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The Frankness of Youth

Do you know what is wrong with our social order today? No? Well we do not profess to know the answer either, but have a faint suspicion that the children have not raised their parents properly. Some parents have taken the time to give the question a little thought, while others have been too engrossed in keeping the wheels of progress spinning to devote time to things outside of their regular routine.

On the other hand, there is evidence that the young folks have been giving local conditions some thought. They have for several months advocated establishment of a recreation center for young people of high school age, a place managed by themselves under the sponsorship of some responsible organization, where they could set their own standards of conduct and mete out punishment for violations of those standards. The young people frankly admit that they do not approve of the social atmosphere about some of the public parties and would rather confine their social activities to their own age group. They realize it is too late to do much towards reforming their elders and that the best way to build for the future is to train those who will be the leaders of tomorrow.

Speaking for the elders, we wish to admit dereliction of duty. True, we had not given it much thought until a high school senior brought it to our attention at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon. This young lady did not come with a complaint or a wail about conditions. She had made a survey and had facts which she presented in an open and frank manner. None could refute her. She laid her cards on the table and they were all trumps. And she propounded a real poser when she asked how the problem of juvenile delinquency can be approached when the parents themselves set the wrong kind of example. No one answered that. This is not an attempt to answer it, either. One can only agree with this young person who is not looking behind but ahead. Life for her generation lies ahead and serious minded youth is pondering the question of what is in store—if there is not something in life more desirable something worth fighting for, rather than drifting along following the lines of least resistance.

Worthy of Consideration

Republicans will do well to consider Charles A. Sprague for the party's nominee to fill the unex-

pired term of the late Senator McNary. It will be remembered that Sprague launched his campaign for governor in 1938 on a platform of reviving the republican party in Oregon. That he succeeded in a large sense was evidenced in his gaining the nomination that spring and following it with a sweeping victory in the fall. That he lost the nomination in 1942 was no discredit to his ability. He was opposed by a man whose popularity was statewide with members of both political faiths. Sprague made a good governor. He broadened his acquaintance with people and conditions over the state and is eminently qualified to fill the post of United States senator.

A Cause for Delay

Conditions change rapidly in war time. Two years ago when the Grain Products, Inc. was organized its sponsors had in mind using up surplus wheat in the district. There was a considerable surplus on hand along the Heppner branch at the time and the war had not gotten into second gear. The company purchased the Carver plant with the intention of moving it to Heppner. A site was secured adjacent to the Heppner Lumber company mill and a well was drilled. Then the project was halted so far as local operation was concerned. Too many difficulties had to be overcome to establish a plant for turning off industrial grain alcohol.

Now comes the report that the company will manufacture alcohol from surplus potatoes produced in Clackamas and Multnomah counties at the Carver plant. A run of fruit alcohol was made during the winter. This is proving a successful venture for the wheatraiser investors although somewhat contrary to their original plans.

One thing is quite certain and that is the local plant will not be set up for the duration—not unless a drastic shortage of industrial alcohol becomes apparent. Whereas there was a surplus of wheat two years ago, we are now told that the country may face a shortage next winter regardless of crop conditions this summer. If that is the case there is reason for delaying construction of the local plant and for pushing of production of industrial alcohol from potatoes and wood.

As far as the local setup is concerned groundwork has been laid and if in the near future, or at a more distant time, it is advisable to go ahead with the original plans, the company will be in position to construct and operate the plant with a few years experience in alcohol making as a guide.

The Hehisch....

BAND ASSEMBLY

The band put on an assembly, Friday April 14, in the gym. An audience was made up of both high school and grade school students, as the grade school participated in it also.

The program consisted of several numbers by the band, and a well-performed routine by two maorettes, Merlyn Kirk and Evelyn Valentine, in combination with the new grade school twirlers in their appearance. They are: Edda Mae Thorpe, Carol Buschke, Virginia Pettyjohn, Shirley Yokum, Barbara Jean Stout, Peggy Ployhar, Ann Lawrence, Margery Dauman, Colleen Prock.

Walter Skuzeski played a baritone solo entitled "Corinthian Polka." The program was concluded by the band orchestra playing three numbers consisting of "My Ideal," "Song of the Islands," and "Mairzy Doats." The latter was sung by Jean Doats', he latter was sung by Jean Turner.

SPORTS PREVIEW

Two tennis matches have been scheduled with Pendleton. So far, these two matches are the only ones scheduled. The first one will be played in Heppner on Saturday, April 29. The second match with them will be played on May 13 on the Pendleton courts.

No softball games have been scheduled either and hopes for some are rather dull. An intramural softball tournament may be played though.

It was voted and passed in student council that the school purchase new football uniforms. This has been done to the tune of gold with a purple stripe down the back of the pant leg, Washington State style.

With new uniforms and practically the same team back, the 1944 football season looks pretty bright except for one thing—transportation: if (which is a bigger word than it looks) the transportation problem is solved, then watch the Mustangs '44 football season.

JUNIORS ORDER RINGS

The Junior class received samples of rings last week and the orders have been placed. They will receive them in August.

ANNUAL BAND DANCE

The annual Band Benefit dance is to be held April 29, at the Elks hall. The Heppner school band will march on the streets in the evening to advertise their dance.

A May queen and her princesses elected by the student body will be crowned at the dance. This will be a thrilling moment for some senior girl and her attendants, who represent each class.

The prices for this dance are uncertain at this time, but it is hoped that there will be a large crowd to raise funds for new instruments for the band.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God, the Father of all men, and Masons, to call from our lodge our beloved brother C. W. McNamer, who for many years was a prominent and respected citizen of Heppner, and a worthy brother and member of Heppner Lodge No. 69, A. F. & A. M.

Be it resolved that while we bow in reverence to the will of him who useth all things well, yet we do not the less feel and deplore his loss. To the family of Brother McNamer, we his fellow craftsmen and brothers extend our deepest sympathy in this their hour of grief.

Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our lodge, a copy be sent to the family of our deceased brother and a copy be furnished the local paper for publication.

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