

Edison Test Is Simple For Claxton

Commissioner of Education Says He Could Answer 90 Percent of Queries

By Mildred Morris.
Washington, May 21.—Boy page Thomas Edison for Philander Priestley Claxton, United States commissioner of education and the owner of a whole string of college degrees.

Mr. Claxton is willing to claim the distinction of being the only man so far found who thinks he can pass the famous Edison test for bright minds.

Confronted today by the list of questions which is said to have had remarkable results in crushing the ambitions of college youths who yearn to work in Edison's factory, Mr. Claxton said with delightful confidence:

"Oh, I can answer most of these."

After he had gone over the questions one by one he said:

"I ought to pass. I can answer about 90 per cent of them."

Before Mr. Edison goes to the expense of coming to Washington to grab Mr. Claxton for his factory it should be stated that the reporter who conducted the commissioner of education through the test cannot conscientiously vouch for his claim.

Accurate reporting demands the following revelation:

Answers to some of the questions Mr. Claxton said right out loud. Answers to others—many others—he confided only to himself.

When Mr. Claxton came to the momentous question concerning domestic sardines, he said:

"Now, where do we get domestic sardines? I don't know—Italy, I suppose."

He was hard put by the query: "What is the longest river in the world?"

"Now, what is it?" he said, appealing to the reporter.

"The Amazon," replied the bright reporter.

"The Amazon—the Nile, one of the two," said Mr. Claxton with triumph.

He admitted cheerfully he couldn't bound West Virginia off-hand and hadn't the "lowdown" on copra or the manufacture of window glass.

But still Mr. Claxton was not inclined to ridicule Mr. Edison's test.

"I imagine Mr. Edison had in mind a test to show the ability of applicants to think quickly and to demonstrate their breadth of knowledge, versatility and retention of memory," he said.

"Would you give such a test to an applicant for a position in your office?" he was asked.

"Well, that would depend on what I wanted him for," he answered diplomatically.

Short Sport

Chicago.—After two other Chicago White Sox recruits had been driven from the mound yesterday by the New York American slingers, Joubert Lum Davenport of Tucson, Ariz., started in the fifth inning and struck out Babe Ruth, the second man up, on the third strike, a fast ball inside, Ruth missing by a foot.

Chicago.—Fred Walker, assistant coach of the University of Chicago, basketball and football teams, who also has been studying for a degree, today received notice that he could not graduate next June because he was lacking the necessary credit for gymnasium work.

New York.—Mike Gibbons of St. Paul will face Irish Paddy Flynn in a fifteen round bout in Brooklyn tonight. It will be Gibbons' fourth bout since he returned to the ring. Flynn will substitute for Italian Joe Gans who was unable to appear.

New York.—Bob Martin, A. E. F. heavyweight, knocked out Joe Cox in the tenth round last night.

Minneapolis.—Henry Ordemann heavyweight wrestler of Minneapolis, and Jess Westergaard of Des Moines, Iowa, will meet in a finish bout here tonight. It is announced that the winner will be matched with Stanislas Zbyzsko, world's heavyweight champion.

Class Holds Picnic.
Dallas, Tex., May 20.—Miss Bernice Newbill's Sunday school class the Plus Ultras of the Christian church held a picnic at Boydston's swimming hole Saturday afternoon. The afternoon was spent in playing outdoor games, after which a luncheon was enjoyed by Mildred Griffin, Ruth Hibberd, Katharine Huffman, Ella Graves, Marie Hayes, Eunice Kenney, Orpha Singletree and Miss Newbill.

Take no chances with fire. Drop no burning matches or tobacco. If you have a campfire build it away from logs, trees or rotten wood. Scrape a clean strip around it, digging down to dirt. When you leave, put it out. If no water, use dirt.

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Durno Not Out For Mentor's Job Here; Position Unfilled

Edwin R. "Eddie" Durno, basketball ace of two conferences, who, for the past two weeks, has been considered as possible coach of athletics at the Salem high school for next year Friday morning notified George W. Hug, superintendent of schools, that he would be unable to consider the position.

