

IMPROVED SCHOOLS NECESSARY TO UPLIFT OF LIFE IN COUNTRY

Young People Leave Rural
Communities Because of
Limited Schools.

PLAN FOR MULTNOMAH

County Superintendent Alderson Suggests
Union School for Districts
That Adjoin Base Line Road.

By Marshall N. Dana.

Like a ribbon unrolled without a curve the Base Line road crosses the fruitful farming region between Montavilla and the Sandy river. It is a city pavement projected, and along it live people who are beginning to plan for a city quality school for their children.

Thus the good road leads further than the city or the farm.

In the region there are seven schools. They are country schools. Some have two rooms and some have one. The youngsters trudge along the by-ways or the highway, carrying their strapped books and their lunch baskets, exactly like their parents did.

But the plan of W. C. Alderson, county superintendent of schools, is to discard all the one-story and the two-story structures and to build an eight-room union grade school as an educational center for all.

He sees, in anticipation, the boys and girls gathering at selected stopping points along the paved Base Line road in good time each morning before the school bell rings. He sees men teachers driving busses, starting from each end of the road and gathering the children up as they approach the central school. He sees them spending long, busy days at studies which not only will provide them the fundamentals of elementary training but will be as carefully shaped to fit them for happy, useful life in the country and on the farms, as city children in their schools are adapted to urban life and usefulness in factories, stores and offices.

With machinery lightening farm labor, with modern devices removing the sordid drudgery from farm home-making, and with good roads and automobiles bringing farm families incredibly closer in social fellowship, why should the country schools not keep pace with the spirit of progress?

Result of Improved Highways.

And if the paving of the Base Line road can inspire a plan for that district, what about the other roads Multnomah county has paved—the Sandy, Foster, Powell Valley, Capitol highway and the Columbia River highway? What about the possibilities of a new rural educational plan for the entire state when highways have been paved by means of the \$4,000,000 road bond issue voted at the last election?

The desire that lies back of the central country school is to keep country youth for the country. Look at the long list of farmer boys and girls who have come to the city and have made names for themselves. What could not these boys and girls have done for the betterment of the country and country life had they been shown latitude for their talents outside the cities.

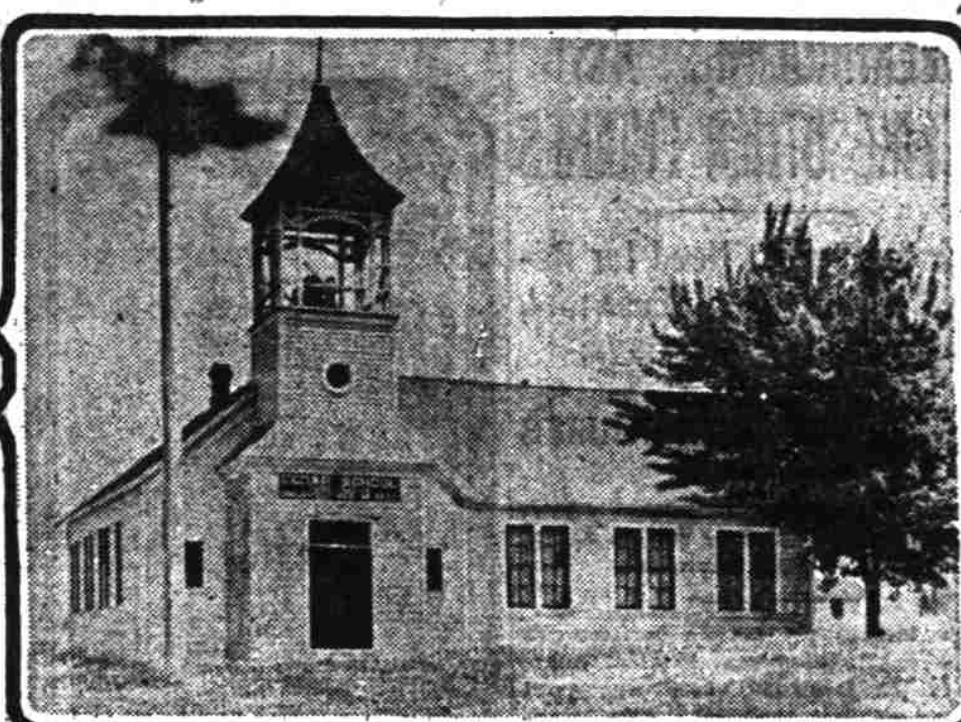
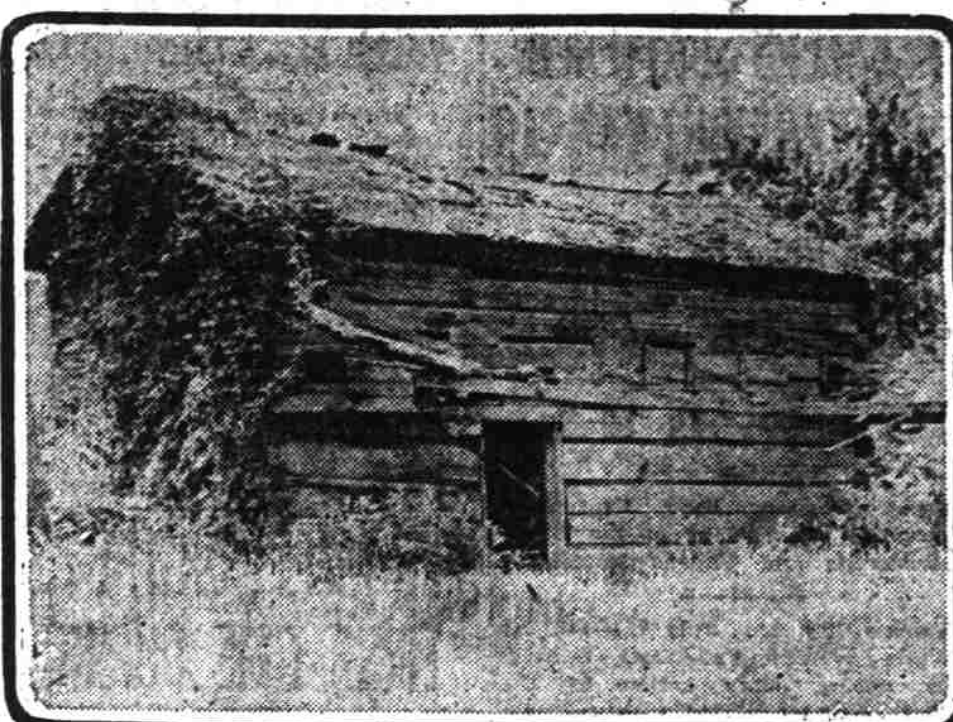
Fortunately, County Superintendent Alderson is able to show that the income from taxation will nearly meet the expense. The income from special school tax in the region was \$454.55 last year, from state and county school tax \$5025.34, or a total of \$5479.89. The assessed valuation of the property in the seven districts is \$2,761,815 and the total debt \$6575,730. "If we levied the 6.5 mills, the amount levied for school purposes in Portland, we could with the proceeds conduct a \$17,000 building, buy five acres of land and pay all the school debt of the combined district in five years," declared Mr. Alderson.

