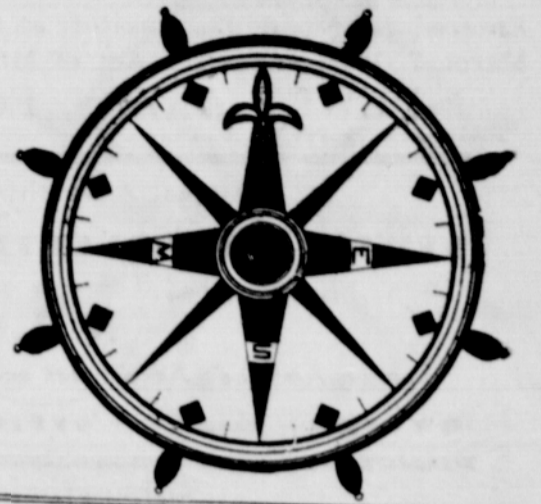


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OREGON SCHOOL ENROLLMENT IS LIKELY TO DOUBLE IN TEN YEARS, SCHOOL MAN TELLS ROTARY CLUB

"Oregon is 15th in wealth of the states of the union, and 39th in educational standards," Mr. Cook of Beaverton, field secretary of Oregon Education Association, told Rotarians, Tuesday noon, "and if voters this fall do not pass House Bill 193, the standing may at the very bottom of the list. For proof of this, let us consider the school population and its trend, by 1960, at least.

"Oregon has, until 1943, been below the national percentage in birth-rate per thousand. Since then it has equalled or about equalled the national birth-rate. But that is not the entire story by any means. Oregon has seen the greatest immigration percentage of any of the western states in the past decade.

"In 1929, the birth-rate was 12 babies per 1000 people, which tripled in 1949 to 36 per thousand and people. You will note that 1950 graduates are those born in 1932 and 1933, the lowest ebb in the national and state birth-rate which, at that time was about 6 per thousand. Since then the story has been one of headaches for every district in the state.

"By 1960, here will be the picture facing Oregon, as well as other states: This high birth-rate will be reaching high school by then. We hope there will be little immigration, but we know well that there will be. Perhaps the example set by Sweet Home might be a good comparison to illustrate my point.

"Four years ago, the school authorities built a high school there to accommodate about 600 pupils. This year they have 400 about, and next year there will be enough freshmen entering to fill the school building. The present sixth and seventh grades indicate that the building will be about 200 students too small in 1952. Sweet Home is just an average of what Oregon will experience if trend keep going as they now are.

"House Bill 193, on the ballot this fall, is designed to raise the basic school support from \$50 per pupil, average daily attendance, to \$80, to be taken from the income tax fund, now building up in the state, thus to relieve the already over-burdened property tax load.

"Legislators pulled a trick on the school fund. On this measure they put in the first sentence 'To levy an annual state property tax to raise additional revenue for the Basic School Support fund.' That is not right. There will be no property tax—it will be taken from the income tax fund, just as the veterans bonus bill, which does not read that way.

"It is mandatory that this bill be passed. Without this addition school support, in two years the average district could not afford to carry on schools unless a tremendous property tax levy be placed on the rolls. Oregon must educate her youth. She must not be sub-standard in her efforts in education. We are doing little enough in this manner, as I can point out from my experience in the teaching field.

"Our school system is geared for what is called the average group. Let me explain that in

every 100 children there are some six to ten who are considered as brilliant. On the other end of this group is a like number who are slow. Our educational system is not geared for them in any way.

"Take those youngsters in the first group: They can get an arithmetic lesson in about half the time set by the educational system, and those on the other end get about half—and get discouraged. Those who accomplished their work quickly, get into trouble for our system has nothing outlined for them.

"We must, sooner or later, become aware of what we must do in the way of education and do it. We must re-arrange our system to educate children. If our nation is to continue the nation it has long been, this must be our goal. Cost? Yes, it's going to be a problem, but we have no choice in the matter.

