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THE HUMAN SIDE

THIS newspaper may be criticized for not making an elaborate report of the ramifications of the prominent cases before the circuit court the first of the week. It might be said that the picture of all the human elements involved—such would be the course of a sensational city daily—but facts so far revealed justify no such course by a weekly family newspaper.

Aside from widely spread and all too promiscuous rumors there has been no revelation of the nature of the evidence presented before the grand jury which caused that body to return indictments against prominent citizens of the community, men who repeatedly have been entrusted with the confidence of the people to place them in positions of public trust. To assail the integrity of such men without well founded evidence would be ridiculous.

This newspaper does not deny its duty to the field it serves, that of consistently working for better government and for higher standards of living in every department of life. But it does not believe in trying a case before it has been acted upon by a jury, nor does it believe in condemning without reason. It does not wish to condone a crime if such has been committed; but it believes that the circumstances and conditions affecting the crime weigh heavily in determining the degree of guilt, and the punishment which should be meted out.

This newspaper has been censured in a letter circulated widely throughout the county for not "busting open" the "courtroom rings," by publishing certain alleged facts brought to light by an auditor who had gone over the books in years past. Suffice it to say that these alleged facts were not shown in any report made by that auditor, and that had they been made matters of public record as they should have been in line with his duty if they were well founded, this newspaper would have recognized them. The manner in which the auditor went about putting out his information could only cause any sound thinking person to mistrust his intentions and the veracity of his findings.

This newspaper, in its columns and by personal appeal to the county officers, has repeatedly called attention to the neglect of publishing the county court proceedings as by law required. The neglect of publishing public records which the law requires to be published does not necessarily signify misconduct of officers, but it does lead to suspicion. When people are not informed of what is going on in the public offices they are quicker to question if all is right.

If there is guilt of misconduct of officers, it should be properly dealt with when such guilt is proved beyond a reasonable doubt. Until then idle rumors and expressions of personal opinions can accomplish nothing other than to burden unduly the feelings of the accused should they be innocent.

A Summer Recreation Program for Oregon

By DR. JOHN F. BOVARD, Dean and Director of Physical Education, University of Oregon.

(Editor's Note: This is the second of a series of three articles outlining a summer recreation program for communities of the state, written by Dr. Bovard, nationally recognized as an authority in the field of physical education. The next article will follow in a later issue.)

Part II: Groups to be Included in the Program.

The first group we should plan for is the pre-school child. It is a common idea that the pre-school child should be taken care of in the home. This can probably be done in the smaller cities, but as communities grow it becomes more and more difficult to meet the demands for the proper care of this group. "Safety" is the key-note of their entire program. Whatever play apparatus is needed can be simple, easily built, and without much expense: sandboxes, swings, teeters, a wading pool, or even an automobile tire hung up into a tree suggests the simple type of apparatus that can be used with pre-school children. They need some place by themselves, where there will be no danger of traffic and where they will be out from under the feet of larger and more active children. Many towns have attempted to solve this problem by building neighborhood playgrounds. An empty lot cleared of debris, even though small, affords ample space for the young children. It is usually necessary to provide in this small playground a place for the mothers who may care to read or sew or mend while the little children play. The general program, then, is built around a safe place to play, with safe apparatus to play on, but also a pleasant place as well.

The next group to demand attention is that represented by the boys and girls from 7 to 12. This group demands more space for its activities, as these children play more vigorous games, they are interested in ball games, in running games, in activities at high speed. They have not yet developed finer coordinations, and skill is not an important part of their program. They need larger spaces than the neighborhood playgrounds, places where they can play ball or where they can play marbles or where they will not be in contact with the smaller children nor with those of the next age older.

We must not forget at this time that children need indoor facilities as well. Too many times the entire program for boys and girls of this age is left to the outdoor games and sports. Indoor provision should be made for a workbench with simple tools, a place where the boys can construct tools of one sort or another, or girls can work at basketry or handicrafts, a place where ideas can be worked out in the rough, where activity can go on. This is a constructive age, when ideas are bursting and the urge to activity of some sort must be taken care of.

