected by the new gadgets science has brought us. Were an ancestor to drop in on us he would certainly be surprised at our ease of living, and also surprised that it had changed us so little.

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Your Income Tax

For the calendar year 1955, the individual taxpayer need not report as income the first \$50 of dividends he received during the year. On a joint return, the exclusion would be \$100 if husband and wife each had dividends of \$50 or more. In addition, a credit against tax is allowed on dividends received during 1955. This credit is 4 per cent on such dividends, but limited to (1) the total income before this credit or (2) to 4 per cent of taxable income. Dividends excluded under the \$50 relief would not enter into the computation of the credit. For this purpose the exclusion applies to the dividends first received in the tax year.

EXAMPLE: An individual on the calendar-year basis received the following dividends in 1955: \$100 on March 1; \$100 on June 1; \$100 on September 1; and \$100 on December 1. Total, \$400. Now, \$50 of the dividends received on March 1 is excluded from gross income. The balance of the dividends (\$350) is included in gross income. A credit against tax of \$14 is allowed: i. e., 4 per cent of the \$350 in dividends received during the year, assuming the individual's taxable income is \$350 or more.

The dividend exclusion and credit do not apply to dividends from (1) tax-exempt cooperatives or other tax-exempt corporations, (2) certain insurance companies and (3) foreign corporations. They also do not apply to the so-called dividends from mutual savings banks, cooperative banks, and building and loan associations.

The public accountants who served on the committee preparing this income tax series all emphasize that the complexities of the dividend provisions, as well as other phases of federal and state income tax, make it advisable for returns to be filed as soon as possible. Certain tax savings permitted under the law may well be overlooked in the last-minute rush in April, they point out.

Rufus Personals

Mrs. George Fox

The Sherman county Pomona grange held its first meeting for 1956 February 11 at the Rufus grange hall. A noon dinner was held, but the business meeting started at 11 a. m. with Rolland Johnson, master, calling it to order. Mrs. Delta Johnson, state lecturer, Everett Olmstead, Wasco county Pomona master, Orla Martin, Harlandview master and Harland McDonald Rufus grange master were all escorted to the masters station. Rolland Johnson thanked members for their support and asked for their continued support for his next two year term. Master also said the Pomona grange needs to get out some resolutions. The last one to get the speed limit lowered on the highway going through Rufus to 35 miles per hour was turned down by the state highway commission.

Mrs. Louis Sather said she turned in the chaplain's penny drill proceeds of \$5.26 over to Mrs. Earl Gentry the new chaplain. Mrs. Walt Bruckert, home economics chairman, told of the state and national sewing and canning projects. She said some of the jelly was off flavor because paraffin was used too hot. This was news to a lot of the women.

Mrs. George Fox, lecturer, reported the subordinate lecturers of Sherman county had their reports in on time. The state lecturer said one other county (Curry) in Oregon had all their reports in. A resolution from Douglas county from South Deer Creek grange: subject: ground observer posts for civil defense was read and turned over to the committee for study.

Agriculture chairman, Walter Bruckert, said in the near future he will have a meeting in Moro with Earl Moore, state agricultural chairman present. The Pomona master has set March 5 for the county conference to be held in Rufus and to be preceded by a 6:00 p. m. pot luck dinner.

Rolland Johnson explained about the Past Masters lectures contests for Hood River, Wasco and Sherman counties. Each county subordinate grange programs will be judged by the last of April, and the result of this the winner of Sherman county goes to Mosier May 1. Wasco county winner goes to Hood River May 2 and Hood River winner comes to Sherman county May 12 which meeting will be at Harlandview grange. There is a ten dollar prize for each subordinate winner and a fifteen dollar prize for the Pomona winner. The money is put up by the Past Masters of the Tri-County Visitation.

Charles Wallace was installed by master as gatekeeper. Joe Abraham in the Youth committee chairman. George Fox was

appointed Legislative chairman with helpers Giles French and Alton Tom.

