

Richmond Health Pageant Presented Indoors Yesterday

MANY VISITORS VIEW PROGRAM

Poor Weather Conditions Do Not Daunt School Pupils In May Exercises

Undaunted by adverse weather conditions, the Richmond school pupils presented their health pageant, arranged as a May Day health day observance, indoors yesterday afternoon to many patrons of the school. The colorful pageant was presented in two scenes, the first depicting "Mother Goose's Health Children" and given by the primary pupils and the second scene was "Health in Many Lands."

Characters in scene one, prologue for which was given by Betty Wirth, were: Mother Goose, Betty Wirth; Jack Nimble, Herbert Lucas; Little Girl, Jackie Walker; Tommy Tucker, Raymond Walker; Jack Horner, Robert Baker; boy on stick-horse, Chester Nichols; Jack and Jill, Jack Orey and Wanda Davis; Miss Muffet, June Coenenberg; Bo-peep, Nandjeen Stricklin; Little Lady, Louise Hansen; Handy Spandy, Kenneth Wilkinson; Dr. Foster, Mark Tweed; Mary Contrary, Edith Mohr; Old Woman in the Shoe, Shirley McCloud; Children in the Shoe, Roger Probert, Dorothy Dribrow, Carol Overby and Donald Overby; Mary, Delma Miller.

Other friends of Mother Goose were: Eulalia Funk, Dorothy Rae, Gerdien Weisman, Martha Jean Bressler, Marjorie Donaldson, Harold Spaulding, Seth Dodge, Robert Boatwright, Louise Lucas and Walter Burgess.

Children who took part in the scene depicting "Health in Many Lands" were from the intermediate grades, and were as follows:

Doctor, Glen Williams; boy, Wayne Curry; apaches, Maybelle Duval and Robert Erickson; Lap-lauders, Gloria Cottew and Leland Berry; Italian, Blossom Boatwright and John Erickson; Arabs, Robert Eaton and Evelyn Graham; Dutch dance, Curtis Bach, Irene Warren, Geraldine Frigard, James Lucas, Kenneth Johnson, Mary A. Shinkle, Janet Fryer and Marie Comstock; Highland fling, Andrew Fehrer; minuet, Doris Atwell, Geraldine Graham, Joyce Miller, Veradell Walther, Wilbur Curry, Junior Bach, Joseph Herman and Albert Friesen.

Mozart minuet, sixth grade; Yankee Doodle folks, third grade; Uae Sam's children in a milk pail drill, Hilbert Walker, Herbert Walker, Claud Earhart, George Earhart, Virginia Campbell, Clifford Probert and Merton Stevenson. Group health songs concluded the program.

TAXPAYERS MEET WITH COLLECTORS

Taxpayers, male and female, were lined up in the halls of the courthouse Friday, somewhat less patient in appearance than the lines at ball games and the line for in the inner room stood Tax Collector Wrightman and his assistants, making short work of the issuance of hundreds of receipts for the first half of the 1929 levy.

At the closing hour 6,000 certificates had been issued to date for the current levy and with only two more days remaining until the period of grace expires, tax collectors were looking forward to two very busy days.

"We'll close promptly at 5 p.m. Monday, May 5, the final day for the first half tax payment," said one of the deputies Friday.

"Thereafter the penalty of one per cent a month on the over-due bill will be collected," added the deputy. He explained that this penalty is figured for each month or fraction of a month the taxes are past due.

Many payments are being made by mail but because the office calls are so numerous, Sheriff Howe is letting these receipts pile up and receipts will not be issued until later in the month.

Collections according to Mr. Wrightman are about as satisfactory as a year ago.

NEW MEN ADDED TO TRAFFIC FORCES

By reason of recent and a very material increase in the state traffic problem and a multiplicity of administrative field duties devolving upon the secretary of state, it has become necessary to increase the state traffic force by the addition of six or eight men. T. A. Rafferty, chief of the division, has selected and recommended certain men for appointment as state traffic officers. The men selected were carefully investigated as to character and qualifications for the particular duties they would be called upon to perform.

