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Sense And Some NONSENSE



By Dewey

People of Curry county should feel "in the luck" over their Del Norte county neighbors, if reports can be taken at half "repeated value". Del Norte taxes have jumped tremendously—in some cases as much as 400%. The prospects for the county which faces the new business tax about the first of the year is not pleasant to think about, especially for the potential investor who may wish to make this their home.

Del Norte county business men are almost violent in their opposition to the proposed business tax enacted by the board of supervisors. Most say that its enactment would drive all business from the county.

Brookings troop No. 32, Boy Scouts of America, soon will be honored by having the first Eagle Scout of this part of the state, as far as the Pilot is able to ascertain. Verne Mendenhall will be the scout receiving the honor, and as one of the local committee for Boy Scouts, I will be first to say that Verne deserves the honor.

One doesn't just get an Eagle Scout badge. Even the Oregon Trails Council cannot issue one—it must go through national headquarters in New York City, from where everything is issued

according to a set pattern. Becoming an Eagle Scout in scouting is much more difficult than reaching colonel in the army, or a captaincy in the navy. With it comes the honor that scarcely more than one boy in 100 ever attains. Eagle Scouts are about the top of all honors, even those reached in any senior scout unit.

To become an Eagle Scout, the boy must be a first class scout. He must rise in rank to Star, which requires a minimum of three months after attaining first class rating, together with five merit badges. Next step, that of a Life Scout, requires ten merit badges, some required, specifically. Then, as a Life Scout, the lad must earn 21 merit badges in all, thirteen of which are required, within the next six months.

Next June, if the lads progress at the rate thus far advanced, there will be some six or seven Eagle Scouts added to the local troop. Certainly Verne's achievement should offer them the inspiration. This area should be proud of these boys and their achievements.

Schools

SECOND GRADE

Lillian Fielder and Judy Johnson were absent Monday.

We have new monitors this week. On Monday we weighed ourselves. Most of us weighed the same as last month. Two of us lost weight.

There is a new container for paper towels in our room.

Mrs. Fromm visited us last week and we read our zoo story to her.

THIRD GRADE

Tuesday is a holiday. It is Armistice day.

We plan to make a post office in our room. Our teacher moved her desk up front.

Kay, Ray, Barbara, Phillip, Bobby Chapman and Roy visited the Community Library.

Ralph Carr's mother visited the third grade, Friday.

David and Dianne are ill. Zane moved away.

Eleven mothers and one father from the third grade came to the Parent Teacher's Association, Thursday night.

FOURTH GRADE

Marjorie Moore brought a bottle of black sand such as they use in panning gold. Dixie Allsup was absent.

The fourth grade is planning a seed collection for science. Lorretta Waldien brought a dead scorpion.

We have 2 beans in our room. One is about 7 inches tall.

Virginia Akers, Reporter

Many Veterans Get V. A. Approvals

A total of 1733 World War II veterans have been approved for benefits under the state of Oregon educational aid act, Educational Supervisor Edward T. Taggart of the Department of Veterans' Affairs announced this week.

Of this number, 97 were approved in the past month to attend fall sessions of high schools, colleges and other educational institutions. This was a decrease of 50 over the corresponding fall period of 1946, due, it is believed to the fact that 1947 amendments to the act restrict state benefits of \$35 a month to those with at least six months' service, and limits monthly payments to the actual number of months in active service. Formerly, an Oregon veteran with 90 days of active service could draw the entire 36 months' benefits.

Taggart advised those now in school for the fall term who are not receiving state aid and wish to do so, to notify the Department of Veterans' Affairs, State Library Building, Salem, or 416 S. W. 11th, Portland. The law permits retroactive payments to the start of the term, provided delay in making application "was caused by excusable oversight or neglect."

State benefits for educational purposes are paid World War II veterans who were Oregon residents for one year prior to entering service. To receive the full \$35 a month, the student must be in class for 40 hours or more each month. He cannot receive state aid at the time he is getting GI school benefits, but can take first one then the other, Taggart explained.

He suggested that state bene-

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fits to be used first—where students plan to take advantage of both—in order to save the greater payments provided by the GI bill for the increased expenses of later school years.

CARD PARTY

Azalea Garden Club will hold a card party, at the Grange hall, Thursday, Nov. 20, 8:00 P. M. Bridge and pinochle will be played.

Rev. E. C. Hicks, pastor of Smith River Methodist church, was a business caller here Sat-

Weather Report

For the past week

Sunday:	Max.	Min.
Nov. 3	57	45
Nov. 4	55	45
Nov. 5	55	45
Nov. 6	58	45
Nov. 7	62	45
Nov. 8	58	45
Nov. 9	60	45
Total rain for the week		

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