George Lindsey, editor of The Dalles Kiwanis club was the guest speaker. He gave an interesting talk on the relations between farm and city residents. The lecturer Mrs. George Fox had all sing a get-together song. Mrs. Harold Baker gave a reading "Mrs. White Visits". Mrs. Louis Sather sang the Irish number, "Mush, Mush Ne-ture Lady". There was contest "Measuring Their Nose", between six men and women. Joe Abraham and Mrs. Bob Byrd were found to have the largest sum of their two noses. Mrs. Harland McDonald recited "Snoring Husbands". The program ended with splitting the crowd and singing nursery rhymes.

For a preliminary at the ball game Friday night the town volleyball team played a group of grade and high school girls beating them by a score of 29 to 24. The women playing were Mrs. Robert Byrd, Mrs. Bill Myers, Mrs. Bob Morris, Mrs. Ray Brown, Mrs. Francis Malone, Mrs. Harvey Hanson, Mrs. Vera Roberts and Mrs. Eugene Eaton. The girls playing were Donna Mae Hanson, Patsy Roberts, Mary Jane and Nadine Griggs, Patricia Blackburne, Nadine Grant and Valerie Liacus.

The basketball game between the Wolves and Condon that night was a close contested game the first half when the score stood at 30 for Condon and 23 for Rufus. The Condon boys played to a 15 point lead in the third quarter and an 18 point lead at the whistle, score 64 to 46. Jim Fox was high man for Rufus with Wally Morris a close second with 15. Referees were Clark and O'Brien.

The Home Ec. club and Miss Lenore McNulty, teacher, gave the high school basketball team a ham dinner with all the trimmings at the Rufus school lunch room Monday night. Jim Fox was toastmaster.

The Home Ec. club of Rufus grange met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Robert Byrd with Mrs. Walt Morris co-hostess. Mrs. Bertha Applegate of Portland was guest. A Lincoln log roll dessert was served with coffee for the dessert lunch.

The club members each signed Valentine cards to be sent to their hospitalized grangers who are Elizabeth Kuypers, Ritchie Dingle, Glen Thompson and Herman Brackett. Mrs. Byrd, chairman, announced the club will hold its rummage sale in The Dalles June 20 to 23 inclusive. Everyone to start gathering up rummage from their friends. A number of members contributed to the Heart Fund. It was reported that although the club members worked two days in January on the road signs they aren't quite finished yet. The refreshments for the grange's birthday February 25 was planned. Mrs. Trace Fields won the drawing. For the program Mrs. Fields gave a talk on the pruning and care of frosted trees and plants.

The Rufus grange plans on open party to celebrate the grange's birthday Feb. 25. The Youth chairman, Joe Abraham,



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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

She Knew It All The Time

Chances are, long ago your grandma knew how to keep you from catching cold. Mine did. "Stay out of drafts," she'd warn. "Bundle up. Don't get wet." Then, maybe, when you grow up you found that the old lady's theories were considered old fashioned. Germs were the thing—and the way to avoid a cold was to avoid infection by somebody who already had one. Now I read where scientists aren't so sure. Germs carry a cold, of course, but they now believe something else "sets it off"—something like drafts, wet feet or going without your muffler. Grandma, take a bow! From where I sit, there's liable to be sound reasoning behind the old customs people believe in. "Early to bed, early to rise," for instance—or the practice of drinking hot milk or a glass of beer at bedtime. I'm not saying you ought to hold with these beliefs yourself... but you'd better get the facts before giving them the "chill."

Joe Marsh

plans to have a home talent show of the north end of Sherman county. Refreshments will be served by the grange.

The senior class students of Rufus high school had a meeting January 25. The officers are: Wally Morris, president, Elaine Eaton, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. They elected Leslie Hascall as the adviser. They decided as their project they would wash cars as soon as the weather clears up. The first half of the 1955-56 school year was completed January 20, 1956. After careful consideration only the grades of one student, Wally Joe Morris, could be found to qualify for the high school honor roll. Congratulations, Wally.