The names and present addresses of the men recommended by Chief Rafferty are: Paul E. Morgan of Cottage Grove; A. F. Johnson of Portland; Ralph Quinn of Roseburg; E. P. Leverich of Albany; Mace Pewther of Corvallis; W. H. Herburger, Arlington; H. L. Betts of Milwaukie.

The new men will be placed in charge of experienced officers of the department for training and later assigned to the districts where the problem has outgrown the department's numerical strength. Contrary to recent published reports that an increase of six or eight men would cost the state from \$60,000 to \$70,000 annually, the facts are that the cost could not be half the amount quoted.

The Call Board.

By OLIVE M. DOAK

HOLLYWOOD Today—"Sailors Holiday."

GRAND Today—"Courtin' Wildcats," with Hoot Gibson.

BLIGH'S CAPITOL Today—"Peacock Alley," Mae Murray—R. K. O. Orpheum.

FOX ELKSNORE Today—"Bebe Daniels," "French Gertie," Fanchon and Marco, "Changes" idea.

A protégé of Sophia Tucker, Eva Mandell, singing comedienne, will contribute heavily to the fun element in the Fanchon and Marco production "Changes" at the Fox Elksnores this afternoon. And Doc Baker, who appears for the first time off Keith Orpheum circuit sets the pace for fast action throughout the whole performance, so it is said, by his lightning changes. He sings comedy numbers in addition to his other acts.

Art Hadley, cartoonist, Muriel Gardner, acrobatic toe dancer, and 12 Broadway beauties as a chorus make up what is said to be one of the most rapid moving of recent "ideas."

Bebe Daniels in "French Gertie" is the screen attraction.

The Weaver Bros. and Elvira are at Bligh's Capitol this afternoon and tomorrow. Anyone listening in about 11 o'clock last Saturday night over one of the Portland broadcasting stations heard them give a bit of the singing, and wisecracking for which these mountaineers from "down south" are noted.

Their southern drawl, the amazing music which they create from their manner of garden and farm "instruments of work," as well as their splendid voices and humanly amusing humor has made these folk popular for several years on vaudeville stages.

The Weaver Bros. and their cast, Stamm and Devans in poses and acrobatic stunts make up the R. K. O. program for this week-end.

Mae Murray in "Peacock Alley" is on the screen.

300 MASONS HERE FOR DISTRICT MEET

Three hundred Masons from Marion and Polk counties attended the annual district meeting of the grand lodge of Oregon, A. F. and M. M., held here Wednesday night with Pacific Lodge No. 50 as host.

Dignitaries present included: Milton L. Meyers, grand master and Rev. W. Davis, past grand master, both of Salem; Frank W. Sorenson of Woodburn and W. H. Hobson of Starvation, both past grand masters; Earl W. Wain of Falls City, deputy grand master; and Walter C. Winslow of Salem, junior grand warden. Each gave speeches.

Representatives were present from the following lodges: Woodburn No. 106, Woodburn; Luckiamute No. 159, Falls City; No. 20, Astoria; Donald No. 186, Donald; Santiam No. 15, Santiam; Pearl No. 66, Turner; Jennings No. 9, Dallas; Lion No. 23, Independence; Fidelity No. 54, Gervais; and Salem No. 4 and Pacific No. 56, Leon W. Polka and Harry Swafford, masters of Pacific No. 50 and Salem No. 4, respectively, were in charge of arrangements for the affair.

Cascade Games To Be Resumed Sunday Is Plan

Cascade league baseball games will be resumed Sunday, weather permitting, the northern section having decided to play the games which were rained out last Sunday while the southern division will go on with the original schedule. Teams are matched as follows:

Donald at Scotts Mills. Mt. Angel at St. Paul. Turner at Mill City. Astoria at Jefferson. Lebanon at Turner.

