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SCHOOLS ON PARADE

By CHARLES V. STANTON

During Tuesday's school parade we overheard a spectator exclaim, "Is it possible that all these children are from Roseburg schools?"

The astonished spectator could have been told that children in the parade did not nearly represent the full attendance in our city school system.

The only senior high school students in the procession were those in the marching units—bands and drum corps. Few grades or classes had 100 per cent representation.

The parade was indeed an impressive sight. It furnished reason for serious thought concerning our school problems. Persons who have no direct contact with schools find it hard to understand why so much money is needed each year. But when we see more than 2,000 children marching four abreast in a procession exceeding a mile in length, realizing that almost another 1,000 students did not march, we begin to have our problem translated into visual pattern.

School Costs Mount Steadily

Many factors are involved in steadily increasing school costs. Primarily, of course, we have more than doubled enrollment in the Roseburg district, and in virtually every other district of the county, during the past five years. Records of births for the past four years indicate that we soon must double our facilities for their present capacity.

Increasing capacity of our school system requires heavy capital investment in new sites, buildings and equipment. Interest and principal payments on investment bonds must be added to our taxes.

A double increase in costs comes from higher prices and an inflated dollar. Salaries of administrators and teachers have been raised nearer the professional level. Here in Douglas county we must compete with high wages in the lumber industry because, when more lucrative employment is observed outside the profession, teachers are lured away into business and industry. Consequently salaries must be high enough to keep educators in their chosen field.

The loss of teachers from the profession has been exceedingly high in the Roseburg area in recent years. Then, too, all supplies and services cost more and we must pay all these costs with an inflated dollar.

People Have Pride In Schools

Doubtless every spectator along the line of march was thrilled by the sight of so many youngsters participating in the procession. Astonishment created by the spectacle detracted from the real purpose, which was to display the replica of the famed Liberty Bell, being circulated throughout the state as a part of the current savings bond campaign. The bell failed to excite much comment. People were too intent upon the size of the parade to give much thought to the purpose for which it was held.

But mingled with the realization of the enormity of our school problem was a feeling of pride and pleasure, as shown by applause and comment.

The American people have always taken protective pride in their schools and free public education. It is a costly pride financially and the cost keeps mounting steadily, particularly in these boom-growth communities, where the tax revenue base lags far behind essential expenses. Schools have become a most critical tax burden, yet, not only here but throughout all of Western Oregon where similar conditions exist, voters, with few exceptions, have given support to their schools despite the cost.

We imagine most spectators at Tuesday's parade felt as we did that such a swell bunch of kids merits almost any sacrifice.

'Firsts' Listed For Camp Tye

Marilyn Todd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Todd, holds the honor of having receipt No. 1 for Camp Tye summer camp registration, according to Miss Barbara Lou Kitt, executive director for Camp Fire Girls. Marilyn is a member of the Bluebird group at Roseburg school, led by Mrs. Lloyd Gamble, and will attend the last week of camp at the session named "tree elves."

Sharon Lee Gamble claims the second receipt and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gamble. First registration out-of-town went to Maxine Hunter of Winston.

First Camp Fire Girl to register was Mary Elise Unruh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Unruh. She claimed receipt number six and will attend during the first Camp Fire session known as "earth maiden."

Registrations are being taken during the week by guardians of the Bluebird and Camp Fire groups or may be made at the Camp Fire office in the basement of Miller Mercantile. Girls are reminded that early registration will allow preference of week to attend camp.

Wilbur Eighth Grade Graduation Scheduled

Wilbur school will present its eighth grade graduating exercises at the school auditorium Friday evening, May 26, at eight o'clock. Graduates include Stanley Berg, Colleen Christie, Charles Cook, Margaret Gardner, Rolland Gubbe, Carmelita Mendezona, Donald Person and Thomas Vasche. The program consists of the pro-

cessional played by Mrs. Olive Blondell; invocation by the Rev. H. A. Schlatter; class song—Far Away Places—by the graduating class; class prophecy by Donald Person; class history by Margaret Gardner; address to the graduates—Purpose For Life—by the Rev. H. A. Schlatter; closing song—A Suggestion—by the Girls Chorus; presentation of diplomas by H. Carey.

Wilbur Club Sponsors Ladies' Men's Softball

The recreational club of Wilbur is sponsoring ladies' and men's softball teams.

