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NOT THE WAY

Now we are hearing proposals about how to educate all young Americans who are judged by some test or other to have superior intelligence. There are several things wrong with the idea.

First, it has never been proven that the tests are accurate and they certainly depend in some degree on the time taken, the emotional state of the taker, and the type of test.

Second, intelligence is not the most important factor in success. We have made a fetish of intelligence tests because they are possible and have overlooked traits of character tests that are more important.

Third, subsidized education is the very poorest way to achieve success in anything. Anyone who went through college on a government grant would be equipped to do nothing but work for some beneficent bureau.

We think that some aid to deserving young people who want to get an education is alright. It is already provided and no person who wants an education badly enough to work for it need do without. If he does not have to put out a serious effort he's better off without it. There's no bun as bad as an educated one.

Determination, inventiveness, loyalty and morals are all more important than intelligence as a measure of successful life. Let us not be led astray by egg-heads who would have us believe that abstract thinking is the only way to achievement; concrete thinking is more valuable.

DICTIONARIES

The common market of western Europe is having an effect on business in this country. No one knows how long it will continue. There is a group of twenty Americans meeting in Europe to try to plan our conduct in relation to the common market. Meanwhile the European countries in that combine are having some troubles themselves.

Disagreement between Germany and France has postponed the normal progress of tariff reduction between the countries over agricultural products. France wanting to export more and Germany wanting to protect its own farmers. The common market may not go on to its presently projected end.

All this is but a part of the background President Kennedy is using when he asks for permission to change tariff rates as a presidential function instead of leaving it to congress. He evidently believes more speed may be desirable.

Certainly it is a dangerous thing to give authority over all tariffs to one man, especially one political minded. We do not think congress will give up its power in this regard and must say that the president's proposal has had few backers among the newspapers or citizens able to get their ideas into print.

INTEREST ON SAVINGS

Local banks are announcing an increase in interest to be paid on savings accounts of 3 1/2 per cent. Others will pay 4 and we read that down in money hungry California some are offering four and three quarters. The reason of course is that banks have to have money in their business and feel that they must pay more to get it. Savings banks and savings and loan associations are boosting the price of money.

We do not view this with alarm. Money should be worth more. For years the saver has been limited to a low interest rate, sometimes as little as two per cent and it is no wonder he did not save. If savers felt that they just as well drink whiskey with their money as save it at two per cent we can't blame them. Many did just that.

This country needs savers to pile up some funds to be invested in business which has a hard time getting money to expand with because of the tax policies of the federal government that

takes more than half the earnings. With interest rates going up it is likely that stocks will have to adjust to a new price schedule and either drop in price or some way earn enough money to pay more or do without new investment.

The average stock is now paying around three percent and the saver can get better than that at almost any bank.

High interest rates do not scare us a bit. The west was developed on ten percent money or even as much as twelve or fifteen percent. Such rates kept prices down for a man had to have a pretty good thing to borrow at the prevailing interest.

Banks certainly expect interest rates to stay high for a year or they wouldn't contract to pay the new rates for that time. It looks like better times for savers and this country certainly needs them more than it does spenders—especially in government.

WHAT TO TEACH

We have had occasion to worry recently about the sort of education young people have when they get out of school, or if not then, the things they know about government when they become adult. The functions of the different branches of our government, the duties of different officers and the powers of them are almost totally unknown to the average citizen even though he may have gone through one of our colleges. We know a good deal about the hazards of criticizing educators and the fact that no one can look down a longer nose at a critic than one blessed with a degree or two. Nevertheless it would be a comfort to find college graduates with a knowledge of our government, both the theory and the practice. And we think high school graduates should know about it too. We can find several subjects on any high school curriculum of less importance.

And while we are at it we may as well note that the methods of American business are almost a total blank to young people who are in school as well as out. How profits are made and how big they are is a question about which there is wild speculation and one can read in many a labor union argument in a strike that a company makes 40 percent or some such ridiculous figure.

Inasmuch as the choice of subjects is made by some group of theorists sitting in marble halls far from the strife of business or government we do not suppose that so mild a protest will be heard. For which there are different remedies, one of which would be to have the choice of subjects made by different people or make it subject to review by the public.

We think young people should be taught more about what goes on in the world.

NO REPRESENTATION

No one seems to be speaking up for the small counties these days and as a result there are several laws that will do serious damage to small town living although perhaps alright for those who wrote them and their constituents. Some one should make it a practice to read the bills and have them amended so that small counties are exempt from the many bills written for cities.

At point right now is the new law about ambulances which went into effect the first of the year. It contains regulations that are perhaps alright in the city where ambulance drivers work at that job all the time. In rural Oregon the new law will stop ambulance service entirely if anyone is foolish enough to try to enforce it.

Then there is the provision that makes all county courts pick 500 names of prospective jurors at the first meeting of the year. It is a fact that Sherman county hasn't called 500 jurors in the past twenty years. If the law said that all property owners and all voters were on the jury list it would be simpler. Any legislature with sense would have permitted exemption of counties under 5000 population from that silly regulation.

We remember a set of regulations that closed nearly all the slaughter houses in eastern Oregon towns a session or so ago. Usually it is possible to overlook such laws but they are always hanging like a sword of Damocles to trap some good citizen when not expected.

Rufus News

By Mrs. George Fox
The Rufus Grange met for the first time in 1962 on January 4 with all the new officers taking part. The usual pot luck dinner was held prior to the meeting. Mrs. Walter Morris and Mrs. Ina Byrd were hostesses.

