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LABOR DAY

Labor day is not a day of labor, nobody does anything and we are pretty certain that it was not intended to be that way. It is the final holiday of the summer season and usually schools do not start until after labor day so families can finish summer and start the confinement of the school term on that day.

Labor, organized labor, has made a sort of dismal failure of handling the affairs of working men and perhaps the reason is that the managers, labor bosses, were more anxious to boost their income, publicity and power than to help the workers. Maybe, to be more generous, they just didn't know how. In any event organized labor is not growing in numbers and is definitely lower in prestige than it was before the big bosses got into command.

Major strikes cost the worker money while making the union leader a powerful figure, able to set and dictate with the rich and political. It also can keep him in competition with the few who profess to lead the working men of the nation, The Lewises, Reuthers, Meany's, McDonalds, who couldn't pack an overcoat for old Sam Gompers.

Nevertheless there should be at least one holiday in the name of labor and we do not mean labor as a political or economic entity, but labor as work. It is labor that does nearly everything except management and many of the advancements in the field of management have been made possible through the efficiency of labor.

MORE LOBBYING

Senator Neuberger's assistant has sent us a copy of a recent article written by the senator for the New York Times which the assistant says is pretty good. Heaven help him had he said else.

What the senator says is good enough. It is that the American people should learn to hear the truth about the financial state of the nation and not shudder at necessary expenses. That is alright and the people would probably agree if there were not so many unnecessary expenses foisted on them by well meaning government officials.

The best lobbyists are government officials and in particular the U. S. Army Engineers at present have the palm. One of the jobs of all such people is the one of convincing the people that they need more of their work. It is called public relations or better yet, public information.

Who, for instance, told us we needed the John Day dam? It wasn't the residents of Sherman or Klickitat counties, neither was it the electric companies, private or public. It was Bonneville Power administration which said that we must have more power or we would all live in darkness. It was also BPA that later was dickering to sell power to California, the blight of darkness having apparently been lifted with some new stars on dams.

They are not the only ones, merely the present best. Every government agency is busy telling the poor proletariat how much it needs public this and that.

Talk about the private lobbyists as the senator does. They are hardly able to write enough arguments to combat those of the government. And they do it at their own expense.

It does not pain us that we disagree with the senator. We are used to it. He is a big government man who would be happy in a world of complete socialism with all the responsibility for the world resting in the little, inefficient hands of government. Basically he distrusts people. We distrust government.

Hardly a week goes by but we have another example of the inefficiency of government, big or small. It slows the wheels of press, it gums up the path of business and puts molasses in the fuel tank of industry.

It is painful to live in an era of government encroachment on the affairs of citizens but the end has been reached when we are advised to like it—and ask for more.

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

Sherman county schools started again this week with more pupils than for many years, since the days of much larger population, in fact. The census is 711 and enrollment the first day was 607. That would indicate a much larger population than the estimated 2400.

The number of teachers has also increased. It now stands at 42 without counting the music teacher who covers all schools except Kent and is charged two-thirds to elementary and one-third to high school.

At Rufus there are five teachers for 49 pupils or ten to the teacher in round numbers; at Wasco there are nine teachers to 126 pupils or 14 to the teacher; at Kent there are 32 pupils and three teachers or 11 pupils per teacher; at Moro there are eight teachers to 105 pupils for 13 to the teacher; at Grass Valley there are five teachers for 99 pupils for 20 to the teacher. In some cases teachers are listed who teach kindergarten part or full time which is a complicating factor since kindergarten is more organized baby sitting than instruction.

The number of pupils per teacher is certainly smaller in Sherman county than in the state as a whole and if the number of teachers and expense are criteria for good schools, our should be near the top.

At the high school there are 12 teachers which is low but not so low as for the grade schools in comparison to state average. In the last reported year (1958) there were 88,462 high school pupils and 4057 regular teachers for about 22 pupils per teacher.

Efforts to broaden the curriculum is responsible for the greater number of teachers here, it is stated.

In the school year 1955-56 the cost of educating grade pupils in this county was \$539.02 and it was \$892.59 for high school pupils. In the next school year the cost of educating grade pupils here was \$618.16 and for high school it dropped to \$601.67, indicating some advantage for consolidation. Average for the state in 1956-57 was \$351.03 for elementary and \$482.18 for high school.

