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## A POPULAR PROMOTION!

The selection of Earl Rogers for the position of principal of Ashland junior high school over the weekend was a most happy decision on the part of the local school board in the opinion of hundreds of townspeople who know and respect the genial, capable coach and faculty member who for 11 years has been making friends for himself and the local school system.

Rogers, following the close of school this spring, will succeed Miss Ila Myers, a member of the local system for 30 years, who will retire at that time. She will be able to leave her post confident in knowing that her work is being left in good hands.

Earl Rogers, affectionately known as "Coach Rogers" by hundreds of young men who have studied and pursued athletics under his direction, is well deserving of his promotion. That he has an unusually effective "way" with students of junior high school age is proved by the exceptional regard with which he is remembered by all who have attended his classes and benefitted by his coaching.

As one former student aptly put it, "Some fellows like one coach and not another, while some like 'em the other way around—but all of the boys, whether they liked this high school coach or that college mentor, are unanimous in expressing respect and real affection for Rogers."

Earl Rogers' success with athletic teams has been outstanding in the state but, more than that, his success with developing a sense of fair play and good sportsmanship has gone far to mold the youth of Ashland into valuable citizens.

This newspaper, along with many others, is glad for the school system that such a man has been given deserved recognition.

## A PASSING FAD—WE HOPE!

Although many radio listeners appear to enjoy quiz programs, this newspaper prefers to wrinkle its nose and reach for the dial when nut-cracking wise-acs start the barbaric embarrassment of gullible "students" before a microphone.

"Ignorance on Parade" might be a more appropriate title for such catch-trap schemes for wheedling money out of program sponsors. Flagpole sitters, walkathon hoofers, peanut rollers and goldfish gobblers loom as intellectuals compared to the Professor Quiz stooges who voluntarily put themselves on the spot.

Like some of the sillier designs in women's hats, the question-and-answer era is a fad which may pass—praise Allah!

Listeners of the same mind as this department, of course, can by the simple twist of the wrist choke off the distasteful programs. But, hang it all, whirling the dial doesn't choke those ——— interrogators who feast on the very human habit of being mistaken.

## AMERICA THE LESSER OF TWO EVILS?

Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, notorious World war draft dodger, is reported to be ready to return from Germany to serve out the remainder of the five-year sentence imposed upon him before his escape in 1919.

Bergdoll's return—if he actually returns—will give rise to several possible explanations. Either repentance has at long last smitten the wartime slacker or, what is more likely, things are getting a little too complicated for him in Germany.

With Hitler on the rampage, perhaps Bergdoll prefers the quiet, orderly safety of a federal prison. Possibly, too, even as indiscriminating a host as Germany finds a runaway slacker hard to stomach.

The fact that the alien property custodian in this country holds considerable cash, securities, mortgages and real estate seized from Bergdoll at the time of his conviction might be the bait which beckons repentance. Regardless of his reasons for returning, the World war coward will find few Americans glad to have him back.

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## OF ALL THINGS!

By MINER STAFF WRITER

WHY can't we have more of this? Raymond F. Kraft, working for his master's degree in school management at Northwestern university dug up the fact that Chicago public schools were paying 3½ cents per kilowatt hour to Commonwealth Edison for electricity while consumers using similar amounts were billed at one or 1½ cents. A 1909 contract with the power company was still in force but could have been cancelled at any time upon 60 days notice. Sharp-eyed Kraft told the school board that they had paid the power company over \$4,000,000 too much in 30 years time.

And less of this: At the last compilation American college students had swallowed 404 live goldfish—individual record, 89 for J. Deliberato, Clark university, Mass.

A dirty crack can have several or various degrees of sharpness and the sharper it is usually in direct proportion to its truthfulness. A person does not mind a derogatory remark if it is untrue. In this light we submit the following as our opinion of the week's dirtiest dig: The United States had best be cautious in standing behind the European democracies or she will get backed into.

Of interest hereabouts: "University of Washington steals 240-pound tackle from University of Hawaii and Coach Otto Blum makes futile protest," says sport note in well known national magazine. The guy's name is Otto Klum, you dope.

In August or September of this year Mars will be closer to the world than at any time in the last 15 years, a matter of a mere 35 million miles. Why couldn't somebody have thought of that when Orson Welles was scaring the day-lights out of his radio audience and they would have known that the inhabitants of the other planet wouldn't attack until then.

When you press a button at the drinking fountains of the New York world's fair a 25-word recorded selling talk sponsoring some commercial product will sound off.

And: Phonograph records are now being made experimentally on tin plate but we are reasonably sure that some of the musicians recording on the wax records have been using the same material for instruments.

Due to protests, Warner Bros. have shelved plans indefinitely for the production of "John Dillinger, Outlaw." We didn't think it was such a bright idea in the first place but Warner Bros. are not in the habit of consulting this department about such things.

A couple of months ago this column said that if the spending of the Chinese people were increased two cents per month per capita the increased purchasing power would be sufficient to pull the world out of this depression.

While mulling over a 1909 magazine the following line came to our eye in an article by Jim Hill. "If the Chinese should spend one cent more per month per capita it would amount to one and a half billion dollars, which would buy more food than the United States could safely release."

Mr. and Mrs. Will Dodge made a trip through Dead Indian Sunday.

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## Sugar Beet Seed Is Profitable Crop

The new sugar-beet seed growing industry in western Oregon can be a profitable one if properly handled, according to the latest experimental results reported from Oregon State college covering the years 1937-1938. Where irrigation is available, even more profitable yields can be obtained than is otherwise the case and the land needs to be occupied only one crop year.

Experiments at the southern Oregon branch experiment station at Talent have also developed profitable procedures for growing seed there.

The United States imports approximately 17 million pounds of sugar-beet seed annually from European countries. This imported seed, however, is not suitable for use in localities where certain diseases are prevalent.

Plots harvested last year on the Corvallis station averaged 2545 pounds of seed per acre on irrigated, fertilized plots, and 2414 pounds per acre where no fertilizer



If a person has an earnest desire to commit suicide while driving his automobile, a time-tested method is to drive upon a railroad track in front of a roaring passenger train, according to Secretary of State Earl Snell.

Yet while a high proportion of fatalities result from accidents in which locomotives strike automobiles which drive in front of them, approximately half of all grade crossing accidents result from the automobile's running into the train. This type of mishap is especially common when visibility is poor.

Watchfulness must be the rule at grade crossings, after all, because trains are fast cannot be avoided trouble, even if a driver may see an automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilt attended on Sunday.

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