An Apostle of Rural Schools. While the plans for the new Base Line school district were taking form, the N. E. A. convention brought to Portland a veritable apostle of improved rural schools, in the person of W. H. Campbell of Eastern Nebraska, who was sent to the big educational gathering as the delegate of the National Farmers' union. He told the people at Rockwood, a few evenings ago, what cooperation had done for his district, and it was a story so inspiring that it seemed very much worth retelling.

"Down in Johnson county, Nebraska, some of the young folks wanted to have a party, but they couldn't score up enough of their own age to make it worth while," said Mr. Campbell. "Their parents, the children of sturdy pioneers who had built Nebraska into her present statehood, couldn't understand such a pass. They talked about the days when the country school was strong and full of vigorous youth, of the spelling bee and the literary societies and the neighborhood doings. Now the school was weak and poorly attended, the young folks were scattering early. What was the matter?"

"Up our way we had been puzzling over the same problem. One day I

RURAL SCHOOLS IN SUCCESSIVE STAGES OF ADVANCEMENT



Above, left to right—Log house formerly located in Powell valley neighborhood, where Mrs. M. C. Alderson, mother of County School Superintendent Alderson, taught school 60 years ago; type of one and two room rural school that is destined for the discard. Center, left to right—W. C. Alderson, county superintendent (Bushnell photo); 8 room rural school building of modern type. Below—Map of Multnomah county school districts adjoining the paved Base Line road that it is proposed to serve by one eight room union school.

house was always available for agricultural extension institutes, lectures and the wholesome kind of picture shows. It was a community center of the people, by the people and for the people who had worked so hard to get it.

Rural Life Brightened. "In these things they found their reward, but the crowning joy came with the information that there were in the school, benefiting by its privileges, 23 young people who otherwise would have gone away or would have been without school.

"There is gladness in that community. "There are enough young people, too, for a party. "They are learning the blessedness of a happy country life, a life that satisfies and that contains the broad foundation for a strong citizenship. "We hope for the day that is to come soon when the heart and mind hunger of country boys and girls will be fed without having to go to the cities.

"All cannot build on the plan of the Bratton school down in southeastern Nebraska. Some will do much better than we have done. But to act on the idea is the job of each community.

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TO TALK AT THE LIBRARY

Public Welcome, Second Lecture, at
Lincoln High, Will Be for
Benefit of Red Cross.

