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Schools Are Better Than You Think!

Guest Editorial By

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It's no wonder parents are confused and distressed by conflicting reports in books, magazine articles and news paper stories on what kind of a job our public schools are doing.

Please, try to read, "Public Schools Are Better Than You Think" by Sloan Wilson, executive of the White House Conference on Education, in the September Harper's.

It will give all parents and community members a measure of comfort and some sense of the responsibility which rests with them if the schools are ever to be as good as we would like them to be.

A truly ignorant man can easily work himself into a feverish fury about the public schools, and if he is able to write he can in a brief article unburden himself of enough righteous indignation to heat a large gymnasium on a cold winter day.

On the other hand, the person who has really learned something about the schools finds that the schools are progressing very rapidly toward their goals. Mistakes are made every day but a conscientious effort is made to correct them.

In the last 10 years, our nation has gone

humanitarian to a great and wonderful degree, but it doesn't yet want to pay for it. The schools have never been anywhere near as good as they are today, but the gap between what they are and what the people want is greater than ever before.

Fifty years ago only the gifted pupil ever went to high school, and he graduated knowing how to spell quite well. Now the schools try to do something for the gifted, the mediocre, and the retarded, not just "something" either, but a whole lot of things never dreamed of 50 years ago. This new concept of what the schools do for the child is not just the idea of the educators. It has come by public demand, worked out gradually by thousands of day-to-day decisions at countless school board meetings throughout the country.

No one in education pretends that the schools are as good as they should be, including Sloan Wilson, but in the light of what is demanded of them, what is thrown at them in the way of a Snowballing student load and what is not given them in the form of adequate support, Wilson thinks the schools are making remarkable progress.

The schools will be as good as they ought to be only when the public understands the relationship between its demands for them and the cost of meeting the demand—and is willing to pay the price.



DAILY TOPICS

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YOUR INVESTMENT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

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NOVEMBER 6-12

thieves do little to discourage others from following in their tracks. Within a few days after a sentence, which amounted to almost nothing, a cattle theft was again reported from the same herd. Whether the thief read of the insignificant sentence and decided he had nothing to lose is not known. It is our thought that, had he heard of it, he would surely not be discour-

aged from carrying out his mission. By doing so he has presented a case for law enforcement and theft investigation officers to spend hundreds and even thousands of dollars to solve. The practice continues. What is the solution?

Sincerely,
Raymond French, chairman,
Morrow County Livestock
Growers Association

SMART SANTAS
Shop Early

—SELECT CHRISTMAS

TOWNS

NOW ON
Lay-Away

Selections Are Best Right Now—
Choose Your Gifts . . . A Small
Deposit Will Hold Them.

WESTERN AUTO ASSOCIATE STORE
John A. Pfeiffer Heppner

From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

This past week, as a lot of calves were weaned and delivered, I had the opportunity to see the quality of a good many herds throughout the county. Quality is improving each year. As livestock men are more conscious of quality and confirmation, they are not only selecting better bulls, but are also selecting better replacement heifers. I was also interested to note the heavy weaning weight of many of the calves. Several cattlemen are calving earlier and are weaning considerably heavier calves than those that cannot because of facilities or some other reasons.

Calves as a general rule however, are coming off the cows this fall in awfully good shape. As an indication of the quality of the various herds, several 4-H Club calves were selected topping the better herds. Four calves were

selected from the Paul Hisler herd, three from the Luke Bibby herd, four from the Harold Wright herd. Steers from the Paul Hisler herd weighed as much as 575 pounds and 550 pounds from the Luke Bibby herd. There were calves heavier than 600 pounds in the Luke Bibby herd. Heavier calves were selected for feeding for the Oregon Wheat Growers League fat stock show to be held in June, while lighter calves were selected for fall shows. There has surely been a big improvement in quality of most of our herds over the past few years.

From a recent production price and cost review report from Oregon State College we find that an average Oregon citizen last year, had less money than in 1953. For Oregon farmers, the money taken in from sales of products with the lone exception of 1949 was the smallest since 1946. This was on a cash basis. Out of the money from the sales, the farmer still had to pay production expenses. Looking at the overall state figures of operation costs for every one-hundred dollars that Oregon farmers took in from cash sales last year, they paid out about Seventy-dollars in farm operating bills. Farm living expenses still had to come out of what was left.

