

### Boy Scout News

This is the first of a regular "Doings" column. Scouts, you are urged to read it to keep up to date on what your troop is doing.

First, don't forget the meeting tonight is at the church. Dr. Schmitt is going to give us a talk on first aid, personal hygiene and public health. Any of our fellows a little weak on any of these, better bring paper and pencil and take notes.

Dr. Schmitt's talk we'll have a scavenger hunt. You pack leaders better get your men together, you'll need them to win. Count on your new score.

Remember, 7:30 at the church. The patrol is service patrol this week, that means 7:15 for Eagles.

We've got a big deal cooking, starting after next. Better get your mess kits shined up. 'Nuff said. A word to the wise is plenty. You fellows who didn't go on your fishing trip surely missed out on the fun. No fish, but a swell time. Cowboys 'n Indians 'n stuff. Lytle, did you light that fire in one match? Some rod and reel, huh, Schley? That knife'll be in real handy, come next fishing season, Dick. We certainly owe a vote of thanks to Merle for the Rod and Gun club for well time, right? See you tonight.—Brad.

### Cub Scout Doings

Almost all the boys had their forms on at the pack meeting Monday night. Cubmaster Ben Barnes passed out cards, gold stars and community strips to all the boys. Games were played and the prizes were given to the winners. In the second baseball game on Wednesday, was won by the 1, 11-10. Ronald Akers, den chief.

Den 2 wishes to report that the largest per cent of the boys were very enthusiastic and regular in attendance. In the past 6 weeks the boys have done stenciling, plastic work, woodburning, drawing and numerous other things at their den meetings.

All regular attending boys are passing examinations for advancement in rank. LaVern Mendenhall, den chief.

Richard Cochran was sporting his new uniform at the pack meeting.

We had a swell investiture ceremony and lots of games and prizes.

We are going to play baseball every Tuesday after school now. We are sure glad to have Mr. Mincy back with us again. — Ira King, den mother.

The boys of the pack thank Ronald Akers for his leadership in conducting the initiation ceremonies, Monday evening. George Mincy reports he did a good job.

### Schools

The first semester of the Brookings school ends this week. The regular schedule of the school, of course a series of final examinations. If teachers are going around with that tired look, there's a reason—correcting the final exam papers.

Next Friday evening the "Bruins" and "Bruinettes" travel to Port Orford for the final game of the Curry County league. The following week-end they say a bye and will play the long Florence team.

### Grade School Notes

**FIRST GRADE NEWS**  
Those who won gold stars on their health chart last week were: Thelma, Ona, Marjorie, Jimmie, Gribble, Tommy, Markey, Bobby Allsup, Gary, Johnny, Freddy, Ernest. Freddy has never missed a star. Tommy Rush has gone to Portland to see a doctor. Johnny and Robert counted to this week.

Byron brought a football to school for the first grade children to play with. Marjorie brought a little rubber ball.

We are making wall paper for our house. We need brown and red cold water paint for the outside.

#### SECOND GRADE

Rosalie Chapman is returning to New Mexico this week. We are sorry to see her leave.

New monitors were chosen this week. Wednesday we will have another alphabet test.

We experimented with a thermometer by putting it with ice cubes and then with hot water.

We drew pictures of Oak Hill farm and Friends and Neighbors drew a picture of Friendly Village. We have a picture of mountain goats.

#### FOURTH GRADE NEWS

We are glad that this week will be the end of the first semester. We will have our spelling test then.

We are working very hard on arithmetic to try to finish to page 171 by the end of the week.

Some of the children in our room are making small murals about very interesting things that we have learned about.

We had another arithmetic test last week. Marjorie Moore won in speed and Dick Fadling won in accuracy. They got little books for prizes.

We have not had many children absent in the last week or two.

On our book reports chart, Richard Cochran has 20 book reports. William M. and Joanne D. have 13 book reports. Connie J. and Jimmy E. have 11 book reports so far. Dixie Allsup has made 10.

We are making book covers for our weekly readers out of newspapers. Then we can keep them altogether.

Tuesday we made questions for a quiz program in geography.

Our teachers is reading us a book. The name of it is "The White Panther." The next chapter is "The Men Who Walked on the Waters."

