

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By CLIFFORD ROWE

A stranger from the East visiting my home town recently for the first time was quite puzzled by the seemingly lack of youngsters around town. I guess he had been given the impression that no one around here cared much about having children. It was with a great deal of pride on my part that I enlightened him on this particular aspect of our community.

As is true with the majority of towns in the state of Oregon, as well as the entire Northwest, summer is the period of the year when the youngsters turn out to harvest those crops peculiar to the particular area. For example, the young Miss in our household started picking strawberries almost as soon as school was out in June and when that was over she went to the bean fields where she will continue until school opens.

Since all of the youngsters are working together in groups, this summer experience is a wonderful one for them and in addition supplies vital assistance to the farmers in harvesting their bumper crops. Also, they are learning the

Miss Agnes Shields, supervisor of the juvenile division of the State Library, Salem, was here for part of the week in connection with both the school and the Community Library's collections. She consulted with Mrs. Frances Henry, at the school, and with members of the board of the library. She expressed great admiration for the setup at the Community Library.

Later word from Bart "the Butch" is that he's still under treatment at the veterans hospital in Portland, and that it may be a couple of months before further action may be taken.

Brookings was well represented at Agness, this last weekend. Among those making the trip were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stanhurst, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stanhurst and daughter, Sherry; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crosby Mr. and Mrs. Les Tuoy; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ravjckes; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stanley and Mr. and Mrs. W. Zigler, and the latter's son-in-law and daughter, from Southern, California.

true value of money as well as learning the valuable lesson that one must work in order to earn.

And if anyone is perturbed about the younger generation of today he has only to go into the local clothing store and watch these youngsters as they go about the process of converting their hard-earned money into clothing for the coming school year. The pride which is theirs in making their own selections of apparel with their own money is a fairly certain guarantee that we have little reason to worry about their future as adults.

Of course, if my stranger friend from out of town had gotten up early some morning and had cruised the city, he would have seen our youth, jean-clad and suntanned, congregated in strategic areas waiting for their transportation to the fields. Similarly, if he had visited the local juvenile officers he would have discovered that we have no problems with youngsters loafing on the streets and getting into trouble for lack of something to do.

No, we have plenty of children in our towns and we love them. We are also mighty proud that we live in the area that provides worthwhile outlets for their boundless energies.

Who's the rest of the country has been experiencing truly unseasonable weather, things have been quite moderate, locally. Temperatures have hung around the 60's, right along the coast, but inland but a mile or two, people have experienced real warm to hot sunshine. The daytime high fogs descent at night, sometimes to almost obliterating lights more than a few hundred yards away, and it is far more restful to put a blanket on the bed before going to sleep than to have to get up for one along toward morning.

Rev. Willard Spencer is the local representative for the American Red Cross. Although not yet fully organized for all its many activities he has been doing quite a bit, already, especially in clarifying domestic affairs. He says that Red Cross activities are now very much interlocked with Civil Defense.

Gilbert Christanson, George Funk, and Bill Fisher, are a committee looking into repainting of the SDA Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Borg, their children, and Mrs. Borg's mother, Mrs. Taylor, the latter from Myrtle Creek, enjoyed a trip up the Rogue, this last weekend.

Mrs. Etta L. Kestler of Craig, Colorado dropped in on her son, Homer, and family this last weekend. They came with Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Connor of Peru, Indiana. Mr. Connor being an of Homer's uncles. From here they went on to visit other relatives in Seattle.

Andrew Bondy and his boys have dug a hole back of the old Catholic Church in which will be placed a gas tank to serve the school bus. Later, Fr. Keis says, they hope to build a shelter nearby, to get the bus in out of the weather.

Interviewed a Mayflower Van driver, Sunde, en route from Eufeca to Gold Beach, and from thence to Walla Walla. Was intrigued by the PUC license plates on his front bumper—from quite all over the country. Anyhow, this driver dug out his route sheet which showed he had been across the United States twice since the first of the year, and all on comparatively short hauls—St. Louis to Washington, D. C.; Lancaster, Penn. to Moline, Ill.; Denver to Fresno. Said he thought he had a home some place in the San Joaquin valley but couldn't recall the name of it, offhand.

Rev. and Mrs. Willard Spencer spent most of last week with a group of children out in the country. They drove up to the Red Mountain trail's end, on the Winchuck, hiked in to Pack saddle where they camped and then returned to the Worst Camp at Bear Creek. They explored over around Winton Mountain, visiting old Al Horsacker's grave and planned further expeditions but his crew overdid things the first day and lost some of their enthusiasm.

