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Welcome to the P.-T.A.

MEDFORD warmly welcomes the delegates to the state convention of the Parent-Teachers Association, which opens for a four-day session in the city today.

With U. S. Senator Fred Steiwer; Dr. Frederiek M. Hunter, Chancellor of Higher Education; Dean Kate Jameson of Oregon State college; Mrs. Sarah Orr Dunbar, and State Superintendent of Education C. A. Howard on the program, the convention promises to be one of the most interesting ever held in southern Oregon.

In addition to many speakers of note, there will be important forum discussions, of such timely subjects as public safety, public health, rural needs, home life and the uses of leisure. We certainly envy those with the time and the opportunity, to attend all the four day sessions.

PARENTS and Teachers! The influence of the home, combined with public education!

As one looks out on this struggling and harrassed world, with democratic governments overthrown by this form of dictatorship and that—Communism, Nazism, Fascism—with war raging in one continent, threatening to overwhelm another, and extend to a third; with unrest and discontent in our own country declining, but still sufficiently active, to encourage the self-seeking machinations of table thumping demagogues, and the exhorters to False Gods—economic, political and financial.

Can one really conceive of an organization more needed, more USEFUL, than one devoted to the proper education of the young, and surrounding them in their formative years, with those influences which will make them better, more discerning, and more self-reliant citizens.

In these two directions, it seems to the present writer, the hope of this country,—and for that matter the hope of the civilized world,—really rests.

PICK out the major evils and delusions which now beset the world, and seem to be leading it blindly from one major catastrophe to another, and where in the last analysis, and where only, must one seek, for the forces of rescue and defense?

Right here: In the education of the individual,—the ability of the individual to reason things out for himself, clearly and logically,—the ability not only to see things as they are but to see through pretense and sham,—and with such enlightenment the moral character, to sustain the obligation it imposes.

Without that, indeed the future looks black. With it, there is not only hope, but conviction that democracy and civilization will not only survive, but go on steadily to greater and finer things.

So we congratulate the officers and members of the Parent-Teachers Association on the nature of their organization, its growth, strength and increased influence, and we congratulate this state and the country, on having the services of such an organization, at the present critical time.

Will Rogers and Sidney Smith

A TRAGIC year for humor! A few months ago Will Rogers crashed to his death in an airplane. On Sunday Sidney Smith crashed to his death in a motor car.

They were two of the country's greatest humorists. What Will Rogers said and what Andy Gump said and did, were for many years, subjects of general conversation.

The two men, Rogers and Smith were very different, both in fundamental character and attainments, but in output they were alike in this: both were as soundly American as corn on the cob. Both, too, were kindly in their humor; there was an entire absence of the satirical or the sophisticated in their treatment; they instinctively sensed the American scene, one in words, the other in line, day by day, amusingly depicted it.

Will Rogers left a place which hasn't been filled, and in this generation, perhaps, never will be.

It is interesting to note, however, that in spite of his author's death, Andy Gump and Uncle Bim, Tom Carr and Little Chester, the Widow Zander and Mama De Stross, will go on.

THE fact they CAN go on, brings out another striking contrast between the two men. Will Rogers was Will Rogers,—and all there was to Will Rogers was Will. No one could ghost for him. He just talked and wrote, and when he could no longer do either, that was the end.

Sidney Smith created the Gumps, and for many years, handled the strip alone, line dialogue and plot. But as time went on, and Smith's fame and fortune grew, he delegated more and more of the verbal and pictorial routine to others; while he enjoyed himself as wealthy men of middle age are wont to do.

In short, Sidney Smith created a new character and a new type in American comic strips, and then more or less, let his brain child run along on its own momentum, in charge of the family nurse, governess and chauffeur. He ceased to be a devoted parent, in the true sense of the word.

IT IS doubtful, therefore, if any of the millions of Gump fans, will notice any change in this strip, as time goes on, unless perhaps the fact the author's death being known should somehow break the magic spell.

Our prediction is there will be no discernible change in the drawings nor in the humor and human interest,—and Gump and Bim and Min and the rest of them might go on forever, as far as their proper mechanical perpetuation is concerned.