Clifford Guthrie, Harold Jones, Larry Myers, Charles Tierce, Dixie Allsup, Virginia Akers, Barbara Gould, Lois LaClair, Lois Lockhart, Connie Jacklewicz got large gold stars on the manners chart last week.

Our seed chart is growing very much. There is still room for many seeds, though.

Richard Cochran brought a picture of the cat family. We have been trying to find the panther in it.

J. P. Ramondini, district passenger agent for Greyhound, was a caller in this area, Monday.

With exceptionally low tides Sunday, many local people went to the beaches near the mouth of the Chetco for clamming. A lot went home with a small amount.

### Garden Club Bills Card Party, Feb. 4

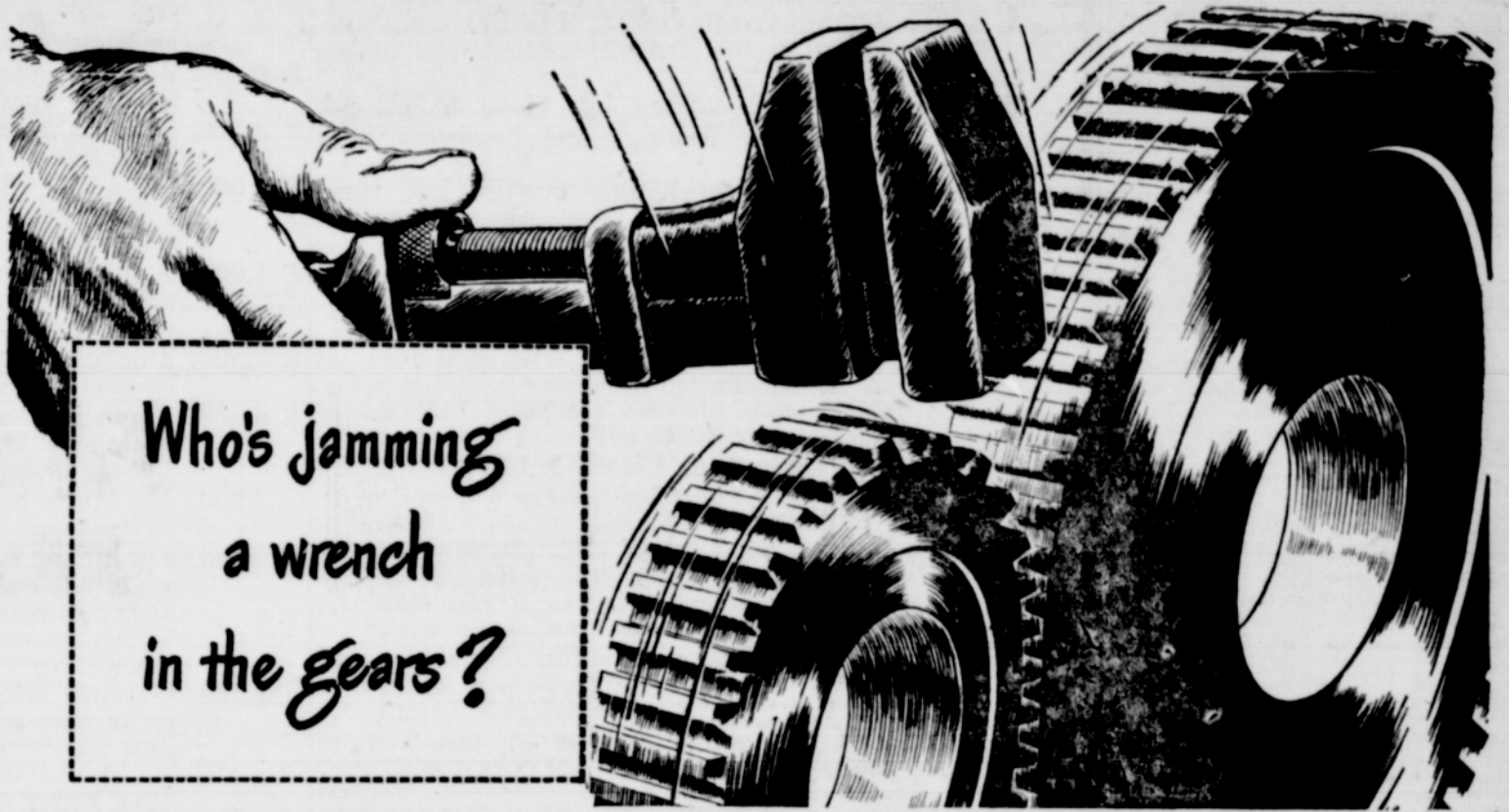
To help finance the planned program of the year, Azalea Garden Club has announced a card party for February 4, at Harbor Grange hall. Pinochle and bridge will be played.

