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FEWER AND BETTER SCHOOLS

We do not know whether under present laws and conditions it would be wise or not for the surrounding school districts to send their pupils to Springfield. But in a radius of 15 miles by automobile from this city there are a dozen schools, some with good buildings but others which are one room shacks. The latter can not help but add to the cost of education and surely no one can claim they are a convenience. From an educational standpoint in this modern county with good roads everywhere they are an absurdity. Sooner or later we must build up strong centralized schools under the directions of highly trained teachers if we are to provide the best for our children and not break ourselves up with taxation doing it.

GOVERNMENT IN BUSINESS

We have little sympathy with the paternalistic ideas in government whether it is here in Oregon or at the national capitol. This nation has become the greatest in the world under a governmental system in which paternalism had no part—a government founded upon the principles that the government ought not try to do for the people those things which they can best do for themselves. For that reason we subscribe to the remarks made by President Hoover in an address recently:

"I have never believed that our form of government could satisfactorily solve economic problems by direct action—could successfully conduct business institutions. The government can and must cure abuses.

"What the government can do best is to encourage and assist in the creation and development of institutions controlled by our citizens and evolved by themselves from their own needs and their experience and directed in a sense of trusteeship of public interest."

FORWARD ON THE MCKENZIE

Keep pushing ahead on the McKenzie should be our watchword. By early fall all the remaining county road on the McKenzie highway should be improved to state standards and be a state road. The Doyle Hill-Vida section has been let and now for the Vida-Nimrod section, the last piece of country road.

Lane county should celebrate when the last section on the McKenzie is completed. It is something we have been looking forward to for years and it will be the first wholly completed state highway in Lane county, outside of the paved Pacific highway.

We can't make up our minds whether it was Governor Meier's leadership or the lack of leadership in the legislature which allowed the drift of legislation toward centralized power in the state executive. Properly used strong centralized power is all right but it is contrary to the trend of the time which is for more pure forms of democracy.

R. W. Martin, new manager of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company, has come up from the ranks of the sawmill workers. He has been with the company for many years and knows the manufacturing as well as the sales end. He should fill well the shoes of A. C. Dixon, who has retired as general manager, to devote his time to the national lumbermen's association.

The legislature has adjourned, so we have something to be thankful for. Whoever wrote the 40-day pay provision in the state constitution should be remembered in history. The only way to stop any legislature is to stop the pay. Legislation without cost to the taxpayers is about as short winded as this proposed "power without cost to the taxpayers."

The will of the people caused the legislature to give Governor Meier what he asked for in the way of legislation, announce the legislators at Salem. Sounds fine but what caused them to close the Rogue river after the people had defeated the closing bill at last election.



PLENTY OF KNOWLEDGE BUT NO EDUCATION

A man asked me the other day what courses I studied in college had been most helpful.

I answered, "Greek and mathematics."

He said it sounded like a silly answer. "You are in the advertising business. What do Greek and mathematics have to do with advertising?"

Of course they have nothing to do directly with advertising, or with modern banking or the law, or any of the other occupations by which I might have chosen to earn a living.

Yet Greek and mathematics have this one thing in common—each of them compels the mind to attack a difficult problem and to think its way through to a solution. That is mental discipline; that is development, in the same sense that hard physical exercise develops the muscles. That, in a large degree, is education.

There is more false and fuzzy thinking about education than about almost any other important subject. We have been in an age when the whole emphasis of school and college has been placed on "learning things", on "practical training", on "giving the boys and girls equipment for daily life."

The result of this program, in many instances, is not encouraging. Young people graduate into life with a mass of unassimilated and more or less inaccurate facts, but with no real mental drill, and no philosophy.

In one of his finest passages Cardinal Newman describes an educated man as one who "has the repose of mind which lives in itself, while it lives in the world, and which has resources for its happiness at home when it cannot go abroad. He has a gift which serves him in public and supports him in retirement, without which good fortune is but vulgar and with which failure and disappointment have a charm."

And in another place he defines education as "the preparation for knowledge."

If all educators could agree upon that definition, it would mean much progress. Then we should have college graduates whose minds are repaired, rather than graduates whose minds are merely stuffed.

Too many graduates at present have plenty of knowledge but no education.

GRANDPA CONOLY VISITS SONS FARM NEAR HERE

Patrick (Grandpa) Conoly is spending a few days in and around Springfield visiting with his sons at the McKenzie River Blossom farm east of the city. Stopped and wearing a long flowing beard, the old man who will soon be 87 years old, still retains much of the vivaciousness of youth, although his feet are becoming a unsteady and he finds it convenient to carry a walking stick.

Mr. Conoly owns some property in this city, but makes his home with relatives at Silverton most of the time.

WATERWAYS GROUP WILL HAVE MEET AT SALEM

The March meeting of the Willamette Valley Waterways association will be held at the Gray Belle restaurant at Salem at 6:30 on March 20 according to an announcement received this week from R. H. Kipp, Portland, assistant secretary of the group.

The meeting had been scheduled for Portland and a large caravan had planned to go to the big city for a noon meeting. The April meeting will be held at Portland.

