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**WHAT IS EDUCATION**

The other night a whole gymnasium full of parents and friends watched 17 boys and girls finish high school. The program was a bit ambitious for high school youngsters but that is the way it is these days with high schools of smaller size going in for more "dog" than larger ones or universities. That isn't, however, the point.

If these 17 are average they will read less than 100 books during the remainder of their lives. Not each. Collectively. One will do the most of that.

The reading of books is at a very low ebb in the United States these days and the books that are read are neither cultural, instructive, or educational. They are escape books, written to excite. Don't ask us what.

With all due regard for radio and television the wisdom of the human race is written in books, stored in libraries. It is available to those who read and little of it gets on the airwaves. It is impossible at this stage of human development for anyone to be educated without reading of books.

Whether schools are deficient in not teaching youngsters to read books or whether parents are deficient in not giving an example of reading we will not argue. Only to say that the average American doesn't read enough books to keep up with the world of thought.

The purpose of education is to train the mind. That is all it is. If it be necessary to train the legs at football so as to keep the minds in school football serves a purpose. It is not an end in itself. If schools do not create an interest in mental training that lasts beyond graduation then schools are a failure. Many countries with school systems much less elaborate than ours produce citizens who read ten times as much.

**COUNTY MANAGER**

Of late there has been more talk about the desirability of the county manager plan for Sherman county than we have heard for some years.

We do not know whether it comes from discontent with the present system of elected officials or from a desire to better local government. It is not important why. The fact is there is more interest.

Under the county manager system, as provided in Oregon, the voters would elect a board of men, the number to be determined by the charter on which the vote would be taken. They could be three or eleven or between. This board would then hire a county manager, either a local man or one from outside the county, and he would manage the county affairs.

He would hire as many persons as he needed to perform the county functions entrusted to him and would have authority to fire them, or lay them off. The board could fire him at will although he might be given a yearly contract.

The county board would be a sort of legislative body although one man would be entrusted with some judicial power to handle probate matters. The manager would be the executive head.

Under the present system the county court is composed of three men one of whom has some judicial power. They perform some legislative functions and some executive ones, but basically a county court is a hodge-podge of authority. It is a holdover from another time. It has little or no power over elected county officials. Local government would be stronger if the county manager plan was in use generally and more functions were assumed by counties.

We have been in a period of centralization in government with the federal government taking power away from the states and states taking power away from the counties. This should be reversed before we have centralization on the scale of Russia where all the important laws are made in Moscow.

When and if the people of this county want a manager form of government they have merely to petition for a vote on the matter and it can be tried.

**FIFTY BILLION DOLLARS**

There seems no doubt about it, the government is going to spend fifty billion dollars on new highways, interstate highways.

It is true that there is a lot of money. It is. Everything is a lot of money these days and those who made their original appraisal of money in the dollar a day days are hopelessly lost. Of this fabulous sum Oregon is to get some \$340,000,000, in itself a tidy little sum, no matter whose days one is thinking about.

A few years ago there was quite a legislative battle about letting the highway commission issue \$40,000,000 in bonds for construction. It was going to finish a program, we recall. It didn't, of course; nothing like that is ever finished.

The main roads in Oregon are pretty well built by which we mean 99 and 30. Remaining of the important interstate roads are 97 and 101 and maybe 20 and 26, the roads from Ontario west and perhaps the 10N. The government money should help all of them.

This seems a good time to revive into activity the Highway 97 association which has periodically dedicated itself to improvement of that road. It is the shortest road between Canada and Mexico and the fastest road. It is out of the heavy traffic belt and construction will remove less valuable land from agriculture, (that is something to look out for in the future).

There is going to be a rush for the money, that is sure, as intense and clamorous as the rush on the ice cream vendor at a school picnic. The one who presents the best case—and early—will probably be the most satisfied when the race is over.

It would be very unfortunate if the counties through which Highway 97 runs should allow themselves to be out-distanced, or out-sprinted, in the race.

**COUNTY LIBRARY**

There was a bit of news out of Washington a short time ago about a bill to appropriate a lot of federal money for county libraries. It found a natural division between the do-gooders and the individualists.

Mrs. Edith Green favored the bill, having a share in it, and was praised by Senators Morse and Neuberger for having such a great interest in public education. And the senators, being avowed Democrats, took Sam Coon to task for opposing it.

Now be it known this newspaper is in favor of libraries and of books and of reading. It is not, however, in favor of crowding them down anyone's neck. If people want a book, people can buy a book. If a community wants a library let it buy a library and put the kind of books in it the local people want to read. We would be most unhappy if some bureaucrat in far-off Washington decreed that we had to read Mr. Truman's memoirs or smoke our after dinner pipe of peace.

Right now book reading is at a low ebb. Whether because of radio or television or good roads and big cars or the movies we do not know and neither does anyone else. But people who want to read books can do so. Towns have libraries that are supplied by the state library and the state library will send any book to anyone on request.

Certainly it is enough to have the poverty state pressed upon us in one generation. It isn't the welfare state but the poverty state when people are so poor they accept gifts from the government. But leave our minds alone.

Politics is still the largest participation sport.

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**Rufus Personals**

Mrs. George Fox

Home Ec. chairman reported Mrs. Grace Meder won first place in this county on her pillow cases. They were taken to State Grange. Supper was served late in the evening.