The rigidity of school organization certainly causes us to have more teachers than other places consider necessary. Children must be in one grade in all subjects regardless of ability although some children might advance two grades in some subjects. And teachers are given one grade and not permitted or encouraged to teach where they are most needed. This is in part the reason for an overall of 14.5 pupils per teacher average which is much lower than that of the state.

PIPE SMOKING

Recently it was announced that more cigarettes had been sold this year than last despite some fears that they may cause cancer and bring on other ailments neither pleasant nor beneficial to mankind.

There is indication that the smoking of cigars and pipes changes little. Either is a more masculine habit than the smoking of cigarettes.

A pipe smoker, and to a lesser extent a cigar smoker, gives an appearance of calm when engaged in his habit. He is less nervous than usual whereas a cigarette smoker is more nervous and his very attitude is one of the dissipation of energy. A cigarette steams one up while a pipe slows one down. Of course, there isn't much sense in either, but that has nothing to do with man's determination to use tobacco.

Such things are governed by style. Once upon a time it was stylish to smoke a pipe and the characters in fiction puffed in contentment around the campfire or slowly filled their pipe while waiting for the possible borrower to state his case. Nowadays the hero snatches a fag from his pack while stalking the villain. Fiction probably sets the style as much as advertising.

And being a matter of style it will change sometime, probably before anyone knows it is going to and may well have a generation of men who are so self assured that they can get through a day without resorting to the stimulus of confining their blood vessels with tobacco and through an evening of digestion without puffing a pipe.

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But if one grows up in a household without books or even papers

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People's Column

To the Editor:

Looks like we have a fine opportunity at hand that shouldn't be passed by. The president has vetoed the boon dogging rivers and harbors bill and needs our support. We do not want another bill like it.

We farmers can survive most any cuts in supports and aid—if the terrific spending and support of everything else is curtailed. So far the farm program is merely the favorite whipping boy to cover costly and unnecessary spending on all sides.

We need to take more interest in our government and to seek out and support qualified candidates for political office.

Irving Hart

or magazines he isn't fitted to become mentally well enough trained to move in a class adept at abstract thinking. He is more likely to become a muscle man which means that his opportunities will be limited.

A man whose mind has been stimulated and stretched in youth can develop muscles but it seems very difficult for one to acquire mental ability if not exposed to it in extreme youth.

It has long been our conception that success was possible through extreme and conscientious effort but the sociologists think that brain training is almost necessary in order to get very far.

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Rufus Personals

By Mrs. Geo. L. Fox

The Rufus Grange met Sept. 3 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Fields, because the grange hall still does not have lights in it.

George Fox, master, presided at the meeting. The planning of the building and wiring was discussed. The women talked of plans to make their work centers more efficient. The grange will seek offers for work they wish to have done this fall, by contract.

The Home Ec club will meet Sept. 10 at the home of Mrs. Joe Morris with Mrs. Otto Petersen serving as co-hostess.

The grange women served supper at the close of the meeting. Miss Anne Petersen, who spent the summer visiting her father in Los Angeles, Calif., is home again and starting to Sherman High. This is Anne's senior year. She is the daughter of Mrs. Otto Peter sen.

Rufus school opened its doors Tuesday with but a half day of school. There aren't very many children in the area at this time, as the construction work is not very active right now. Jack Lloyd is again principal.

Jim Fox left Friday with Jim Belshe of Moro for Washington State university where the boys will help out with their houses rushing of new students. Both boys belong to Alpha Gamma Rho, and will have another week home before college officially starts. They plan to be home Friday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Miller have sold out their interest in the John Day Cafe and Harvest room to M. O'Hara of Pendleton. O'Hara has been operating the cocktail bar and he has Louise Pearson in charge of the cafe, as she has been here since last fall working at the cafe as a cook. The Millers are still living in Rufus.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Cloffelter of Grass Valley visited in Rufus Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Fox. After dinner the two men tried their luck fishing in the John Day river, but came home with nothing.

A light rain fell in Rufus Friday night, enough to settle the dust but nothing more. Then a stiff wind came to blow up dust. The first of the week, the weather was calmer.

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