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### A Message To 1941 Graduates!

Anne Byrd Payson in her book "Rule of the Road" tells of a society woman who suddenly realized one day that all her life she had been frivolous, never thinking seriously about anything except her own comfort. She always had been a consumer of time, food, of material things and had given nothing in return except cash. She had never supported a just cause nor been loyal to a worthy institution. The truth about her life frightened her. "Meaningless me" seemed the only term with which to describe herself.

Commencement time has come for large numbers of youth throughout the land. Life is full of promise. Youth cannot imagine the term "meaningless me" being applied to themselves. What then is it that gives meaning to life?

Through the ages people have talked about significant living. One group of people put pleasure as the greatest achievement in life. Such people are called Hedonists.

Others have looked upon the accumulation of wealth as the aim of life. George Eliot in her story, "Silas Marner," depicts such a character who at one time found that his sole joy consisted in letting gold coins trickle through his fingers.

The passion to live long possesses some people, and they direct all their energies toward that end.

One time when E. Stanley Jones was visiting a Buddhist ruin he asked the guide why the cupola was oval-shaped. He replied, "Because Buddhism believes that life is like a bubble, therefore the stupa is shaped like one." Dr. Jones shuddered at the thought that life was like a bubble, that at the center of it was nothing! He looked again at the stupa, and this time he saw an object which suggested to him not a bubble but an egg. Life is like an egg with practically unlimited possibilities of growth and development.

George A. Gordon once stated, "The longer I live, the clearer it is to me that friendship is the one great human compensation for living." May this thought be carried a bit farther so that we may say that the relationships of life make it meaningful. Our relationship to God and our relationships to those about us determine whether life is worthwhile. When a lawyer in talking to Jesus quoted the commandment to love God and to love one's neighbor, Jesus replied, "This do and thou shalt live."

When the lady referred to in the opening paragraph followed the rules to love God and to love one's neighbor, she found a new direction for her life. She furnished the third floor of her house and invited four university students, needing financial aid, to live there without expense. One was a Brahmin who had lost all his fortune; another was a French Canadian wanting to be a mining engineer, the third was a Chinese planning to go back to an administrative position in his native land, and the fourth was a local boy whose whole family had been wiped out by an auto accident the previous year.

When David Livingston went to Africa, he found the Arab slave traders ruining the lives of his black neighbors whom he had learned to love. Because of his determination that the slave traffic must stop, he faced discouragement, the attack of lions, the illnesses of many fevers, and even death in dark Africa.

Madam Curie dreamed of many people, unknown neighbors to her perhaps, restored to health through her discoveries. Her husband shared that vision with her, and together they toiled in an ill-equipped laboratory in a leaky shed. Today we cure cancer with radium.

As you go forward into a larger life that is opened to you after commencement, may your life be governed by the commandment of love to God and love to neighbor. This rule when followed produces significant living. "This do, and thou shalt live," Jesus promised.

#### REMEMBER WHEN

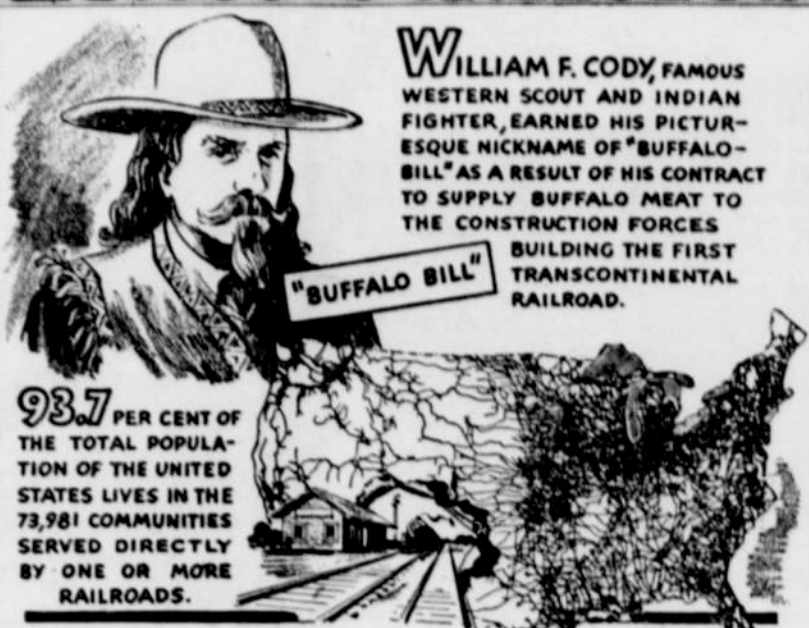
—Ice cream sodas were a nickel and a fellow hadn't treated his girl right until he bought her one after the movies? A nickel brought two hearts closer together in those days. Remember?