The ladies are busily practicing so as to be able to compete against the Coles Valley ladies' team at the new school building at Umpqua Sunday, May 28.

The men's team is also to play that day.

Members of the ladies' softball team who turned out for practice are captain, Elsie Broszko; Hazel Maddy; Alene Thomas; Dora Hollings; Margy Bue; Olga Harvey; Dorothy Godfrey; Elizabeth Godfrey; Viola Lee; Olive Blondell; Cindy Harvey; Alice Vasche and Major Brown.

BABY'S FUNERAL SET

Graveside services for the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford J. Knott, Dillard, will be held Saturday, May 27, at 11 a.m. in Civil Bend cemetery. Arrangements are in charge of the Roseburg Funeral home.

Surviving besides her parents are two sisters, Linda and Rebecca, both of Dillard; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Jackson, Dayton, and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Knott, Dillard.

Breaking Out In A New Place--



In the Day's News

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railroading less annoying, but instead of applauding a Baltimore reporter starts shedding salty tears over what fabled Casey Jones used to be able to do with a good old steam whistle on a good old steam engine.

Well, Casey Jones has gone to his home in the skies and the steam engine is headed for the scrap heap. What most of us would like to see is some reasonably pleasing substitute for the raucous blasts emitted by the modern diesel when it's coming into town.

More power, I'd say, to the R&O.

THIS one comes from a little town in Maryland: "George William Martin, 17, found a pistol in a drawer at Carol Miller's home last night. So he started showing his date how 'Russian roulette' is played... Carol wanted him to put down the gun and quit showing off... So she walked out of the room, thinking maybe George William would stop his foolishness.

"As she went out of the door, she heard a shot... Young Martin died on the way to a hospital, a bullet wound in his temple."

WE keep hoping for a more sensible world. The only way to have a more sensible world is to have more sensible people. As long as show-offs go on playing Russian roulette, our chances don't look too good.

LATER: I've just re-read that paragraph. I think I was probably off the beam when I wrote it. This seems nearer to the facts in the case.

THE MORE SAPS PLAY RUSSIAN ROULETTE, THE FEWER SAPS WE'LL HAVE LEFT.

Darwin called it "survival of the fittest."

IN Washington Representative Mitchell (Democrat, of the state of Washington) announces he will introduce immediately a bill containing President Truman's proposals to aid small business men.

Ouch!

Now we little business men are in for it. So far, we've been fairly well able to keep out of the clutches of the do-gooders. But if they start crowding loans onto us, good-night!

My personal observation has been that more small business men have got into trouble because they were able to borrow more money than they could pay back than for any other reason.

Sutherlin High Holds Junior-Senior Banquet

The junior-senior banquet of Sutherlin high school was held Friday, May 19. Speeches were given by Levone Ziegler, master of ceremonies; Bill Werts, Gene Norris, Kay Lucas, Anna Lou Allen, Jessie Himelwright, John Fisher and W. W. Riddlebarger.

Norma Church was elected queen of the prom after the speeches were made.

The junior class would like to express gratitude and appreciation for the dinner prepared by the junior mothers, the class president said.

Elkton Commencement Exercises, Picnic Held

Elkton high school students took final exams May 22 and 23. Commencement was May 24. Thursday the student body went to Silcoos beach for their annual picnic.

The program for the high school commencement:

Provisional, Miss Berger; invocation, the Rev. Mr. Newland; salutatory, Lois Stewart; music, Green Cathedral—Boys and Girls Glee club; valedictory, Lorna Aldridge; music, Jean Thomas—Song of India—accompanying by Mrs. Benedict; address by Dr. Alburey Castell of U. of O., "Con-

Scouts from the MENDING BASKET

By Visheott S. Martin

For the first time in her three years with us, Pretty-cat is on the warpath. She has raised family after family of kittens only to have them disappear, and she the most conscientious little cat-mother ever! How can we explain they have gone to homes waiting for them?

For the first few days she has meowed plaintively in a way that tugs at the heart... but this time, ah this time! When her good friend Lucky, the mostly-yellow cat from over the road, comes calling, Pretty greets him with fluffed up tail, arched back and spitting words. Bubbles, the black cocker puppy, comes along with Lucky sometimes, but she doesn't wait; she scoots, with Pretty leaping after her as far as the gate—or where a gate should be but isn't, so the bovine strollers from up the road get a lick in at our roses every now and then.

