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CORRECTION ON A 1950 ISSUE

On July 6th, 1950, the following article appeared in the Brookings-Harbor Pilot. Apparently, it was written for the purpose of showing who was right and who was wrong in the matter of educating four or five California school children at the expense of the Oregon taxpayers:

THE ARTICLE District No. 17 school board has just received a copy of an opinion from the district attorney of Curry County, dated on June 29, addressed to Mrs. Georgia Fromm, Curry County school superintendent. This letter and opinion was sent to the local board in response to a letter, asking to be advised concerning the residence of the Johnson children. The opinion of the district attorney:

"It is my opinion the residence of the children here is the residence of their parents, who have an undisputed residence within Curry County, Oregon. Therefore the children are entitled to free tuition in the Brookings school district, and should be counted as residing in said district for the purpose of establishing the number of residing pupils within said district for purpose of school assistance aid."

This opinion should clearly answer a number of articles and letters to the effect that Brookings school board should not have allowed the Johnson children to attend the Brookings school without tuition.

Among the numerous protests might be cited, the following:

1. Article in the Curry County Reporter, Thursday, May 25: "While it may make the enrollment look a bit more rosy to include these five children from California, nevertheless it is and decidedly so, a misuse of the state basic school support fund as well as a misuse of the local taxpayers money to accept children from another state and not collect tuition."

2. Letter from Milton DeMartin to Rex Putnam under date of April 6, 1950 asking that Supt. Putnam discourage the authorities of the Brookings school from accepting or enrolling children from California.

3. Letter from Mrs. Donald Crockett to Earl Newbery, secretary of state, stating misuse of basic school support fund by reason of bringing five school children who reside in California with their parents into the Brookings school and collecting no tuition.

4. Oral question at the annual school meeting asking when this

tuition would be collected.

The foregoing opinion from the district attorney answers the questions raised above.

There, therefore, is no tuition due since the children 'are entitled to free tuition in the Brookings school district.'

There has been no misuse of basic school support fund since the children 'should be counted as residing in said district for the purpose of establishing the number of resident pupils within said district for the purposes of school assistance aid.'

The school authorities would have no right to not to accept or enroll these children since they are entitled to "free tuition in the Brookings school district."

It might be further stated that the local school board investigated this matter in 1947, and upon the basis of the investigation admitted these children to school privileges. It is indeed gratifying that the opinion of the school board and school administration has been sustained by the district attorney, concluded Lynn Hampton, Wednesday.

The most unusual thing in this article is the worthless opinion of the district attorney who never made an investigation to determine whether the Johnson family were living in Oregon or in California. The district attorney was never authorized to change or to modify the Oregon School Laws.

Johnson's residence in California is only five miles out of Brookings and could be reached in a matter of minutes since the house is only a half mile from the highway, yet the school board could not be persuaded to make an investigation.

The only question at issue was a matter of residence.

The school authorities had no right to keep these children in the Brookings-Harbor School, without collecting tuition and as pointed out by the State Board of Education, there was a misuse of the Basic School Support Fund.

The numerous protests referred to in the article were in order and fully justified.

When L. W. Johnson testified, under oath, in the Del Norte County Court in 1951, that he moved to California in 1946 and resided there ever since, a transcript of the testimony was sent to the State Board of Education and the practice of educating California school children tuition free in the Brookings-Harbor School was promptly stopped. The tuition due the school district has never been paid.

M. L. DeMartin

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Chet Davis and Bert Kerr went fishing on Bert's day off, last Thursday, up at Bruce Hole. Bert claims he enticed a fish to snaffle onto Chet's rig, not realizing how large it was. Following a rattle, all up and down that part of the Chetco, Chet hauled out his prize. There are a great many people notably all the Brookings Market personnel and customers of the moment, ditto the auto agencies along automobile row and they took it down to the Plywood just to tease Harley Mitts with and Harley grabbed the fish and displayed it to everybody in the plant. Oh yes—like to forgot—the fish Bert handed Chet was a 19 1/2 pound steelhead—caught on cluster eggs.

Mrs. Ethel Sherman, from southern California, is visiting her brothers, the Newtons, and sister, Mrs. Jessie Judkins, at Harbor.