An interesting item I missed last week when writing up the graduation at Rufus was the fact that Jerry Brackett, a 1956 high school graduate, has a father, Pay Brackett, who graduated in the old school house that is now the Rufus grange hall. This was back in 1928 and was the last class in the building. Also Jerry's mother, Nell Langford Brackett, was one of the first ones to graduate from high school in the old building which replaced the old one and has been in use since then. It is assumed Jerry will be one of the last graduating high school class at Rufus, as Sherman county is going to try to put all their children in one high school which will be at Moro.

Rev. Alphonsus Dominich of Dufur and former pastor of this county stopped briefly in Rufus June 4 to visit friends. He was on his way back to Pennsylvania, his home state, having completed his mission here which was to build four new churches, one each at Wasco, Grass Valley, Antelope and Maupin.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tom entertained the Portand princesses of the Rose Festival last week. Mrs. Tom served refreshments to them.

Mrs. James Fox returned to her home June 1 after surgery in The Dalles. She is convalescing very well. Mrs. Fox's brother, Arnold Lampert, is staying with them this summer to help them out.

Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Wilson and three children are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Atlee Wilson.

Of course, everyone in Rufus has been talking about the high water in the Columbia river. The John Day river was real muddy over the weekend.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
My sincere thanks to you who contributed to the blood bank in my name. It is much appreciated.  
Beatrice Richelderfer

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**New Wheat Varieties Deadline June 25**

OMAR - Red chaff club, excellent smut resistance, good yield, will replace Elmar.

COLUMBIA - A hard red winter turkey type, bread type flour, excellent smut resistance, yield about 15% more than Rio the old turkey type and 10% less than Omar, resistant to "lodging".

Anyone who desires to secure supply of seed is eligible. Further certification for a return of a certain percentage of the crop will not be required.

Sherman county should have about 4500 bushels to distribute this fall. The county allocation committee plans to allot about 50 bushels of Omar or less, as desired to growers making application. Amount of Columbia available is uncertain at this time.

Forms to indicate your desire are available at the three cooperative grain growers and the county agent's office. Applications need be filed at the county agent's office by June 25.

Most of the wheat will be moved from Umatilla county and stored at the Sherman Cooperative Grain Growers. Distribution will be made from this point. Growers making application will be required to pay for the seed when we know actual amount available. Payment prior to securing seed will be an indication of acceptance and definite commitment to take seed allocated.

Remember deadline date June 25.

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**WANT ADS**

**NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNTING**  
All persons having objections to the final accounting of Gwendoline Reese Mitchell, administratrix with the will annexed of the estate of Mary L. Lisle, deceased, shall file same before the 20th day of June, 1956, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a. m., which is the time fixed for settlement of said account and the County Court Chambers at Moro, Oregon, is the place fixed.  
Gwendoline Reese Mitchell  
Administratrix With the Will Annexed

**DICK & DICK**  
The Dalles, Oregon  
Attorneys for the Estate 29-32c

**NOTICE OF ELECTION**  
For Members of the Sherman County Rural School Board.  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** to the legal voters of School Districts No. 9CJ and No. 23, Sherman County, Oregon, that an election will be held at the schoolhouses in said districts on the 18th day of June, 1956, between the hours of 2:00 P. M. and 8:00 P. M., Oregon Standard Time, for the purpose of electing members of the Sherman County Rural School Board for a three year term from Zones 4 and 5.  
Dated this 5th day of June, 1956.  
Charles Burnet  
Chairman Rural School Board  
Wily W. Knighten  
Secretary Rural School Board 32-33c

**NOTICE OF SCHOOL ELECTION**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that an election will be held in the Sherman County High School District on Monday, the 18th day of June, 1956, from 2:00 o'clock P. M. to 8:00 o'clock P. M., Oregon Standard Time, in the zones and at the schoolhouses hereinafter set forth, at which election the school voters of Sherman County, Oregon, shall vote for a director from Zone 3, Moro, for a five year term.  
Nominations for director for said high school board shall be made in compliance to ORS 331.330 as amended by Chapter 386, as follows:  
"The name of any qualified elector or shall be placed on the ballot as a candidate for the office of school director of a first, second or third class district upon filing with the district clerk, at least seven days prior to the date of the election, a certificate of nomination signed by not less than three percent of the number, and in no case by less than 10 persons, of the qualified electors voting for the office of school director at the last annual school election in the district. However, unless an acceptance of nomination by the nominee is filed with the district clerk at least five days prior to the date of such election, such nomination shall be void."  
RUFUS ZONE No. 1 shall consist of all the territory now embraced within the present district boundaries of School District No. 3, Rufus, and School District No. 1, Biglow. The polling place in Zone 1 shall be at the schoolhouse in Rufus, Oregon.  
WASCO ZONE No. 2 shall consist of all the territory now embraced within the present school boundaries of School District No. 7, Wasco, and School District No. 4, Emigrant Springs. The polling place in Zone No 2 shall be in the schoolhouse in Wasco, Oregon.  
MORO ZONE No. 3 shall consist of all the territory now embraced within the present school boundaries of School District No. 17, Moro. The polling place in Zone 3 shall be at the schoolhouse in Moro, Oregon.  
GRASS VALLEY ZONE No. 4 shall consist of all the territory now embraced within the present school district boundaries of School District No. 23, Grass Valley. The polling place in Zone No. 4 shall be at the schoolhouse in Grass Valley, Oregon.  
KENT ZONE No. 5 shall consist of all the territory now embraced within the present school district boundaries of School District No. 9, Kent. The polling place for Zone No. 5 shall be at the schoolhouse in Kent, Oregon.  
This election is called by the County High School Board, Sherman County, Oregon, in pursuance of the provisions of ORS 335.755.

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