"Curry county citizens, in the last election of the rural school board voiced their opposition to basic school support money by their vote. They do not realize what they are doing to their own pocketbooks. Curry county opposed basic school support in the first place. I am sorry to have to admit this but it is true.

"Education between now and 1960 is going to undergo a radical change, and let me say that it will be costly. You can't squirm out of the situation, and as far I see it, we must carry the load. More children are going to demand more teachers, more buildings, and more equipment. It is not pleasant to comprehend, but that is the picture."

Delegates Picked By Rebekah Lodge

First April meeting of Topaz Rebekah lodge was held Tuesday evening. It was decided to initiate four candidates: Cleo Craig, Jeanette Sherer, Lena Crockett and JoDolores Smith at the first meeting in May.

Agnes Darger was recommended to be district deputy president for this lodge for another year, and Berly Bollinger, and Verna Mendenhall were elected as delegates to Rebekah Assembly session at Astoria, in May. Mrs. Bollinger will also be decorated with degree of Chivalry at the state meeting.

It was voted to order new regalia for the officers. Following the meeting a social hour was enjoyed, with refreshments served by Mae Dixon, Agda Bickner, Alice Elston and Mercedes Phillips, to the group.

Send the Pilot to friends — it will save much letter-writing.

Heart Attack Fatal To Donald Whirry Sunday Morning

Graveside services will be held at 2 this afternoon at the I. O. O. F. plot of Brookings cemetery for Donald Whirry, who died early Sunday morning from a sudden heart attack. The Odd Fellows, of which he was a member, will have charge. Rev. Nick Neufeld will officiate.

Don, as his friends called him, had attended the queen selection ball Saturday evening, enjoying the occasion. After his return home, he told his wife that he was hungry, so they had lunch. From that moment he became violently ill, and the condition aggravated his heart causing his blood to clot, and death.

Born at Portland, Oct. 12, 1921 he attended grade school at McMinnville and in 1936 moved to Brookings where he attended the local high school for three and a half years.

He was active in athletics, winning letters in basketball and in track. He later went to Oakland, Calif., where he was graduated from Oakland Technical High in the last of Jan. 1941.

Employed at Oakland, he left in April, 1941 for Kodiak Alaska to work. His high school sweetheart, Erma Myers, joined him on Nov. 8, 1941, and they were married at Kodiak.

He returned to the states in Sept. 1943, and joined the army air corps as a cadet on Jan. 3, 1944. He was discharged Oct. 29, 1945.

Following discharge he returned to his old job at Kodiak and in June, 1949, returned here to live.

He was active in the Odd Fellows lodge, which he joined at the age of 18, and at the time of his death, held office of Warden in Brookings lodge.

Surviving, besides his widow, Erma and daughter Donna and son, Darrell, are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Whirry, as well as other relatives: Mrs. Charles Grayshel and Mrs. Vic Schmeer of Portland, Mrs. Hal Murphy of Sacramento, aunts; Harold Jessor of Brookings, Elmer Jessor of Kodiak, Hugh Whirry of Los Angeles, Robert Jessor of Fresno, Calif., oncles; grandmother, Mrs. George Kitzman of Loveland, Colorado and grandfather, J. L. Whirry of Corvallis.

Daylight Savings Topic For C. of C.

Whether or not to follow other towns along the coast and in Oregon on Daylight Savings time will be one of the topics for discussion at the April business meeting of Brookings chamber of commerce at the Grange hall at 8 o'clock tonight, J. Elmer Parker, president, announced on Monday.

This will not be a luncheon meeting. Other topics of general community interest will be discussed, also.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schaal left Thursday for a several days visit at Klamath Falls, returning the middle of this week.

John VanPelt Passes

John VanPelt, native of this area, and resident all of his life, died about 4 p. m. Tuesday at his home, in Harbor, from illness resulting from eating mussels. At the time this paper goes to press nothing was learned about funeral arrangements.

Cattle Rustler Is Hunted By Sheriff

Sheriff Glenn Sabin is looking for W. H. Smith, resident nine miles north of Brookings, who was caught, Saturday, in the act of disposing of a two-months old calf by his neighbor, Charles Warnock. After being caught by Mr. Warnock, Smith vanished in a matter of minutes, leaving his home and belongings behind.

