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### President Roosevelt's Education Week Message

LET us take note, as we again observe American Education Week throughout our Nation, that education in our democracy teaches the practice of reason in human affairs.

I refer not only to education that may come from books. I include education in fair play on the athletic field and on the debating platform; I include education for tolerance through participation in full, free discussion in the classroom. Practice in the scientific method by our young people may be more important than learning the facts of science. From kindergarten through college our schools train us to use the machinery of reason; parliamentary practice; the techniques of co-operation; how to accept with good grace the will of a majority; how to defend by logic and facts our deep convictions. This is education for the American way of life.

Our schools also bring us face to face with men and women with whom we shall share life's struggles. In their lives and ours, struggle will never be absent; the struggle of every individual against the stream of life; the struggle and competition among individuals, groups, institutions, states, and nations. To the resolution of conflicts and struggles of life, democracy supplies no easy answer. The easy answer, the quick but incomplete answer, is force; tanks and torpedoes, guns and bombs. Democracy calls instead for the application of the rule of reason to solve conflicts. It calls for fair play in canvassing facts, for discussion, and for calm and orderly handling of difficult problems. These vital skills we Americans must acquire in our schools.

In our schools our coming generation must learn the most difficult art in the world—the successful management of democracy. Let us think of our schools during this American Education Week not only as buildings of stone and wood and steel; not only as places to learn how to use hand and brain; but as training centers in the use and application of the rule of reason in the affairs of men. And let us hope that out of our schools may come a generation which can persuade a bleeding world to supplant force with reason.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

### Armistice

WHEN news was received, first inadvertently, November 10, 1918, then authentically the next day, that combatants in the great World war had agreed to an armistice, the world staged a double celebration. Most gladly received was the news in America, for it meant that Uncle Sam's army of a million men, or so many thereof as had escaped war's inevitable end, were removed from further danger of bursting bomb or flying shell; that soon the flower of American manhood would be home.

Saturday, America will again voice its gratitude for that armistice; will again echo the feelings of emotion that swept the land on that eventful day in 1918, though the echo be faded by intervening years that have witnessed thinning in the ranks of the World war veterans. Those who have passed before, on field of battle or since the war's end, will be honored.

As signing of the first armistice

was doubly celebrated, so should this twenty-first anniversary bring double cause for gratitude in America. There should be gratitude that no more boys in khaki were sacrificed in the first great war, and there should be gratitude that America has escaped being drawn into the present European conflict.

While we in America should not be ashamed to uphold the high principles for which many fine boys in khaki found premature resting places in Flanders fields, there should, this Armistice day, be a firm resolve that no such sacrifice again be made beyond the seas, only as the very last measure of upholding what may be determined to be America's just responsibility to posterity.

### Six Oregon 4-H Champions Win Trips to Chicago

Fresh from competing with 4-H club teams from the entire country at the National Dairy show in San Francisco, Oregon leaders in 4-H club activities have now turned their attention toward the next big event in the club world, the National 4-H club congress in Chicago, December 1 to 9.

Free trips to this congress have been won by six Oregon club members by becoming state champions in their respective projects. Four others have been chosen to compete in regional or national contests, winners of which will be sent to the Chicago conference, held annually in connection with the International Livestock exposition. Following are the six winners already assured of trips, who will compete for national honors at Chicago:

Charles Kik, Hermiston, state champion in rural electrification projects; Geraldine DeLancey, Corvallis, state champion in national 4-H girls' record contest in home economics; Patsy Chalker, Portland, state champion in national canning contest; Orr-Lyda Brown, Eugene, state champion in national 4-H food preparation contest; Mary Patricia Clark, Russellville, state champion in 4-H style review; Paul DeCoursey, Maupin, state champion in national health contest. DeCoursey's trip is made possible through the assistance of Wasco county 4-H club supporters.

In addition to those six winners, Robert Zielinski, Salem, has been entered in the national Moses trophy leadership contest, and Jacqueline Morton, Cottage Grove, is representing Oregon in the national achievement contest for girls. Wilbur Burkhart, Albany, will represent Oregon in the regional semi-finals of the national 4-H meat animal production contest, and Allen Parker will be Oregon's entrant in the western states semi-finals in the national home beautification contest. The winner of each of these will go to Chicago.

