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Educational Forum

Contributed articles from county school leaders telling the purposes of education.

Federal Aid for Education

Federal aid for education in these United States today is not only desirable and necessary for needed progress but, as shown by extensive nationwide studies, also solves many of the financial difficulties that form the essence of the problem of inequality of the various systems among the various states and among the various districts of the individual states.

The facts as we see them indicate that no sound plan of local or state taxation can be devised and instituted that will support in every local community a school system which meets minimum acceptable standards. Unless the federal government participates in the financial support of the schools and related services, several millions of children in the United States will continue to be largely denied the educational opportunity that should be regarded as their birthright.

President Roosevelt in his recent White House address to a conference of educators stated in his conclusion that the lack of adequate schools in many sections of the nation is to be solved by improving the economics of the poorer sections. The desirability of such improvement is unquestioned and there is small doubt that a higher economic level in the poorer sections would result in more local financial support for schools, but, regardless of what is done to improve economic conditions in the poorer sections no program that neglects the education of the people affected can hope to be successful. It is a vicious circle; the people are ignorant because they are poor; they remain poor because they are ignorant.

According to recent studies nearly one-fifth of the heads of rural families on relief are entirely illiterate, two-fifths have never gone beyond the fourth grade and nine-tenths have never finished elementary school. It would seem a good investment to maintain adequate schools with federal funds to the extent necessary, as partial insurance against federal relief in the future. The federal government has found it necessary to spend billions of dollars for relief, attempting to ameliorate a condition which can be prevented or cured only by sufficient educational opportunity.

Our president points out that adequate national defense calls for educated, healthy and happy citizens no less than for adequate munitions and implements of war; that no American child, merely because he happens to be born where property values are low and local taxes do not support good schools, should be placed at a disadvantage in his preparation for citizenship; that our future is endangered when nearly a million children of elementary school age are not in school.

But there are forces at work on the inevitable answer to this glaring problem and action has brought to the surface a bill that has for its initial purpose the equalization of educational opportunity in these United States. Senate bill 1305 based on the major recommendations of an educational advisory committee appointed by President Roosevelt carries the idea that money should go to the states on a basis of need and though this is a comparatively

small sum to be spread over a period of five years it is a step in the right direction. Favorable legislation on this bill will strengthen the fortresses of economic security, reinforce the bulwark of good government, give vitality to national defense and show abiding faith in the long future of American democracy.

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Published by the Students of
Heppner High School

Track Squad Vies at Mac High Meet

A small, but determined team of Heppner track and field men journeyed to Mac Hi last Friday to participate in the annual "Carnival of Speed."

Schools in Washington, Oregon and Idaho vied for honors in this meet, which is the largest meet of its kind in Oregon.

Drake, Heppner's representative to the state meet last year, was beaten by a meager two inches for first place in the discus throw. Vance, star half-miler, was beaten by two strides in the half-mile. The winner of both these events were forced to new meet records in winning.

The outstanding event of the meet was the mile run in which M. Fitzimmons of Pomeroy, Wash., ran in the exceptional fast time of four minutes and twenty seconds, which is faster than many of our college meets.

Other entrants from Heppner were Moore in the 220 yard dash and broad jump, snow in the 440 yard run, and Blake in the mile. These entrants failed to place.

Tennis Team Posts Double Win

Heppners surprisingly strong tennis team posted a double win over the racket wielders of Hermiston and Pendleton high schools.

Heppner won four and lost two in the matches with the Hermiston players, which was played on the Hermiston courts.

Results of the Hermiston matches were as follows: Dorothea Wilson won 6-0, 6-1; Hugh Crawford won 6-2, 6-2; Frances Wilkinson and Shirley Wilson lost 4-6, 1-6; Howard Wray and Jean Hayes won 6-3, 6-1; Norval Osborne and Kingsley Chapin lost 2-6, 2-6; Don Bennett and Bob Pinckney won 6-0, 6-2.

The results of the matches with Pendleton, played on the local courts are: Dorothea Wilson lost 2-6, 1-6; Frances Wilkinson lost 4-6, 7-9; Hugh Crawford won 6-0, 6-4; Howard Wray lost 5-7, 1-6; Kingsley Chapin and Shirley Wilson won 6-2, 6-3; Tom Starkey and Norval Osborne won 2-6, 6-0, 6-3; Bob Pinckney and Don Bennett won 8-6, 6-3; Howard Wray won 6-1, 6-1.

Ritner Pays Visit to Morrow County

Roy W. Ritner of Pendleton, candidate for the republican nomination for representative in congress from the second Oregon district, paid Morrow county a visit Monday in the interest of his candidacy. He was enroute to Sherman county and after a few hours here drove to Condon to feel out the sentiment in Gilliam county.

Ritner stated that he is receiving pledges of support all along the line and feels that if he wins the nomination his chances for election in the fall are much brighter than four years ago. In the brief time he has been in the race he has discovered a decided swing to the republican party in this district and if the trend which has been shown in primary elections in other states continues until fall he looks for a change in representation from the second Oregon district.

MARRIAGE REVEALED

Mrs. John Kilkenny this week announced the marriage of her Ilene, to Mr. Robert Laughlin. The event took place at Lewiston, Idaho, last October 28 and the secret has been well kept by the young folks.