Those making the trip besides the Spencers were: Viola Jackson, Marva and Billy Weaver, Bert Clayton, Jim Butler and Allen Kern.

Frank's Arr II kicked in with candy for the youngsters. In the middle of July, the Spencers took about a dozen young folks on a four day camp at the Upper Bridge. It took the place of a more expensive trip to McKinley Camp.

The Dairy Cream is planning to stay open later, evenings according to Ben Phettep'ace. This will be mighty popular with the youngsters who can now depend on getting served up to 10 p.m., instead of Mr. and Mrs. Ben closing at 8.

Emil Edwardson has the contract for building a 34 x 41 addition on to Allen Ettinger's house. Allen has been helping him while on vacation from the postoffice but Emil will possibly get along faster with Allen back in the office.

State Fair To Open Saturday

Oregon's 90th State Fair will open in Salem Saturday, Sept. 3, with every prospect of being as gay as the "Gay Nineties" theme. The eight-day fair will continue through Saturday, Sept. 10, with special entertainment scheduled every afternoon and evening.

"Bigtime" features of the fair will include a circus that, it is reported, soon will be featured at Disneyland, a stage revue headlined by television's most famous chimpanzee, thoroughbred running races on Lone Oak and, in the stock barns, the Western Aberdeen Angus Breeders' Futurity. The midway will have a new look that will include two permanent row rides—a roller coaster and a "tunnel of love" plus dozens of traditional riding devices.

New picnic tables have been erected in the picnic area. Both the Garden and Flower Show and the farm machinery exhibits will be larger than the whoppers pre-

CHETCO LIBRARY IS NOW PART OF CITY UNIT

The Chetco Community Library now being a part of Brookings, there has been a slight shifting in personnel.

As required by Oregon law a trusteeship of five has been named by the city council appointed M. S. Brainard, to serve 4 years; Don Jones, 2; Mrs. Jessie Jenkins, 2; and Mrs. Art Knox and Jack McCarton, for 1 each. Mrs. M. S. Brainard has been asked to continue as the librarian. It is this person's job to see that the library functions as such.

The Library Association continues. It is composed of those who realize the value of the library to the community by a subscribing \$2.50 annual dues and take part in other matters pertaining to its support. The membership, at stated meetings, may recommend, as required, to the City Council, candidates for the board of trustees.

Financing the library will very much depend upon association memberships which are, at present, away below what they should be, and especially among families who patronize the collection. According to the population served, according to Mrs. Rice, retiring president of the association, there should be at the very least some 500 members. A small addition to the treasury comes from book rentals and fines, all of which is used to replenish the stock of books. It is not improbable to expect the library may be made self supporting without tapping the city budget, providing sufficient

sent last year. The Land Products Show is enlarged so much that the famous scene booth has been crowded away from the corner it has occupied for many years.

Big pumpkins, big corn and carrot stalks and big sunflowers will be featured along with other exhibits in the Land Products show where over 500 cash prizes will be awarded. Farm and city wives will be back competing for "Queen of the Kitchen" honors in the foods department, which also will be presented in enlarged quarters.

Pie baking has been added to all customary classifications such as pickles, jam, food freezing, and cake baking in the big foods department.

School Zone Traffic To Go Into Effect Soon

Those deserted school grounds you drive by today will soon be swarming with youngsters, motorists were reminded by Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry, Friday. The 20 mile-an-hour designated speed at school zones goes into full effect the first day of school, membership are forthcoming, according to the board.

A remarkable feature of the library's operation is the low percentage of volumes lost. Under the new system every borrower is registered and must bring their borrowers card in order to have books.

a fact some drivers may overlook, the secretary pointed out. Oregon law pegs the designated speed at 20 when passing school buildings, grounds or street crossings "during school recess or while children are going to or leaving school during opening or closing hours.

The first few days of school present more than the usual traffic hazards, safety men say, because motorists must re-acquire the habit of slowing down at school zones at the same time inexperienced first-graders are on the streets.

More than 360 grade schools will be operating student-manned safety patrols at key street and highway crossings throughout the state this year, Newberry said. Pupils selected for patrol duty are trained to hold other pupils at the curb until the crossing is free from oncoming cars.

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