It is when public favor starts to decline, that the man who created the Gumps will be missed. Smith understood the creations of his own imagination as no one else did or could. He not only made them develop and grow, he knew instinctively when they should change, or a new interest should be brought in.

We doubt if a ghost can be found for that quality. For it was genius, and genius is rare.

Grace Moore of Opera Fame Ill

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Oct. 22.—(AP)—Suffering from a severe cold, Grace Moore, the opera singer, was confined in Cedars of Lebanon hospital today.

Although ill last night, the star went through with a weekly radio broadcast, and then entered the hospital.

Roseburg Pastor's Residence Burns

ROSEBURG, Oct. 22.—(AP)—Fire of undetermined origin early this morning totally destroyed the home of Rev. A. J. Starnes, South Methodist minister, in Miller's addition to Roseburg. Nearly all of the furnishings were also burned. The family was absent from home and no estimate of the loss was obtainable.

Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M. D.
 Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene not to disease diagnosis or treatment will be answered if a stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received only a few can be answered. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Cal.

HYPERSENSITIVENESS AND CATARACT

It is well known that certain individuals are hypersensitive to specific substances, such as egg white, cow hair, goose feathers, straw, berries, shellfish, nuts, and if they inhale or ingest the slightest quantity of any of these substances they are likely to suffer an attack of hives, or asthma, or eczema, or migraine.

This peculiar hypersensitivity seems to run in families, though the manifestations in the child may not be the same as those in the parent's history. For instance, the parent may have been subject to migraine and the child may be subject to eczema; nor is the specific cause of the reaction necessarily the same. Only the peculiarity of tendency is inherited. Doctors have a name for it, of course. They call it allergy. Just an old medical custom, applying an imposing name to anything we don't understand clearly ourselves. Keeps patients from asking too many embarrassing questions. Ancient tradition of dignified silence translated into twentieth century bla-bla.

Well, anyway, here's another medical woman stepping up front to report three cases of cataract associated with allergy. Dr. Ruby K. Daniel, Fellow in Ophthalmology, describes her observation of cataracts in two girls each 17 years of age and a man 35 years of age. One of the girls sought treatment for extensive eczema and complained of poor vision. Her mother had been subject to hay fever, her father had been subject to vasomotor rhinitis (otherwise known as hyperesthetic rhinitis) and a grandmother had been subject to eczema. The girl had mild eczema as a baby and at four a rather severe dermatitis occurred when she handled a dyed Easter egg. This dermatitis or acute eczema affecting the lining of her eyelids and covering of the eyeballs. From six to 18 she had had frequent hives. At about the age of 15 she noticed dimness of vision. Now at 17 she has cataracts and can just count fingers with her right eye and distinguish movements of objects with her left.

Dr. Daniel chose a great date in medical history for her birth—the year I entered the medical profession. And you all know Tom, the young chap trying to keep five or ten years ahead of the march of medicine. I mention this to encourage young women who wonder whether medicine offers any sort of career for a girl.

What Wheat to Eat? In the discussion of Dr. Daniel's report, Dr. Ulysses Moore, distinguished pediatrician and nutrition authority of Oregon medical school, said that he himself might soon be a candidate for a cataract operation but for some scratch (allergic) tests made on him by an (alleged) minded colleague. These tests showed he is sensitive to a number of foods. But although he likes tuna fish and beef steak, he is sure to have conjunctivitis next day if he eats even a little of either, and if he continues to eat the offending foods for three days he develops a new corneal ulcer. For ten years more than 20 per cent of his time was lost because of undiagnosed allergy involving the eye. Many ophthalmologists had failed to recognize his trouble.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
 What Wheat to Eat? Our friends more evidently cater to many of your readers. They do not consider a customer queer if he asks for plain wheat. They have it, all cleaned and in any quantity from a pound to a bushel. Also they have cracked whole wheat if you do not care to bother cracking it yourself.—(L. A. M.)

Answer—Thank you. I believe the increasing demand for plain wheat is waking up the farmers, millers, seed and feed store people. I have a monograph here "Wheat to Eat." for any reader who asks for it and incloses 3-cent stamped envelope learning his address. It tells the food value of plain wheat and gives tried recipes for its use.

