

### SCHOOL BUILDING URGENT PROBLEM

#### Serious Situation in Salem Presented Lions Club by Principal Nelson

If Salem doesn't get busy with a school building problem in the very near future the Salem pupils will have to go to Eola or elsewhere, according to the showing made by Prof. J. C. Nelson of the Salem high school at the Lions' club luncheon Friday noon.

The facts are sufficiently portentous, as shown by Mr. Nelson. The high school now has 810 students registered, with more than 100 to come in at the mid-year promotions. The gain is almost 100 above the registration of last year. It is estimated that counting the class to come in at mid-year, there will be at least 400 new applicants for a school home in the Salem high during the coming year. As the graduating class numbers only about 180, the net gain is expected to be more than 200 pupils.

For an absolute maximum the school can care for 900 pupils by running them in relays in many of the important school activities. But on the present conservative estimate the net gain of pupils will run at least 100 above this maximum capacity. And the enrollment is growing more rapidly now than ever before. The net gain should be greater the following year than it is next year. Yet there has been no increase of high school room in a number of years.

Outside pupils who pay tuition to the Salem district now number 230. These pay running expenses of their own school service, though they do not necessarily pay for the initial investment on the buildings to serve them. But under the state high school law the Salem district is bound to furnish them facilities the same as for the Salem pupils. And it is a good civic and moral duty and privilege as well. It ties Salem to the surrounding country in a close and profitable affiliation that will not be broken.

Principal Nelson did not take up the grade school problem, which is in at least as tumultuous a condition as the high school. He presented the high school part

of the general educational system, urging that the Lions club, which stands for civic betterment and more enlightened citizenship, make it one of its foremost aims to help present to the public the matter of an adequate building program.

The attendance prize for the day, given by Lion Harry W. Scott, was won by Clarence Smith. The day's attendance was unusually large, the meetings for the past two weeks having been merged with the Willamette Forward campaign, and so the Lions had no real meeting of their own until yesterday.

#### Alleged Boy Burglars Before Juvenile Court

The cases of six boys, Howard Hendricksen, Westley Ellis, John Propp, Paul Ehmer, Wesley Putnam and Kenneth Wetcher, charged with burglarizing Salem stores, were laid before Judge W. M. Bushey in the juvenile court yesterday afternoon.

After a consultation behind closed doors, which lasted several hours, it was decided that a temporary order be issued granting the six boys their freedom until further action.

The cases, because of their complexity, are exceedingly hard to deal with, according to authorities. Three of the youths are directly implicated, while four appear to be only indirectly involved. It is expected that some form of definite action will be taken immediately after the Christmas holidays.

#### HOLDING A HUSBAND

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am sure I should have fulfilled Jim Pierce's prediction, and have tumbled ignominiously into the Lumbee river had not the guide and Dicky come to my aid. They almost lifted me to the wharf, and then, leaning on Dicky's arm, I managed to ascend a short flight of steps to the broad veranda of a most curious but attractive log cabin, or rather series of cabins, connected by covered passageways with each other, which extended along the shore of the river.

Here I sank down on a rustic bench, saved from ignominy by the fact that almost every other woman alighting from the canoes was undergoing the same experience. And then for a few minutes all along the veranda could be heard the soft stamping of feminine feet as we tried to restore the circulation to our numbed feet and legs.

Jim Pierce, the man named Tim, and the other guides were busy with their canoes. Some were fastening them in the cove where we had landed, others were taking them on through the narrow passageway I had noted.

"The river must go on past

#### THE TIERNAN FAMILY HAPPILY REUNITED.



Prof. and Mrs. John P. Tiernan of South Bend, Ind., and their son Billy, a dispute over whose parentage led the Professor to leave his wife and marry another woman. The second marriage was declared void and then Tiernan went back to his wife. The picture shows that rainbow smiles follow even connubial storms.

that place through which some of the guides took their canoes." I observed lazily, too content with the return of sensation to my numbed feet really to know what I was saying.

Dicky Decides for Dinner.

"Of course, it goes on, goose!" Dicky said laughingly. "It must, because it's a perfectly good, normal river, headed for the sea. It goes on and on and gets wider and wider until it strikes the ocean, or at least a bay of the big briny. They say there are plenty of nuts that go down the whole one hundred and fifty miles to the sea in these canoes, stopping along the way for refreshment and sleep. But not for me! This trip and return will be just about enough for yours truly. I feel like the man who said he wouldn't take fifteen million dollars for the kid he had, or give fifteen cents for another one. How about you, old dear?"

"I share your sentiments absolutely," I said, rising. "But I have enjoyed this trip so far tremendously, and I am ready for anything now that my feet have thawed out." Is there a chance to see the river beyond the bend? And where is Blue's Bridge?"

"Sit down again until I find out," Dicky returned promptly. "But I warn you I'm not going to do much rambling until after this famous dinner they advertise is pulled off."

He disappeared into the cabin, and in a minute or two re-

appeared at the door in company with a red-haired, amiable-looking giant, who held a long fork in one hand and a dish towel in the other. Upon his head was an indescribable white cap, evidently intended to be of the variety worn by a chef, while a

huge apron enveloped him. His rambling voice reached me plainly, as he pointed with the fork and gesticulated with the dish towel, evidently directing Dicky to various points in the camp. And then, as he saw me, he promptly took off the cap with the hand that held the fork, to my nervous eyes, narrowly escaping the skewering of himself or Dicky, made a deep, ducking obeisance, and retreated hastily into the cabin, while Dicky came back to me, grinning in wide amusement.

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#### Wobbly Wight Lobbies For Bill; Forgets Cue

A stranger, name unknown, who at long range could easily be detected as having indulged deeply in bootleg, appeared yesterday at the state supreme court building.

"Say," he hailed an attache of the building, "can you tell me where I should go to lobby for a bill? I was sent down here to put a bill through, see; but this ain't the right place I guess."

"What's the bill?" asked the attache.

"Now that I don't know," confessed the wobbly wight. "Fact is I've forgot; see; but it's a good bill, see; an' it ought to pass. Say, do whatcha can for me, will you?"

Then he became very confidential.

"Say," he whispered, "I'm in a helluva fix. I've forgot which side o' the bill I'm on."

Opening these European conferences is a good deal like opening a jack pot. Nobody can tell what will happen on the show-

#### Rising Rivers Enable Lumbermen to Float Logs

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 21.—Many millions of feet of saw logs have been successfully floated down the streams to the mills on the Siuslaw and Umpqua rivers and on Coos Bay during the past few days, according to lumbermen from those sections in Eugene today, and all plants that have been affected by a shortage of logs are operating to capacity, it was stated. The heavy rains of the past week caused the streams to rise rapidly and this is the first time since last spring that the log-

ger had been able to float any great quantity of logs.

Something else to worry about—Abdul Medjid has been named as caliph of Turkey.

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