A warm west wind hit here Friday morning in this area the first break it has had for several weeks from sub freezing temperatures. The country roads were in a pretty soft condition over the weekend with the wind blowing all the while. Monday night another freeze came to stop any rapid thawing. A sprinkling of snow fell that night. And by Tuesday afternoon the clouds were dark in the heavens. Also there was snow flurries.

Bill Myers was getting his house moved from Biggs (the Arnold house) on Tuesday. The telephone company and electrical company men were in Rufus disconnecting wires so that the house could go down main street over to the location by the house occupied by Bill Roberts, but owned by Bill Myers. Bill Myers also has another house to be brought up from Biggs to be put on his location just east of town. The Rufus school students and their teachers are planning on attending Tuesday the play put on by the Presbyterian church at Moro.

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Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Laura Grabenhorst, N.G. Vada DeMoss, Secretary

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 every second and fourth Thursday in each month; visiting members invited. Moro, Oregon. Dorene Hall, W. M. Dorothy Heater, Secretary

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned Mayme P. Elliott and Edna H. Weedman, have been appointed joint executrices of the Estate of Elizabeth E. Potter, dec., and have qualified as such. All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby notified to present them, duly verified, to the undersigned, either at the residence of Mayme P. Elliott, Wasco, Oregon or at the

office of John M. Stapleton, attorney for said Executrices, Vogt Bldg., The Dalles, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, to-wit: February 10, 1956.
Mayme P. Elliott
Edna H. Weedman
Joint Executrices
Estate Elizabeth E. Potter, dec.
John M. Stapleton
Attorney, The Dalles, Ore. 15-8c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the Estate of Ernest Eslinger, deceased, are hereby notified to present them, with the proper vouchers and duly verified, to the undersigned, the duly appointed and acting Executrix of the Estate of Ernest Eslinger, 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: February 3, 1956.
Leta F. Eslinger
Executrix
T. Lester Johnson
Attorney for Executrix 14-17c

NOTICE OF RURAL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in compliance with Section 110-1207, O.C.L.A., as amended by Chapter 393, Oregon laws 1943, and Chapter 345, Oregon laws 1945, as amended by Chapter 591, Oregon laws 1947, to the legal voters of the Rural School District of Sherman County, Oregon, that a meeting will be held at the Courthouse in Moro, on the 7th day of March, 1956, at 10:00 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of discussing the Budget of the Rural School Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1956, and ending June 30, 1957, hereafter set forth.

BUDGET 1956 - 1957

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

1. Estimated available cash on hand at beginning of the year for which this budget is made	\$ 250.00
2. Amounts received from other sources	None
Total estimated receipts	\$ 250.00

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

1. Personal Service:	
a. District Superintendent's salary	\$ 4,500.00
b. Clerical	1,800.00
c. Superintendent's travel	600.00
d. Institutes, conferences	250.00
2. Supplies and printing	300.00
3. Office equipment	100.00
4. Postage, telephone, and telegraph	200.00
5. Elections, publicity and legal	100.00
6. Rural School Board travel and expense	225.00
7. Fixed charges	450.00
8. Miscellaneous expenses	
9. Emergency	650.00
10. Filmstrip Library	250.00
11. State School Board Association	50.00
Total estimated expenditures	\$ 9,475.00

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES, RECEIPTS, AND AVAILABLE CASH BALANCES AND TAX LEVY

1. Total estimated expenditures	\$ 9,475.00
2. Deduct total estimated receipts and available cash balances	250.00
3. Amount necessary to balance the budget	\$ 9,225.00
4. Total estimated tax levy for the ensuing fiscal year	\$ 9,225.00

Dated February 1, 1956
Signed: Wily W. Knighton
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Charles Burnett
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