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AID SCHOOL CENSUS

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The Roseburg School District is adopting a unique plan this year to complete its annual census. Because it is virtually impossible to secure an accurate census by the usual method of sending out enumerators, the district board is offering a reward of 50 cents for each name not already on its census files, with special emphasis on the group between the ages of 4 and 6 years.

State school funds are distributed to districts on a basis of \$50 for each person between the ages of 4 and 20 years, inclusive. Each person within the age brackets listed on the census, therefore, means \$50 income to the district. Thus, the more accurate the census the greater the income.

It was found difficult this year to secure enumerators. At the same time Roseburg's population is changing so rapidly and is growing so fast that a census made today would be obsolete tomorrow.

The most difficult problem is that of checking the number of four and five-year-olds. A partial list has been compiled through information furnished by pupils now in the schools who have reported the names of brothers and sisters within the age group. Enumerators have made a partial canvass but it is a certainty that many children of pre-school age have been overlooked. To reach this group, the board of directors has authorized publication of the names now on file and is offering 50 cents for each report containing the names of children four and five years of age not on the list. Each report will be checked by an enumerator and payment will be made for each authentic listing.

For the age group between high school and 20 years the district probably will take considerable loss. Through school records it is possible to check all graduates and this has been done. But doubtless there are many young people who did not attend the Roseburg schools and who have moved into the district in late years, but who still are under the age of 21 years. At the same time we have a number of new families in the district who have young people attending university or college. The district is entitled to list these persons on its census rolls and receive \$50 annually in income for each.

While names in this latter category are not being published at present, the district also will pay the 50 cents reward for each authentic name within the classification under 21 years.

This would include persons who have completed high school and who are not now attending a school of higher education, who have legal residence within the district and who have not attended Roseburg schools in the past. It also would include sons and daughters of persons who have recently become residents of the Roseburg district attending university or college or other educational institution elsewhere, providing the students were not previously enrolled in any of the Roseburg schools. The census already covers former Roseburg students presently enrolled in schools of higher education or who remain residents of the district. What is needed is the names of newcomers within the census age group—4 to 20 years, inclusive.

Valuable aid can be given the district if everyone will cooperate in assisting collection of names of persons who might otherwise be omitted from the census. In fact, the 50 cents payment for each name offers an opportunity for a profitable venture into census taking. Any interested persons will find City School Superintendent Paul Elliott anxious to cooperate in supplying information concerning names on file. In the event a duplication occurs in reporting names, payment will be made to the person first submitting the listing.

An advertisement published in *The News-Review* Tuesday covered in detail the information desired and contained a form for reporting names. Additional report blanks are available through the office of the city school superintendent.

It is to be hoped that residents of the district will cooperate by checking the published list and reporting any omissions. Neighbors of newcomers doubtless can be of much assistance if they will direct attention of the school board to families having children not now attending the Roseburg schools. At the same time, additional income to the school district will lessen the local tax burden if sufficient names are secured to improve district revenue from the state school fund.

This method of checking a school census, so far as we have been able to learn, is unique and it will be interesting to observe results.

In the Day's News

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(Navy air transport service) plane, instead of Chiang's luxurious private airplane.

Will she wear silks and jewels and furs? Will she stay at the best hotels?

If so, her mission will probably fail. Hunger and poverty are the lot of the average Chinese. When their first lady comes to us, as she did before, in silks and furs and jewels the contrast dulls our desire to make sacrifices to help her hold her job.

Human nature works that way. THERE'S an odd but rather significant little tale in the

news.

In New York, a Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Moskowitz have an angel-looking little four-year-old who has developed some strange tricks. A couple of months ago, she found her daddy's bankroll and started peeling \$5 bills off it and scattering them out of the window. The newspaper story adds: "Grateful passerby pocketed eight of them before mama put an economy program into effect."

After that, the little angel stayed good for weeks, but Saturday she had a relapse and dumped a couple of diamond rings into the garbage "because mama wasn't wearing them." The maid dumped the garbage into the incinerator. Papa arrived about that time and singed his hands in an unsuccessful attempt to fish

OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



Soaps from the MENDING BASKET

By Vianett S. Martin

While you with your family were gathering about a table laden with turkey and all the fixings, EJ and I were having a nice picnic lunch in the car, high on point by the road overlooking a pretty valley through which meandered a silvery stream. You would think by now that after two years of Douglas County scenery I'd be able to think of it without so much enthusiasm. But it still thrills me!

Not wanting to go north after so many times going that way we decided to head south and keep on going until the urge to stop and turn around came. After all, we had three full days and the rest of Thursday! When we came up here we had been so eager to get where we were going we had scarcely glanced at the country to the south; we would go look at it now!

Then there was the Wolf Creek new highway which, we found, more than lived up to the newspaper accounts of it. And for miles we drove through a thick, Christmas-card snowstorm that was as big a thrill as anything we could have picked out for ourselves short of seeing loved ones too far away for week-end trips. It really snowed! Oh, it was lovely! Estrellita just skinned along, keeping well away from the precipitous edges of that wonderful new stretch of highway! However once EJ had to get out and help with the

windshield; Estrellita couldn't keep the snow cleared off; it kept packing each side of the wiper.

So finally we came to Medford where the snow lay on the hills and a nice motel had saved a place for us. At least the "No Vacancy" went up right after we drove in.

Today we went over to Ashland and surprised some friends who are building a new house high up on the mountain side where they have a view—well as wonderful as Douglas county!

