

SCHOOL CHILDREN NOT GOING BLIND DESPITE REPORTS

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 31. — "Exaggerated statements concerning the amount of defective vision among school children are being made continually, with the more or less concealed motive of alarming people into obtaining spectacles," declared Lewis H. Carris, Managing Director of the National Committee for the Prevention of Blindness, in an address before the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association here today.

"Any impression that the nation is rapidly going blind, or that over half of our school children need to wear glasses, is so obviously an exaggeration," declared Mr. Carris, "that the true condition of affairs is lost sight of — namely, that approximately one-eighth of the children in our schools are suffering from eye diseases or visual defects, many of which may be removed by properly fitted glasses by medical attention."

Mr. Carris pointed out that, although estimates have placed the extent of defective vision among school children as high as 50 per cent, a nation-wide investigation which has been conducted by his committee during the last year indicates that for the country at large an average of only 12.1 per cent of school children have defective vision.

"There can be little question," Mr. Carris said, "that the eyes of most children reported as having normal vision may have some slight degree of ocular defect; but physical vigor and general health tone enable the child to have standard vision, in spite of eye imperfections. Until there is some more uniform procedure throughout the country in giving examinations, this percentage must be accepted as a fair indication of the size of the problem which defective vision presents to school authorities."

"The percentage of defective vision in rural districts is higher than that of city districts. The figures from Pennsylvania are representative. In rural districts 16.8 per cent of children were found to have defective vision. In cities of 10,000 to 30,000 the percentage was 12.3 per cent. In cities over 30,000 the percentage was 8.5 per cent."

"The probable explanation of this difference is that the follow-up and corrective measures in the cities are superior to those in the rural districts. The difference can also be accounted for by the inferior lighting of rural schools and rural homes, as compared with city schools and homes."

Speaking on "The Responsibilities of Boards of Health and Boards of Education in Detecting and Correcting Vision Defects of

School Children," Mr. Carris pointed out the importance of determining to what extent defects in vision and diseased eye conditions would be discovered by examinations which it is practical to conduct in schools. "In actual practice," he said, "examinations are given by medical examiners, by nurses, by teachers, or by a combination of these."

Mr. Carris deplored the lack of any definite standard for making eye examinations and announced that a study looking toward the development of such standards is now being conducted jointly by a Committee of the National Education Association and the American Medical Association, with the co-operation of the National Committee for the Prevention of Blindness.

TRIP TO CORVALLIS BREAD MAKING PRIZE

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Oct. 30. — A trip to the boys' and girls' club summer session at Oregon Agricultural college will be given the boy or girl winning the prune bread-making contest at the Pacific International Livestock exposition. The prize in the donation of the Northwest Pacific Co-operative Prune exchange.

A \$5 prize given by the Crown Flour company to each of the two members of the baking team coming in second, a third prize of \$2.50 to each member, and silver gold and bronze medals inscribed with the winners' names are other prizes to be given contestants. The medals are donated by the Pacific International Livestock show.

Teams from Washington, Clatsop, Douglas, Jackson, Malheur, Josephine, Polk, Marion, Hood River, Klamath, Benton, Clackamas, Wasco, Sherman and Umatilla counties have been selected to compete at the show.

County fair boards of Umatilla, Malheur, Klamath, Sherman and Hood River and Washington and Jackson counties will supply money for the boys' and girls' expenses. The Polk county representatives will be sent by the chamber of commerce. Henry Booth of the Douglas National bank will send the Douglas county delegation. Marion, Josephine and Clatsop contestants will be sent by the bankers' association. Benton county girls have raised most of their money themselves.

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I brought a truck load of bargain counter goods from Portland last week, all of which will be sold accordingly. Auto robes, Wade Dragsaw, Halters, and lots of army goods. Come in early while they last.

PEL'S CORNER

Commend McMahon

With the presidential election drawing near, interest seems to have drifted from the state, county and city elections which are equally vital to us and to which more thought should be given, especially in the election of sheriff of this county in whom the authority of the law is invested.

Many of us believe that the enforcement of most of the practical laws has been lax and it is up to the voters to select a man for the office of sheriff who thinks more of his oath in assuming his office, than of being called a "good fellow."

All of us know that Joe McMahon has been the most efficient, diligent and conscientious state traffic officer that has ever served in Oregon and whose diligence has made our southern Oregon highways safe to travel upon and we know that if he is elected sheriff of Jackson county that the repugnant odor of law enforcement will be done away with.

Up before a magistrate by McMahon for violation of traffic laws will work and vote against him, but the broad, fair minded man or woman who believes in laws and wants them enforced will vote for J. J. McMahon who is worthy and well qualified for the office.