Yesterday the pair of little white goats, Sambo and Koko, came over. Pretty met them at the gateway, putting on her fiercest demeanor. The kids stared silently, heads close together. Pretty held her pose. Then E J (mean trick!) scuffed his shoe on the rock path. The little goats fled home, and a white streak shot

Figures On First Buying Of Savings Bonds Announced

The Portland branch of the Federal Reserve bank of San Francisco has just released figures showing the sale of E bonds in Oregon by county since the Independence savings bonds drive got underway Monday, May 15. According to E. C. Sammons, state chairman, total sales in this state for the week were \$599,137, or 9 percent of the state quota of \$5,892,000.

Sammons said that the tour of the replica Liberty Bell, which is now in southern Oregon, is arousing more interest than any single thing that has happened during the peacetime history of the selling of U.S. savings bonds to individuals. Since the bell began its tour, it has been taken as rapidly as possible to the larger schools in the state and thousands of school children have seen it and have heard it ring.

County Chairman, H. O. Pargerter, announced today that the sale of E Bonds in this county during the first week of the sales campaign amounted to \$16,856, or 10 percent of the assigned quota of \$169,500. Local volunteers are making every effort to go far beyond that figure. They are working on the theory that—"A thrifty community is a good place in which to live and do business."

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Suggestions On Vacation Offered In Library Books

By MURIEL MITCHELL.
Vacation—Home and Abroad is the theme for this week's special book display at Roseburg Public Library. For those who are toying with the thought of getting away from it all, here are shelves full of suggestions. First, our own immediate vicinity. Henry Shelton, photographer and Stewart Holbrook, writer, have collaborated on a picture book "Northwest Corner: Oregon and Washington, the Last Frontier." Ocean and river, mountain and forest, with a sampling of the varying personalities that make up the corner's population are shown.

"The Cascades, Mountains of the Pacific Northwest," edited by Roderick Peattie, has chapters on logging and mining, forests, flowers, birds, fishing, mountaineering, skiing, each by a different writer.

"Farthest Reach" by Nancy Wilson Ross and "Farthest Frontier" by Sidney Warren give interesting historical sidelights about the Northwest country. "Promised Land," compiled by Stewart Holbrook, contains bits by many Oregon writers. "Redwood Country" by Alfred Powers describes part of the vacation land of Oregon and California.

In Other Regions
To venture farther afield, one may enjoy "Seattle Story" by Hector Escobosa, which is distinguished chiefly for fine pictures of Seattle and environs. "Sierra-Nevada Lakes" by George and Bliss Hinkle takes the reader into California's lake country. "Here Rolled the Covered Wagon" by Albert and Jane Salisbury is a handsome picture book which describes many of the old landmarks of the Oregon trail, with historical background. "The Wake of the Prairie Schooner" and "Prairie Schooner Detours" by Irene Paden are full of adventures which befell the old trails.

"The Texas Border and Some Borderliners" by Robert J. Casey, written in Casey's usual breezy, anecdotal style, will serve as a fine introduction to the Biggest state. "A Taste of Texas," edited by Jane Trahe, is a book of recipes including such specialties as Texas Gulf gumbo and honey-baked beans.

Other books which describe in readable style sections of our United States include "Arizona Cowboys" by Dan Coolidge; "Midwest at Noon" by Graham Hutton; "Maine Charm Strip" by Elinor Graham; "The Valley Below" by Alice Marriott, which deals with life in rural New Mexico; "Home to Country" by Ernie Pyle, gleaned from his writing before the war.

"A Collection of Travel in America, by Various Hands," edited by George Bradshaw, is a pot-pourri: a bit from Trollope, a bit from E. B. White, from Anne Lindbergh and the state forestry board, the land from Niagara to Monterey, from Arizona to the Columbia.

A different sort is "The Gardener's Travel Book," by Edward Farrington, which claims to give points of horticultural interest in every state in the Union. The section on Oregon includes Corvallis, Grants Pass, Lebanon, Portland, Salem.

Foreign Lands Lure
Books about foreign lands are so many and varied one medium-sized column cannot contain them. As a point of departure, we recommend "Our Own Baedeker from the New Yorker," by Eugene Kinkead and Russell Maloney. If the reader never gets to Turkey, Korea or Estonia, he will be at least have fun reading about them. Even more frivolous are David Lodge's three books about Central and South America: "How Green Was My Father," "How Lost Was My Weekend," and "The Crazy Glasspecker." But there are sensible and helpful books, too, about France, England, Alaska, Liberia, Africa, Tahiti, and where you will.