In the next group young people 13 to 16 years old need to be thought of. Outdoor space increases again and the program must be planned in larger terms. Instead of playing the smaller ball games, these people will be interested in hard ball, where skill is an important factor, and where the competition is keen. They will want to play in tournaments, they will appreciate planning and managing competitions of many kinds. If they build aeroplanes they build aeroplanes that will fly; if they make kites, they make kites that are interesting because of their size, or because they are particularly beautiful, or because they are of some unusual shape. For these people the outdoor activities, largely beyond the confines of the town; they are interested in hiking, nature walks and talks, map making, geology trips, and other types of excursions, which are entered into with keen interest. For the workshop indoors, their equipment must be more elaborate; they need more skilled manipulation; the finished idea is as important as the development of the idea. In manual training they show unusual skill, but their ideas are more extensive and may run to puppet shows, to clay modeling, to radio building, and such activities as these.

Another group must be considered, and this is the age group from 17 to 21. Here again the field for activities, enlarge and refine with which they are conducted is much keener than in any of the previous groups. Competition is an important factor in activities for people of this age. There must be tournaments in baseball, golf, swimming, tennis, and other types of activities. This group is interested in self-direction, as to management and as to organization of their program. From this group can also be recruited the squad leaders who can assist in the work for the younger classes. This group also makes the necessity for evening parties, town parties, dramatic performances, music clubs, glee clubs, not only from the standpoint of participation, but the management and writing of plays. Here we find much creative ability which will have an outlet.

Then comes the adult group. An old idea which has actuated most of our thinking is that recreation is for young people. It is my hope that we can get away from this antiquated theory. Recreation for the old folks is not the same as recreation for the young folks. It is not to be expected that adults will participate in the same sort of activities as those enjoyed by the more active, more versatile younger people. In this group it becomes less important for all to do the same thing. The activities can be of a very diverse sort. Under a proper recreational program, however, those who are interested in the same sort of activities can get together. Horseshoe clubs, golf tournaments, picnics, town parties, music, town singing, choral societies, orchestras, and bands, all represent types of activities in which the older people may enjoy a pleasurable evening with their neighbors.

Whereas we have attempted to show that the various groups of people in town must have different interests, nevertheless many activities can engage the entire town. There are types of programs which can be considered as all-town programs. There may be tennis tournaments, with sections for the different age groups; there may be playground ball, volleyball, and horseshoe tournaments. These may even develop to the extent of inter-city tournaments. Then the town as a whole may develop orchestras, bands, or choral societies. Under dramatics it is possible to have stunt nights on which there will be a general program, contributions from the children's section or from the young folks' division, and a play or skit by the older people. Another type of all-town program is the picnic and general get-together type of function. Here in the afternoon there can be programs of games and sports for the younger folks of all ages and later on in the day events which will interest the older people.

Another all-town program that is of interest is at the swimming pool. A summer swimming meet can be put on toward the end of the season. This will bring out a surprising amount of talent in the town. Participation can be arranged for people of various ages, including a demonstration of the strokes and methods of teaching swimming, the various types of diving, lifesaving exhibitions with brief lectures, and the use of various safety devices.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our thanks and appreciation to all the friends and neighbors for their sympathy and kindly ministrations in our time of sorrow, and for the beautiful floral offerings.

W. T. Gerard,
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gerard,
Myrtle Gerard.

Drouth Puts AAA Into Huge Relief Campaign

Widespread use of the organization machinery of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration in bringing drouth relief wherever needed in the United States is being accomplished according to reports received by the Oregon State college extension service. An undetermined amount of this will even extend to Oregon, it is learned.

By early June three Oregon counties, Jefferson, Harney and Malheur, had been placed in the "secondary" list of drouth counties. Meanwhile, W. A. Schoenfeld, dean of agriculture at Oregon State college, had been named to represent the federal government in administering the relief to be extended through the AAA and which will be coordinated with that of the regular relief agencies.

In the "primary" drouth counties mostly in the north central west, the first move was to inaugurate the program of cattle buying which had been planned even before the drouth struck as a move toward beef cattle adjustment. It is now being rushed into effect as a means of relieving the acute feed situation and saving the cattle owners from complete loss of many of their stock.

Cattle buying will not be extended to the secondary drouth regions for the present at least, reports indicate. Work will be undertaken there to assist cattle owners especially in obtaining emergency feed or in shipping stock out at low rates to places where they may be fed. Assistance in obtaining water supplies is also contemplated in some areas.

Since the drouth conditions became so acute as to seriously reduce the feed supplies for stock, the AAA issued an order removing the restrictions on the planting of feeds and forage of all sorts on non-contracted acres and of all except corn and grain sorghums on contracted acres. Even contracted acres may now be pastured and hay may be harvested from them. This ruling extends to the entire country.

