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## Starting School Year

Now as the leaves take on the gold of autumn and Indian summer heightens the tang of air, the trek begins of students back to their classrooms. Vacation days have come to an end and the quest for education begins again with an abruptness felt by most of the younger set.

Well might a parent, at this time of school beginning, take stock of the brand of Education which is being given to their youngsters. Well might they consider whether the child is getting all the benefits from his training that he may well need in years ahead.

America is a rich and powerful nation. But there is a question as to whether or not such strength is because of its educational system or in spite of it. By and large, it is a basic responsibility of parents to seek the very best in education for their young for the very destiny of the nation rests upon their young shoulders.

Take the hundred years during which Oregon grew from an outland territory to one of the important states of the nation.

During that span, physical features of our school system have improved mightily. School buses have taken the place of long treks by foot or pony through the very worst of winter weather. Modern cafeterias offer hot lunches of balanced, nutritious food. Automatic heating systems and air-conditioning units guarantee healthful environment conducive to study.

Course of study, from grade school beginnings through to high school graduations, has been continually broadened and diversified. Subjects are taught in today's schools that were unheard of twenty years ago. Teaching attitudes, in some cases, have also developed amazingly in scope.

Yet, with all its advantages, the American system of education so often seems to be aimless and without a definite goal in mind. Sometimes it appears, upon looking over a study schedule, that the prime object of school is to cram a maximum quantity of knowledge into the youngsters' heads regardless of reasonable purpose.

One of the greatest needs in the United States today is the ability to think independently. The destiny of the nation will be influenced only to the degree that its citizens are trained in logic and educated to assess situations in public life that depend upon an enlightened populace for acceptance or rejection.

Hardly a year goes by, in the accelerated tempo of today's affairs, that issues of paramount importance do not arise. Many times the health or welfare of an area or a nation can be improved through the maze of confusion and partisanship which enemies of such improvement throw out as a smoke screen.

Whether we are proud to recognize it or not, there are self-centered interests in the fabric of American citizenship who will not stop at any means when their plans are crossed. Lies, innuendoes and unblushing fictions are passed off through a not-too-discriminating press as gospel truth—for the sole purpose of influencing an otherwise normal reaction to a pending public measure.

When matters of such importance come up for general discussion, there is no way by which an unenlightened mind can be channeled to think clearly and directly except that that mind has been so trained as to recognize the truth from mistruth. Years of background prove of much richer value by training in logic as it applies to matters of practical vein.

Perhaps it is expecting too much for our schools to teach youngsters to think. There are many cases of school teachers, particularly in small communities, having so much work to do that they have neither the time, patience or experience to develop logic. At any rate, even should the school system be unable to support a program designed to increasing the powers of reasoning, all need not be lost.

Parents themselves, drawing upon a lifetime of experience, might well be able to impart a pattern of reasoning to their children. Such a project would not be easy, it is true. Many, many adults are not exactly sharp when it comes to logic and clear-sighted reasonings. But an attempt to find a basis for reason, divorced from prejudices, half-truths and blind supposition would perhaps benefit the parent as much if not more than it would the child.

Starting the school year, youngsters should have every opportunity to acquire the vital training on how to think and to assess the truth.

## ELSEWHERE IN OREGON

### Events As Chronicled by Our Contemporaries in Northwest Communities

#### GOOD STORY ANYWAY

A party of St. Helens folks recently took one of those romantic fishing excursions into Canada, leaving with many an off-hand prediction of the big, beautiful trout and salmon they expected to catch.

Upon the return, one of the party, the city attorney, flashed a picture among his local cronies showing him standing alongside a husky 37-pound salmon which he inferred was the result of his skill.

Furthermore, relates the SENTINEL MIST, at a Kiwanis meeting-dinner held after his return, the city attorney had it arranged so that the club members thought the salmon served was made available through his courtesy and excellent fishing ability.

But the truth will out. When cornered, the boasting nimrod had to admit the party hit the wrong tide and didn't catch a single salmon.

It was a good story, though, while it lasted.

#### MAN'S BEST FRIEND

With high prices deflating the value of the dollar—often conceded to be man's best friend—the surge of mankind's loyalty seems to be swerving back to the faithful dog, judging the irate protests of some 30 Clackamas county citizens who stormed into Oregon City recently, fighting mad over tactics of the county dog control officer.

What brought the matter to a head, relates the BANNER COURIER, was the act of the dog officer in picking up two pooches at a river road summer home and destroying them even before the owners had an opportunity to claim and recover them. One of the two dogs had been licensed, although, not unlike many motorists, he had left his proof at home.