SOCIETY CHIT-CHAT

By JUNE SMITH

Twelve tables of contract bridge were in play at the party given Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. D. McMurdo. Assisting with the affair were Mrs. Charles B. Cox, Mrs. D. M. Ward and Mrs. Glenn C. Jones. Decorations were in orchid and white, and refreshments were served at the close of the playing. High score was won by Mrs. Charles Vaughn, second high by Mrs. Orville L. Smith, third high by Mrs. Hubert Gaily and consolation by Mrs. Claude Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Wilson of Monument visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Ward over the week end. Mr. Wilson, who is Mrs. Ward's brother, is a stock rancher and is running for sheriff of Grant county. They left Thursday morning for Wenatchee, Wash., where they will visit with a sister, Mrs. E. S. Heabler.

A benefit bridge is planned by the Woolgrowers Auxiliary for Friday afternoon. Ten tables will be in play at the affair, which will be at the home of Mrs. B. C. Pinckney. The public is invited to the party, which will be a dessert, starting at 1:30 p. m.

Mrs. D. M. Ward motored to The Dalles Saturday to visit her niece, Miss Kathryn Farnsworth, who has just returned to her home from a two weeks' stay in The Dalles hospital, where she was seriously ill.

The Eastern Star Officers club met Monday afternoon with Mrs. W. O. Bayless, assisted by Mrs. Ralph Bengé. Following the business meeting, refreshments were served by the hostess.

Guests of honor at a no-host dinner Saturday evening were Mrs. Lydia Horsfall, of Marshfield, state president of the American Legion Auxiliary, and Mrs. Charles Lemons of Pendleton, who is district president. The dinner, given at 6:30 at Lucas' Place, was sponsored by the auxiliary of Heppner, and was followed by a business session presided over by Mrs. Charles Cox, president. Mrs. Horsfall gave a talk.

Sunday morning the two women were honored at a breakfast at the home of Mrs. Cox, before their departure for Condon.

Mrs. John Kilkenny of Heppner announces the marriage of her daughter, Ilene, to Mr. Robert Ogdén Laughlin, son of Mrs. Daisy Laughlin of The Dalles, on October 28, 1939. The wedding was performed in Lewiston, Idaho, and the couple was attended by Mrs. Alta Cutsforth. Mr. and Mrs. Laughlin will make their home in Heppner after May 1.

The bride is a graduate of Heppner high school and attended the University of Oregon. Mr. Laughlin is a graduate of The Dalles high.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Blake of Heppner announce the engagement of their daughter, Bethel Ann to Mr. C. Emery Coxen of Pendleton, son of Mrs. Harvie Coxen of Heppner. The wedding will be held Sunday, April 28, at 5 p. m. at the All Saints church in Heppner. A reception following the ceremony will be held in the Parish House.

The Missionary society of the Episcopal Auxiliary held a meeting at the Parish House Thursday afternoon, with Mrs. Ture Peterson chairman. Mrs. Peterson was in charge of the devotionals, and Mrs. Percy Hughes and Mrs. Edwin Hughes were hostesses for the occasion. A missionary box to be sent to Alaska was the subject for the afternoon study. Plans were also made for the Junior-Senior program.

The Tuesday Bridge club was held at the home of Mrs. Glenn Shearer with Mrs. Garnet Barratt, Mrs. Floyd Adams and Mrs. Evelyn Isom as guests. The affair was a dessert bridge, with Mrs. Hubert Gaily winning high score, and Mrs. Jasper Crawford second high.

Mrs. William Bennett is spending

several weeks in Seattle, where she is visiting her many friends there. She will return to Heppner Wednesday.

Mrs. Ralph Thompson was hostess Tuesday at her home at a luncheon for twelve. Spring flowers and tulips were used in the decorating scheme. Following the luncheon three tables of contract bridge were in play, with Mrs. Harlan McCurdy winning high score, and Mrs. L. E. Dick second.

Follow Coxen-Blake—
Among the affairs planned to honor the bride to be was a pottery shower held this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Dave Wilson. Assisting hostesses were Mrs. Garnet Barratt and Mrs. Floyd Adams. Spring flowers decorated the rooms for the tea.

Mrs. Agnes Curran entertained the members of her duplicate bridge club Tuesday evening at her home. Two tables were in play and the evening closed with the serving of refreshments.

Mrs. John Wightman was hostess to members of the Past Matrons of the Eastern Star at her home Monday evening. Sewing and Chinese checkers formed the entertainment for the evening, followed by refreshments.

Scott "Covered" Heppner Disaster

In 1903 when the forces of nature were released in one of the heaviest storms ever to visit this region and the drainage from four canyons converged upon this little city of 1300 souls, claiming the lives of 225 people and damaging property to the extent of approximately a half million dollars, the Morning Oregonian hurried one of its ablest reporters to the scene to give its army of readers a word picture drawn from first-hand information. That reporter was Leslie M. Scott, now one of Portland's first citizens and known throughout the state for his valuable service on the state highway commission, of which he was chairman.

Mr. Scott recalled his stay of a week or so in Heppner when the town was all but swept away in the disastrous flood, while here Friday in the interest of his candidacy for the republican nomination for state treasurer. He could find nothing here now to remind him of the scene of devastation on hand everywhere that summer 37 years ago and was

pleased to find the town rebuilt in a substantial manner.

Although he has served the state by appointment, Mr. Scott has never before sought a political office. He is a native Oregonian, son of the late Harvey Scott, noted editor, graduate in law from the University of Oregon and a life-time resident of that state.

Accompanied by Leon Lafevre, Portland insurance man, Mr. Scott drove to Condon from here, continuing through seven eastern Oregon counties. He reported favorable crop conditions throughout the territory covered and found the people in an optimistic mood.



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