Mrs. Rolland Johnson, master, called the meeting to order. Rolland Johnson on agriculture said

Sherman county has a weed sprayer that can be hired for use along the right of ways. Mrs. Harland McDonald said the president is preparing his State of the Union message. Mrs. Otto Petersen on Civil Defense said she attended a recent meeting in Wasco, and told how it will affect this area. Mrs. Petersen who is Home Ec chairman said the women will entertain their husbands at the hall Jan. 11. The losers in the sugar contest will furnish the dinner. Atlee Wilson said the next county party will be Jan. 13. William Huck on insurance told of the changes in car insurance.

The secretary read her quarterly report which was ready to send to state headquarters. Rolland Johnson said there will be a meeting of officers and committee members of the Grange in Sherman county at Harlandview on Jan. 14 at 2 p. m. Rufus Grange will put on the 3rd and 4th degrees Jan. 8. Mrs. Pearl Brackett thanked the grange for the plant given to her husband who is in the hospital. Rolland Johnson said the Pomona degrees will be put on in the near future. Mrs. Johnson announced she had appointed the following committees for 1962. Legislation: Mrs. Harold McDonald, Fay Brackett and Art Smith. Relief: Mrs. Millard Leigh, Millard Leigh and Mrs. Trace Fields. Finance: Roy Shafer Sam Brock and Joe Morrow; Education: Geo. Fox, Mary Brackett and Roy Gayman; Youth: Bill Baum, Mrs. Charles Griggs and Jerry Brackett; Mrs. Otto Petersen is Home Ec chairman and Mrs. Roy Shafer is on Sales Slips. Miss Mary Brackett is degree captain and Otto Petersen is drill captain. The following are special committees: Resolutions: Rolland Johnson, George Fox and Harland McDonald; Building: the master, secretary and overseer and the executive committee; Entertainment: George Fox, Mrs. Bill Baum, Otto Petersen, Clyde Thompson and Charles Griggs; Card Party: Atlee Wilson, Mrs. George Fox and Mrs. Mary Morris; Fair Booth: Art Smith, Mrs. Art Smith, Mrs. Roy Shafer, Mrs. Lester Gray and Mrs. Martin Zimmerman; Food Booth: Mrs. Harland McDonald; Safety: Mrs. Otto Petersen; Dues: Sam Brock, George Fox and Atlee Wilson; Community Service: Mrs. Bert Swigart, Harland McDonald, Mrs. Atlee Wilson, Mrs. George Fox and Mrs. Fay Brackett. The

host and hostesses of the grange meetings are to see they have a good attendance. A members are to welcome any member of guest coming to visit the grange. The Rufus Grange put on a special meeting Monday night Jan. 7 to put on the 3rd and 4th degrees. The ones from Harlandview coming to take the work were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Belshe, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thomas and Dick Page; from Rufus were Mr. and Mrs. Martin Zimmerman, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Gray and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Griggs, Steven and Vincent Belloni. After the degree team put on the work, cake and coffee was served for an hour of visiting.

County Ramblings

County Agricultural Agent

The time is right for effective control of Cheatgrass and Rye in fenceroes, states Martin Zimmerman, extension agent. The soil is generally fairly firm to make easy access to fenceroes. Fences and other nontilled areas harbor these weeds which soon spread into the field and cause reduction in yield.

Atrazine and Amitrole combination is one of our best programs for "cleaning up" those areas. Two to four pounds plus one to two pounds respectively in twenty to forty gallons of water per acre will do a remarkable job in getting rid of these weed pests and prevent spread. It is easier to spray Rye in fenceroes today than to be pulling Rye from fields tomorrow.

Trees and shrubs for farm wind break plantings need to be ordered at this time. Plant materials are available from the State Board of Forestry. Order blanks are available from the Sherman County Agent's office. Trees and shrubs available this year are Douglas Fir, Ponderosa Pine, Austrian Pine (3 year old), Grand Fir, Sierra Redwood, Chinese Arborvitae, Norway Spruce, Black Locust, Caragana, Green Ash, Russian Olive, Chinese Elm, and Honey Locust (thornless).

The three-year old Austrian Pine and Thornless Honey Locust should be of special interest this year. Cost runs 1 to 1.5 cents per piece with a minimum order of 50 trees or shrubs of one species.

Safflower Production
Recent consumer demands for poly-unsaturated edible oils in

margarines and cooking oils have created a short supply of certain oil seed crops. A greater demand for safflower, whose oil is highly unsaturated, has resulted.

Pacific Oilseeds, Inc., of Woodland, California has recently circulated Oregon and Washington before coming into the area. They will guarantee \$80 per ton at county elevators. The crop may be produced on diverted acreage but no payment could be received.

Safflower has been tested at Moro, Pendleton and Corvallis. From these limited tests, safflower seems best adapted to the 16 inch or higher rainfall region of the Columbia Basin. The yields at Moro have been disappointing. Long-time production at Moro show the best yielding varieties averaging 600 to 700 pounds per acre. This is equal in income to barley, or thereabout, at \$40 barley.

A New Flour Yield Test

A simple accurate means of determining the density of grain which is an important step in research aimed at finding a better way to predict the amount of flour that can be milled from grain has been devised by a USDA scientist. The new technique will also be used in investigations of the differences between varieties of grain. This procedure was developed by ARS agronomist E. C. Gilmore with the cooperation of scientists of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Denton, Texas.

Scientists use grain density as an index of starch content. High density indicates high starch

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content, since starch is more dense than fat and protein—the other chief constituent of grain. Experiments with the new technique may help millers who need an inexpensive means of determining starch content. They now use weight per volume unit to predict flour yield from a shipment of grain. This practice is often inaccurate because of the way certain grains pack. One sample may weigh less yet yield more milled flour per pound than another sample of equal volume. But the heavier sample brings the highest price, because millers have no other practical way to predict flour yields. Since the new method of predicting grain density is not affected by the way kernels are packed it may eliminate this problem.

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