At the National Dairy show in San Francisco, Oregon's 4-H cattle judging team from Blachly, was second in judging Ayrshire cattle in competition with teams from 16 other states. Oregon's production demonstration team from Hermiston was third among all western states, and the dairy consumption team from Cottage Grove placed in the blue award group.

To the Editor: Shortly will begin the advertising campaign for the senior play, "The House of Horrors." Everyone in school will be bothering the merchants and townspeople by asking them to buy tickets for the play. It is true that the merchants help the high school a great deal in sponsoring advertisements of games and in subscribing to advertising in school publications. But some people think that it is very inconvenient to be bothered by students selling tickets to school productions. This writer would like to disprove this belief. The only reason that high school productions must have advance ticket sales is to obtain the money to pay for books, props, and royalty for the play. For this reason the high school students are urged to sell tickets. Ticket sales should be regarded as a convenience to prospective buyers, rather than an inconvenience. D. J.

### FORMER LEXINGTON GIRL EXPERIENCES WAR TIME YACHTING THRILLS

W. Togo Ericson in a series of articles published in the Brainerd (Minn.) Tribune tells of a thrilling yacht trip on which he and Mrs. Ericson, formerly Miss Wilma Leach of Lexington, sailed with a party from Norfolk, Va., to Bermuda and return. James Leach of Lexington, brother of Mrs. Ericson, has copies of the articles from which information of the trip is gleaned.

The Ericsons were guests of Mr. Ericson's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon MacLean of Chicago, on the MacLean yacht, Starling. How the European war upset plans of the yachting party and gave them some thrills is told in excerpts from Mr. Ericson's articles. Writing from Glen Cove, New York, on Sept. 22, Mr. Ericson, former associate editor of the Brainerd Tribune, wrote: "We arrived safely at New Port, R. I., after a hazardous return trip from Bermuda on September 16.

"Gordon MacLean, our host and owner of the Yacht Starling, had planned a six months' cruise through the Panama Canal, then the South Seas, but when we landed at our first stop at Bermuda, an English possession, we knew that England had declared war on Germany and all the inhabitants of the many islands were occupied in preparation for war, and as we had to be subjected to all kinds of inspection we all decided to return to the States. "The admiralty men of war came on board the yacht; checked the crew as well as the passengers; sealed our radio so no calls could be made or radio used in any way; the authorities also ran up three red balls on the yard which closed the port; all letters and cables were censored;

if some words were inserted in the letters that the war authorities objected to, they did not just block it out but they put a large X on the letter and sent one a notice to appear before them" . . . Mr. Ericson relates in another place where he had this experience himself.

"The first day out of Bermuda we saw a submarine on the surface some distance ahead. Before we were close enough to discover whether it was English or German it disappeared from the surface." Early in the second day out from Bermuda a storm of hurricane proportions overtook the yacht, says Ericson's report. Waves swept the focal head, necessitating battening down by all hands, removed a search light and stove in the bow of a lifeboat which was saved just in the nick of time by two sailors who threw lines around the davits. Water that broke through the hatch doused generators and put the ship in darkness.

Yacht Starling had as skipper the helmsman of Seven Seas, winner of a New York-Bermuda race, who said the Starling was the fastest sailing ship he had ever been on, substantiated, Ericson said, by the distance of 274 miles clipped off in one day on the return. He cited the record for New Port to Bermuda as 3 days and a few hours, reporting the Starling's time as 3 days and 19 hours.

"It is nice to be back in the U. S. with no subs to worry about or reporting to the war admiralty," Ericson concluded his articles.

Enterprise, Union and West Linn are the only towns in the fourth division of the 1939 Cities Traffic Safety contest to go through the first

five months of the contest, May thru September, with a clean record so far as traffic injuries and fatalities are concerned, Earl Snell, secretary of state and sponsor of the contest, declared today. For the May-September period of 1939 and 1938 these towns have reported no injuries or accidents to the secretary of state's office. There are 21 towns in this division of the contest.

The good old American name of Jones seems to be losing out at O. S. C. where, among more than 4600 students names in this year's directory, there are only eight Joneses compared with 55 Smiths, 44 Johnsons and 36 Millers.

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