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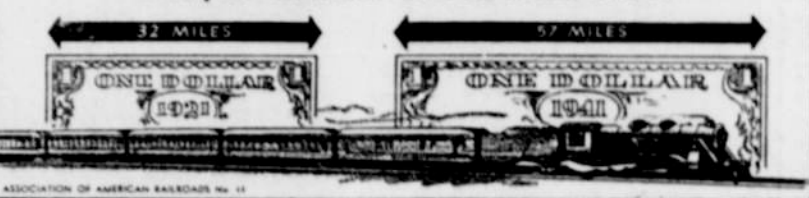
## Rail oddities



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#### TALENT NEWS

- Roy Estes, Bert Simmons and Roy Coffman spent the week-end at Fish Lake. They reported four inches of snow there.
- Mr. Wick from Wick's furniture store in Ashland was a Sunday caller in Talent.
- Mr. and Mrs. Ray Duncan of Klamath Falls, Mrs. Robert Cooper of Pinehurst, Mrs. Alameda Russell and daughter Pearl of Ashland visited at the home of Mrs. Anna Dickey Sunday.
- Mr. and Mrs. Roy Unruh of Prospect spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cowdrey.
- Talent grange met Thursday evening at the high school gym instead of the grange hall, with a large crowd present and nearly all the granges of Jackson county represented. The YGA sold candy before and after the meeting, proceeds to be used to send delegates to the state convention next month at Newport. Mrs. Nellie Borg was elected delegate to the convention.
- Tom Lamb and daughter, Mrs. Roy Estes, visited Mr. Lamb's brother Will and family on Reese creek Sunday.
- Grandma Works, who suffered a light stroke of paralysis Friday evening, and Mrs. Al Sherard, who has been very ill, both are reported improving.
- Junior Hamilton and James Thanos of Fort George Wright near Spokane were home on a three-day furlough.
- The P-TA served a turkey dinner to the members of the senior and junior classes Friday night at the school. After the banquet the senior and junior prom was held in the gym. Many high school students and members of the faculty attended.
- Ray Reed and family moved from the Crawford place into the Spitzer property Monday.
- Alva Smith of Talent and Viola Gross of Medford were married at the home of the bride's parents Sunday. Rev. Dawes of the First Baptist church read the wedding ceremony. The couple left Monday morning for a wedding trip to Idaho and Nevada.
- Mr. and Mrs. Guy Stager went to Prospect Sunday to attend a birthday dinner in honor of their daughter, Mrs. Lyle Russell, who was 21 years of age.
- Harry Myers was presented with a lovely baton by the school band and orchestra in appreciation of his splendid work in the school.
- Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ridings of Jacksonville were visiting in Talent Sunday.
- Howard Holmes of Valleyview was a business caller in Talent Tuesday.

#### Clinic at U. of O. To Aid Children

Children of normal intelligence who have disabilities in certain school subjects such as reading, spelling and arithmetic, will have the opportunity of attending the DeBusk Memorial clinical school for exceptional children from June 16 to July 23 during the University of Oregon summer session, the education school announced. Children from any school grade as well as high school and college students are admitted to the clinic. A diagnosis of the difficulties of each pupil is made on the basis of information gained through all available sources, such as scholastic record and information from home, as well as a battery of standard and informal tests given by the clinic. Work in speech correction also will be given at the clinic this year.

Application for admittance of a child to the clinic should be made to Dr. Elizabeth Montgomery, director of the clinic, school of education, University of Oregon, Eugene.

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