Durno, a major in physical education at the University of Oregon, would be admirably fitted to assume the duties of a mentor here, it was felt. He has had experience both in football and basketball, and last year was chosen as star basketball forward for both the Pacific coast and northwest conferences. He is a former Silverton boy, but now resides in Eugene.

Annoyer Of Small Girls Held Insane

Papers committing him to the state hospital were issued Friday afternoon for John Hoffmeyer, a farmer whose ranch is located near Chemawa, who was arrested by police Wednesday evening and charged with indecent exposure.

Hoffmeyer is said by police to be the man who has annoyed little Salem girls at various times in the past. He has been positively identified by several persons according to Chief of Police Moffitt.

Hoffmeyer is 53 years of age, and wears a long beard. He is a bachelor.

Lane County Has Third Corn Club

Eugene, Ore., May 21.—The 3rd corn club in Lane county has just been organized at Delight Valley, according to J. C. Swan, county leader, G. H. Haight, of Saginaw, is the local leader, he says, and the club has five members already.

The other two are at Goburg and Santa Clara. It is hoped that thru these clubs some exhibits will be sent to the Portland corn show, and perhaps, through it, to the national displays of the railway companies.

J. F. Spray is the leader of the new poultry club at Cottage Grove which has eight members, seven of whom are actively engaged in managing flocks of hens. Of late a cookery club has been started at Trent with Mrs. W. L. Wheeler as leader. There are nine members in this club.

Proposed Plan Of Agricultural Survey Favored

Washington, May 20.—The senate committee on agriculture today ordered a favorable report on the Lenrott-Strong resolution authorizing a general survey of agriculture and related matters by a joint commission of the senate and house to be composed of five members from each body, three of them republicans and two democrats.

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Truck, Car, Collide; Damage Is Slight

A bent fender and a blow-out made up the total damage in a collision yesterday between a Salem bakery truck and an automobile driven by W. J. Bartges, 1529 A street.

Mr. Bartges was driving east on Center street and the truck was moving north on Capitol. Nobody was injured.

Prevents Man From Committing Suicide

Corvallis, Or., May 21.—Clarence Catlin, in ill health and discouraged because of a lack of funds, when pressed the other day to pay certain bills his landlady could no longer let run, went over to the Willamette river bridge and was climbing over when Roy Morrison pulled him back and sent him home. The matter was reported to Sheriff Wardfield and Chief Robinson and it was thought best to put Catlin in jail until he could be examined and perchance had opportunity to get in better shape. Dr. Anderson and Dr. Francis examined him, felt that he was only in ill health and discouraged, and the Foreign War Vets took his case in hand with the idea of getting him the government assistance to which he is entitled. He was with Pershing in Mexico it is said and there contracted pneumonia and typhoid which left him in bad shape. He is now to be sent to a Tacoma hospital.

Rebekahs Complete Election

Albany, Or., May 20.—The Rebekah assembly completed its annual election by choosing Margaret Allingham of Portland, Nettie Amos of Lebanon and Sarah McClure of La Grande, trustees. Appointive officers in the assembly were named and installed as follows: Grand marshal, Olive Frye of Grants Pass; grand chaplain, Estelle Weed of Portland; grand conductor, Mrs. Willets of Cottage Grove; grand inside guardian, Etta Sanderson of Freewater; grand outside guardian, Josephine Trausk of Corvallis.

The grand lodge enacted legislation providing for the election of a board of grand trustees to handle the endowment fund. The trustees elected to fill these new positions were Forest L. Hubbard of Baker for a term of three years; W. A. Carter of Portland for two years, and William A. Morand of Boring for one year.

All five of the proposed amendments to the constitution of the grand lodge, which were submitted at last year's convention at Baker, were voted down. Several new amendments were proposed and will be acted upon next year.

Wade Speaks On Progress Of Centenary

Dr. Raymond G. Wade, corresponding secretary of the committee on conservation and advance of the Methodist church, spoke to a crowded house at the First Methodist church in Salem last evening, and his address was of great interest to all friends of Methodism in that he told of the progress of the Centenary missionary campaign, which was illustrated by stereoscopic pictures of objects and people from all parts of the world. His talk and the illustration covered the work of the Centenary movement in every portion of the globe.