The garden club, dependent almost entirely upon dues to finance its program, must augment this by card parties or by plant sales.

### Local News Items

James Yelton returned late last week from a trip to Portland where he went in interest of his novelty items of various local woods.

The south side of the Central building is being refinished by carpenters this week. When completed, the building will look like it had just been built.



Who's jamming  
a wrench  
in the gears?

## 3 Unions Block Labor Peace—Refuse Wage Boost Already Accepted by 19 Other Railroad Unions!

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen and the Switchmen's Union of North America, representing 125,000 railroad employees, have refused to accept the offer of the Railroads of a wage increase of 15 1/2 cents an hour.

This is the same increase awarded 1,000,000 non-operating employees by an arbitration board in September, 1947.

This is the same increase accepted by 175,000 conductors, trainmen and switchmen by agreement on November 14, 1947.

Agreements have been made with 1,175,000 employees, represented by nineteen unions. But these three unions, representing only 125,000 men, are trying to get more. They are demanding also many new working rules not embraced in the settlement with the conductors and trainmen.

Incidentally, the Switchmen's Union of North America represents only about 7% of all railroad switchmen, the other 93% being represented by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and covered by the settlement with that union.

#### Strike Threat

The leaders of these three unions spread a strike ballot while negotiations were still in progress. This is not a secret vote but is taken by union leaders and votes are signed by the employees in the presence of union representatives.

When direct negotiations failed, the leaders of these three unions refused to join the railroads in asking the National Mediation Board to attempt to settle the dispute, but the Board took jurisdiction at the request of the carriers and has been earnestly attempting since November 24, 1947, to bring about a settlement. The Board on January 15, 1948, announced its inability to reach a mediation settlement. The leaders of the unions rejected the request of the Mediation Board to arbitrate. The railroads accepted.

#### What Now?

The Unions having refused to arbitrate, the Railway Labor Act provides for the appointment of a fact-finding board by the President.

The railroads feel it is due shippers, passengers, employees, stockholders, and the general public to know that throughout these negotiations and in mediation, they have not only exerted every effort to reach a fair and reasonable settlement, but they have also met every requirement of the Railway Labor Act respecting the negotiation, mediation, and arbitration of labor disputes.

It seems unthinkable that these three unions, representing less than 10 per cent of railroad

employees, and those among the highest paid, can successfully maintain the threat of a paralyzing strike against the interest of the entire country—and against 90 per cent of their fellow employees.

The threat of a strike cannot justify granting more favorable conditions to 125,000 employees than have already been put in effect for 1,175,000, nor will it alter the opposition of the railroads to unwarranted wage increases or to changes in working rules which are not justified.

A glance at the box shows what employees represented by the Engineers and Firemen make. They are among the highest paid in the ranks of labor in the United States, if not the highest.

#### Compare these wages with what you make!

Here is a comparison of average annual earnings of engineers and firemen for 1939 (pre-war) and 1947. Also shown is what 1947 earnings would have been if the 15 1/2 cents per hour increase, offered by the railroads and rejected by the union leaders, had been in effect through the entire year 1947	Type of Employee	1939 Average Annual Earnings	1947 Average Annual Earnings	1947 Average Annual Earnings with 15 1/2 Cents per Hour Added
<b>ENGINEERS</b>	Road Freight (Local and Way)	\$3,966	\$6,126	\$6,757
	Road Passenger	3,632	5,399	6,025
	Road Freight (Through)	3,147	4,684	5,169
	Yard	2,749	4,081	4,539
<b>FIREMEN</b>	Road Freight (Local and Way)	2,738	4,683	5,268
	Road Passenger	2,732	4,544	5,165
	Road Freight (Through)	2,069	3,460	3,891
	Yard	1,962	3,136	3,553

Railroad wages computed from Interstate Commerce Commission Statement M-300. Full year 1947 estimated on basis of actual figures for first eight months.



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