CONTROL OF PESTS TO BE TOLD BY COUNTY AGENT

Methods of controlling common garden pests will be explained to farmers of the Waltherville district Friday night at 8:15 by O. S. Fletcher, Lane county agricultural leader, when he talks on Pest Control. This is to be the first of a series of meetings of a garden project being started by Miss Gertrude Skow, Lane demonstration leader. Other speakers and subjects will be announced later.

LEGION HAS MEETING AT WALTERVILLE HALL

Routine business was transacted by the members of the American Legion at their semi-monthly meeting which was held at Waltherville on Thursday of last week. A pot-luck supper was held following the meeting.

The next meeting of the group will be held at Springfield on March 19.

LEGION MEMBERS DANCE AT THURSTON SATURDAY

Springfield American Legion post number 49 will hold its semi-monthly Saturday night dance at the Thurston hall on Saturday of this week. This day is only three days before St. Patrick's day, and the dance will be featured in recognition of that event.

PRISCILLA CLUB WILL HAVE MEETING FRIDAY

Mrs. Riley Snodgrass will entertain the members of the Priscilla club at her home here Friday afternoon. Needlework, games, and refreshments will form the diversions for the afternoon.

MONDAY FINAL DAY FOR INCOME TAX FILINGS

All income tax returns must be filed by Monday evening of next week or be subjected to a penalty. Lane county residents may file their tax returns with the assistant collector of revenue at the city hall in Eugene before March 15. Assistance in making out the blanks can be obtained from the assistant collector.

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DAVID BOWERS FUNERAL AT MARCOLA SATURDAY

David M. Bowers, 78, died at his home at Wendling Saturday morning of last week. He was born at Lumpkin, Georgia on January 21, 1853.

Surviving the deceased are his widow, Mrs. Addie F. Bowers; two sons, Orville Bowers, Salem, and Giles Bowers, Wendling; four daughters, Mrs. Ethel Warner, Wendling, Mrs. Edna Bailey, Hansen, Idaho, Mrs. Alvira Davis, Wendling, and Mrs. Hazel Bailey, Wendling; also one brother in Florida, and one sister in Georgia.

The funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Marcola. Rev. Harry Benton of the Lighthouse temple officiated and interment was made in the Marcola cemetery. Funeral arrangements were made by Veatch chapel.

MRS. FRIEDA HEISCHMAN PASSES HERE SATURDAY

Mrs. Frieda Heischman died in this city Saturday night at the home of Mrs. Henry Church, 1429 Main street. She was born in Hamburg, Germany, on February 14, 1856 and came to the United States when she was 15 years old. She has been in Springfield only one month before her death.

She is survived by two sons, Charles, of Los Angeles, and Harry, whose whereabouts are unknown. Interment was made in Rest-Haven memorial park Monday afternoon at 3:30. Branstetter chapel was in charge.

FARMERS MUST PAY CASH WITH ORDERS FOR LIME

Cash must accompany all orders for fertilizer lime which is received from the state lime plant near Salem this year according to O. S. Fletcher, county agent. Pools will be formed again this year as in the past, but the state plant insists that cash accompany the order.

Claude R. Downing of Marcola has already ordered one car of 32 tons of lime which should be delivered this week.

A pool for a carload shipment of lime is now being started at the office of the county agent.

LOCAL PEOPLE ATTEND EUGENE G.A.R. MEETING

Mrs. C. F. Eggiman, Sam Richmond and Noah Helterbrand, went to Eugene Monday evening to attend the regular weekly meeting of the General Lawton camp and the Ladies auxiliary of the Spanish-American war veterans.

The group is planning to conduct an auction sale at the next meeting. Each person is requested to bring something to offer for sale. The proceeds will be used to redecorate the rooms in the armory which are used by the two organizations.

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GUARD OFFICERS ATTEND RE-UNION AT ROSEBURG

Lieutenant C. A. Swarts, and Second Lieutenant Walter Gosler, commanding officers of the local headquarters company of the National guard, drove to Roseburg on Monday evening to attend the tenth annual anniversary meeting of the re-organization of the 162nd infantry since the close of the World war. The local unit is a part of the larger organization.

Many prominent military officials of the state, including Major General White of Salem were present at the re-union meeting.

Marcola Man Here—Sandy Peterson of Marcola visited friends in Springfield Tuesday.

BAPTIST MISSION GROUP HAS MEET ON TUESDAY

Members of the Mission society of the Baptist church were entertained Tuesday evening for their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. C. Jones. A review of the study book, "Mother India", written by Catherine Mayo was given by Mrs. Ralph Mulholland. Mrs. D. C. Oglvie is president of the group.

Waltherville Man Here—Oscar Millican of Waltherville was a visitor in Springfield on Saturday.

Visits from Blue River—Mrs. L. E. Morgan of Blue River was in Springfield Monday for medical care.

Visits Friends—D. A. Mansell of Marcola was a business visitor in this city Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Larson of this city on Saturday evening. Mrs. Miller is a sister of Mrs. Larson's.

Junction City People Here—Mr. and Mrs. Sam Miller of Junction City were guests at the home of

Vida Man Here—C. A. Toll of Vida was a visitor in Springfield on Tuesday.

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