Reports continue to come in frequently of stomach worm in cattle here in Morrow county. As we hear of more herds effected with stomach worms, it appears that they are with us to stay. It was only a few years ago that ranchers claimed there were no known infestations here.

Since we know that they are present, and even though they might not be found in every herd, it is well to begin planning a control program. Livestock men who have noted poor gaining animals on irrigated pastures, should

be the first to take recommended steps. Work recently done at the college, recommends treatment of infected cattle with a phenothiazine drench, 12 1/2 grams of phenothiazine per hundred pounds of weight. This would be six ounces of material for four-hundred to six-hundred pound calves. Phenothiazine salt mix, it will prevent stomach worms to some extent.

Worm losses take several forms including poor feed efficiency, loss of grade, lower resistance to other parasites and disease, and death. Such infections can be noted best in weaners and yearlings. Symptoms include scouring and general unthriftiness. Worms can frequently be responsible for a one-hundred to one-hundred fifty pound weight loss in a four to five hundred pound animal. If you should have any of these symptoms in your livestock herd, better investigate the possibility of worms.

Development of ground waters by construction of open pits or sumps is regulated by the ground water act of 1955. Permits for such developments are required before construction is started. They can be obtained from the

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TO THE EDITOR . . .

Dear Editor:
Several weeks ago there was launched a program for Oregon citizens called "Red Hat Day". Considerable publicity was made and a special day set forth in an effort, among other things, to better acquaint the sportsmen with hunting ethics. Ranchers and livestockmen were pleased with the possibility of a better understanding with sportsmen who rely on private farm lands as a hunting ground. For years, a minority of hunters who do not understand that ranchers must make their living on these farm lands, had abused their privileges through wanton destruc-

tion. City dwellers who would be agast as the thought of a farmer sofeully wandering in to town and pitching a tent on their front lawn, think nothing of camping for weeks without permission, and literally taking possession of private lands for hunting.

From recent reports of trespass, destruction of property, including the shooting of cattle and horses, the purpose of Red Hat Day did not reach everyone. Perhaps as time goes on this program will accomplish its goal. In the meantime Morrow County Livestock men have agreed to try to accomplish this in a different manner. They have extended their \$500.00 theft reward program to cover shooting of livestock as well as

for evidence leading to arrest, conviction, and sentencing for stealing. In their minds shooting, whether deliberate or accidental (if not reported) is as serious as stealing.

While this reward program was initiated with the hopes of bringing more theft cases to justice, it is at times doubtful whether the program is justified. Many months, sometimes stretching into years of investigation go by before apprehension of those guilty. With the great number of cattle losses each year that go unsolved, along with the mild sentences for those apprehended, the practice is not greatly discouraged.

Evidently sentences such as were given to two recent cattle

NOTICE of Annual Meeting

— OF —

Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc.

Monday, November 4

AT THE

Ione Grange Hall

STARTING AT 10:00 A. M.

FREE LUNCH AT NOON

Door prizes of a Thanksgiving turkey and a government E Bond will be given First drawing at 10 a. m. Come and be on time for the drawing. Ladies are especially invited.

STAR THEATER, Heppner

Admission Prices: Adults 70c, Students 50c, Children 20c including Federal Tax. Sunday Shows continuous from 4 p. m. Other evenings start at 7:30. Boxoffice open until 9 p. m. Telephone 6-9278.

Thursday-Friday-Saturday, November 3-4-5

SEMINOLE UPRISING

A good George Montgomery western in Technicolor. Plus

THE PURPLE MASK

Tony Curtis, Colleen Miller, Gene Barry, Dan O'Herlihy, Angela Lansbury. Pleasant diversion in this lively and humorous tale of derring-do.

Sunday and Monday, November 6-7

SEVEN LITTLE FOYS

Bob Hope as Eddie Foy, Milly Vitale, George Tobias, Angela Clarke. In Vista Vision, Color by Technicolor. Here's a different Bob Hope, as he's never been seen before living the most poignant, most hilarious true story ever to come out of the entertainment world!

Sunday shows at 4 p. m., 6 and 8.

Tuesday-Wednesday, November 8-9

TIGHT SPOT

Ginger Rogers, Edward G. Robinson, Brian Keith. A good suspenseful comedy-drama.