The law, it was agreed, does not clearly state that licensed dogs must wear tags, although it is recommended that such tags be left on the dog's collar to help identify them for their return when apprehended.

The main request of the citizens delegation was that the county establish a dog pound which would hold stray dogs at least for three days and give owners a chance to reclaim lost dogs whose incarceration would be advertised.

Clackamas county court allowed that such an installation would be a fine thing but contended that financial problems raise the main obstacles. County Judge averred that the county dog fund will not permit dog license monies to go for the operation of a pound.

The dog control officer had the last word when he pointed out that, with no place to hold stray dogs, he had no alternative to destroying the dogs in question.

#### TEEN AGERS DANCE

A total of twelve occasions will see teen agers of the Portland area dancing to live music, with the first and only dance east of the big city scheduled for Gresham high school gymnasium on September 10. The program is sponsored by the Federation of Community clubs in Multnomah county.

According to the OUTLOOK, a fund of \$1500 has been contributed by the Portland local of the musicians union to furnish the live music at all the affairs.

Qualification to attend will stem strictly from registrations to be taken in the high school on September 7 and 8. Only youngsters who register at that time will be admitted. Hosts for the opening occasion will be the Lynch Teen Agers a group which formed last May, has about 60 members and meets once a month at different homes.

#### FOUR DULL DAYS

The publicity value of a type slip-up appearing recently in the Portland OREGONIAN gave the city of Hillsboro a wonderful chance at grinding out public mention for the annual Washington county fair, scheduled on September 1, 2, 3, and 4.

A deluge of letters made the point crystal clear that the rep-

utation of the county event was much maligned and slandered. And the fair program, now underway, is offered to refute the remark. Instead of "four full days of activities", the Portland daily slipped up to say "four dull days."

#### CHANCE FOR LITTLE KIDS

A fenced-in playground will give little kids in Hillsboro a chance to frolic and enjoy themselves away from interference from older youngsters, if the city council approves a plan of the Rotary club to spend some time and money on the project.

As the ARGUS relates it, the Rotary would appropriate \$600 for a fence 100 x 100 feet, a shelter, \$300 and a sandbox, \$50— with individual donations helping to meet the play budget.

#### ASSESSORS TO ASSESS

There will be a hectic time of assessment in La Grande by the time the Oregon State Association of Assessors complete their meetings of September 2 and 3.

As told in the Easter Oregon REVIEW, open forums will deal with such topics of "Personal property and how best to keep records of it" and "Laws we would like made or changed at the next session of the legislature".

#### HAZARD OF LOGS

The hazards that motorists encounter when passing a high-loaded truck of logs came to the direct attention of Forest Grove residents last week when such a vehicle unceremoniously dumped its load in the center of the town.

The mishap partially blocked traffic for several hours but apparently no one was injured, judging the account in the NEWS TIMES.

Blame for the accident was directed to a broken chain which was supposed to have held the logs in place.

## Ladies Council Inspect Nor'west Christian Home

The Ladies Council of the Christian church were guests at the Northwest Christian home Friday. Most of the guests arrived early in the forenoon for an interesting tour of the building and visits

with members of the family. Twenty-four members of the home and forty guests enjoyed a pot luck luncheon, featuring hot rolls, made by the gracious hostess, Mrs. Hill and her capable staff.

After the luncheon Mrs. Bertha McKeel led devotions on the topic "Friendship". This was followed by the following program: an accordion solo by Mrs. Marjorie McAlpine, a vocal solo by Mrs.

Marie Hopper a group of piano numbers by Charlotte Thompson, two vocal solos by Nancy Jo Ely, accompanied at the piano by her sister, Glena Kay, and a piano duet by Mrs. Carl Rogers and Mrs. Ruby Johnson.

The closing numbers were three readings, serious and humorous given by Mrs. Charley Thompson, Mrs. Marie Hopper and Mrs. La Rene Ely.



School bells will ring out September 7th and the wise student will check his or her school supply needs now for the opening day.

