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Teachers Find Newspapers Important In Classrooms

Newspapers are fast becoming an important teaching tool in the classrooms of the nation's public and parochial schools. Teachers not using newspapers, say top educators, are missing a real opportunity to bring their textbook teaching down to a practical level of understanding and application for students.

Use of newspapers, or "living textbooks," as they are called, was first applied by enterprising teachers in English and social studies classes. Students were asked to find and learn the spelling and meaning of new words. Varied types of sentence structure and other language constructions were given as home work assignments with the newspaper as the source. In social studies classes the students were asked to acquaint themselves with names, places and events reported in newspapers from around the world.

From this beginning, teachers and students have developed many different newspaper uses for varied classes of study, including mathematics, foreign languages, science, home economics, drawing, music, and even for classes of retarded children. Newspapers have been used in the elementary, junior high and senior high school grades successfully.

Students have learned how to figure budgets, study the stock market, look for a job, study merchandise offers, make sample menus, plan trips, read the business news, understand the editorial page, evaluate editorial cartoons, and figures, spell, write clear sentences, and learn about the many things a newspaper has to offer for readers to assist them, as well as inform. Most important, report teachers, it is a link with life as it really is, and this encourages many students to become more serious about their studies. Textbook learning is no longer enough in a world of rapid change and instant communications, they point out.

Actually, teachers become more enthusiastic about their teaching when using newspapers, because students become more interested. This has also had an effect on more careful and extensive reading by parents, teachers report, since students at home discuss the many benefits newspapers offer and how they are used in the classroom.

The newspaper reading habit, developed early, can help students in so many ways that it should be a required part of classroom work, some teachers believe. Knowing more about newspapers, as required in most newspaper-in-the-classroom programs, is also helpful for a better understanding of a free press and its role in a free society, both teachers and students report.

The place of the newspaper in the educational fabric of the nation for students, adults and educators is undisputed. This added role of the newspaper will continue to expand for the benefit of education and the nation-at-large.

Russian Fishing Fleet Still Going Strong

A Russian fishing fleet consisting of at least 74 vessels was observed in an area off the Washington coast between Cape Elizabeth just north of Gray's Harbor and Ocean Park near Long Beach by Oregon Fish Commission Biologist Edwin Niska of Astoria last Wednesday.

Niska was aboard a U. S. Coast Guard twin-engine Albatross on a regular observation flight conducted by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service in cooperation with the Coast Guard. The fisheries man said the Russian fleet was concentrated from 12 to 25 miles offshore and fishing along the 50 fathom line. He appeared to be the current object of the Soviet fleet's attention, Niska said. Hake were formerly considered a "rough" or "trash" fish but recently have been the object of considerable scientific attention as a source of a high protein concentrate fish flour and other possible uses.

Only one catch of ocean perch was observed during the flight but this species is usually taken in waters from 100 to 125 fathoms, rather than at the 50 fathoms where efforts are now being centered, Niska reported. Indications are that the cream may have been skimmed off the ocean perch population, and the Russians are turning their attention to hake to fill the gap.

Niska said the Coast Guard vessel Modoc was sighted patrolling in the vicinity of the Soviet fleet which consisted of 12 factory and support vessels, two tankers, 11 stern trawlers, and 49 side trawlers.

As part of its program to stay informed on what is happening in the important offshore fishery, the Commission plans to continue periodic surveillance of the Russian fleet while it remains in the vicinity of our coast, Niska stated.

TEENS HAVE CANOE PARTY

The teenagers of the Port Orford Assembly of God Church invited the teenagers from the Bandon Assembly for a canoe party on Garrison Lake last Saturday when 38 people enjoyed canoeing and refreshments. There was music played by several teens. Doug Smith, a teenager from Seaside, gave a short message. This party concluded a week's meetings at the Assembly of God Church by the Rev. J. D. Gillham and family.



TO THE EDITOR

I hope that through your Letters-to-the-Editor column I may be permitted to express my appreciation to those who worked so hard on my behalf during my recent successful effort to secure the Democratic Senatorial nomination. I appreciate the many hours of assistance by the hundreds of friends and supporters and hope I may count on and deserve their continued support. I only wish I could send each a personal letter of appreciation, but my Congressional schedule does not permit it.

