

Comments of The Week

A Week Worth Observing

Weeks to observe this, and weeks to observe that, have been set aside for a good many different things. Not all of them are worth observing or giving a second thought, but this week, American Education Week, from November 7 to 13 is worth a good deal more than passing notice. "Education for Victory" is the general theme for this 23rd annual observance — victory on all battlefronts. In this effort the schools have converted programs to the needs of the armed forces, of industry, and of government. Five million workers have been trained for war jobs. Pre-induction and physical fitness programs have been developed. Scrap and bond drives and scores of other activities have been sponsored. Teachers have given millions of hours to registration and rationing services.

schools have carried on with their regular program of developing 27,000,000 boys and girls into strong, loyal intelligent freedom-loving men and women.

In order to emphasize the many phases of the general theme of the week, a special topic for each day has been named. Those topics deserve mention here to demonstrate the diversity of present day education in preparing the children of today to live successfully when they must provide for themselves. The topics are:

- "Education for World Understanding"
- "Education for Work"
- "Education for the Air Age"
- "Education to Win and Secure the Peace"
- "Education for Wartime Citizenship"
- "Meeting the Emergency in Education"
- "Education for Sound Health"

Turn in News Items

The fall and winter season here marks the renewal of social activities of clubs and lodges and also is the time of the giving of a greater number of parties, than is the case during summer months.

In order to publicize these meetings it is necessary that articles giving details of the meetings or parties be written by some member of the group who is familiar with the details that will be interesting to those who may read them. In order to obtain these items, many organizations

appoint press correspondents who in turn jot down those details that are necessary for a news article.

Some organizations, however, do not have correspondents and consequently the news about those organizations is not published.

In order to receive for publication as many articles as possible, The Eagle urges every organization to appoint a press correspondent who is charged with the duty of reporting the events of interest about that organization.

Events in Oregon

KINNIKINIC FLOUR USED TO MAKE CAKES

SEASIDE—Indian lore, which has been a hobby with Mrs. F. C. Moore, provided her with an interesting and successful experiment last week when she baked a number of very tasty cup cakes from flour made by an Indian process, from kinnikinic berries. The results were delicious, having a chocolate taste and color. They provided a treat for several of Mrs. Moore's friends.

WHITE SWAN DUNKS DOG WITHOUT MERCY

ROCKAWAY — Wednesday of last week was a bad day for a fox terrier owned by Jim Shearer. The dog saw a large white swan feeding in quiet water and splashed in after it. The swan, however, was the aggressor, beating the little dog and dunking him without mercy. If Mr. Shearer had not come to his rescue, he would have been drowned.

HOUSING AGENCY IS PLAN HERE FOR ARMY FOLK

MEDFORD — Establishment of a single, centralized rental bureau to assist incoming army families in finding homes is being considered by the City of Medford, the Jackson county court and the local U.S.O.

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tion of county and state figures published recently. The official report gives further evidence of the extent of the county's bond buying spree of September when Sherman countians averaged purchases of \$96.81 to \$31 for the state as a whole.

MEXICAN FARM LABOR AVAILABLE FOR WINTER

HILLSBORO—Some Mexican nationals will be available for winter jobs on farms, providing they are released in the spring, according to a recent announcement received at the county agent's office. Immediate action is necessary. Palmer S. Torvend, county agent, said. Otherwise, the men will be shipped south.

Farmers who are interested in making application for this type of labor should apply at the agent's office.

Wet weather has hampered the walnut picking. However, as soon as the Mexicans finish the jobs for which they are already contracted, they will be available to assist other growers. These men, in addition to the school children which are being made available by the local schools and local people, should be able to take care of most of the crop providing the weather is favorable.

Washington Snapshots

One of the big questions of the week here is which government agency will have final authority to settle terminated war contracts. Two congressional committees have opened hearings on the subject which has become a point of conflict between the general accounting office and the procuring agencies (war and navy departments, etc.) for final word on terminations.

