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FOR A GREATER VERNONIA

If one of the objectives of a community is to develop the home owning possibilities and to secure new residents, there should be capitalization on the natural assets and other favorable conditions which abound here in Vernonia.

Up-to-date facilities of all kinds, either at hand or in the making, play an important, interesting, and profitable role during the early stages of the program. The advent of industrial enterprises, provided they do not come too quickly, or before the community house has been placed in order, tends to stimulate, to a marked degree, home development.

Several cities in this country, designed and maintained as strictly residence communities, on the outskirts of other larger centers, have capitalized this fact and have become, exclusively, home or residence districts to the exclusion of all commercial and industrial life.

These cities are little more than satellite cities, created as a result of the desire on the part of many who do business in a larger center to live in a residence community.

Communities that seek newcomers, new residents, usually place their communities in order and keep them as nearly in order as possible all of the time.

What is Vernonia doing along these lines? Have we tried to check unfavorable tendencies that may retard our attractiveness as a residence city? Could we not give consideration to the staging of a better homes exhibit, annually?

Might we not offer free service to small home owners, showing them how, for about the same financial outlay or less they can construct a home that is artistic, modern in floor plan, and capable of being sold, later on, if necessary, at a better price?

There are many valuable selling aids which we possess here which should play their part in residence development. These aids do not and should not interfere with the development of our commerce and industry.

Have we given consideration to the appeal or the appeals which will create new residents for this wonderful city?

Conventions will try any community once and they will not feel greatly disappointed if the things offered and promised are not delivered. One can be sure, however, that that particular convention gathering will not again visit the particular city for many years if the citizens fail in their promises.

Tourists will pass and merely smile at bombastic claims which cannot be proven when once on the ground.

Home seekers, new residents, are in earnest. They expect what is promised. A home builder depends upon what is offered to be as represented. If one disappoints him one makes unfriendly forever and a day someone who might have become a part and parcel of the community.

If one's analysis of a community brings forth the fact that one of the chief objectives is the newcomer, then that objective should be promoted in earnest, on a sound basis.

We must not overlook the fact that jobs and financial assistance will be vastly more important than climate and scenery in obtaining newcomers to the Nehalem. While these latter are desirable and often enjoyable, it is impossible to live on them as an exclusive diet.

Communities that cannot offer tangible things cannot take care of more people and absorb them.

Is not this another phase of our local situation that deserves the best thought of our people in its solution?

CARLYLE'S CRITICISM

Thomas Carlyle wrote scathingly of the way the reading public with avidity seizes upon the latest scandal news about people unknown to the reader personally. Carlyle calls it the evidence of a small mind, and we think he is exactly right.

Metropolitan newspapers are the greatest offenders in the line of purveying this type of "news" to their leaders, catering to the lower minds of the community by so doing.

Legitimate information about one's neighbors, such as the erection of a new barn, the births, the marriages and deaths in our own community are wholesome and are outside of the realm of impertinent curiosity, which drew the great Thomas' wrath. These are the main items carried by country weeklies, along with straight constructive matter like the doings of the chamber of commerce and the other public bodies and officials. They do not descend to the tattling of private scandals, or at least when they do one soon sees another newspaper for sale and another editor seeking new fields.

Carlyle's criticism does not concern country weeklies. The small minds, completely empty, are more often found in the great cities than in the rural communities.

ARE YOU A STUDENT?

A proposal to divide the undergraduate body into three grades is the substance of the first report made this year by the committee of students which has been at work for more than a year trying to devise means of stimulating intellectual activity on the U. of O. campus. The committee's printed report issued last year attracted wide attention, and dozens of college presidents, deans, teachers and editors have written to the university ordering extra copies.

This year's initial proposal made public recently would abandon the word "student" as applicable to the general body of undergraduates. For "student" the committee would try to bring the word "registrant" into use. The registrants in the university would then be divided into three classes: I. Pupils, II. Studiers and III. Students.

On the subject of "pupils", the committee expresses itself as follows:

"A pupil in the university is a non-student registrant whose primary aim in attending college is to somehow and anyhow win the label of a college tool to be used in his post-college business. He is correctly termed a 'pupil'. His essential attitude toward education is that of the public school child. A large part of the university undergraduate registrants fall in this 'pupil' class. It is defined by the attitude of its members rather than by their capacities. The type mark is a lack of willingness oftener than of intelligence to do true university work. Inadequate and improper pro-college training is, however, a frequent factor. Faults in attitude and preparation are, in measure at least curable ills. Their sources, however, are outside the university itself."

The second class, the "Studiers" take a somewhat different attitude toward education, but are not, in the committee's opinion, entitled to be called "students." Of "studiers" the committee says:

"A studier is a non-student registered in the university who is seriously preparing himself for a life in trade or profession. The extreme type of this class is the person who rigidly measures educational worth by material utility. Education to him is admittedly a tool and nothing more. Occasional members of this class follow the educational philosophy of the Greek Sophists in conceiving the educative process as a training in tricks for getting on in the world. Insofar as the 'studier' experiences and is directed by immediate interest in his work, he identifies himself with the 'student' class."