Sincerely yours,
 Robert B. Duncan
 Member of Congress

Gray Line Has New Coast Tour

The Oregon Coast is now featured in a new, regularly scheduled tour, beginning June 27 and continuing through Sept. 12, by the Gray Line Sightseeing Company of Portland. Scheduled for Monday departures the three-day escorted tours will travel the length of Oregon's fabulous coastline with overnight stops in Lincoln City and Coos Bay.

Featured are visits to Fort Clatsop National Memorial, Astoria Column, Cannon Beach, Haystack Rock, Fishing docks at Garibaldi, Depoe Bay, Otter Crest, Cape Foulweather, Devil's Punch Bowl, Heceta Lighthouse and the Sea Lion Caves.

Dunes buggy rides, visits to commercial and sport fishing industries, and visits to coastal lumber industry operations are also highlights of the trips. Tour price includes lodging, meals, tips and baggage handling. Special scheduling for convention and general public charter can be arranged through the Gray Line, 628 N. W. 6th Ave., Portland, or Imperial Travel Bureau.



The Rotary Club was paid a pretty nice compliment the past week... following the opening of their little League ball field. The new field met with such favor that the entire schedule had to be rearranged so that all local games could be played on it... rather than using the grade school diamond. Which means that games will now be played four nights per week rather than two. The new schedule appears in this week's issue.

Plumb forgot to mention that the bride's parents, the Jess Pontings, and brother Jack, were down last week for a few days visit from Sequim, Wash. They, along with the Ken Branham and Ernie Campbell families (two more daughters of the Pontings) and we-ums, enjoyed a right dandy, and plenty warm, picnic Sunday on the Sixes River at Ryce Wilson's... good swimmin' and barbecued fixins... and a few sunburns, too. (Guess that's the price you sometimes have to pay for enjoyment.)

Coming home the other evening from south of the city with two daughters along, numbers one and three, the little one, who is three years, was looking intently out of both sides of the car. About halfway through town she tapped me on the shoulder and called me a couple times to be sure she had my attention... then in a very small, but extremely concerned voice, said: "Daddy, we're gonna have to move pretty soon, aren't we... 'cause the town is falling down." Don't know if anybody else would react as I did... but I stopped and thought about what she'd said and I had to wonder if maybe, just maybe, our fair city might present the same impression to others... it might not hurt to look around and answer the question for yourself.

The same daughter, like most little girls, hates to have her hair combed and always cries... just a little. Well, Sunday being Father's Day, I asked her if she would keep from crying... just for me... and she promised—if she could at least say it hurt a little. I agreed and she kept her word like a trooper... tho' it wouldn't have taken very much to make the tears spill. Then came Monday morning and time to get her hair combed. However, before she would let the bride get near her with the brush, she wanted to know if it was STILL Father's Day. And I guess you know she cried a little.

I had a chuckle a couple of weeks ago over an editorial in the Brookings-Harbor Pilot when they severely criticized half of the county budget committee for being opposed to the county going into the golf course business. Their attitude being that because three of the members were agreed that the county should budget money for a golf course near Brookings, the three that didn't agree were completely "out to lunch" and shouldn't even be on the committee. It's about like two men of the same strength in a tug-o-war. They reach a stand-off because they are evenly matched... so, because I prefer one over the other, I should have the right to accuse the other for using "foul" means to keep my man from winning? Aw come on.

Don't forget to round up your items for the July 4th CMSI auction. Leave them at the Jensen Center or phone Delbert Neal at the Variety store to have them picked up.

Oregonians purchased \$2,677,779 in Savings Bonds in May... with Curry people buying \$20,730 worth.

See by a news release from the Extension Service at OSU that Arne Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Al (school mrt.) Johnson, took first place in the triple jumper boys 13-14 at the 51st annual 4-H summer school that ended last Saturday... the only Curry county winner.

The following poem was brought in by Rev. R. L. Sharp who clipped it from an army religious brochure. It's called

A Soldier's Prayer.

Look, God, I have never spoken to you—
 But now, I want to say "how do you do."
 You see, God, they told me you didn't exist
 And like a fool... I believed all this.

Last night from a shell hole I saw your sky—
 I figured right then they had told me a lie
 Had I taken time to see the things you made,
 I'd have known they weren't calling a spade a spade.

Look, now... I'm going into a fight...
 Who knows? I may come to your house tonight.
 Though I wasn't friendly with you before,
 I wonder, God... if you'd wait at your door?
 Look... I'm crying! Me! Shedding tears!
 I wish I'd known you these many years!
 Well, I have to go now, I'll say good by.
 Strange... since I met you, God, I'm not afraid to die!

