

GRADE PLAYERS LOSE
Last Friday night the Crescent City Grade School team beat the Brookings-Harbor Grade School in a 61-54 battle. It was a terrific game, and a terrific scoring pace. The score was set with only 6 minute quarters. The Brookings-Harbor Grade School has had a very good season. Lorin Solum coaches the 8th graders, while Richard Yates coaches the 7th grade team.

INSTITUTE
A bouquet to those Gold Beach kids
For their delightful exhibition, I noted every eye was glued To that cornucopia of ambition.

While there I sat with creaking joints,
'Twas really quite pathetic,
Recalling bygone days of yore
When I was that athletic.

I suppose the teachers feel as I
Though a million things be-
league her.
We'll give the plan a thorough try
Indeed we will, Ed Seger!

— Mrs. Frank Waldien
We made a sand table, one end has Washington's home and Lincoln's log cabin is on the other end — Joe Poole.

Constance and I made some lumpedick. (Lumpy Dick) We passed it out. We put some sinnumon on it. They didn't like the taste of it but some did. We made it out of milk and flour — Joyce Packrell.

POST SCRIPT (comic, but almost tragic) A stray dog ate the candles which were hardening out of doors for the program. Luckily, we didn't put all of them outside to harden.

ROCK HOUNDS PREPARE SHOW

Local rockhounds are busy licking specimens and keeping their saws and grinders whizzing these days in preparation for the third annual Azalea Festival Rock and Mineral Show sponsored by the Mt. Emily Gen and Mineral Club. At a recent meeting of the Club, committee chairmen were appointed and plans discussed for organizing the largest and most interesting group of displays yet brought together in this community for the two day event. The show chairmen in charge are as follows: General Display Chairman, Tom Yocum; Tickets and Sales, Art Pierce; Grab Bags, Ron Pierson; Judges and Prizes, Charles Young; Refreshments, Sue Jackson and Publicity, Marian Chapman.

At the February 16th meeting a lecture and slide program was given by Claude Goldizen entitled "Quartz Family Minerals". A short talk on "Wonderstone" was also on the program with several specimens belonging to Club members on view for identification.

Twenty-one members and five guests attended this informative meeting. Mrs. Gertrude Penn of Crescent City won the door prize which was a beautiful carved Jade fish made by Charles Hoffman.

Next months program will include a lecture on Fossils by Arthur Bollinger. Members are asked to bring their fossil specimens for display.

The Field Trip planned for last Sunday to the Brownsboro area was postponed because of the storm.

BETTER SERVICE FOR YOUR CAR

Condensed from the American Legion Magazine

I recently drove into a large garage in New York to have a dead headlight removed. The mechanic pulled out the light and threw it into the trash basket. He installed a new lamp and reached in and flipped the light switch. No light. Unabashed, he looked again and found that the trouble was a loose wire. He hooked it up and asked for \$2.20 the price of the new lamp plus labor.

Now it's nonsense to say that there is something peculiarly larcenous about the automotive industry. It has no more crooks and morons than any other field has. However, since we Americans spend more money on our cars than on any other single item, with the exception of food, we've reached a point where we scream far louder at spending \$6 to put a \$3,500 car back on the road than we do at spending \$9 to overhaul a \$35 watch.

In theory, we buy our service where we buy our cars. Actually, we would do better to buy our cars where we buy our service. Before you buy a new car, bring your present car into the service department of the dealer who handles the make you are considering.

Observe how you are treated: Are the employees courteous? Did they do the work? Is the car ready when they said it would be? Are the prices in line with other shops? You are safe to assume that if they treat you well as a chance customer, they will treat you well as an owner of their product.

Conversely, if they treat you indifferently or dishonestly as a stranger, they will do the same thing after you've bought a car and have far more at stake.

In the dealers shop the service manager and mechanics have immediate access to up-to-date factory information and a large stock of parts. In addition, they have heavy experience on your make and model.

There is a procedure you can follow which will protect you against abuses. Before you bring your car in for service, try to decide just what it is that is wrong. I don't mean that you have to be a mechanic; simply decide what it is that bothers you about the car's condition or performance. Get a notebook and write it down in as much detail as possible. "Engine knocks when gas pedal is released. Thump in rear when pulling away."