Industry, caught between the two, contends that speed in settlement of a terminated contract is highly necessary. Business can be wrecked by prolonged audits and controversies, especially when so many firms have extended themselves to produce unplanned quantities of war goods. The procuring services concur in this contention. As for the general accounting office, industry fears that the flood of terminated contracts would swamp that agency and make for destructive delays.

Another campaign under way in congress is the renewal of the plan to overhaul the patent system with the opening shot sounded by Vice President Henry A. Wallace who urged passage of the Kilgore bill to create an office of scientific and technical mobilization. Although it is felt that congress will oppose any attempt to make drastic changes in the patent laws, the administration is expected to exert pressure and, consequently, extended hearings on the measure are a certainty.

The reemployment bulletin No. 1 just issued by selective service divulges the details of the nationwide organization being set up by the system to return discharged veterans to their old jobs or help them find new ones. Reemployment committees are now being named for each of the 6,500 local draft boards in the country to act as the veteran's "personal representative, agent, or advisor." A national clearing house committee consisting of representatives of fifteen organizations has been created which will be followed by state and local committees organized on the same basis. The committees will try to handle community problems of reemployment cases that could not be handled by the local reemployment committee.

HILLSBORO GETS SLEEPING BAG PLANT
HILLSBORO—Hillsboro gained another manufacturing concern when Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Paine a week ago Monday opened a plant for the production of sleeping bags. The Paines hold a sub-contract with a Portland concern and most of the sleeping bags will go to the service post exchanges for sale to soldiers.

At present the concern has five power sewing machines and a power cutter, but four more machines will be installed shortly. Five women are now employed but the Paines expect to increase the payroll to between 10 and 12 persons in the near future. Normal production capacity is about 50 sleeping bags a day.

SHERMAN COUNTY BUYS MOST BONDS

MORO—Sherman county citizens bought more war bonds per capita than the citizens of any other Oregon county in the recently closed Third War Loan drive, according to a compila-

THE POCKETBOOK OF KNOWLEDGE

ADOPTING INDUSTRY'S MASS PRODUCTION METHODS, ARMY LABORATORIES WILL TURN OUT ALMOST 500,000 TENTURES FOR SOLDIERS THIS YEAR.

FLUKE SHUT DEPICT A FAST-MOVING PLANE AND USED TO SHOOT AIR BOMBS WHO KEEP A GUN SIGHTED ON THE TARGET PLANE ON THE SCREEN.

RAILROAD LOCOMOTIVE CREWS ARE LEARNING EFFICIENT OPERATING METHODS IN A ROVING CLASSROOM ABOARD A REBUILT DRY COACH.

CHLORADO DERIVES MORE INCOME FROM SUGAR BEETS THAN IT DOES FROM ITS GOLD MINES.

A NEWLY DEVELOPED COMPOUND HELPS RETAIN THE ORIGINAL COLOR OF PROCESSED FRUIT WITHOUT CHANGING ITS FLAVOR.

OUT OF THE WOODS

Fur-Bearing Jap . . .
Monkeys have been insulted by cartoons of Japs in their image countless times since Pearl Harbor. West Coast foresters have maintained all along that they had a better animal twin for the Jap than the monkey, but so far no artist has taken their tip. It's a critter not very well known outside the woods. The foresters know him as *Aplo-dontia*, or as the mountain beaver. Loggers call him the boomer.

Under any name, this nocturnal animal needs only thick-lensed spectacles to pass inspection as a miniature double of one of the sons of-uh-heaven. He is a rodent. As a beaver he is an imitation and a runt, seldom packing more than three pounds. He sports four large buck teeth. Cornered, he bares them in an expression that is startling in its resemblance to a Jap grin. He is narrow between the eyes, which slant. The eyes, boring at you like two nail points, belie the buck-toothed grin.