F. J. McPHERSON.

To The Editor:

I am a republican without a grudge or any needed use of a hyphen. My party candidate, if he is qualified and honest, is my candidate. I have known Joe McMahon almost from his boyhood. I have seen him in office and out of office and everywhere I have observed the same fidelity to duty. He is admirable because he, so far, has shown efficiency, and as between him and his duty he plays no favorites. As Traffic Officer he stands highest among the many commissioned in that capacity in the state. The qualifications for a good traffic officer are the qualifications required in the office of sheriff. He has made good and will continue to make good. The office of Sheriff is the one above others where sentiment must be suppressed when it conflicts with duty and Joe has shown that he knows how to subordinate sentiment when duty commands him.

McMahon promises that he can and will reduce the expenses of the office; especially in the prohibition enforcement thereof. This is of the greatest moment to every taxpayer. When Joe says: "I can and I will," we know he means it, and we recognize as the greatest slogan of a defunct officer is first, to see his duty and then apply his slogan, "I can and I will." So say we all: "We can elect Joe, and we will."

C. B. WATSON.

Ashland, Oregon, Oct. 29, 1924.

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J. J. McMAHON

Without casting any reflection on the many good men who have are past, the conclusion is inescapable that the people of Jackson County the sheriff's office a man of exceptional ability as a police officer- energetic and fearless. Have you read the letter of Chief Rafferty, of officers in the State Traffic Department the records show McMahon a County prosecutor; by the chief of police and the traffic squad in by District Attorney Miller and Sheriff Lewis, of Josephine County. These men, all connected with law enforcement, cannot be fooled. As soon as the Jackson County Fair was over Chief Rafferty Round-Up, and when this show was over he was ordered to the big him to these places? You and I know why.

Salem, Oregon, October 22, 1924

To Whom It May Concern:

J. J. McMahon has been associated with me as a state traffic officer for almost four years, and his service to the state has been marked by conscientious work. He has been tireless in his efforts, disregarding time as an element in the performance of his duties. If traffic conditions required attention at mid day or mid-high "Me", as he is known, was on the job.

Of the fourteen men on the state traffic force, "Mc" has always lead the list in the amount of delinquent fees sent in and in total number of activities in the field. Aside from this, he has always been loyal to the state, to his associates, and, particularly, to those directing his activities.

Whatever may be entrusted to him, whether it be of public or private interest, will, without question, be given every consideration commensurate with its importance.

T. A. RAFFERTY,
Chief, Oregon State Traffic Division.

Portland, Oregon, October 25, 1924.

To Jackson County Republican Central Committee:

My opinion has been solicited by your committee regarding the qualifications of Mr. J. J. McMahon as a law enforcement officer. Mr. McMahon has rendered invaluable services to Federal law-enforcement officers operating in his district. He is loyal, efficient and fearless. He knows the law of evidence in making criminal investigations and in obtaining the conviction of criminals.

Very few men can learn to become good law-enforcement officers, but Mr. McMahon seems to be well adapted for this line of work. The best test of an officer is the record of his accomplishments and experience. Mr. McMahon measures up to the requirements that the public requires in protecting society from law violations and criminals. It gives me pleasure, therefore, to recommend him to the favorable consideration of any community in this state where the people are truly interested in efficient law enforcement.

JOSEPH A. LINVILLE,
Federal Prohibition Director.

FBM

Having heard that J. J. McMahon is a nominee for the office of sheriff for your county, we wish to tell you what we know of him, for he is one of the finest fellows it has been our pleasure to come in contact with.

We have had many dealings with him during his three years as State Traffic Officer and have found him honest, capable, reliable, and fair at all times. He is a splendid man both personally and in his official capacity.

He can always be relied upon and we feel that a man of his ability and character would fill the position of Sheriff with great credit.

Yours very truly,
J. V. JENKINS,

Chief of Police.

LIEUT. FRANK ERVIN,
Commanding Traffic Dept.

CHESTER WILES,
Speed Officer.

Portland, Ore., Oct. 24, 1924.

Through service for three terms on the grand jury of Jackson county, I came to know J. J. McMahon as an officer, who vigorously enforces the law, especially the prohibition law.

As a citizen who believes in the enforcement of all laws, I should be glad indeed to see Mr. McMahon elected sheriff of Jackson county.

I believe we would find in him an officer who would conduct the office of Sheriff in an efficient and economical manner.

AIBERT C. JOY.

Ashland, Oregon.

To the Voters of Jackson County:

In the candidacy of Joe McMahon for Sheriff of Jackson County, you are embracing an opportunity to cast your ballot on November 4th, next, for law enforcement and efficiency, in the office which he seeks.

As traffic officer for the State of Oregon, Mr. McMahon has proven himself trustworthy, capable and fearless. This training, coupled with his experience as deputy Sheriff, his determination to do away with all special deputies and officers in connection with his office (thus favoring the taxpayers), his fearless enforcement of the law, and the tempering influence which past experience in these offices has had upon his thinking and acting, makes him entirely worthy of your vote.

will make a very vigilant officer.
FRED C. HOMES.