The third class, the "student", properly so-called, is distinguished by the committee from the members of the other two groups which together contain the non-students. A "student" is farther defined as one who gives himself to learning for its benefits; a non-student is one who lends himself to education for its profits. The committee believes that genuine "students" exist in some numbers, but are officially neglected by being treated like "pupils". Their plan for the year is to work out means by which "students" may receive a more appropriate educational treatment.

The point of the committee's complaint is that educational institutions throughout the country, including Oregon, pay too much attention to and spend too much money upon "pupils" and "studiers", whereas, the committee believes more time and money should be devoted to providing really advanced and strenuous intellectual education for the "registrants" of the "student" type.

The committee promises further reports attacking this subject more in detail.

The department of agriculture is conducting tests to learn how tough a piece of beefsteak may be. We supposed there was only one degree—the toughest.

Purpose Further Aid To Oregon Veterans

The bill providing for the extension of the privilege of world war veterans borrowing money under the world war veterans' act will be presented to the Oregon legislature, the legislative committee of the American Legion, department of Oregon, decided Saturday. M. E. Carkin, district committee-man, was present at the meeting in the directors room of the First National bank of Portland.

Under the bill proposed, the world war veterans' act which provided that Oregon veterans could receive a cash bonus for their war service or have the option of taking loans of \$3000 properly secured, would be amended to allow veterans who had taken the cash to refund the cash with 5 per cent interest to the state and take the loan instead. The privilege would be extended to 1935.

The committee also decided to sponsor a bill to appropriate \$7200 for the biennium to the soldiers' and sailors' commission fund, which has become exhausted. Legion members declare they have been carrying on work with disabled veterans, but believe the state should handle it, as there are 35,000 veterans in Oregon as compared to only 10,000 members of the Legion.

The paid up members for 1927 includes 4755 of the 10,085 Oregon legionnaires, and in financial condition of the department is \$3000 better than at this time last year, according to reports filed. The conference date at St. Helens was set for February 23.

More Farmers Coming From Middle West

Movement of farmers to Oregon from the middle-west gathers momentum with the progress of the new year. Not only is the record growing for prospective settlers among single families, but also for groups of families, old neighbors seeking a new home together in the west.

Within the past week the land settlement department of the state and Portland Chambers of Commerce has had letters from Oklahoma City, Chicago and Detroit with definite assurance that groups including as many as fifteen families were making arrangements to purchase Oregon farms.

Dairying on a small scale, with poultry as another money maker, is the activity looked forward to by five families in Oklahoma City. These experienced farmers are equipped with good health, lots of courage, some ready cash and good thorough bred stock which they will bring with them. In addition,

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- Grover C. Gouthier, Coquille, colitis and ulcers of stomach.
- Mrs. Carl Johnson, Marshfield, ear trouble.
- J. W. Turner, Dallas, stomach trouble.
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they will be joined by another of their former neighbors now sojourning in California. Information concerning farm opportunities in all parts of the state has been furnished to these people, and it is probable the district along the lower Columbia river will win them owing to their previous knowledge of its dairying and poultry opportunities.

From Chicago comes the news that fifteen families are seeking farm locations to which they may come soon. Life in the city has proved very unsatisfactory to these people of farm training and they desire to come to the reasonably priced lands, mild winters and chance for success that they are convinced Oregon offers.

The industrial situation in Detroit and other factory centers is helping to strengthen the "back to the farm" movement toward Oregon in the opinion of many in correspondence with W. G. Ide, who is directing the land settlement work. The Michigan factory worker who has once been a farmer turns alike with disappointment from the factory and the eighty acre tract where the winters are long and cold. Large numbers of these industrial workers are looking with interest to the farm lands of Oregon. The year 1927 promises to find many of them established on twenty acre tracts where diversified farming as well as specialty production will afford their families a satisfactory living in the mild climate they desire.

Inquiries to the department are coming in good volume through the railroads, in response to advertisements placed by the department in farm journals and as a result of the growing interests and attention being directed toward the northwest.

Washburn-Bushart

The marriage of Mrs. Dora Washburn and C. D. Bushart, both of Vernonia, occurred at the Christian church Sunday immediately following the church services, Rev. O. L. Curtis officiating.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Bushart are well known in Vernonia. Mrs. Bushart has three children living here. E. H. Washburn, Mrs. Carl Gibson and Billy Washburn, 15; Billie will live with Mr. and Mrs. Bushart.

For the present they will live in Mrs. Bushart's house on Fourth street, while Mr. Bushart's home is having two rooms added. Mr. Bushart is an employee of the Oregon-American mill.

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VERNONIA GRANGE
The Vernonia Grange meets on the second Saturday of every month at 7:30 P. M. Any members of the Grange living in or near Vernonia or visiting in the community, are cordially invited to attend.
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