The boomer's habitat is mainly the Douglas fir region. He is a devilish destroyer of forest seedlings. For years he kept himself pretty well hidden, and his ravaging of second-growth was so occasional that it was not taken very seriously. Big, tough timber beasts, such as the mink and the wildcat, kept the boomer under cover. Predatory animal hunters reduced his natural enemies. The boomer multiplied. His tribe spread as it increased. It filtered into all necks of the woods.

The boomer could live on skunk cabbage and bracken fern sprouts. Well, why doesn't he? Because, probably, he enjoys killing baby trees. The mountain beaver, remember, is the Jap of the animal kingdom.

Tree Farm Raider . . .
The boomer has become a real problem on the tree farms that forest land owners have developed during recent years. Particularly where seedlings have been planted by hand on burned areas has the boomer demonstrated his destructive genius.

At night in the winter months the slant-eyed rodent would sally forth and follow the paths through ferns and other tough ground cover, which the tree planters had obligingly made for him. Every few feet he would encounter a tree seedling. With his buck teeth nippers he'd strip it into a naked stem—skin it alive. To a boomer the most succulent morsel is fiber from inside the bark of a baby tree. He will uncover the roots of a Douglas fir six inches in diameter, and strip the roots, killing the tree.

Such forays of the boomer usually go beyond satisfaction of his hunger. Once started on a row of planted seedlings, he is either too stupid to know when to stop, or he is a natural-born devastator. He is apt to destroy all seedlings in the row before he backtracks for a day of rest.

The boomer is strictly nocturnal. Two hours or so of exposure to hot sunlight will kill him. He is a sucker for deception. One forester had his planter crew in a boomer-infested area cover each seedling with fern leaves. The planting was practically un molested.

Boomer Control . . .
The boomer's fur and skin are worthless, so no commercial trapping of the animal can be expected. No one will advocate restocking of the forests with wildcats, unless the destructiveness of the boomer becomes more generally serious. All poisoning experiments have failed.

In areas where the boomer has actually threatened the ruin of tree farming, intensive trapping has solved the problem. Leonard Wal-lulis, of the Oregon State Forestry Department, has experimented with ordinary steel traps, taking 700 boomers on one area and saving 90 per cent of its seedlings, while only 40 per cent of the seedlings survived on a neighboring area where no trapping was done.

At present *Aplo-dontia*, alias the mountain beaver, alias the boomer, remains a minor forestry problem in the Douglas fir. That was the status of the Jap problem in the affairs of the United States for many years. We'd do well to take notice and make sure we do not let history repeat itself in the forests of Washington and Oregon.

At the Churches

- Evangelical Church**
—Rev. Allen H. Backer, Minister
9:45—Sunday school.
11:00—Morning worship service
6:30—Junior and Y. P. Christian Endeavor.
7:30—Evangelistic service.
7:30 p.m. Thursday — Bible study and prayer meeting.
- Seventh Day Adventist Church**
Services on Saturday:
10:00 a.m.—Sabbath school.
11:00 a.m.—Gospel service.
8:00 p.m. Wednesday—Devotional service.
Sermon by district leader—third Saturday of each month
A cordial invitation is extended to visitors.
- FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**
—The Livingstones, Ministers
9:45—Bible school, M. L. Her-rin, superintendent.
11:00—Junior church.
11:00 — Morning communion and preaching service.
7:30—Evening communion and preaching.
7:30 Wednesday—Prayer meet-ing.
11:00 Sunday, Nov. 21, Har-vest Home service.
- Assembly of God Church**
Rev. Clayton E. Beish—Minister
9:45—Sunday school with clas-ses for all ages.
11:00—Morning worship.
6:30—Young people's Christ Ambassadors service.
7:30—Evangelistic service.
7:30 Wednesday evening—Mid-week service.
4:00 p.m. Friday — Children's church.
7:30 Friday evening—People's meeting.
- St. Mary's Catholic Church**
Rev. Anthony V. Gerace
Rev. J. H. Goodrich
Mass: 9:30 a.m. except first Sunday in month—Mass at 8:30 a.m.
Confessions from 7:45 a.m. on.
- Church of Jesus Christ Of Latter Day Saints**
Sunday school convenes at 10 a.m. at the I.O.O.F. hall under the direction of G.W. Bell, branch president and Van Bailey, superintendent.

