

### Learning a New Way



Three first graders at Liberty elementary school focus their eyes on a screen as a projector enlarges a page from a book on reading. The projector method of teaching

reading is considered a valuable addition to the customary and better known ways. (Capital Journal Photo)

#### HIGHLY IMPORTANT POTENTIALITIES

## Schools Add 'Something New' in Teaching Process

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Something new has been added to the processes of teaching reading in the Salem public schools. And while the potentialities are considered highly important, there is no intention to go overboard and discard instructional methods which have proven sound.

The addition to the reading program is in the field of audio-visual aids—a field that has been accepted by the school administrators as being highly important in education.

"Good Reading Program" "We feel that we have a good reading program in the Salem schools," said Arthur V. Myers, assistant superintendent in charge of the elementary schools. "This in spite of the fact that one, frequently hears the statement 'they don't teach reading like they did in the old days.'" While talking freely concerning the new phase of reading in-

struction being introduced, Myers cautioned that the administration was feeling its way. "We do not expect to make a firm decision until it has been extended through the second grade," he said. The innovation is one that introduces the "projected method" of instruction. That is, words, phrases and entire pages of a book are thrown on a large screen by a projector.

**Motion Picture Appeal** The process has the appeal of a motion picture and has the power of holding the attention of the first graders for a period of 25 minutes. Usually 10 minutes is the limit under ordinary conditions. "Even the wrigglers, those little folk whose eyes wander as the teacher endeavors to make progress, usually give complete attention," said the assistant superintendent.

The system was first introduced to the Salem schools at Morningside and Pringle last year and

the results convinced the administration that it was well worth pursuing further. It is currently being employed in 17 of the district's schools.

The program is not one of constant viewing projected words and pages. After a session with the projector, a recess is taken, wherein the youngsters and teachers explore the field of observation and association. Back in the classroom once more they read their books.

It is estimated that the youngsters who are given the course in visual aids get 25 more minutes of reading each as compared with the normal course of instruction.

**System Liked** Mrs. Dorothy Clarke, first grade teacher at Liberty, commented favorably concerning the system. She believes it is a time saver, keeps the attention of the pupils more intently and longer and eliminates the necessity of dividing the class into groups. "That it may eventually eliminate some of the remedial reading instruction in the schools is the belief of Mr. Myers. Time alone will tell, he admits.

The over-all change in the method of teaching reading has been in the making during the past 15 years. No longer is there a tendency to "push" the first graders. As most people know they are not taught the "A. B. C's" in the first year. However, by the time they have completed the second grade, they have the letters well fixed in their minds because of the word-building process.

By the time the youngsters reach the third grade, educators say they are ready for intensive instruction in reading. Near the end of the fourth grade they are given the standard Stanford achievement test, considered a national measuring stick. Results of this test show that Salem pupils are well advanced.

**Ahead of National Norm** A recent survey indicated that Salem sixth grade readers were approximately eight months in advance of the national norm. When they enter junior high they are a full year ahead of the average.

As one Salem teacher recently summed up, "To keep a child from becoming a word-by-word reader and yet equip him with tools for attacking new words and phrases that he recognizes at a glance; to enable him to think meanings when he reads and at the same time to foster his enthusiasm and enjoyment so he will love to read, is the task of the modern classroom teacher."

#### HERE IN THE HOMETOWN

## SA Schedules Annual Meet

The annual dinner meeting of the advisory board of the Salem Salvation Army will be held at China City at 6:30 Wednesday night.

Principal speaker will be Lt. Commissioner Holland French, San Francisco, who is in charge of Salvation Army operations in the 11 western States, Alaska and Hawaiian Island.

Mayor Robert F. White will present a key to the city to the visiting commissioner.

#### Meeting Set

By way of calling attention to their "critical pay situation," postal and other U. S. government employees will meet at the Labor

temple at 8 o'clock Thursday night.

Speaking to the workers will be State Rep. Keith Skelton, Eugene; Jason Lee, Salem attorney; Charles N. Coyle, Portland, national vice-president of the carriers union, and Clarence Christenson, national vice-president of the clerks federation.