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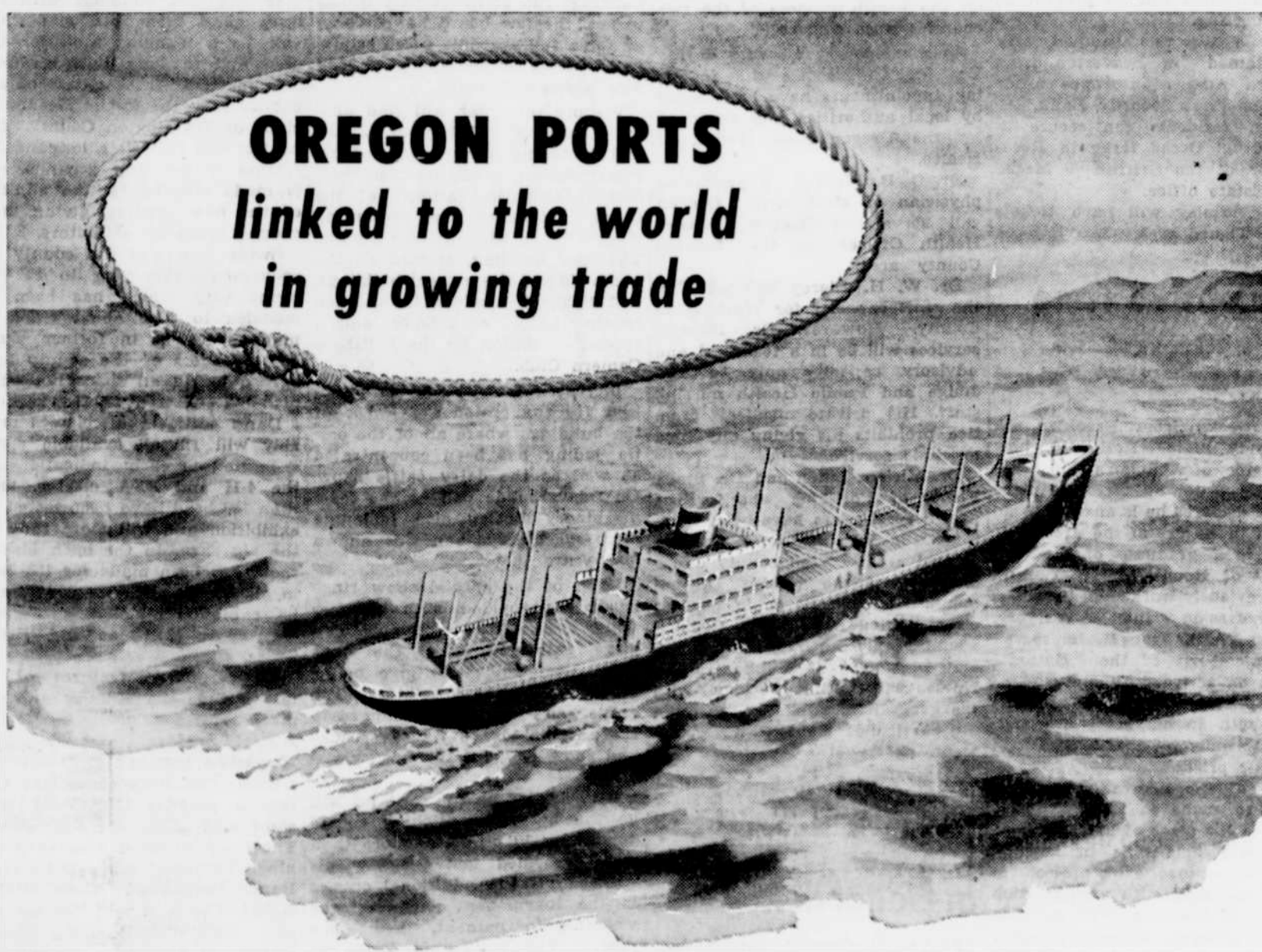
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Ships of all nations, forging along the coast, gliding in and out of our port channels, are bringing a golden harvest to Oregon ports and industries. Last year the port of Portland alone handled the second largest tonnage on the Pacific Coast, more than 7,800,000 short tons of cargo. Apples or autos, lumber or aluminum, great and precious quantities of goods are exported to 73 nations from Oregon docks and the rate of import is increasing. This means that longshoremen, dock workers, other waterfront employes, railroad men, truck drivers, aluminum manufacturers, lumbermen, fruit men, canners, makers of

finished products and many others—all Oregonians—are gaining in wealth.

#### AS THIS REGION GROWS, SO GROWS PGE

PGE believes Oregon ports will continue to develop, insuring their place among the busiest shipping facilities in the nation and holding their prominence on the West Coast. PGE is investing in that future; spending more than \$7,000,000 this year to expand facilities. These dollars will mean extension of superior electric service, brought to Oregonians at the lowest possible cost. These dollars also will help Oregon to grow, the sooner to reach its potential future.



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