Flag Over Your Roof

We vision it flying to the breeze above your home—a pure white flag with a cross in the center.



In the navy, this blue on white calls the ship's crew to worship and here on land, if such were the custom, many would raise such a banner. Old and young, many a family gather, as the Bible is read and all bow the head in prayer.

Well may we heed the teachings of the Holy Book, for—"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."—BIBLE. And as the lines are followed, what heart is not made strong at the old, old story of the love that brought Christ out of heaven to die under our sins?

After the Bible readings, comes a prayer. Praise is lifted that the mighty God has made himself personal to us in the gift of his Son. Here thanks are given for the blessings of the day and a plea that we be set free from our evil thoughts and ways. And we be set free from the worries and fears that so easily beset.

When God's eyes rest n your home, let the blessings be poured out—"The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him."—BIBLE

Army Men Read Bible

"I read my Bible every day and I recommend that you do the same." General Montgomery of the British Eighth Army to his staff officers. "Christ has saved and satisfied me for forty-seven years." General Dobbie, who for so many months commanded Malta, the most bombed island—"I give thanks to God who has brought us this success in our great crusade." General Douglas MacArthur—

A Pacific Northwest man of large interests and a true man of God told how he came into the Christian life. It was back in the old home, kneeling beside the kitchen stove as his father led in family worship. And now comes his son, even more active in the Lord's work than the father or grandfather. When your brood leaves the family nest, may they go out with the conviction that Christ SAVES-KEEPS and SATISFIES.

Leon Taylor

This space paid for by an Oregon business man.

The Forum

THE INSPIRATION OF THE BIBLE
Part XV

WHAT ARE THE PRIMITIVE FORMS

It is intimated that as the rich varieties of apples are developed from the worthless crab, and as grains are developed from grasses, therefore men are developed from monkeys or from some inferior species. But these claims take for granted the idea that the wild crabs or the wild grasses are primitive forms; but this is pure assumption. It may be true that the culture of the wild crab will result in a luscious apple; but have we any better culture for it that it had when God "planted a garden eastward in Eden," and in it placed all manner of trees and set man to care for and dress the garden? Thousands of years of neglect and hard usage in a world that is cursed with sin and filled with thorns and briars, may well have stunted and dwarfed and degraded these products of the soil, which yet show something of their native excellence when, under culture, they come back to a semblance of their original perfection.

The law of degradation is

quite as effectual as the law of evolution or elevation. An infant stolen and suckled by wolves, becomes wolfish in its nature and never rises to the proper dignity of a human being; and there is quite as much reason to believe that a monkey is a degenerate man, as that man is a superfine monkey with a few modern improvements.

Indeed, in cultured Boston, a man slightly overcharged with certain well known beverages, has already been known to walk upon all fours in the gutter; and if some of our skeptical friends should undertake to prove that they were developing downward, with the prospect of becoming monkeys, by and by their reasoning might be quite as conclusive and as well sustained by existing facts, as that by which they seek to prove their brutal origin.

Doubtless there are brutal elements and tendencies in mankind. And the Apostle Peter sharply contrasts two classes of men, one composed of those who "have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour, Jesus Christ;" to whom are given "exceeding great and precious promises that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust; and another class described "as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed," who speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption." 2 Peter 1:1,4; 2:12.

But the difference between these two classes is wrought not by the slow methods of progression and evolution, but by the speedier processes of regeneration and salvation. Centuries of "progression" have produced the cruel savage, the blood-smearing cannibal; but the Gospel of Christ in a single lifetime, yea, in a single year, makes that same savage cannibal as gentle as a lamb, he "being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever.

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