In telling the Pilot, Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Warnock declared they had been missing calves and sheep over a period of years, almost since the time they had sold the four acres to Mr. Smith about eight years ago. They referred to specific instances when calves had disappeared that the cow would go near the Smith property, bawling for the calf.

Mrs. Warnock said she was on her way to the Smith home to ask if he had seen a calf which had been missing. At the Smith gate she caught him carrying a butchered carcass, with one foot which had not been skinned, betraying the calf. Smith readily admitted his guilt and offered to pay for the calf. Refused by the Warnocks, who had remembered all the other missing livestock, Smith wanted to know what the Warnocks expected to do about the matter.

Before Sheriff Sabin could arrive at the place, Saturday, no trace of Smith could be found. Gone also was the meat, Smith's car, and a few belongings, but none of his household goods.

Movie Coming

A benefit movie, "Down to the Sea in Ships," a saga of adventure, is to be shown May 20 at the high school auditorium. Richard Widmark, Lionel Barrimore and Dean Stockwell, a child actor, are stars.

Proceeds are to be used to further Girl Scout movement in the area. The committee feels fortunate to obtain this worthwhile picture for this cause. Tickets will go on sale soon.

Musicale Coming

PORT ORFORD — Tuesday, April 25, is the date set for the concert appearance of five student artists from University of Oregon school of music under direction of Donald W. Allston. A copy of the program will appear in next issue of this paper.

Mrs. Leo March and son of Smith River and Miss Catherine Hall made a trip to San Francisco last week to have the boy consult a dental specialist.

Curry county fair board will hold a meeting in this area, On Tuesday, April 25, probably at the Grange hall at 8 p. m. Anyone wishing to attend may do so.

Limits Common Here As Fishermen "Go After Trout"

In its effort to check on the "opening day" of trout season on the Chetco, the Pilot has yet to find anyone who did not catch some fish. Some report limits on both Saturday and Sunday.

Elmer Parker, at Parker's Anchorage, told the Pilot he had all his boats rented, all his motors out, and that there were scores of other boats, motors, and rafts afloat, which could carry from one or more persons.

"It is a joy to see so many fish caught," Parker smiled, as he recalled many funny incidents which occurred the opening day. "Businesses must have been deserted," he continued, "for from where else could so many people come from.

"This much I must say: I filled the restaurants and many of the motels of the area Sunday with reservations I had from the Medford and Klamath Falls areas."

The Nook Cafe, and others of the area, serving Sunday meals, were swamped, it has been told the Pilot by a number of owners. Breakfast at the Nook was a "madhouse," as there wasn't a seat available for a couple of hours.

Fair Premium List Is In Hands Of Printers

Corrections to the Curry Co. Fair premium list, to make it fit the 1950 needs, have been made, and copies will be sent out to prospective exhibitors sometime in May.

The contract, awarded to the Typo-Print shop of Gold Beach, will carry advertising to pay for its publication. Local firms will be solicited shortly.

LOCAL NEWS

Young's 5 & 10 Store will open Saturday. See advertising on page five of this issue.

Mr. and Mrs. William Tolman returned home Monday after visiting relatives at Reedsport for a month.

Mrs. Eugene Ackley was able to enjoy her guests Sunday when her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Don Ackley entertained for her by asking a group of friends in for dinner. She is still in a cast but is able to be up most of the time.

Lou Morgan left last Wednesday for Alaska to spend the summer workin, after being in this vicinity for the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Garrett left for Lakeview to spend the summer where Mrs. Garrett will care for her mother who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Knutson are at Portland looking after business in connection with their house which was damaged by fire recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Childers, accompanied by his grandmother, Mrs. Hattie Stitt, made the trip from Hobbs, New Mexico last week. Mrs. Stitt remained for a visit here with her sister, Mrs. Bud McVay, and family, while Mr. and Mrs. Childers returned home.