Dr. Wade told how Bishop Stuntz, who spoke interestingly in the Salem church a few nights ago, had preached to an audience of but 11 people recently in one of the neglected sections of New York city, and how the Centenary funds and interest had created a live church membership that is making the much neglected locality a place of better American citizenship and better humanity.

Dr. Wade stated in his lecture that 35 separate new church enterprises have been financed and carried through the United States this year. All the way from repairing a little chapel, building a new room, a gymnasium or a drinking fountain, up to the construction of the most pretentious church or college building dedicated to the work of Christian service, said Dr. Wade, this work has been progressing.

The Centenary funds, said the speaker, practically saved the whole Methodist Episcopal church in China and India from disaster. Dr. Wade has just completed a trip from ocean to ocean and is competent to speak on the subject of church extension in the world.

Resulting from the special administrative program connected with this great Centenary movement, the Methodist church in America during the year 1920 added \$10,000,000 to the worth of its property at a cost of \$2,000,000. The Centenary movement advanced a certain amount to different churches for improvements needed, and these churches had to raise the required balance. In this manner the productivity of the church was stimulated and the membership increased. Dr. Wade mentioned some of the localities in the United States where great good had been accomplished by means of the Centenary fund.

This work has extended particularly to the war ravaged Europe where material aid has been extended in generous measures for the physical relief of starving humanity, and a vast amount of money has been invested in providing homes for orphans and establishing Protestant churches.

Committees On Camp Ground Named By King

To interest tourists passing through Salem during the summer in the advantage of Marion county, seven committees of 14 men each have been appointed by King Bing Knowland of the Cherrians to make calls each evening at the auto camp grounds.

The Cherrians will go in couples each night. The schedule covers a period from June 5 to September 14, making it necessary for each committee to serve two weeks, but it is so arranged that these two weeks do not come consecutively.

The following is the schedule worked out with the names of men serving on the committee and the weeks they are to serve. The dates given are the days on which each committee is to begin its duty:

June 5-August 7.—J. H. Albert, chairman; George Alderin, Carl Abrams, G. G. Brown, W. J. Busick, F. S. Barton, C. B. Cross, Theo Canfield, W. C. Dyer, Lester Davis, F. G. Delano, S. B. Elliot, Dr. Fred Ellis, D. W. Eyre.

June 12-August 14.—Elmer Dae, chairman; H. C. Epley, E. E. Fisher, Carl Gabrielson, William Gahldorf, L. W. Gleason, J. H. Garnjost, R. W. Geiser, L. L. Gilbert, George Graves, L. S. Geer, A. H. Gille, P. E. Graber, Romeo Gauley.

June 19-August 21.—O. L. Fisher, chairman; C. S. Hamilton, Wm. Hamilton, O. A. Hartman, Karl Hinges, L. E. Hofer, S. F. Langenberg, E. L. Kapphahn, W. E. Keyes, C. E. Knowland, S. A. Koser, E. A. Kurtz, J. H. Lauterman, K. B. Kugel.

June 26-August 28.—W. J. Kerth, chairman; H. T. Love, F. G. Myers, Oliver Meyers, D. W. Miles, R. H. Mills, B. W. Macy, William McGilchrist, T. E. McCroskey, Dr. A. O. Olson, H. H. Olinger, E. C. Patton, J. C. Perry, C. T. Pomeroy.

July 3-July 31.—Fred Mangis, chairman; W. H. Park, B. F. Pound, Z. J. Riggs, J. J. Roberts, L. T. Rigdon, George Riches, E. A. Robbins, O. J. Scheil, G. Shipley, Al Slewert, E. F. Smith, R. O. Snelling, W. L. Spaulding.

July 10-July 24.—R. W. Hartman, chairman; W. L. Staley, H. L. Stiff, Watt Shipp, Frank Spears, Paul Stege, E. S. Tillinghast, Lee Unruh, C. G. Vick, C. H. Vick, C. B. Webb, A. L. Wallace, Frank Ward, F. L. Waters.