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SUNDAY BRINGS COCKEYED WORLD

'SHE SCOLDED ME'—LAWSON

Independence Boy Explains How He Came to Murder Mrs. Dickinson

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Here he was found the afternoon of the murder. He had returned Thursday night after a coroner's jury at Independence had placed no criminal blame upon him. And from his father's breakfast table he was taken Friday morning when Portland police authorities arrested him charged with first degree murder.

It was not a panic-stricken youth who was talking. It was a clear-minded, apparently calm man of 15 years who answered each question clearly and quickly.

"How do I feel? Why, very sorry, of course, I liked Mrs. Dickinson. But she made me very angry."

"What would I do to make this right? Why, I'd do anything possible to make amends to Mr. Dickinson. But you're right; it's done is done and now it can't be helped."

Youth Doesn't Expect To Hang, He Declares

Lawson was not unaware Friday night of what lay before him.

"What'll they do to me? I suppose send me to the 'pen' for a few years, perhaps for life."

It was suggested that he might hang. Lawson's reply was quick: "They don't hang minors."

Scores of interesting phases of the lad's life and his training were revealed as he talked. He replied to all questions, in fact, but he was not verbose, talking for effect. There was nothing of the pride sometimes exhibited by those who gain public attention.

"I was born in Spokane, Wash., on February 20, 1915," he said. My mother lives here now. She and my father separated when I was five years old. I have one brother who is now 17. I would prefer not to state why my father and mother parted; my father might not want me to. Mother Working as Nurse in Hospital.

"My mother's now in Spokane, working as a nurse in an isolation hospital where contagious diseases are handled.

"It's true I've never had a mother's care although once a year, usually at Christmas time, I go to see her."

Lawson continued between questions to relate the story of his boyhood. For four years he was "farmed out" to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fogg at Jennings Lodge. The next two years of his school work were obtained at Colfax, Wash., where Lawson stayed with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Aeschliman. Last year at Polk station, near Dallas, he finished his grade school education, while working for Taylor Dunn on the latter's farm.

Teacher Takes Lad To Parents' Home

It was here, Lawson said, that he became acquainted with Pauline Dickinson, teacher at the school. She took him to her parents' home near Independence, for they needed a boy, Lawson said.

Lawson was an outstanding pupil in the eighth grade. "I only took one examination from the state," Lawson said. He added that this was in the subject of English and he received a mark of 96 on his paper. "I liked civics and American history best in school," he said.

Questioned for the reasons he quit Independence high school two weeks ago, Lawson said it was because his father and himself had decided it was best that next fall he should enter Benson Polytechnic school. Lawson felt that any credits earned at Independence would be forfeited at Benson and consequently he might as well quit and get a job until fall.

Lad Was to Have Been In Pageant on Day of Crime

Asked if he took part in high school activities, Lawson said he was active in as many as his time permitted. Athletics were not possible, because he came and went on the school bus, but he did take part in programs. In fact, it was Friday, the day Lawson confessed to the murder of the woman who had taken care of him, that Lawson was to have taken the part of a sergeant in the May Day fête being staged by Independence high school.

"Yes, my mother knows about Mrs. Dickinson's dying, but she doesn't know I did it," Lawson said. "I suppose she'll come to see me, I hope so."

And there the conversation ended for the sheriff was tired and the time was late. And Lawson had had a very long, hard day!

A rather tall, slim young man he is, weighing 155 pounds. His eyes are keen; his mind is clear; anger does not appear as he talks but neither does remorse or fear. He has seen life, made his way; gone is the quivering uncertainty of most boys 15, callow and untraveled.

And sorrow, curiosity, anger, and mystery all had their innings as we talked to Dale Lawson, who in cold-blood and apparently with some forethought shot and killed Mrs. Dickinson as she sat sewing in her dining room and listened to her radio one bright April morning!

STUDENT KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE CRASH

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As it turned over. Her ribs were crushed on the right side, and her right wrist broken.

Injuries to Twins Found Not Serious

Mr. Baum rushed the four girls to the Salem General hospital where it was found the Clester twins were not seriously hurt, and Opel claimed to be entirely unharmed. The twins remained at the hospital Friday night.

