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IT SEEMS TO ME:



By Dewey

Open house, staged Sunday by White Rock Construction Co., at the plant a mile west of Smith River, Sunday, was gratifying to all concerned. Soon after the Pilot appeared last Thursday, the people began stopping at the new house for a "look-see." By Sunday afternoon, the coffee supply had almost been exhausted, a receptionist jokingly told the Pilot.

As I see, folks, this new type of house is going to put within reach of many wage earners, the opportunity to have a home they never expected to gain. There are many features that one has to admit match that to be found in pretty expensive houses. Certainly the interest shown Sunday, would indicate a big demand for low-price housing in this vicinity, extending from Klamath to Gold Beach.

This article is not intended to be a sales article, but I am able to understand how many people, now paying high or excessively high rents will figure every way possible to finance one of these

home, and add to it as the family fortunes grow. Yet, despite the low cost, these houses are quite attractive, more than one would expect for the money involved.

For coastal homes, this type of construction will suffice, as the expensive insulation problem is practically non-existent. I believe that lumber yards or those who feature building materials should contact the company officials and obtain franchise rights on their respective communities. I look for demand to jump tremendously.

Despite the propaganda to the contrary, school taxes for Dist. No. 17, will be at least 10% below that of last year, according to word from George Sutton, county assessor. This was accomplished by the equalization in the county, of the basic taxes of each district, according to a set standard of "per pupil, per teacher ratio, with each district voting an excess necessary to raise the money for conduct of each district's schools.

The theory behind the rural school board plan of equalization is perfect, although it has not worked out in many counties of Oregon. It is meant to ease the school tax load of those districts not blessed by high assessed valuation, to distribute the load equally to all districts. When the referendum was on the ballot four years ago, most of the state turned it down, but it was the huge Multnomah county vote which enacted it—and Multnomah county was not affected.

Curry County fair will be next on the calendar for most of all of us. I'm interested to watch how much the 1950 patronage will exceed the 1949 patronage. Will it be in the same ratio of the 1949 patronage over the 1848 attendance? Frankly, I hope it will exceed the fondest hopes of the fair board, and Kenneta C.

Thompson, 1950 manager, who has done all he personally can to make this year the best in the fair's history.

If Curry county could just forget its geography for one moment in a political way, and direct this competitive spirit toward increasing the display window of the county, then the purpose of this fair, or any fair, would be accomplished. It is lots of fun to see which district can, or does, grow the best lilies, squash or cucumbers. Such healthy competition is what makes any fair worth while—makes the county grow and prosper.

LOCAL NEWS

Much of the framework is up on the new home of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Beem, on Wharf Street. This work is being done by the Beems at odd hours. Occupancy will be effected possibly within a month.

Visiting Wesley Smith this week are his oldest daughter, and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Josh Detwiler and three children of Pacific Palisades, Santa Monica, Mr. and Mrs. George Nightingale and two children and Mrs. George Nightingale Sr. of La Grande. Mrs. Nightingale is another daughter of Mr. Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Grant Eade and daughter, Kristen, of Everett, Wash. are expected to arrive Wednesday evening. Mrs. Eade is another daughter, and will make up the complete family re-union.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mosier and daughter, Mrs. Longacre, who have been in California since last spring, returned home late last Wednesday. Mr. Mosier who had been ailing from anemia, is much improved in health. They expect

to leave about Sept. 15 for a trip to Nebraska and Iowa, that had been planned as part of the California trip last spring.

Sharon Hanscam was honored Friday afternoon on her ninth birthday, when her mother, Mrs. Merle Hanscam entertained 18 guests. Following games, refreshments of home-made ice cream and cake were enjoyed. Sharon was showered with gifts from her friends.

According to a notice from the Jacksonville, Oregon, postoffice, the Pilot was asked to change the address of Harry Z. Smith's Pilot to Harbor. No further details were given.

Gene Gould, employed by the Pilot for the summer, reported Saturday at Portland Air Base for a physical check-up and inoculations. Many of the 403rd troop transport group, to which he belongs, signed up for active duty with the air force. The re-

mainder, such as seniors in college, and others on reserve list, who are married, were not activated at that time. The progress of the Korean war will determine this status.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Perkins are at Portland at present where the couple is at Multnomah county fair grounds.

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