July 17-September 14.—V. E. Kuhn, chairman; Elmer White, H.

Passion Play Coming To Grand Theatre

For eight years the great passion play east of several thousand persons and the cameramen and directors of the Pathe company worked in Oberammergau, Bavaria to complete the natural color film production "Behold the Man," which opens for a four days' engagement at the Salem Grand theatre Friday. The picture as finally completed is put out by the Pathe company with the announcement that it is its greatest undertaking and it is a masterpiece in natural color photography and dramatic power.

The picture was all filmed in Oberammergau and the cast includes a great part of the original passion play cast which has made the passion play a world dramatic event every 10 years. The picture depicts the life of Christ and the great events of Biblical times. It is the first big production ever attempted in natural colors.

In arranging for the first natural color dramatic production the Pathe company selected the passion play subject as lending itself best to the color work. Not only the costumes and the action fit colors admirably but the colorful country of Bavaria where such a production naturally must be staged makes possible a display of the color work almost beyond description. Special musical program including a quartet from Portland is being arranged for the Salem showing.—Adv.

Boy Scouts Ask Water Permit for Swimming Tank

Application for permission to appropriate water from Glenn creek, tributary of Willamette river, has been filed with the state engineer's office here by the Salem Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The water is wanted for use in a swimming pool and other purposes at a summer camp now being prepared for the Scouts in the Eola hills of Polk county.

Other applications covering water rights have been filed as follows:

By Robert and G. C. Grimmer of Holand, Or., covering the appropriation of 25 second feet of water from Cave creek for mining purposes in Josephine county.

By Walter A. Carson of Post, covering the appropriation of water from Crooked river for the irrigation of 45 acres of land in Crook county.

By Edward Rausch of Barnes covering the appropriation of

water from McClellan canyon creek for the irrigation of 66 acres in Crook county.

By W. S. Caverhill of Caverhill covering the appropriation of water from Pine creek, tributary of middle fork of John Day river, for the irrigation of lands in Grant county.

By H. H. Nottingham of Enterprize covering the appropriation of water from Wallows river for the irrigation of a five acre tract in Wallows county.

The Wetsel school at Madras will close tomorrow with a picnic in the afternoon and entertainment in the evening. Several Salem people will attend.

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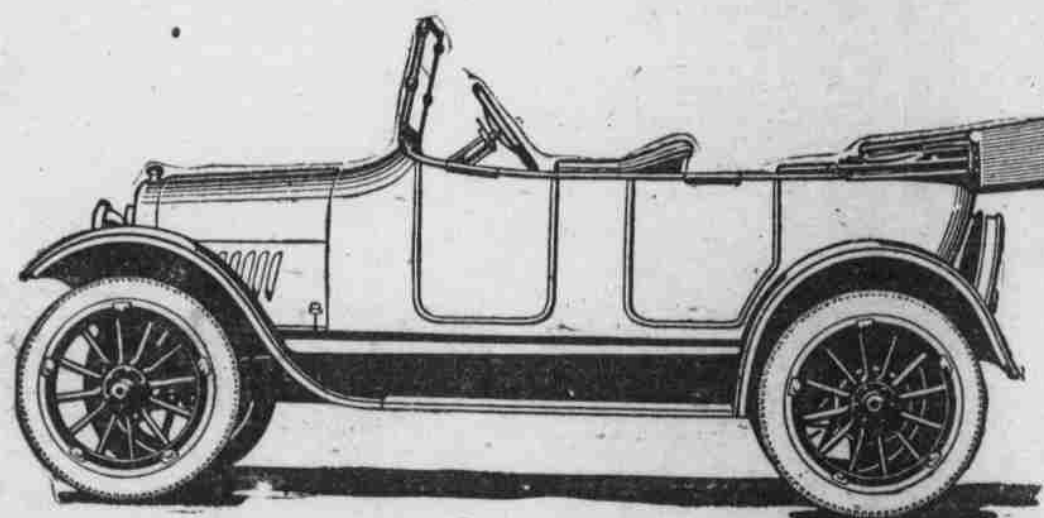
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