The many friends of Arnold Morris are mightily pleased that he is back in circulation after a sudden attack that had Arnold and his folks and friends pretty much worried. The doctors have given him a clean slate, so far as his physical condition is concerned. Rev. John Shidler and his St. Timothy's Episcopal Parish are especially grateful to the public for the patronage given their supper and bazaar. Despite the discouraging weather, there was a good turnout.

A petition has been filed for the placing of the ballot at the next general election whether or not all streams south of the Columbia River, in Oregon, should be closed to all but sports fishing, for salmon and steelhead.

There is quite a to-do in Coquille, again, about the routing of traffic through the town. Traffic grids, set up a year ago, are being studied and it appears that the Highway Department' ideas conflict with those living in the Coos County seat.

Repercussions of the VFW Armistice Party will probably result in a similar get-together, after the first of the year, according to post commander, Frank Kelley. Kelley emphasized that if such a ruckus is held it will continue to be for post and auxiliary members only with possible invitations to non-members from those who have their 1956 cards. Kelley, and past post commander Al Phillips, told at last Wednesday's meeting, of several who had asked for further get-togethers, suggesting that they cut out the potluck, begin about 8 and for adults only.

LOIS LECLAIR AND JACK JOHNSON TO MARRY

Mrs. Joe Zumpfe announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Lois LeClair, to Jack Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johnson, of Brookings. While no date has been set, an early spring wedding is planned.

Both Lois and Jack are well known members of the younger set, Jack having graduated from Brookings High School several years ago and since then served overseas with the army in Germany. He is employed by the Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative. Lois is a member of this year's Senior class where she has taken an active part in school activities.

With The Churches

THE BROOKINGS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH V.F.W. HALL Pioneer Road and Pacific Ave. Henry M. Ostermeier, Minister Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Westminster Fellowship 6:00 p.m. Women's Association 2nd Wednesday of each month. Choir rehearsal 1:30 p.m. Sat.

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SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH Elder Melvin Tompkins, Pastor 9:30 a.m.—Sabbath School on Saturday. 11:00 a.m.—Preaching Service 7:15 p.m.—Wednesday, Teachers' Meeting. 8:00 p.m.—Wednesday, Prayer Meeting

BROOKINGS BIBLE CHURCH Rev. E. F. McClain, Pastor Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Young People's Meeting 6:30 p.m. Evening Service 7:45 p.m. Wednesday Evening Bible Study and Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS (Grange Hall) Priesthood Meeting 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Sacramento Meeting 7:00 p.m. The Relief Society meets every Tuesday in private homes.

BAPTIST COMMUNITY Pacific Avenue Rev. Walter Sadler, Pastor Morning Worship 11 a.m. Baptist Youth Fellowship 6:30 p.m. Evening Worship 7:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:30 p.m. Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Choir rehearsal, Thur. 8:00 p.m. Cherub and Junior Choir rehearsal, Saturday 10:00 a.m. Crusaders Saturday 11:00 a.m. Women's Missionary Society 3rd Thursday in the month. If you have no church home we invite you to worship with us.

DEL NORE CHURCH OF CHRIST Meeting in Grange Hall, Del Norte Street, Crescent City. Sunday school 10:00 a.m. Worship service 11:00 a.m. Sunday eve. service 7:30 p.m. Minister, Dan Sawyers, phone 4682

STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC Father Emil Kies, Pastor Phone 2423 Sacrifice of the Mass: First Sundays, 11:00 a.m.; other Sundays and every weekday, 8:00 a.m.; Holy days of Obligation and

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Carl Harrison, school librarian, drove to Salem Friday evening to attend a state library meeting held there, Saturday. Mrs. Flora Weber recently returned from a visit with her brother, in Portland.

First Fridays, 6:30 p.m. Holy Hour and Benediction follow the First Friday Mass. Confessions: Before all Masses and on Saturdays from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., except on first Saturdays. Religious instruction for grade school age children, 10:00 a.m. Saturdays; for teen-agers, 7:00 p.m. Thursdays. Altar boy practice, 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Children's choir rehearsal, 11:30 a.m. Saturday. Adult choir rehearsal, 7:30 p.m. Fridays. Ladies of The Altar Society meet regularly on first Tuesday, 8:00 p.m. Members of Men's Club meet regularly on last Friday, 8:00 p.m.

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