

## A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

In every fully organized community there are three educational institutions—the home, the school and the church. Their functions are inter-related though differentiated. In the home the child receives the first rudiments of what he subsequently learns from the school and the church. All three institutions are essentially necessary to the well being of the child, to develop him for the duties and responsibilities of life. The establishment of a new home, the opening of a school and the erection of a church are always matters which arouse general interest in a community.

When Cornelia the famous Roman matron, presented her boys to the visitor who had been boasting about her jewels, saying, "these are my jewels," she stated a most profound truth. The children of a community are its most precious possessions, and that community is thrice blessed, which, like the restored Jerusalem in the vision of the prophet, is "full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof." But jewels require to be cut and polished to enhance their worth. So the training and upbringing of children known as their education, is all important, not only to them but to the community in which they live. This is generally recognized, so the community makes itself responsible in part for this education. To this end, it taxes itself without stint for public schools, so that every child may receive the benefit of an education, no matter how poor his parents may be. The erection of suitable school buildings, with ample equipment, the selection of competent teachers, are the concerns of the whole community. And each of its citizens should feel his responsibility for the school and its proper management.

The school year opens and with it the pleasing sight of children trooping back and forth from school twice daily. It is most interesting to watch the procession as it passes by, especially for a continued period of years, whereby can be noted the gradual development of the children as they advance from class to class in the succeeding years. Anyone who does this cannot help but take a personal interest in those whose school careers are thus observed. And when commencement time arrives, and the graduates advance to receive their diplomas, how brief the years seem since they were but toddling children escorted by their mothers or older sisters and brothers, at their entrance into school life.

May the school years just beginning prove a fruitful one. And to further this end the hands of those engaged in instruction should be upheld, and themselves welcomed. There is a widespread criticism of school methods and curriculum prevailing all over the country in which all schools are more or less involved. But an improvement seems to be in sight. The fault has lain with too much experimentation, which, how-

ever, has not been without value, as it has brought out into distinctness what is fundamental and essential, and what better can be dispensed with when it is necessary to cut down expenses.

As to our local schools, the course does not require any radical modification, provided the pupils study and apply themselves. And to do this the parents must co-operate with the teachers. If children are allowed to play around every evening without studying their lessons, the efforts of the teachers will be rendered ineffectual. The evenings of the first four days of the school week should be rigidly kept for study and preparation, and the children made to understand that work comes first and play afterwards.—Eastern Clackamas News

Mrs. Laura Sears, of Vancouver, has been visiting a few days with Miss Blanche Bergerson.

Misses Mildred and Blanche Bergerson gave up their positions in Bergerson Bros. store and the postoffice, respectively, on account of school commencing.

Miss Geneva Wright is home after a month's stay in Portland.

B. Royer, who lives halfway between Buxton and Vernonia, called last Saturday to see Vernonia grow. Mr. Royer hadn't been here for about eight months, and was delightfully surprised at the big increase in buildings and in population of the city.

These want ads. are bringing rapid results.

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Hot and Cold Water,  
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The Old  
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One Block South of Bank  
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### FACTS IN THE HISTORY OF ROAD BUILDING

Good roads were first built by the more active and prosperous towns or townships. The larger centers of population attracted the road traffic of adjacent communities. Such traffic did not help build or maintain the roads it partly destroyed.

This destruction resulted in a demand for county appropriations for road building. The moneys were first distributed among the towns or townships on some agreed plan, and were spent by them, or under the joint authority of county officials. Under these conditions most of such moneys went into politics and not into roads, and there was no uniformity in construction or care.

As a result there was a reaction in favor of county roads built and maintained by the county officials. Then, and only then, did the bulk of such appropriations get into roads, and there was a beginning of efficiency and uniformity.

But history repeated itself. The more active and prosperous counties built and maintained good roads. These were again destroyed by the traffic from adjacent counties. This traffic did not help build or care for the roads it destroyed. There followed a state-wide demand for state appropriations towards road building. Again history repeated itself in the form of state aid to the counties and towns, to be spent by them, or under joint authority of the state officials. And again most of such moneys went into politics, and not into roads, and lack of efficiency and uniformity persisted.

