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TOMMY'S A REAL AMERICAN

Tommy Wadleton is thirteen years old. He belongs to a typical individualistic American family, and a short time ago he sat down and wrote a book about himself. Last week it was published.

For those who have expressed a concern about the soundness of the next generation, certain passages in Tommy's book are heartening, particularly one in which he tells about his visit to a "Youth Congress." Here is Tommy's comment:

"I asked them if they thought Communism was a good thing, and they mostly did. They said no country had a really good government and I said the U. S. certainly had a swell government and one lady Youth said I was a quaint child, so I got up and left."

Tommy's departure from the meeting, we think, reflects the attitude of the vast majority of American youth today. Most young Americans are more interested in the opportunities provided in this country than in arguing about the futile and vicious "isms" of other lands.

There's as much sound common sense as humor in Tommy Wadleton's reaction to the remark by the "lady Youth"—and there's certainly nothing "quaint" about his attitude!

Harvesting Hornets In The Wild West

BY EARL E. FISHER

There are not as many Indians roaming the wilds of the Far West as when Lewis and Clark guided by the daring Sacajawea blazed a trail down the mighty Columbia Gorge . . . yet at night East of the Cascades hordes of coyotes howl their moon-high serenades amid the junipers of the wide and open spaces while Westward across the great Willamette valley among the lonesome firs of the distant Coast Range Mountain black bear and cougar prowled their midnight vigils—for still West is West!

'Twas on a summer day at a village in the picturesque Tualatin valley Western Oregon; a locality well known for the production of onions and horseradish; we called on Jim Hunter an old time friend at his home on Plety Hill—so named on account several church parsonages are located there. Jim Hunter is not a parson but an ex-trainman living among the saints.

Hello Jim! would like to look at the horseradish crop; times are improving and prices are going up for the "Hot stuff on beefsteak?" You said it come this way. . . . walking down the old Meier & Frank meadow South of town—we soon arrived at Jim's horseradish patch; looks like a fine crop and a big yield. You bet! Now Jim invited us across the field to see some more "Hot stuff" over there.

We soon arrived on the margin—there they are! Look in those willows. What do you think of 'em? Right in front of us about forty feet distant hung a monster hornet's nest larger than a nail keg! See those bald-headed hornets; big fellows flying in and out of that hole at lower end of the nest! Say Jim! You are an old railroader—now is a good time to pull our freight out of here while the track is clear? Look out! There they come—charge! Down we dived into the tall grass Z-Z-Zing! Screaming like bullets just missed our heads! That was a close shave! A few minutes later we crawled out of danger. On our way home Jim told me he will go to Portland to find a buyer for his hornet crop.

One afternoon a couple of weeks later there was a knock at my door—Come in! Hello Bud Hunter (Jim's nephew) be seated, anything new? Say Boy! We have had a heck of a time lately harvesting hornets! Jim was in the city the other day telling his friends about his big hornet nest— one of the fellows told him to sack up the hornets; bring them to Portland he will pay Three Dollars for the crop; Jim told him it was a bargain. Last night Jim came over and

asked my brother John and I to go with him and help harvest the hornets. He had a large grain sack and milk pail; John put on a bee-mask and tied his pant legs tight around his shoe tops—sure I went along to see the excitement.

We soon arrived at the willows; a bright moon was shining on the nest. Gee! It looked up like a million dollars at a Scotchman's picnic! Jim placed the pail in the sack to prevent crushing, then with some quick action slipped the open sack pail and all over the nest pulling the top of the sack tight around the limb . . . cut them loose John quick! Now we got 'em! About that time the black boys in the sack began to sing and I beat it for the garage. Soon arrived on the run with the hornets sacked and tied. Jim said hurry get the old car started we are going to Portland tonight. We soon had the motor humming; get in fellows but place that sack on the running-board its too hot to be in here. How is the gas? The tank is about empty. Drive down to the Mission Bell service station. Pull down your hats boys we are going to hit the ball 40-50-60! It won't be long now!