No danger of a shortage of wheat exists even if the drouth should continue, latest estimates indicate. More than ample supplies are in sight, the federal crop reporting board says.

OSC Receives Valuable Gifts During Past Year

Gifts totalling close to \$30,000 in value have been received during the past year by various departments of Oregon State college, including land, material, equipment, art or museum pieces and private funds for cooperative research. This figure does not include numerous minor donations of books or records to the college library, or individual contributions to single funds. The largest single item was a gift of rare books valued at \$9,000 to the college library by Mrs. Mary J. L.

McDonald of San Francisco who also gave an additional 80 acres of land to add to the Peavy Absoretum and McDonald Forest used as a laboratory by the school of forestry.

The school of agriculture received \$11,300 to be used in cooperative research, most of which came from the Oregon-Washington Pear bureau and the Oregon Committee on Electricity in Agriculture. Gifts of equipment to the school of engineering were valued at \$2,200, and to the department of physics at \$1,100. The Alumni association and Memorial Union building received miscellaneous items valued at more than \$400, and the student loan funds of the college and the school of pharmacy were increased more than \$15,000 during the year. Gifts of cash and the "loan" for an indefinite period of the old Oregon Electric depot building made possible a crew house. Hundreds of gifts to the school of science herbarium were received.

Rural Housing Survey Facts Released by OSC

Two-thirds of the 5700 farm families interviewed during the rural housing survey just completed by the home economics division of the Oregon State college extension service for the federal civil works administration, said they would not be interested in borrowing money for needed repairs and replacements in their homes, even at favorable rates, while the other third indicated that they would borrow an average of \$619 each if it were available. Suggested interest rates averaged about 4 per cent.

About 10 per cent of the farm families visited during the survey plan to build new farm houses in the next three years, however, and if they carry out their present intentions these houses will average about five rooms and will cost an average of \$1426. Only 409 families have spent as much as \$500 on repairs or improvements in the past three years, it was found, and only 1014 have spent as much as \$100 for this purpose in that time.

The survey was made by means of personal visitation by hired workers, and covered a large part of Clackamas county, and representative portions of Jackson and Josephine counties in southern Oregon and of Deschutes, Crook, Gilliam and Sherman counties in the irrigated and wheat sections east of the Cascades.

Three Oregon farm families were found to be living in earth houses, and seven in concrete. Of the other dwellings visited, 69 were of logs, 16 brick, 13 stone, 32 stucco, and 1646 were painted frame houses and 3917 unpainted frame houses. Nearly two-thirds of the houses surveyed are more than 10 years old, almost a third are more than 25 years old, and 287 are more than half a century old. All but 10 of the families visited were white.

When asked what repairs or improvements they would make with

\$500 if they had it for the purpose, 3067 homeowners said a water system would come first. With \$250 to spend water systems were still first in favor, an 1833 said they would try to improve their water systems if only \$100 were available. The survey shows that nearly half of the houses visited now must have water hauled or carried to them an average distance of more than 200 feet.

On the list of needed repairs and alterations, interior walls and ceilings came first, and floors were next with 1712 needed repairs, followed in order by roofs, foundations, exterior walls, doors and windows, and paint. More than half of the houses needed paint, and 2251 needed screens. More room was an almost universal need. Only 2403 of the homes now have bathrooms.

Intensive Cultivation Unnecessary in Orchards

Recent investigations indicate that too much time and money have been spent in needless cultivation of orchard soils, and that all that is really necessary is to keep the weeds down, says O. T. McWhorter, extension horticulturist. This, of course, applies only to the unirrigated orchards.

A study of orchard cultivation and its effects carried on in California recently showed clearly that cultivation does not of itself conserve moisture. McWhorter said. This experiment demonstrated that the roots of trees and other plants growing in the orchard are the predominant factor in moisture extraction, and that loss of moisture from evaporation was confined to relatively shallow depths of soil.

"It appears that many orchardists who have been giving numerous cultivations have not gotten out of it much but hard work and a chance to spend money for gasoline, horse feed and machinery," McWhorter said.

Other experiment stations are finding the same results, with both orchards and corn, McWhorter says. The Indiana station says, for example, that they "obtained as high yields when weeds were scraped off with a hoe as when they maintained a dust mulch." The Kansas station, in a series of experiments extending over nine years, has found that corn cultivated three or four times during the season gave an average yield of 49.2 bushels. Cultivated every 10 days it yielded an average of 48 bushels, and with no cultivation but weeds kept off with a hoe it also averaged 48 bushels.