I have known J. J. McMahon for ten years while I have been sheriff of Douglas county, Oregon, and ever since. During this entire time I have worked with him on a number of occasions while he was a member of the State Highway Commission, Jackson and Douglas counties, and I know him that in all matters of my knowledge he has diligently discharged his duties to the best of his ability, and has been a good officer on a number of occasions to call him to in different matters that have been in dictation, and he has always responded given me hearty co-operation. I think that, if elected, he will make an able, conscientious, law-enforcing officer, and one a square deal.

Yours very truly,
S. W. STANLEY,
Sheriff of Douglas County.

Up to October 1, 1923, I was district attorney of Douglas county, Oregon, and ever since several years prior to said date I was with J. J. McMahon, of your county, as a traffic officer of the State Highway Commission. During that time, and during which time I had contact with the work of Mr. McMahon in Douglas and Jackson counties in connection with the enforcement of the motor vehicle laws of the State.

On every occasion that I have had an opportunity to pass upon the work of Mr. McMahon to consult with him in regard to the enforcement of the law in connection with his duties, I have found him to be a good, conscientious officer, of good judgment, and performing his duties in a good manner.

He has been fair with those accused under the law, which to my mind is a valuable attribute, in a public law enforcing officer; yet he has been stern and vigorous in the discharge of his public duties.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE NEUNER, Jr.

Grants Pass, Oregon, October 29, 1924.
To Whom It May Concern:

I desire to state for the benefit of those interested that I have known J. J. McMahon for ten years, and have been in close contact with him during all of the time he has been a traffic officer, and that during that time, I have found him to be one of the most loyal and consistent officers I have ever met. He can be depended on all times to treat every body alike; all look alike to him, and for that reason I have never seen fit to criticize him unjustly.

If Mr. McMahon is elected he will be one of the real sheriffs of the State of Oregon.

I give this testimonial freely and without solicitation from anyone in an honest endeavor to assist those who might not be familiar with him in Jackson and Josephine Counties.

Respectfully submitted,
W. T. MILLER,
District Attorney for Josephine County, Ore.

Read what leading representative citizens of Jackson County say about McMahon:

I wish to state why I favor Joe McMahon for sheriff:

First: Every criminal of every character is afraid of him and opposed to him.

Second: He got the nomination in the primary fairly and openly and it is evident that the reputable people want him. If he is defeated in the election it is because the criminal and disreputable element is in the majority in Jackson county.

H. E. CAMPBELL.

Eagle Point, Oct. 15.

We are long on laws but short on the proper kind of officials to enforce them. However, we have in our midst one man that can be depended upon to do his duty at all times without fear or favor, and citizens of Jackson county who wish to see a real effort made to enforce the law, should support J. J. McMahon for sheriff.

ALEX SPARROW.

Eagle Point, Ore., Oct. 22, 1924.
To the voters of Jackson County: The following is the reason we are giving our support to J. J. McMahon for sheriff of our county. We are of the opinion that it has been costing Jackson county too much money to enforce our laws through special officers. Now, the record Mr. McMahon has made for himself as speed cop is enough for us to know that he will be on the job all the time himself and see that all laws are enforced, irrespective of party or parties.

J. P. BROWN and R. G. BROWN,
of the firm of Geo. Brown & Sons.

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man who is a good sheriff. I am confident he is the best man for the county. Vote for J. J. McMahon for Sheriff.
MR. and MRS. W. R. LAMB,
Rogue River, Oregon.

Rogue River, Oregon, Oct. 28, 1924.
Why am I supporting J. J. McMahon for Sheriff?
He has done his duty as a traffic officer, is fearless and is the type of man Jackson county needs for sheriff.
Yours truly,
ED. E. DIMICK.

Medford, Oregon.
To Whom It May Concern:
Why I favor J. J. McMahon for Sheriff. First, because he has always stood for law enforcement, especially in the enforcement of the Prohibition laws, and I have never heard of Mr. McMahon staging wild parties or resorting to other questionable means to secure evidence against violators of the Prohibition laws.
Second, his qualifications and energy in enforcing the traffic laws, goes to show, if elected sheriff, Mr. McMahon will be given a wider range in which to enforce all the laws of the county.
Sincerely,
MARY A. HOWARD.

To the voters of Jackson County: As taxpayers of Jackson county, we do heartily endorse J. J. McMahon for sheriff. During our acquaintance with Mr. McMahon we have found him to be a gentleman in every respect and always on the job. If elected we are convinced that he would conduct the office of sheriff in an efficient and economical manner.
E. T. NEWBRY & SONS, Talent, Ore.