Disabled Vets Get Low Cost Licenses

Oregon veterans of the Vietnam conflict who are disabled to the extent of 25% or more are eligible to purchase hunting and fishing licenses at reduced rates, the Oregon Game Commission has announced.

Phil Schneider, state game director, advised that this determination was made recently following some question as to the eligibility of the Vietnam veterans. Not specifically listed under the law, it was ruled that veterans of the Vietnam conflict who received either the Vietnam Medal or Expeditionary Force Medal are eligible. Veterans in the latter group are listed under the law.

Schneider said that Vietnam veterans who can present a letter certifying them as 25% or more disabled and who can display their discharge papers (Form 214) will be entitled to purchase hunting and fishing licenses for a fee of 50¢ each. Certification of disability is obtained from the United States Veterans Administration.

Americans Must Keep Respect

Representative Robert B. Duncan (D-Ore.) said Thursday that Americans must maintain their respect for differences of opinion under the stress of the war in Vietnam.

"As our sense of patriotism and our awareness of country come to the fore under the impact of combat, there is need for a strong sense of responsibility," Duncan said. "We can survive our Bastogones, our Vietnams, our Koreas and our Valley Forges if we keep this in mind."

Duncan's remarks were contained in a statement commending the Disabled American Veterans on the occasion of its 34th anniversary of issuance of its congressional charter. "Criticism is an indispensable weapon in a free society, however much we may disagree with these voices of dissent," Duncan said. "We should always keep in mind a distinction between dissent and heresy, between honest difference of opinion and treason. We should not use patriotism to defend blindly a society which always needs improvement."

Duncan said that about 10 years ago Adlai Stevenson remarked that, "It is oftentimes to fight for principles than to live up to them."

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Game Commission Starts Work At Tenmile Lake

Pending financing for the total rehabilitation of the Tenmile Lake system to eliminate undesirable species of fish, the game commission will begin immediately with pre-project engineering, biological and physical surveys and other work.

Phil Schneider, state game director, made this announcement following completion of the project plans including cost estimates prepared by personnel of the Oregon Game Commission and the Fish Commission of Oregon. Schneider added that at the present time, the game commission is unable to finance the total chemical rehabilitation of the system.

The project—a cooperative undertaking by the game commission and the fish commission—is to eliminate from the watershed yellow perch, bullhead catfish, and bluegill sunfish by the use of rotenone, and to rebuild the runs of coho salmon, steelhead and cutthroat trout. The latter fish are present in the system but are considerably below their former abundance.

The director advised that pre-project work would make available for all interested agencies and individuals a complete work plan with precise cost estimates for the proposed project. He stated that the commission recently approved this work which would be confined to obtaining data not already available that would be necessary for the orderly prosecution of the project.

Preliminary cost estimates place the total rehabilitation at \$253,700. Of this figure, cost to the game commission for chemical treatment and restocking would amount to just over \$219,000. The fish commission would absorb the remaining costs under the cooperative project.

A summary of rehabilitation costs show pre-project work amounting to \$5,700; actual chemical treatment at \$180,000; and handling and restocking coho salmon, steelhead, cutthroat trout and kokanee, \$67,000.

TREAT THREE LAKES

In brief, the proposed plan calls for the chemical treatment of three lakes—Eel, North and South Tenmile. Eel Lake would be treated first and an upstream barrier to fish migration installed near the mouth of Eel Creek.

North Tenmile would be treated second and a constant-flow rotenone dispensing station established in the channel between North and South Tenmile to prevent interchange of migrating fish. South Tenmile would be treated last and would include Tenmile Creek, remaining portions of Eel Creek and Saunders Creek.

Application of rotenone would be by boat and venturi device, airplane, helicopter in inaccessible areas, spray apparatus for shore line, and by back pack. Deep pumping gear would be used at Eel Lake.

North and South Tenmile would be restocked with 750,000 coho salmon, 750,000 cutthroat trout, and 60,000 steelhead. Proposed restocking of Eel Lake would include 200,000 cutthroat trout, 50,000 kokanee, and 15,000 steelhead. Some of the coho scheduled for Tenmile would be stocked in Eel Lake.

One point which the director stressed in relation to the proposed rehabilitation was the lack of public access to the fisheries in the Tenmile Lakes system. He pointed out that the commission felt that if such a large expenditure is made for fishery management, provisions should be made for increased public access to the

shore line and water areas.