In rounding the corner near Beach's Market the load of hornets fell off and rolled in the gutter. We were told later that Beach saw the spill and ran over to pick up the sack; remember this man Beach at one time played the bass drum in the old Salem band. He said "Sounds to me like 'A Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight'." He decided not to open the sack. In a short time we missed what had been lost and hurried up the street; found the sack of hornets and were soon on our way to Portland traveling by way of Pro-

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gress where the boys intended to pick up another man.

Stepping on the gas the old car was racing over the high places and soon arrived at Pannos Onion ranch two and one-half miles South of town. "Look fellows Those hornets are gone again! They must have rolled off somewhere along that rough stretch of road through the timber." We turned around and motored back by the woods using the spot light in search of our valuable cargo but to no avail then decided to go home for the night.

Today I come to tell you about the excitement; what do you say; you and I stroll out that way and look things over? You bet We will go; come over this evening Bud. Good Bye!

That evening after supper; Bud and I took a walk down the road leading out South of town; the sun was setting in the West; when passing through a swale bordered on both sides with heavy underbrush about one mile from town; suddenly we heard a strange noise in a patch of tall ferns on the right; venturing quietly through some brush to a small opening; Look! There were the hornets! The sack had fallen in some tall weeds along the roadside out of sight until that old skunk with her family of four hungry skunks happened this way; the sack had been dragged in there and ripped open! the hornet nest was scattered around on the ground; the young skunk were devouring the comb and brood; immediately the old skunk spied us; with its tail up in the air; it started over in our direction; the mad hornets were flying around us! We don't know what you would have done? But we got the H— out of there;

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You know the Run of 1889 wuz a openin' of wild territory fer settlement. We have ditched drained an dammed the country, scalped off the buffalo grass, shot the buffalo, pensioned the Indians. Mortgaged the country to educate our kids; an politicians, an how we are all lookin' fer a pension!

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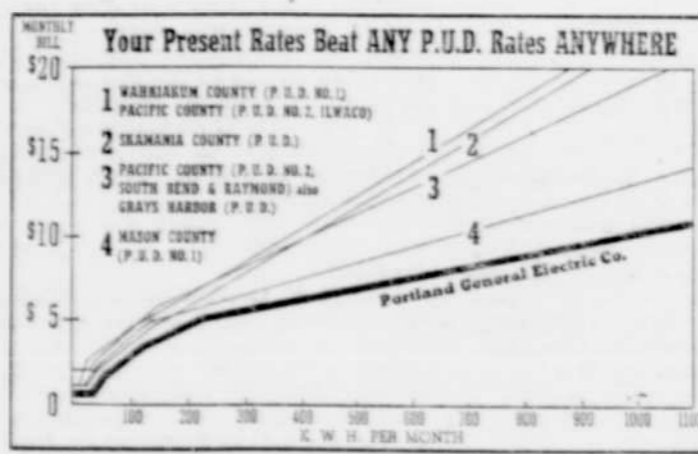
NO! The only logical reason for wanting a P.U.D. is the hope of saving money. Now let's look at the record, and see what kind of a job P.U.D.s are doing. This is what the records show:

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There are a number of P.U.D.s in the Northwest (mostly in the State of Washington) which have been organized and which are loading new tax burdens on property owners. But only four in addition to the Mason

County P.U.D. referred to are actually operating electric systems. Every one of these operating P.U.D.s charges higher rates for electricity than does Portland General Electric Company.



2. Can P.U.D. Advocates Guarantee Lower Electric Rates?

NO! Everyone knows that it costs more to serve rural districts than densely-populated metropolitan areas. Washington County rural districts now get Big-City rates. If a P.U.D. is formed you will be cut off from a system which, because it serves the most densely populated areas in Oregon, is able to bring you lower rates than any rural district operating by itself could possibly offer. The higher rates of all existing P.U.D.s—every one of which charges more than the rates you are now paying—prove the truth of this statement.

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