When you drive into the shop tell the mechanic what is wrong. When you return for the car pay no money until you have tested the car on the road, accompanied by a mechanic. When you get in, take out your notebook, and consult it. As you drive, look and listen for those things that were bothering you. If any of them are still there, refuse to pay until they are corrected.

1. Stick to shops and dealers with a solid local reputation. When you do find a good man, stay with him. You may get an occasional bargain by shopping around, but you will lose money in the long run.

2. Stay away from come-ons and sensational offers. "Tremendous discounts" almost always mean microscopic service.

3. Before you have your car repaired, write down just how the car acts or what the damage is. Before you pay for the repairs, test-drive the car, accompanied by the mechanic. Make sure that everything you noted has been corrected.

4. Give your car regular, and periodic maintenance to forestall big, expensive jobs.

5. Insist on thorough service when it is lubricated. See to it that chassis and body (locks, hinges, etc.) are lubricated and inspected at regular intervals. At the same time have the oil level in the automatic transmission checked.

Change the crankcase oil according to the manufacturer's specifications. Keep your tires inflated to the pressure recommended by the gas pump attendant, and have them rotated (switched around) every 3,000 miles. Have the front end aligned at least twice a year or whenever the tires show uneven wear.

Check the fan-belt level and the radiator water level every time you buy gasoline, and check the battery water level at least once a month.

by Mrs. Frank Waldien — NEWS —

Well, another Upper Chetco community project has been consummated. Thanks to Mr. Ragland, Forest Service supervisor, Fred Gardner, Bill Ryder, Floyd Matlock and Frank Waldien the Chetco River is again flowing under the bridge instead of over it. Dynamiting of the gravel obstruction proved quite an attraction for all of the neighborhood. The first blast brought fishermen to the scene where they joined the local group to observe the procedure. Cost to participants: \$14.55 for dynamite and fuse (we had to buy a whole box, Mr. Ragland) four powder headaches, and VERY COLD Feet.

Al Faulkner left for Portland last week to enter the Veterans Hospital there. Your neighbors are truly sorry to see you leave our community, Mr. Faulkner.

Mrs. Henry Payne substituted in the upper grades of the Upper Chetco School for several days last week.

No details yet, but newcomers are moving into the Eldridge home.

The county has graded the road as far as Wilson Prairie. It helps a lot, but it doesn't look as if anything but sunshine will do much good for that section this side of Muckie Muck, does it?

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Chetco School PTA was held February 16th. It was voted to apportion \$50 toward play equipment for the school. Gladys Payne gave a talk on the beginning of P.T.A. in honor of Founders Day. The meeting was followed by an organization of the 4-H Community Club which will consist of individual clubs of cooking, sewing, carpentry, and livestock. Donald Payne is leader with H. J. Sparks as the assistant leader. Mrs. Sylvia Lee of the county extension office came to supervise and assist in organizing and getting the club started.

BITS O' THIS AND THAT — To the queries as to why my column wasn't in last week's PILOT . . . I didn't write one. Too busy . . . flu at our house too.

SCHOOL NOTES — (self explanatory) Mrs. Waldien is reading us stories about Lincoln and Washington and the pioneers. We gave a program on February 16th, 1956. We invited the big room. — Marilyn Thornton.

Tommy and I told about making the pioneer candles, we made the candles out of beef fat, we lit the candles — Linda Travis. We made ink like the pioneers did. We made it out of oak balls.

We cut the oak balls up to soak the ink out. We made a pen out of feathers — Ralph Galliher. We made some window paper like the pioneers did. We greased the paper — Douglas Leeds. Donald Payne showed the beaver skin to the upper grades. The beaver was caught on the Chetco river — written by Ralph. Donald is a first grader.

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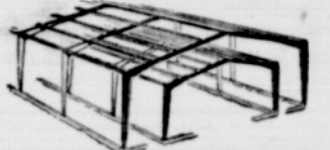
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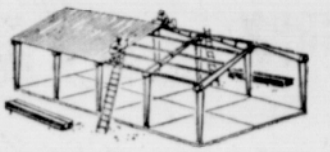
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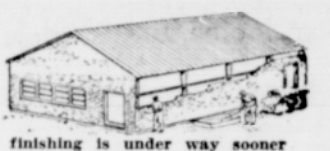
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