As a result of this waste, history once more repeated itself, and there was a demand for state highways built and maintained by the state under its highway commission. Efficiency and uniformity were the result, and the moneys went into roads.

Those states which now have the best road systems have a three-fold system, each under the exclusive jurisdiction of its properly constituted authorities. This has produced the largest mileage of good roads for the least expenditure. It has brought efficiency and uniformity out of chaos, and the money has gone into roads.

Why not a four-fold system, with the Nation doing for states what the states have done for counties, and the counties for townships?

By this four-fold system of roads there will be an impetus, as yet unthought of, given to road building throughout the nation. Authority and responsibility will be logically and economically divided and fixed without conflict arising. Uniformity and efficiency will be established. Standards of construction and maintenance will be raised. The entire nation will be given "Good Roads Everywhere" by a well-balanced, connected system of national, state, county and town highways reach out to the most remote parts. They will be built in the shortest possible time and with the utmost economy. The money will get into roads, where it belongs, and the cost will be equitably distributed upon those communities best able to bear the burden. In other words, the farmer will thus get what he needs and what he wants. He has not been getting this by "Federal aid."

Take a walk up to the Catholic church, then to your right for three or four blocks, until you get well into the trees and brush. A big surprise awaits you. New houses everywhere and good substantial homes. Vernonia now has about 1500 population and the town is built up for a mile from the east to the west limit. A little speed is now required on street improvements, as the winter will soon be upon us. How about sidewalks that all worried about a year ago. Even the Rose avenue walk is not finished. And we would like to wager, if we get odds, that the walk to the high school will be finished easily within five years.

We counted eleven brand new houses, good homes, just being finished, west of the track, Sunday.

About three acres that was vacant in the east part of town a year ago, is now built up thick with new homes, waiting for paint.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Ovila Daoust, Thursday, September 6, a seven-pound son. Thus does the population of Vernonia grow.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Fowler have left for Long Beach, California, where they will make their future home. Many friends here will miss them.

SUBSCRIBE FOR THE EAGLE

### IT PAYS BLACKWELL IN OKANOGAN

Charles E. Blackwell has the largest department store in Okanogan, Washington, a country town up in the northern part of the state, straight north from Wenatchee.

The Blackwell store is one of the largest small-town department stores. When Mr. Blackwell talks about newspaper advertising he knows what he is talking about because he uses a lot of it. He invests between \$200 and \$300 every month with the Okanogan Independent, small weekly paper.

What he said at Ellensburg at the state unity meeting last week he said to business men—merchants like himself—rather than to newspaper men.

"There are many lines of publicity that the country store can use to advantage, but the one he can use to best advantage is his local paper. I venture to say that if the money that is spent each year for fancy calendars and other nick-nack give-aways was invested (I say invested, not spent or donated) in carefully planned newspaper publicity, the actual net returns to the advertiser would be ten times as great."

### FROM AURORA

Vernonia Eagle Spreads Its Wings in a Big 12-Page Paper

Paul Robinson, former editor of The Observer, now publishing the Vernonia Eagle, has just gotten out a 12-page edition of that paper. In it he shows many pages of good advertising as well as many items showing the development of the hustling little burg in the timber. Perhaps no other feature shows up so good a boost for a town as the advertising columns of its local paper and the "Eagle" has the ads. Aurora citizens interested in the development of Oregon and its resources are occasional visitors in Vernonia. Among those seen in town Sunday was Dave Hanrahan.—Aurora Observer.

### "AMERICA FIRST"

To safeguard America first, to stabilize America first, to prosper America first, to think America first, to exalt America first, to live America first.

Call it the selfishness of nationality if you will. I think it an inspiration to patriotic devotion.

We may do more than prove representative democracy where the constitution and its liberties are unshaken. We may go on securely to the destined fulfillment and make a strong and generous nation's contribution to human progress, forceful in example, generous in contribution, helpful in all suffering and fearless in all conflicts.