Miss Morgan's body was taken to the Clough-Taylor mortuary pending word from her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Morgan of Jordan Valley. They live 12 miles from the nearest telephone and it was expected that it would be some hours before they could be notified.

Miss Morgan lived while a student at Moonmouth, at the J. L. Thomas farm home just outside the town. She was a senior in the normal school. It was reported that the four girls were riding in a roadster, two in the driver's compartment and two in the rumble seat.

LAD SAYS HE SLEW WOMAN

Details of Murder Written Down and Signed by 15 Year Old Youth

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knew Mrs. Dickinson wouldn't want me to go, so I went and got the gun. I went around the front way into the hall. I got scared and went back to the kitchen once and then I went back again to the front door and went in the hall. I seemed to have lost my mind then, because I pulled up the gun and shot. After I had seen what I had done I realized that I had done wrong. It scared me so I changed my clothes and got the car and beat it to Oregon City. I was afraid they'd catch me. I was afraid they'd catch me. I was afraid they'd catch me.

He left the house by the kitchen door and partially circling the house, came to the front door. Here he entered a small hallway. Either the door into the living room was slightly ajar or Lawson partially opened it.

Victims Sighted in Dining Room 24 Feet Away

From this point he could see, across the living room and into the dining room where Mrs. Dickinson sat sewing with the radio turned on. The distance from the hallway to Mrs. Dickinson was 24 feet. The dining room and the living room are separated only by two large posts and a half-partition.

Lawson sighted his 16-gauge shotgun through the partly opened door, between a dining room and the wall and at Mrs. Dickinson.

According to his story he fired one shot, saw her crumple and fall. He then rushed into the bathroom which is between the front hall and the kitchen, left his gun here, dashed upstairs, changed his clothes and, leaving the house by the side door, went to the barn where the car was kept. He had evidently filled the auto with gasoline before the shooting. A battery had been replaced in the car less than 24 hours before the tragedy by Mr. Dickinson.

Lawson said he spoke no word to Mrs. Dickinson before he shot her. Evidently she did not see him.

LUMBER OUTPUT TO BE GIVEN SEBACK

SEATTLE, Wash.—A decrease of approximately 1,500,000 feet in lumber produced and an increase of 7,000,000 feet in orders received during the week ending April 26 when compared to the previous week is shown in the reports received by the West Coast Lumbermen's association from 214 mills in the Douglas fir region of Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. Orders reported by these mills during the first 17 weeks of the year were 8.87 per cent below their output.

Operating at about 23 per cent below capacity 304 mills reporting to the association have produced 8.75 per cent less lumber during the first 17 weeks of 1930 than they cut during the comparable period of last year.

Spring and summer time is travel time, make application for The Statesman Travel and Traffic Accident policy. One dollar per year to Statesman subscribers and members of their family.

CHILDREN GROWING HEALTH EDUCATED

Who says health education doesn't pay?

At the special pre-school clinic held yesterday at Highland school for students who will enter school next fall, a little third grade girl appeared with her young brother.

"Now, doctor, I want to know just what is wrong with my brother," she was quick to inform the physician in charge.

And before the examination was completed, the young miss complained because her brother wouldn't eat spinach.

"These entrees for boys and girls who will enter school for the first time next fall as part of the national May Day-Health Day observance. Schedule for the remainder of the clinics follows:

Monday morning, Garfield school; Monday afternoon, Richmond; Wednesday morning, Grant; Thursday morning, Englewood; Friday morning, Park; Monday, May 26—morning, McKinley and Lincoln at McKinley; afternoon, Washington.

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Dale Lawson Is Treated With Kindness by Men Who Obtain Confession

Kindness played a major part in the drama Friday in which Inspector R. H. Craddock of the Portland police department and Sheriff J. L. Hooker, together with Dale Lawson, all played important roles.