Schneider said that North and South Tenmile together have a surface acreage of over 2,400 acres and a combined shore line of 46 miles. Even with this sizable recreational area, angler access is very limited for the boat fisherman and almost nonexistent for the bank angler. In addition, there is no public access to Tenmile Creek except by boat.

Douglas Farm Values Upheld

By LOU NORRIS, Director, Tax & Legislative Affairs

Oregon Tax Court Judge Edward H. Howell, in an opinion handed down June 3, upheld the 1965 values placed on farmland in Douglas county.

The case came to the Oregon Tax Court on an appeal by the Douglas county Board of Equalization requesting the court to set aside an order issued by the state tax commission upholding the values assigned to agricultural land by the Douglas county assessor.

Based on a study of comparable sales of farm land, the county assessor in 1965 placed new values on the rolls which represented increases in farmlands which ranged from 50 to 200 percent.

The county board of equalization rejected the assessor's values and substituted their own values which represented an across-the-board increase of 10% over the 1964 values.

Douglas County Assessor Lee Svarverud, Jr., appealed the county board of equalization ruling to the state tax commission and the commission ruled in favor of the assessor.

Howell's opinion upheld the state tax commission's ruling. In his written opinion, Judge Howell said, "The choice confronting the court lies between appraising the action taken by the board of equalization or approving the action of the tax assessor and the county assessor. There are valid criticisms of each action."

The court noted that a 10% blanket increase made by the county board of equalization over the 1964 farmland valuations would create inequities in cases where no increase in valuation was justified.

In giving his opinion, Judge Howell pointed out that any individual injustices on farmland valuations could be rectified by individual appeals.

Several hundred individual appeals are pending in Douglas county. The decision could result in many of these appeals being taken to the Oregon Tax Court.

The decision is significant in that the Court has affirmed the validity of the sales ratio study in Douglas county. The decision has no bearing on the case being pursued by the Oregon Farm Bureau and other organizations seeking to gain a legal interpretation of the meaning of H. B. 1620 passed by the 1965 legislature.

The Douglas county case related to January 1, 1965, assessments. H. B. 1620 became effective with January 1, 1966, assessments. H. B. 1620 was not at issue in the Douglas county case.

Defense Of The Accused

There are many laws designed to protect a person accused of a crime. The framers of our Constitution insisted that those who violated the law be punished. They also insisted that those accused of crimes receive a fair trial.

Today, every man, no matter how unpopular he or his cause may be, has a right to be represented by counsel if he is accused of a crime.

It is the lawyer's duty to present, by all fair and honorable means, every defense permitted by law to insure that the accused is not denied his constitutional rights. It is not the lawyer's duty to judge the guilt or innocence of his client.

A lawyer should not be criticized because he represents someone who, most people believe, is guilty. The American rule is that a person is presumed innocent until he is proved guilty in a court of law. Someone must represent the accused in this court of law, and the lawyer, by doing this, is only fulfilling his duty.

Any one of us might be falsely accused of a crime. It would be unfortunate indeed if we were denied counsel because of the unpopularity of our cause or because of our seemingly obvious guilt.

(Oregon lawyers offer this column as a public service.)

OSU Scientists Continue Work On Cranberries

Oregon State University food scientists are continuing a pioneering investigation of the quality-influencing enzymes of cranberries.

The studies are being sponsored by Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc., a national cooperative serving some 90% of the nation's cranberry producers.

Dr. Hoya Y. Yang of the Department of Food Science and Technology is directing the three-year study. He is being assisted by graduate assistants Omar Arakji and Harvey T. Chan.

Aims of the research are to study the enzymes present in cranberries, and to see if the present methods of cranberry processing are adequate to inactivate undesirable enzymes in the berries.

Date Air Meet

The six Masonic Lodges of the Salem area will sponsor an outdoor meeting this summer for the second straight year, according to Earl Wiper, general chairman for the occasion. All members of the Masonic Order are invited to attend.

The meeting is scheduled for the Frank Meeker ranch in the Polk county hills on July 30. The ritualistic ceremony will begin promptly at 2:30 p.m., after which refreshments will be served. As a special feature, entertainment is to be provided by the Shrine Band of Portland.

Governor Mark O. Hatfield, a member of one of the sponsoring lodges, urges attendance by all Masons—especially those of the Oregon Jurisdiction.

Last year's meeting was well attended and was pronounced a big success. It is therefore planned to make the assembly an annual event.

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