I am 16 and a heavy cigarette smoker. Mother thinks the habit will shorten my life. I am 69 inches tall and on the honor roll in school. What should I weigh? Should I quit smoking?—(B. S. W.)

Answer—140 pounds. Better have advice of psychiatrist about your mental condition. I agree with mother.

Windows Squeak. Why do our windows squeak or steam so that we can't see out of them, when the furnace is going, while our neighbor with the same kind of furnace, has no such trouble? We heat to 70 or sometimes a little more.—(Mrs. C. L.)

Answer—Your walls are not well insulated, that is, not enough air space and ventilation between outer and inner walls. Try heating to 67 only, and evaporating more water in the house.

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NEW YORK DAY BY DAY
 By O. O. McIntyre

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—Iowa, from either modesty or paucity, for many years seemed to have the scantiest supply of figures in the world of art and literature. At the New York tea, one met celebrities from every state in the union, but somehow seldom any from Iowa.

From surface indications about all that Iowa could brag about artistically was Ruth Suckow.

with her fine tales of homely Iowa life and that artist, whose name escapes me, who has made at least a success of destine and scenes from this same Iowa milieu.

But lately Iowa has come to the artistic forefront with a bang. Foremost is the Iowa, Darryl F. Zanuck, whose tremendous conception in movies have bestowed a salary of \$250,000 a year. Also MacKinlay Kantor in the field of novel and short story and poems of Civil War.

Many regard his "The Voice of Bugle Ann" as the most sublime dog story. Then there is Kent Taylor, whose recent prominence as a leading man in the cinema makes him somewhat a figure in that line. Incidentally, Indiana is usually foremost at celebrity gatherings.

Monta Bell, the director, who has been over in London trying to see just what a right-handed boy could do in a left-handed town, also turning out a movie script called "War-masted the monacle while there. And determined to face the booby by sporting it upon his return. But coming up the boy his nerve deserted and he went to the wall, opened his eye and let it pop into the sea.

Double taxes probably lost to America the most expert of the cinema monocleists—George Arliss. The best reports are he will remain in England, make one more picture portraying the life of Samuel Pepys, ascend to the knighthood and retire. He has an annuity paying \$19,000 a year.

The first monacle I ever saw was worn by Arliss, when he was touring as leading man with Mrs. Piske. I cornered him for an interview at a hotel breakfast table in Cincinnati. At intervals as he talked he removed the glass, revealing an eye permanently stretched into a grotesque ovalish state. I rather hoped it would drop into his oatmeal so I could quote Charlie Russell's famous line about his spectacles. Said Russell: "They look like the glass in a hen-house window."

Berton Braily recently broke his own record by selling some verse for a very fair price on their 1934 trip through the mails. The magazine which bought them had, in

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

FIFTY-TWO nations, speaking through the general committee of the league, say to Mussolini: "Stop making war and make peace, or we'll QUIT BUYING what you have to sell. In addition, we'll refuse to sell you key products necessary for the manufacture of war materials."

"We'll give you eleven days to make up your mind as to what you're going to do."

IT IS estimated that these 52 nations buy 70 per cent of Italy's exports. It takes money to wage wars, and money can be obtained only by selling whatever the nation at war has to sell.

Unless all the materials necessary for the manufacture of war munitions are possessed at home, the nation at war must obtain them from abroad. Italy doesn't possess all these materials.

So, you see, the league ultimatum has large and sharp teeth.

THIS question now arises: Why was not this ultimatum, which apparently has teeth in it, not delivered to Mussolini SOONER—before war was actually begun and thousands of lives lost?

ANSWERS to that question can not be given with positive assurance, but they can be surmised. Here are some surmises, based upon news developments of the past couple of weeks:

It has not been known where France would finally line up—with Great Britain or with Italy. Britain had to know what France would do before she could put the screws, economic or otherwise, to Italy.

France, apparently, has chosen the side of Britain. Hence the ultimatum to Italy.

FRANCE sat on the fence as long as possible. Mussolini, it is asserted by responsible correspondents, offered a formal military alliance to France, which the French considered.

The reason they did not accept it was FEAR OF GERMANY, and belief that Britain would be a more powerful protector against the German menace than Italy would be. It is to be presumed that they have exacted from Britain a promise to come to the aid of France if Germany strikes.