For it was with kindness that the officers weakened the defense of Lawson and when the day had worn on, secured a complete account of what took place Wednesday at the Dickinson farm when the mother and custodian of the home was cruelly sacrificed to a lad's anger.

From the moment Lawson was arrested at his father's home in Portland, Friday morning he was treated with consideration.

After breakfast he was placed in a car and the drive to Dallas began. Every mile, Craddock was studying the lad, observing his mental makeup, preparing for the day's events.

Arrived at Dallas, the party, after considerable questioning of the youth, started with him to the scene of the tragedy. Lawson's father was left behind.

At Independence the officers stopped with Lawson at the mortuary where Mrs. Dickinson's body is held, awaiting the funeral services today.

Lawson was invited to view the remains. He paled at the prospect but the officers kept him in the mortuary for some time, the depth of the lad's crime sinking upon his consciousness each minute.

Then the party proceeded to the Dickinson home. Time and care were taken to secure every bit of evidence.

The tell-tale powder marks on the cherry-red door casing and on the door itself were examined. As the afternoon drew on Lawson was asked to depict, carefully, each step of the "accident."

It was when Lawson was in the dining room, explaining how the "accidental" shot was fired that he exposed to Craddock and Hooker that she was taking a scene. Assuming the place in the dining room where he alleged the shot was fired, Lawson was suddenly confronted by the fact that a post was between him and the spot where Mrs. Dickinson had been sitting. He quickly shifted positions but not until the officers had picked up the weakness in his alibi.

Finally, back to the Dallas jail went the party, Lawson visibly affected and weakened.

Craddock took him into Hooker's office. For five minutes he talked to him in kindly fashion, advising him to tell the facts of the entree and declaring that such was always best for those in trouble.

Lawson's defense was gone. Without undue demonstration and without shedding a tear, he reversed his story of the accident and told in detail the story of the murder. Then when officers had secured his signature to a signed confession, Lawson walked to his father, standing outside the office and told him he had confessed. The older man, apparently shocked beyond words, was almost in collapse as his son was taken away.

INSTALLATION SLATED TODAY

Coronation of Katherine I To Be Held in College Gymnasium

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Margaret Eddy, Virginia Slusser, and Irma Sawyer.

Duet: Captain Hook, Nellie Badley; Peter Pan, Mary Allen.

May Pole Dance: Benetta Edwards, Josephine Albert, Jendara, Eloise White, Jack Grant; Gertrude Beard, Alfred King; Carolyn Braden, Olvin Bower; Ardath Young, Arthur Fisher; Jerene Low, Eric Anderson; Ellen Jean Moody, Don Faber; Dessadean Shackelford, Dick Bauman; Esther Tucker, Howard Bergman; Margaret Morschouse, Michael Fitzpatrick; Margaret Baird, Charles Campbell; Bertha Babcock, Sam Bows; Grace Henderson, Francis DeHartport.

May Day Breakfast Scheduled This Morning

Today's activities will begin at 8 o'clock this morning with the annual May morning breakfast sponsored by the campus Y. W. C. A. Weather permitting the women's tennis matches with the Reed college racket swingers will be played at 9 o'clock and the men's matches at 2:30 p. m. The Linfield-Willamette baseball game is also doubtful because of the condition of the Willamette diamond. At 12:30 p. m. a student lunch will be served at Cresto cottage.

The annual sophomore-freshman tug of war across the mill race is slated for 4:30 p. m. A ten man team from each class will be picked for the contest.

The presentation of the three act comedy "The Boomerang" with Jack Ramage and Elma Nell playing the leads, will close the official part of the junior week end. The play begins at 8:15 in the high school auditorium.

Snikpohs to Give Play This Month

The Snikpoh dramatic society of the senior high school will present the fifth one-act play of the year, "The Hero of Santa Maria" before the assembly on May 15.

The cast has been selected to include: Kathleen Phelps as Elmiria; Billy Dyer as Hines; Liston Parrish as Marty; and Alex Volchok as Toss; minor parts have not been assigned. Norborne Berkeley is coach of the production.

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