

AMBITIOUS YOUNG PEOPLE
Number 11 of a series of sketches of Oregon boys and girls who are doing things—laying sound foundations for success in life.

Margaret Upjohn



"A Story of Success"

Leader in 4-H Club work in Marion county is Margaret Upjohn of Salem. Margaret has won distinction in sewing, canning, baking and gardening projects. While carrying on her club activities, this ambitious young lady has maintained a perfect scholastic record in high school. A part of all money she receives from her work, she deposits systematically in her savings account in our Salem Branch. "The only sure way to obtain worth while things is to plan, work and save for them," says Margaret.

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The researchers found that in 1921, when Murray was testifying before a Senate committee, he said a requisite for industrial peace in West Virginia was "the protection of unorganized workers against intimidation or coercion by members of the United Mine Workers OR ANY OTHER LABOR ORGANIZATION." President Roosevelt also wrote the phrase "from any source" into his statement ending the near-strike in the auto industry in 1934.

With the summer lull on, National Press Clubbers have found another way to liven things up a bit. Taking their cue from the new Federal Social Security Act, they are calling one another by numbers rather than names. It used to be: "Hi, Tom." Now it's: "Hi Number 23,436,927."

The Treasury will give every employe in the country a number so his records won't get mixed with others who have identical names. Fingerprinting, long resisted as an

anti-crime move, may be resorted to, also.

Political mistakes still crop up. The WPA for months insisted that there was no politics anywhere in its organization. Then Harry L. Hopkins, the boss, left town. In his absence, Aubrey Williams, acting boss, announced the discharge of seven WPA officials for politicking in Oklahoma.

Immediately, folks began to ask if that condition existed in Oklahoma, why it couldn't exist in the other 47 states. There is no satisfactory answer.

WPA second-guessers have concluded it would be much better hereafter to fire folks quietly and without attempts to make the organization look Simon-pure in the public mind.

Growers Should Bring Pears for Ripeness Testing

Pear growers wishing to determine the stage of ripeness of their pears should bring samples to the county agents' office for testing, states C. B. Cordy, assistant county agent.

The principle of this test is based on the age-old idea of pinching a fruit with the thumb to see how soft it is. As the fruit ripens it becomes softer and a mechanical tester has been devised to test the degree of softness. From this test, the best time for picking the fruit can be forecast sometime in advance.

In selecting a sample, care should be used to pick fruits which repre-

sent the bulk of the crop. Avoid pears which are ridged, blushed, deformed or wormy, as they will not give a true test. Pears should be selected from scattered trees and picked from the inside limbs.

Eight or ten pears are needed to insure a good test. These should be picked in the early morning and tested as soon afterward as possible.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Powell enjoyed a chicken dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Amick on Tokay Ave in Grants Pass last Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Maude Doswell and Wyette returned from their trip to Los Angeles Sunday. They report a lovely trip, traveling both ways by the Coast route. They had a fine visit with Clifford.

Washington Snap Shots

An insidious but very tangible fear is working its way into a lot of Washington minds. It is the belief that World War veterans shortly will demand a bigger share out of the federal grab-bag—and if they do they will stand a good chance of getting it unless all federal expenditures are drastically cut.

The point is that the federal government pays pensions to all vets of every war but the last one. Only disabled World War veterans get pensions. Now, with billions being dumped around and the bonus paid without any permanently harmful effects yet evident, the World War veterans are beginning to discuss pensions.

The fears were made clear by two recent speeches—one by General Frank T. Hens, Veterans Administrator, and the other by James E. Van Zandt, National Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Both warned World War veterans to forget pensions.

What could happen is shocking. There were only 2,213,365 Civil War veterans, yet in 1935—70 years after the Civil War—veterans of that conflict, and their dependents, drew \$63,529,582.72, or an average of \$1,060.37 per year per pensioner.

On the other hand, there were 4,764,071 World War veterans. Last year, with pensions going only to disabled, they drew \$219,851,128.63. If they got the same average \$1,060.37 pension, the total federal

outlay on World War vets would be \$5,051,000,000, which is big money even these days.

It's awfully hard, Washington heads admit, to convince a veteran, whose neighbor is getting monthly checks for not raising pigs, that he surprise the other day on Phillip should have more of the "easy" money.

The historically-minded pulled a Murray, vice president of the United Mine Workers who are trying to get steel employes into their pet union. Murray and his boss, John L. Lewis, have shouted to high heaven in criticism of those who said employes should be allowed to decide, without coercion from any source, whether they wanted to join or stay out of unions. Lewis and Murray want the unions left free to cajole and coerce.

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