R. E. Stephenson, of the O. S. C. soils department believes that over cultivation is a positive detriment to orchards, citing the experience of many orchardists of this state who cultivate their orchards, thereby liberating plant food and produced great growth and vigor for a while. Now, he says, the humus has been burned out, the soil structure destroyed, and the moisture

HARDMAN

By LUCILLE FARRENS
The benefit dance given by the community was a success financially as well as other ways with a fairly good crowd in attendance and a general good time is reported.

B. H. Bleekman, who owns the local store and post office, is sporting a nice looking Chevy pickup.

Mrs. B. H. Bleekman and daughters, Misses Delsie and Nellie, and Mr. and Mrs. Emil Johnson recently returned from a pleasure trip to Portland, all going down to the Rose city in the Johnson car.

Mrs. Frank McDaniel is having her house papered this week. Carl Leathers and Mrs. Wes Stevens are in charge of the work.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Leathers and Jean took Mr. Leathers' father, Holly Leathers, to The Dalles the first of last week where he underwent a major operation. Mr. Leathers is reported to be getting along nicely.

Everett Harshman, who returned home last week ill with a gripper, has returned to his work near Ukiah, where he has charge of his father's sheep. Elwood Hastings took his place during his absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Farrens departed for Portland the last of the week where Mrs. Farrens went for medical attention. They were driven down by Jim Brannon.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Buschke and family were Heppner visitors Friday.

Mrs. Adaline Howell, aged pioneer of this community, was taken to Heppner last Monday for medical attention. Mrs. Howell, though able to be up and about, has not been in the best of health for some time, and fainted while walking in her yard last Monday morning. Neighbors rushed to her assistance and the various members of her family were called, who decided upon taking her to Heppner to a doctor. Mrs. Howell has the best wishes of the community for a quick recovery.

Vern McDaniel is spending a while at the mountain ranch of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Farrens. Vera McDaniel is visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Kinnard McDaniel at Lonerock.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Lovgren, Misses Gladys Lovgren, Charlotte and Lois Adams, Duff McKetric and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Burnside enjoyed a motor trip to Hermiston last Sunday.

John Byland was in from the mountain district one day last week. Mrs. Frank Howell and sons Clifford, Everett and Marvin were in for the dance Saturday night. The Howell boys have purchased the old Mulligan place and the family expect to live there this summer.

Delvin and Dallas McDaniel and Matlan Hicks were over from Lonerock Saturday and enjoyed the dance.

Most of the farmers of this vicinity are in the midst of haying this week.

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CALL FOR WARRANTS.
Outstanding warrants of School District No. 12, Morrow County, Oregon, up to and including warrant No. 276, issue of 1933, will be paid on presentation to the district clerk. Interest on said warrants not already called ceases with this notice.

DONA E. BARNETT, Clerk, Lexington, Oregon.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY ON EXECUTION.
Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an execution duly issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County, on the 13th day of June, 1934, in favor of O. E. Johnson, plaintiff and against Bertha B. Gilman, defendant, for the sum of \$1500.00, with interest thereon from the 18th day of March, 1932, at the rate of 8 per cent per annum, the further sum of \$100.00, attorney's fee, and \$10.00 for costs and disbursements and directing me to sell all the right, title and interest of said defendant and of defendant, William McCall, in and to the following described real property, to-wit:

"The Wakefield property," same being sold subject to a lease thereof by testator to W. O. Dix at rental of \$25.00 per month, expiring May 1, 1932. Abstract and lease subject to inspection of purchaser, at office of S. E. Notson, Heppner, Oregon. (Second tract)

Lot 34 of Block 5 of Masonic Cemetery to Heppner, in Morrow County, Oregon. ARTHUR W. DYKSTRA, Executor aforesaid. S. E. Notson; and Tussing & Tussing, Attorneys for Executor.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have been appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County administratrix and administrator, respectively, of the estate of Mary Jane Sperry, deceased, and that all persons having claims against said estate must present the same to us at the office of our attorney, S. E. Notson, in Heppner, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, said date of first publication being May 24, 1934.

LULU E. REA, Administratrix. GEORGE E. SPERRY, Administrator.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County administratrix of the estate of William A. Wilcox, deceased, and that all persons having claims against said estate must present the same to me at the office of my attorney, P. W. Mahoney in Heppner, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, said date of first publication being June 7, 1934.

AGNES WILCOX, Administratrix.

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