Jules Bois, one of the most noted authors and lecturers of France, who has been honored with a membership in the Legion of Honor, will lecture in Portland on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of this week at 8 o'clock. The lecture Tuesday evening will be at the Central library, and will be in French on the subject, "French Democracy—The Rights of Man—The Rights of Nations," and it will be open to the public. This lecture is given under the auspices of L'Alliance Francaise.

The second of his lectures will be given under the auspices of the Portland chapter of the American Red Cross.

Held at Lincoln High school auditorium Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, the subject being "The Spirit of Sacrifice: Joffre and the French Soldier." Admission of 50 cents will be charged for this, the proceeds going to the Red Cross fund. Tickets will be on sale at some of the department stores, at the Red Cross headquarters and at the door.

Jules Bois has been in the United States for the last 18 months, coming here as a special messenger of the French government for the purpose of creating still closer relations between the two nations, especially in a commercial way. He has already lectured in many of the leading colleges and universities of the country.

He is said to be one of the best literary critics in France today. Among

ELECTED SECRETARY OF ORDER OF MOOSE



J. Fred Kennedy

The election of J. Fred Kennedy as secretary of the Loyal Order of Moose, to succeed Percy L. Procter, took place Wednesday night by ballot. Mr. Kennedy is a well known fraternalist in Portland and for eleven years was assistant clerk of Webfoot Camp, W. O. W., and is a member of several leading fraternities. He is 49 years of age and came to Portland 40 years ago from Iowa.

his writings are five dramas, one of which has been played in the "Comedie Francaise," the celebrated government theatre of Paris. He is also the author of nine novels and many poems. M. Bois will be the honor guest at a dinner Tuesday evening at the University club at 8:30, at which C. Henri Labbe, representative of the French government here, will preside. Members of other foreign consulates will be present, as well as Dr. Ernest F. Tucker, president of L'Alliance Francaise, which was influential in bringing M. Bois here.

FOREST FIRE SPREADS TO ORCHARDS, FARMS AND SUMMER HOTELS

Two Hundred Men, After a
Hard Fight, Check Flames
in Sonoma.

FRUIT CROP IS DAMAGED

Auxion Ranch House in Path of
Destructive Element—Santa Rosa
Enveloped in Fall of Smoke.

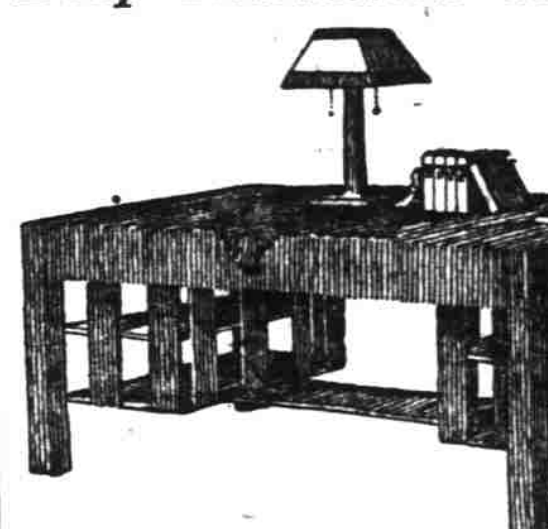
Santa Rosa, Cal., July 21.—(U. P.)—Thousands of dollars worth of timber has been destroyed, the fruit crop of the Sonoma section seriously damaged, an unknown number of ranch houses have been reduced to ashes and probably more than one summer resort has been wiped out by the Sonoma county forest fire which tonight continues to eat its way forward against efforts of 200 volunteer fire fighters. After 100 men had fought vainly all Friday night against the flames, another hundred volunteers joined in the battle today with the result that backfires in the center of the six mile front over which the fire is burning, succeeded in confining the flames to a burned over area of a mile and a half in width.

On the Healdsburg and Guerneville ends of the fire line, however, the backfires were unavailing. As a result tonight the leaves of the trees in Healdsburg's famous orchards are scorched and drying while unless the flames are checked immediately quantities of fruit now ready for packing will become unmarketable.

Late today reports showed that the Auxion ranch house at Rio Nido, popular Russian river summer resort, had been abandoned, and property burned while the Ellis and Paught ranch houses also are believed to have been destroyed. At the Ellis place 1000 cords of split railroad ties were burned. Early today the Sweetwater Springs resort was surrounded by the fire and abandoned and a call for help has been sent out from Rio Nido.

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\$12.50 Crex Rugs, 9x12 feet, now for	\$9.75

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\$2.50 Rag Rugs, 36x72 inches—now for	\$1.90
\$4.00 Rag Rugs, 4x7 feet, at only	\$3.10
\$12.50 Rag Rugs, 8x10 feet, special at	\$9.65
\$15.00 Rag Rugs, 9x10½ feet, special at	\$11.75

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Regular \$4.50 Hammocks now priced at only	\$3.55
Regular \$7.50 Hammocks now priced at only	\$5.75

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