



Union High School Adds Lockers and Improvements

Union High School District No. 1, with school buildings located in Kerby and comprising all territory from Hayes Hill to the California state line was organized in 1925. Last year a tax of 11.9 was levied on an assessed valuation of \$1,023,801.11 to support the school. The present school board consists of Lucius Robinson of Kerby, chairman; Eugene Brown of O'Brien; H. M. Hensley, of Selma; Loren George and Harry Smith of Cave Junction, and Effie Smith, clerk. The board meets the first Monday of each month.

Five teachers were employed this year. Fred W. Jones, principal and science teacher; Thelma Wilson, home economics; Mae Morrison, English and girls' physical education; Earl Osborn, social science and boys' physical education.

Mr. House and Mr. Osborn coach boys' athletics. The shop course for boys, instituted last year has proved as popular addition to the curriculum as home economics for girls. It is hoped eventually to organize both departments under Smith-Hughes standards.

Among the improvements added the year are individual lockers at a cost of \$779.10, a cement floor in the shop building and a flood light for the grounds. Organized community effort of civic and fraternal organizations furnished funds to improve the high school grounds. A lawn area in front of the building was graded and filled with county road equipment by permission of the county court. A "bumper fence" was built and the lawn seeded. Funds were appropriated by the school board for a cement entrance walk.

Extra curricular activities include basketball, girls' volley ball, plays, the annual "Mother" Tea by the Home Economics department, Girls League. The senior class play this year, directed by Principal Jones received most favorable comment and netted over \$70.00 which is used for senior class expenses.

Twenty-one students, the largest class since the organization of the district will be graduated this year.

Lois Kunkel won first place in the Lincoln Essay contest sponsored by the Daughters of Union Veterans in Grants Pass. A cup with the winner's name engraved, was presented to the school. Pauline Robinson and Wilma Maurer have brought top honor to the school in the county high school "Quiz Tests" on radio station KUIN.

Our high school complies with Oregon state standards and we may well be proud of the records and achieve-

ments of students and graduates.

Kerby High school was one of the two high schools in the county to sponsor a class in Rural Defense Training. Under the teaching of Charles Dodd a course in sheet metal training and welding was completed in April. Funds were furnished for teaching and equipment by the Federal government. The equipment is still in the high school and later may be acquired by the school for permanent classes.

ILLINOIS VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

The Illinois Valley Garden Club, one of the oldest federated garden clubs in the state, has for its objectives this motto: "To conserve and enhance our natural beauty, to promote better gardens for better homes, and thru study to gain a more comprehensive knowledge of horticulture."

Officers for 1940-41 are Mrs. Charles Babcock, president; Mrs. A. A. Johnson, vice-president; Mrs. Samuel Smith, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Harry O. Smith is honorary president and Mrs. George Baldwin an honorary member.

Meetings are held on the fourth Friday of each month. Printed programs with study topics and a hostess list for each month are a big help to the members. Several program features have become established customs: The annual picnic in July held last year at Elk Valley recreation camp; the Christmas party, the daffodil tea at the home of Mrs. Harry Smith in March and the biennial wild-flower display.

A ninety-nine year lease on an 80 acre tract of land bordering on Rough and Ready Creek has been secured by the state park board thru the efforts of the club. This area is a natural rock garden containing many rare and beautiful species of native flora. Plans for permanent improvement of "Rough and Ready Park" is one of the club's major projects.

The club, with other civic and fraternal organizations of the valley, helped to raise a fund to improve the Union High School grounds.

The Christmas party was held this year at the home of Mrs. George W. Thrasher in Kerby. Varied and unusual Christmas decorations were attractively displayed. A musical program, arranged by the president, Mrs. Babcock, was followed by a silver tea. Proceeds were divided between Doernbecker hospital and "Boys'

Town."

Ideal weather conditions contributed to the beauty of the floral display at the daffodil tea this year. A poll of the most popular varieties of narcissi in bloom divided honors equally among "Dick Wellband"; "John Evelyn" and "Gertie Millar." Flower arrangements of daffodils and other spring flowers were also featured. Mrs. J. M. Smock displayed a fine collection of varieties from her garden. Polyanthus primroses were shown in a variety in Mrs. Smith's garden. Proceeds from the silver tea and plant sale are to be used to purchase new plants for distribution among the members.

The Grants Pass Garden Club is hostess this month, May 14th and 15th, for the annual meeting of the Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs. The wild flower display sponsored biennially by the Illinois Valley Garden Club will be staged this year in the Redwoods Hotel in Grants Pass, official convention headquarters. Between one and two hundred varieties, labelled with common and botanical names will be displayed. Information on conservation and garden use of native flora will be available. The local club and other Southern Oregon clubs will be hostesses to delegates and visitors with potluck luncheon in the Grants Pass City Park the first day of the convention. Favors and table decorations will help to put the Illinois Valley Club on the map.

Mrs. Babcock, the club president, Mrs. Harry O. Smith, state conservation chairman, Mrs. Raphael Leonard and Mrs. Samuel Smith, with Mrs. Chris Wendt, alternate, will represent the club officially at the convention.

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PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION BUSY

The valley only has one Parent-Teacher association, it being at Kerby for the Kerby grade school, which includes many of the social districts in the valley, but the Kerby association always has a busy year and accomplishes a great deal of good for the district.

Meetings are held every third Thursday of the month in the Kerby grade school building. The association sponsored a picture show at the Cave City theater in November to raise funds for their annual Christmas tree treat for the valley kiddies, and it was very successful.

A few days before Christmas a program was given with Alice Hogue as chairman, at the Legion hall in Cave Junction. It consisted of recitations, vocal selections and a skit with a Santa Claus and two helpers who disbursed popcorn balls, candy, nuts and oranges to 110 children present.

This spring the association allowed money for the soft ball equipment for the grade school team. They also voted to buy three first aid kits, one for each room, which were installed.

Every year the club donates five gallons of ice cream for the kiddies and coffee for the grownups at the annual school picnic. This year the picnic will be held at Holton creek May 16th and will be pot luck. All are invited.

Next year's officers will be: Mrs. William McLean, president; Mrs. Farlein, vice-president, and Mrs. Art Kellert, secretary-treasurer.