It was these negotiations back and forth that held up the boycott ultimatum to Italy.

(What is here said, please remember, is based upon surmise and not upon knowledge. In these matters, those of us outside the inner diplomatic circles can only put two and two together and draw deductions from the result.)

THE point is this: If the league can stop the war, between Italy and Ethiopia now, it could have prevented it from beginning. But it couldn't act until its more powerful members decided where their own SELF INTEREST lies.

Their obligations under the league agreement meant NOTHING, as we saw in the case of Manchuria. Their own self interest meant EVERYTHING.

This writer, for one, is thankful that the United States is not a member of the league.

News Behind The News

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off-the-record by officials is that such a step would accomplish nothing, that it is better for an unsatisfactory status quo to continue.

It will be denied, but every insider there knows this explanation is a truthful excuse to cover a much better political reason. The strategists really felt that retraction of recognition would be a blanket confession of error. The indications are that they may continue to hold that view until after the next election.

Before recognition, the state department expected a \$350,000,000 annual American export trade out of the deal. That was the official inside figure. All it actually got was a promise to purchase \$50,000,000. This represents only \$15,000,000 more than exports before recognition.

But what hurt worse was the misunderstanding on debts. In the recognition discussions, President Roosevelt promised trade credits for settlement of the \$700,000,000 American debt and damage claims.

This government offered to reduce the claims to about \$200,000,000 and extend \$100,000,000 of credits. But after recognition Lavinoff demanded \$100,000,000 in cash and another \$100,000,000 in credits.

Our diplomats considered Lavinoff's attitude a deliberate misrepresentation of the president's offer. Their faces have been the same color as the soles of their shoes since.

The latest special brain trust trial

Flight 'o Time

Medford and Jackson County history from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 Years Ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
 October 22, 1925
 (It was Thursday)
 J. C. Carle is assigned as Southern Pacific station agent here.

F. C. Dillard is named engineer in charge of the construction of the new Medford water system.
 Hindu occult and seer is ordered by the police to make himself scarce.

I. L. (Ike) Patterson of Marion county announces he will be a Republican candidate for governor.

In a practice game against the regulars, Robert Hammond Jr., saunders Coach Callison by making a touchdown. Young Hammond is full-back for the scrubs.

League of Nations orders the Balkan war to stop. Neither Greece nor Bulgaria accede.
 Nation thrilled by reports of huge fortunes made in Florida real estate.

RUSSIAN check German drive on Riga; Allied fleet bombards Bulgarian coast.
 Mr. and Mrs. Bert Theiloff return from a month's visit in Kansas.

Miss Helen Dahl is hostess to the Wednesday Auction club.
 Grizzly Hiking club postpones trip to Braden mine planned for Sunday, on account of rain.

Edison Mazda lamp globes introduced to observe discovery of the electric light globe.
 Republican county chairman "mutilates the editor," by charging "the Democratic party deceives the workers and the tillers."

FARMERS' RELIEF AIM OF HEARING

Seeking relief under the provisions of the Franzer-Lemke farm act, a hearing was held today before Conciliation Commissioner George B. Dean, in an effort to reach an agreement with the creditors of Edwin P. Hughes, Medford district farmer. Conciliation Commissioner Dean is acting under orders of the United States federal district court, to whom he will report his findings. The hearing is being held in the county court.

Commissioner Dean said that the purpose of the hearing was to reach an agreement with the creditors if possible whereby Hughes would be able to retain possession of his farm of 72 acres near this city.

The farm was foreclosed on a year ago by the Federal Land Bank of Spokane, Wash., chief creditor, for \$4200.00.

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He was born in Colorado, February 22, 1922, and had lived at Hill for the past six months, where he attended public school. Previous to this he had lived in southern Oregon, spending about eight years at Ashland.

He leaves to mourn his departure, besides the parents, three half sisters, Margaret, Dorothy and Hazel, three half brothers, Raymond, Albert and Joseph, all of Hill, Cal. He also leaves his grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Mackay of Medford, Oregon. Funeral services will be held at the Perle Funeral Home at 2:00 o'clock, Rev. Joseph Knott officiating.

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