Let the internationalist dream and the bolshevist destroy. God pity him for whom no minstrel raptures swell." In the spirit of the republic we proclaim Americanism and acclaim America.—Warren G. Harding.

### COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIR NEWS

Altho there are as usual a number of stands and restaurants that will be ready to appease the hungry, a new picnic grounds with tables and seats will be provided for those who wish to bring picnic dinners and hold family reunions. A beautiful grove has been cleared up to provide this spot.

For those who come in machine, and wish to leave the cars outside the grounds ample parking space will be provided. All the advantages of the St. Helens auto park will be at the disposal of those who wish to camp for a day or so and who will attend from some distance. Many camping parties will come from Vernonia, Clatskanie, Marshland, Mist and other points. The completion of the new road from the Nehalem Valley will allow many who have never visited the County Fair to take advantage of this year's show.

Among the new free amusement features will be band music and lots of it, moving pictures, afternoon and evening programs put on by various commercial clubs and organizations. The Great De Kol Trio, aerial athletes, featuring baby Gladys, one of the youngest performers in perch acts and ball rolling, will give two free shows daily. This well-known act has just completed an engagement at the Oaks Park in Portland and is one of the best acts in its line to be found anywhere. This trio will give six performances on a specially constructed platform, and will be one of the star free attractions.

Livestock exhibitors are urged to get their entries in early, on the regulation entry blanks, to be had from any member of the fair board or the county agent. All those who wish their herds tuberculin tested can get the services of Dr. Parent county veterinarian, by conferring with County Agent Nelson. All cattle over one year must be tested within the past 12 months to show.

An extremely efficient corps of

judges has been secured to place the awards, most of them nationally known and all prominent in their work. Prof. E. R. Potter of O. A. C. will place the ribbons in the hog and beef cattle classes; W. H. McWhorter, county agent in Washington County, will place the dairy classes; S. B. Hall, of Multnomah County, will judge the agricultural products, and Miss Helen Cowgill of O. A. C. will hand out the ribbons in the ladies' departments and school exhibits. Prof. C. S. Brewster, of Kerr-Gifford Co., will have charge of the poultry division. Agricultural products, poultry, school exhibits and women's departments will be placed the first day, Wednesday.

An hourly program for the three days and nights will be announced next week.

### A REVENUE IN ST. HELENS

Fines imposed against violators of the prohibition and traffic laws by Justice of the Peace John L. Storla for the eight months of this year ending August 31, amounted to \$8,822.80. A majority of the cases were brought in by Sheriff Wellington and his deputies and while no segregated statement has been made, it is said that about one-third of the amount was collected from those who were found guilty of violating the prohibition laws. The fines by months were: January, \$676; February, \$170; March, \$290.35; April, \$1001; May, \$1300.55; June, \$1804; July, \$1966; and August, \$1114.90. February was the low month with only \$170 and July the high month with almost \$2000 collected. The monthly average is \$1103.—Mist.

### VERNONIA MAY GET

K. OF P. LODGE

There is a bright prospect that Vernonia may soon have a Knights of Pythias lodge according to E. I. Ballagh, who spent two days in that growing town last week, 30 people having signified their intention of establishing a lodge there. Some of them are members of the order, who, if a local lodge is formed, will transfer their membership. Accompanied by several of the officials of the grand lodge, Mr. Ballagh will go to Vernonia in the near future and see what can be done towards organizing and installing the lodge.—St. Helens Mist.

Fighting is a form of physical development and exercise that we don't indulge in or sanction. It is hard on the eyes. We are of the opinion that if one wanted to put on such an exposition, that a barber shop would be about as handy a place to pull it as in a gun factory. Nevertheless two Vernonia barbers clashed in the R. & L. shop last Friday. Glad we didn't see it, and know nothing of the particulars by rounds. One man, the smaller, got the worst of it and a badly cut face; the other wears knuckles that are split. Both are blamed, and some blame one more than the other. Sorry it happened.