Now we shall go back to the motel, and have a wonderful time with no chickens to feed, no fires to stuff with wood, nothing to do but read and rest and think how nice it is to be in the city once more—with a home in the country waiting for us! And pretty, we think, will be sitting on the porch, ready to greet us, as she always is. But how explain why we seemed to desert her although Johnny fed her for three and a half days!

Oh yes, in case you are feeling sorry for us and on account of that picnic yesterday, which was really delicious, we'll confess we did have turkey after all—at the Medford Hotel. And then we talked with my mother down in California, whose voice sounded as if she were sitting across the table from us, and just about as pleased.

'I hope 'you all' had as happy a Day as we had!

the rings out of the flames.

After that, he and mama gathered up some friends and went out to a night club where they put on a binge to celebrate papa's 25th birthday.

THE reporter who dug up the tale suggests (facetiously, of course) that maybe the little angel was putting on a share-the-wealth program of her own. All of which suggests the thought that wealth regarded as lightly as this particular papa and mama seem to have regarded theirs ought to be shared.

THAT suggests another thought: If wealth is wrong, WHAT KIND OF WEALTH IS IT THAT IS WRONG?

History tells us that most of the world's great social crises (such as the French Revolution) have arisen out of TOO MUCH wealth in too few hands. Wealth NOT put to good use.

WHAT is a good use for wealth? Well, it seems to this writer that the way wealth OUGHT to be used is CONSTRUCTIVELY—that is to say, it ought to be put to work creating jobs for more people. Wealth that serves no better use than pandering to the luxury of its owners isn't serving a very laudable purpose.

LETTERS to the Editor

Clean City, Fair Treatment For Everybody Advocated

ROSEBURG—Yes, Roseburg is growing and probably will continue to grow for some time to come, but you can hear quite a few "old timers" say they would rather have the old town back.

He must go over to the City Hall and pay his fine.

Then when the town was filled up with visiting Shriners recently, the same alley was parked so full of their cars and town cars that we had difficulty in getting into the back yard to get my mother and take her out to do her shopping. We went to the Chief of Police and asked him to have the cars moved as we felt they had no right to park there. He promised to send an officer over immediately but no one ever went there and when we left for home at 4 p. m. the same cars were still parked in the same places.

It is all right now to show our visitors every courtesy and treat them well, but why not have a little consideration for a taxpayer and a resident of the city since it was a small sized pup? The way I see it, there is altogether too much partiality shown to a favored few.

If Roseburg wants to be known as a city, why not clean it up and treat everyone alike so we will want to continue to live here and enjoy seeing the old burg grow up?

MRS. W. F. COX
Roseburg, Ore.

Lack of Teachers Serious Problem Faced by Oregon

PORTLAND, Dec. 1.—(P)—A critical shortage of teachers for elementary grades both in Portland and throughout the state is the gravest single problem facing education in Oregon, Dr. Paul Rehms, superintendent of the Portland School System, told the State Board of Higher Education at its regular meeting here Tuesday.

The hour-long discussion of the problem by Dr. Rehms, Assistant Superintendent George Edey and executives of the state system, ended in the appointment by President Edgar Smith of Dr. Henry Gunn, director of elementary teacher training, as liaison officer to work with city school systems on possible solutions.

Dr. Rehms declared that Oregon is now training elementary teachers at the rate of only one to every five or six needed in this state alone. Nationally the picture is worse, with only one to eight being trained, he declared. The superintendent said he does not now see where the Portland School System will get enough teachers for next year's expanded needs. Both he and Dr. Edey suggested that a state educational institution in Portland that would include teacher training might be one solution.

Dr. Gunn, reporting on a survey of coast teacher training centers, said figures do not support the claim that teacher training colleges in large cities are more successful in attracting students to the elementary field than those in small towns.

He also reported that the Colleges of Education in Oregon at Monmouth, La Grande and Ashland have available capacity to train 1450 additional students. The three now have 770 enrolled in teacher training work in addition to those in junior college curricula.

Dr. Gunn said the shortage goes back to more fundamental reasons such as lower salaries for elementary teachers than for those in high schools, a lower status and a heavier work load.

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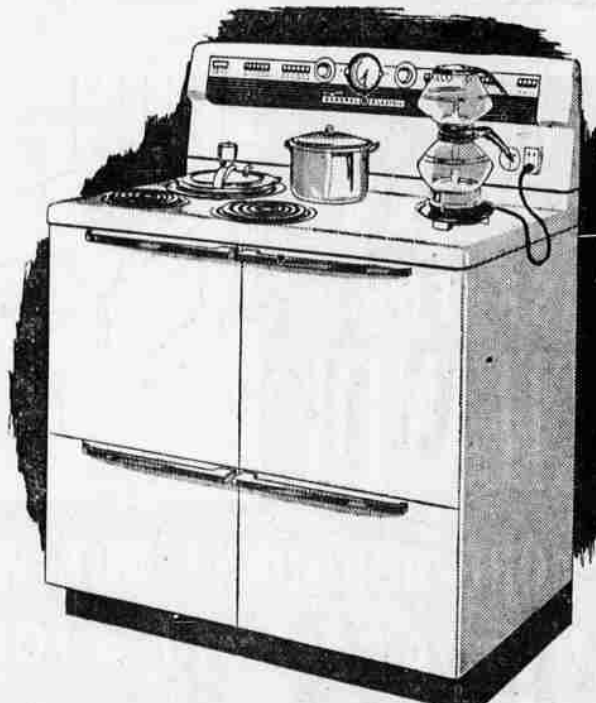
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