Final note: "The Holiday Reader" is good stuff, for either traveler or stay-at-home.

Canyonville Girl Wins Reader's Digest Honor

Dora Jean Springstead, valedictorian of the graduating class at Canyonville high school, has been given the annual award of the Reader's Digest association for students who by their successful school work give promise of attaining leadership in the community. It was announced Tuesday by Omar J. Mosher, principal.

Miss Springstead will receive an honorary subscription to the Reader's Digest for one year and an engraved certificate from the editors stating, "in recognition of past accomplishment and in anticipation of unusual achievement to come."

Prom At Sutherlin Has Rainbow Theme

The annual junior-senior prom of Sutherlin high school was held Friday night. The gym was decorated in a blue and white "rainbow" theme, with a rainbow and a "pot of gold" at one end.

Music was furnished by Jack Foster and his orchestra from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Prom Queen Norma Church and her escort, Paul Sellars, led the crowd in the first dance, to start the evening's festivities. The many-colored formal also upheld the rainbow theme.

The junior class cleared \$83.50.

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Local News

Plan Rummage Sale—Members of Delta Kappa Gamma are holding a rummage sale Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Episcopal parish hall.

PTA To Meet—Benson PTA will hold a potluck supper Friday, May 26, at 6:30 p.m. Those attending are asked to bring table service, covered dish and salad. If weather is good, the supper is scheduled for Umpqua park; otherwise it will be held at the Benson gymnasium.

Visiting Parents—Mrs. Roland Wirth and son, Gregory, of Winchester left last week for Missoula, Mont., where she planned to visit her parents for two weeks. Mrs. Wirth took the plane from Portland for her former home.

Will Enjoy Vacation—Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Bernard and daughter, Marcia, of Roseburg, plan to leave Friday for Yosemite, Sacramento and Chico, Calif., for a two weeks' vacation. Marcia will remain in Chico for another month to visit her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Mabel Overton, and with her uncle and aunt.

Make Plane Trip Here—Al Coon of radio station KOLC and formerly a member of KRNR staff in Roseburg; Mrs. Charles Case, Fred Steiner and the pilot, Bob Baker, all of Reno, Nev., came to Roseburg Tuesday by plane to spend the day as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hiatt. They were also visitors at KRNR. Mr. Hiatt is manager of KRNR.

Here For Visit—Mrs. B. L. Martin and three daughters, Carol Anne, Barbara and Sally, of Roseburg, accompanied by the children's paternal grandmother, Mrs. Fred J. Martin Sr., of Toledo, Ohio, made a trip to Eugene this week to meet Mrs. B. L. Martin's mother, Mrs. Frank J. Larkin, of Toledo. Mrs. Larkin had stopped over in Portland to visit another daughter, Miss Helen Larkin. She is well-known here, having visited at the Martin home previously.

Return Wednesday—Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Roadman returned to their home in Roseburg Wednesday. Mrs. Roadman went to Astoria last week to attend the Rebekah convention and was joined in Salem the first of the week by Mr. Roadman. Monday evening they attended the Boy Scout ceremony in Salem, at which time Mrs. Roadman's grandson, Gene Bowers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bowers of that city, received his Eagle scout rank.

Attend Convention—Miss V. Vivian Logsdon, president of the Roseburg Business and Professional Women's club was elected state finance committee chairman at the state convention of BPWC held in Corvallis last weekend. Others from the local club attending were Mrs. Ralph Herman, Mrs. Golda Nickel and Mrs. Edith Landis, who will report on the convention at a special meeting of the club called for Monday, May 29, at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Herman, 2020 Myrtle avenue. The 1951 state convention will be held in Roseburg.

Daughter Is Born—A daughter, Joyce Ann, was born Sunday, May 21, at Fort Lewis, Wash., to Sgt. and Mrs. Glen Bates. The baby is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Bates, 733 Cobb street, Roseburg.

Graduation Exercises—Deer Creek school eighth grade graduation exercises will be held tonight, May 25, at 8 o'clock at the Dixonville community hall. The public is invited.

Enjoy Trip—Members of the Young Adult Sunday school class of the Elkton Church of Christ spent Sunday at Silcoos.

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