Thursday night's meeting is being sponsored by Postal Clerks Local 604, National Federation of Post Office Clerks, and Carriers Local 347, National Association of Letter Carriers.

#### Barker to Speak

Herb Barker, immediate past president of Salem United Fund,

will be featured speaker at the annual report meeting of the Marion county United Fund to be held at China City cafe at 7 p. m. Monday.

The county organization includes communities outside of Salem.

Reports will be given on results of last fall's campaign and there will be election of new officers.

#### Takes First Place

F. Donald Laws, Willamette university senior from Adams, took first place in the impromptu speaking event at the speech contest held at College of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash. The four-day speech contest concluded Saturday night.

Seven debaters and three stu-

dents, entered in other events, made up the Willamette squad which is coached by Dr. Howard W. Runkel, professor of speech.

Barbara Andie, daughter of Professor and Mrs. V. E. Andie, 1043 South High St., took second place in after-dinner speaking; Gayle Sandine, North Bend, was a finalist in after-dinner speaking and oratory; Lewis Bright, Medford, was third in impromptu speaking, and Bright and Pat Farley, Salem, were third in debate.

#### Retreat Planned

A retreat for Men of Faith, St. Mark and Good Shepherd Lutheran churches of Salem and other congregations attached to the United Lutheran Churches of America, will be held Friday through Sunday at Menucha, located on the Columbia river near Crown Point.

Dr. Edwin Moll, director of the

Lutheran World Federation's Near East branch before his retirement, will be the principal speaker. In the course of his duties, Dr. Moll was in charge of the distribution of almost \$4 million in relief supplies, in addition to directing orphanages, and schools in Palestine.

#### Promotions Revealed

The Salem naval reserve construction battalion division has given promotions to four county men.

The higher ratings have been given to Robert L. Kirk, 1905 South 19th St., Salem, from yeoman second class to yeoman first class; Richard J. McCormick, Woodburn, from construction driver third class to construction driver second class, and Roderick L. Olsen, Silverton, and Marvin O. Susec, Gervais, from construction

to construction driver second class.

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## Liz Taylor Flies From Mexico To N.Y. for Spinal Treatment

NEW YORK (AP) — Film star Elizabeth Taylor, wife of producer Mike Todd, was in a hospital today for treatment of a recurring back ailment. "It might be nothing, but we don't want to take chances," Todd said as his 24-year-old brunette wife was placed on a stretcher at Idlewild Airport last night and put in an ambulance.

The newlyweds, married Feb. 2 in Acapulco, Mexico, flew in from Mexico City. Miss Taylor was taken to Harkness Memorial Pavilion of the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center. Todd said she was "resting comfortably."

She had entered the hospital Dec. 8 for treatment of a crushed spinal disc and was released Jan. 21. She and Todd then flew to Mexico, where she shed her second husband, actor Michael Wilding, a few days prior to her marriage to Todd.

Todd said a full medical examination was scheduled today. Todd said his wife began to feel some pain in her back after a recent flight from Acapulco to Mexico City. He said the plane had encountered rough weather.

#### Court Grants Damages To Backwards Runner

LONDON (AP) — A British court Monday awarded 7,000 pounds (\$19,000) damages to a woman who suffered a brain injury in an auto accident and now suffers attacks in which she can't stop running backwards.

The court was told that 43-year-old Mrs. Myrtle Barwood had not been affected mentally by the crash but because of brain injury had the occasional attacks.

## Oregon Medical School to Share In National Fund

The University of Oregon Medical School, Portland, will share in the distribution of more than \$3,000,000 from the National Fund for Medical Education.

The Oregon school, one of 82 medical institutions to be recognized, will receive \$34,240. Each school receives a flat \$15,000, plus \$5 per undergraduate medical student.

The fund is made up of contributions of 4,858 corporations and individuals, plus Ford Foundation matching money.

#### Britain to Yield Base

COLOMBO, Ceylon (AP) — Premier Solomon Bandaranaike reportedly has told Ceylon's navy to get ready to move into the big British naval base of Trincomalee before the end of the year. A reliable naval source said Britain had informed the Ceylon government the naval base would be handed over before the year is out.

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