Mr. Hayes, Vernonia teamster, while helping Mr. Jolly dig a well Saturday, had a narrow escape from leath. He had placed a shot in the well and after waiting some time, went down the well to clear it out. The gas that had formed in the deep hole overcame him. After being hauled to the surface, the doctor was called and it was two hours before Mr. Hayes regained consciousness.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon, of Portland, spent Saturday and Sunday at the DePue home.

The drama, "Brown-Eyed Betty," given by the C. E. for the new church fund, last Saturday night, was enjoyed by a full house. Each and every member of the little play had a part that seemed to suit their particular manner and style of acting. For a home talent it was a little above the ordinary, and the plot had a moral that fit the occasion. We cannot mention any particular player as each did justice in an equal degree of success to their part. There is some exceptionally good talent in Vernonia, and some of it is found in the young people's society of the church. A splendid bunch of young men and women.

The school question will soon come up again. This paper was in favor of building a large new school building nine months ago. It wasn't done. Many don't look ahead. Now our high school has nearly a hundred enrolled and the grade school will soon be filled to capacity again, although six new rooms have been built on the old building this year. In another year the high school building will be used for a grade school or junior high, and a new union high will have to be built. No ground is owned by the district to build on and no plans are being made to acquire any ground. Our city park question went the same way.

## Original Estimate and Accounting Sheet

### Union High School District No. 1

This original estimate is made in compliance with section 231-A of the school laws of 1921 and shows in parallel columns the unit costs of the several services, material and supplies for the three fiscal years next preceding the current year, the detail expenditures for the last one of said three preceding fiscal years and the budget allowance and expenditures for six months of the current year. ("Six months of the current year" means six months of the last school year.)

### EXPENDITURES

ITEM	Estimated expenditures for the ensuing school year	Expenditures and budget allowance for six months of last school year		Expenditures for three fiscal years next preceding the last school year		
		Expenditures in detail	Budget allowance in detail	Detailed expenditures for the last of three-year period	Second year give yearly totals	First year give yearly totals
<b>PERSONAL SERVICE</b>						
1. Principals	\$1800	\$1179.96	\$1800	\$3060.00	\$2930.07	\$2958.00
2. Teachers	5625	1909.90	2700			
4. Janitors	850	450.00	810			
5. Clerk	60	33.33	80			
<b>Total Personal Service</b>	<b>\$9335</b>	<b>\$3463.29</b>	<b>\$5390</b>			
<b>MATERIAL AND SUPPLIES:</b>						
1. Furniture (desks, etc.)	\$1500	\$588.10	\$390	\$485	\$558.47	\$447.86
2. Supplies (chalk, etc.)	50	15	25			
3. Library books	250	29.88	150			
4. Flags			10			
6. Janitor's supplies	25					
7. Fuel	340	266.66	290			
8. Light	80		50			
9. Water	50					
10. Postage and Stationery	25		25			
<b>Total—Material and Supplies</b>	<b>\$2290</b>	<b>\$881.04</b>	<b>\$760</b>			
<b>CONSTRUCTION:</b>						
Woodshed			500			
<b>INDEBTEDNESS:</b>						
1. Bonded, and interest thereon	3850		4000			
<b>Total—Indebtedness</b>	<b>3850</b>		<b>4000</b>			
<b>TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS:</b>						
Total Transportation of Pupils	1500	983.30	2250	1200	1927.70	854.21
<b>INSURANCE:</b>						
Total Insurance	20	180	400			
<b>MISCELLANEOUS:</b>						
Total—Miscellaneous	300		150	25	298.06	1111.35
<b>EMERGENCY:—Rent</b>						
Total Emergency				270	270.00	270.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,300</b>			<b>\$8082.50</b>	<b>\$7781.55</b>	<b>\$4099.61</b>

I, Mrs. Chas. Malmsten, do hereby certify that the above estimate of expenditures for the year 1923-1924 was prepared by me and that the expenditures and budget allowance for six months of the current year and the expenditures for the three fiscal years next preceding the current year as shown above have been compiled from the records in my charge and are true and correct copies thereof.

MRS. CHAS. MALMSTEN,  
District Clerk.