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### Wins Over Handicap

Mrs. Carter, With Inborn Tact,  
Draws on Experience to Raise  
Schools Higher Standard

By Louise F. Shields.

the state of Rhode Island and with climates ranging from subtropical to arctic is the workshop of Susanne Homes Carter, superintendent of school for Jackson county, Oregon, who was elected president of the Oregon State Teachers' association in its annual business meeting last week.

Mrs. Carter also has the honor of being this year the Oregon state director for the National Education association which is to hold its annual convention next July in Seattle.

Within the five years since Mrs. Carter became its school executive Jackson county has come to rank national matters. Her greatest among the highest in the state in education has been her lifting of popular opinion about schools to a higher standard through a quiet campaign of education among parents and other voters.

#### All Trails Lead to Ashland.

One of the outstanding features of this campaign has been her plan for a mass graduation of the eighth-grade pupils from all the schools in the county. She describes the process: "Early in the day which has been set for the county grade schools' commencement ceremonies in the Ashland city park, near the end of May, families and friends of the graduating classes begin to arrive in automobiles, in old-fashioned buggies, in farm wagons or on horseback from sections whose mountain trails do not permit travel on wheels.

"The world and his wife, so far as Jackson county is concerned comes, armed with a picnic lunch and a spirit of comradeship, for meeting old friends and for making acquaintance with newcomers. The fact that my parents settled here when I was a little girl gives me an entrance to the inner circle.

"The all-day program includes a commencement address, delivery of diplomas, a pageant, chorus singing, folk games, a music memory contest and an award of prizes in history and other subjects for essays. The resident of the most remote hamlet or isolated mountain ranch sees his children dressed in their best and meeting on equal terms the children of the valley cities and is stirred to ambition for them to have as good educational opportunity as those who live in the larger settlements. When the time comes for votink bonds for schools in their neighborhood there is no question about the value of the investment."

#### Guns Give Only Moment Pause.

Mrs. Carter's talk in persuading the voters of their need for progressive measures is not always so easy as assembling the community leaders for the springtime commencement in the Ashland park. On one occasion she found opposing factions of a certain mountain community armed to reinforce their votes with active gun play over the subject of uniting two school districts and providing transportation for the children, who would thus have a better building and more highly qualified teachers

## CENTRAL POINT ALUMNI MEETS

Large Number Present; Officers Elected for New Term.

Marking the second annual session following its establishment last winter, the Central Point Alumni association held its regular meeting Tuesday evening at the high school building, with an attendance of around 30, including several members of the senior class of '27 present as guests.

Several business matters were taken up, before the election of officers, with discussions for the following year. Officers elected for the following year were: Carl Boswell, president; Thelma Pankey, vice president; and James Harris, secretary-treasurer.

Following this meeting, refreshments of hot dogs, cider, ice cream and cake were served to everyone. The earlier part of the evening was spent at a basketball game held in the gymnasium between the high school squad and the alumni, the former winning by a score of 10-27. The game was a hard fought battle and at one point in the game the alumni were ahead, but for lack of practice were forced to give in to the winners.

than either district along could provide.

"I'll admit I had a few uncomfortable minutes when I discovered the situation," says Mrs. Carter. "But I soon conquered my fear, and that was half the battle. It was not long before I was able to make the leaders of both faction see that they should think of the good of their children instead of their own personal enmities. Fortunately, children do not harbor grudges. The coming generation will forget that there was strife among their parents."

The school bonds, which are often voted at cost of great sacrifice from devoted parents, are to be supplemented this year by \$207,000 as the school share in Jackson county's \$1,000,000 award from the Oregon-California land grant refund. This will help provide buildings sorely needed in this county, whose school population has increased by more than 900 within the past two years.

#### County Books Circulated.

Mrs. Carter supervises the work of 280 teachers in the 76 districts of the county. Each school has a branch of the county library, with the privilege of exchanging 25 books each month. The county superintendent is constantly on the alert to determine recommendations of new lists of books.

Other outstanding features of Mrs. Carter's administration have been her development of Americanization classes; her co-operation with the 4-H (head, heart, hand and health) club leaders in connection with Oregon Agricultural college to such good effect that Jackson county school-girls have for three successive years ranked highest in the state 4-H clubs and have won the free trip to the mid-winter Chicago International live stock show; and her effective enforcement of the compulsory education law as revised in 1925.

Mrs. Carter has appointed her rural supervisor, Miss Elizabeth Burr, as "attendance supervisor," in place of the former "truant officer." No longer does the sheriff grasp the child by the coat collar and shake him into the schoolroom, giving him also a hatred toward education. Now this highly efficient educator calls at the homes of absentee children to persuade the delinquent parents that there is value in giving their children more education.

#### Migratory Children Lag.

And Mrs. Carter works with her rural supervisor and all the teachers of the county in an effort, also, to the children of the migratory work-

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## CENTRAL POINT PAPER CHANGES NAME-LOCATION

WILL STILL WORK FOR JACK-  
SON COUNTY AND VALLEY

Case of Losing Money in Effort  
to Boost Town Without  
Co-Operation.

A bigger and better Jackson county weekly paper for our many readers, a better location for our HiWay job printing department, a probable fair living for the editor's family and more important happenings to relate each week, will be the result of The American's forced decision to move the plant from Central Point to Ashland.

Ashland, the state normal city, the mineral springs city, and summer play-ground city has about 6000 people, compared to Central Point's 1000, hence a better paper for your money is to be expected. The move is made as stated, to make a living. We have lost \$300 a month in Central Point. The business houses in Central Point are not advertisers. They do not want a newspaper. They are too close to Medford, and as the Medford stores are big advertisers, they, of course, get lots of the business.

The paper will continue to come to you each week as long as your subscription is paid, or your money refunded; the paper to be mailed from Ashland hereafter instead of Central Point.

We dislike to leave Central Point and had invested several thousands of dollars in locating here. It is expensive to move, but one's expenses must be made and one's family provided for or become a county charge.

Business is business, and there is no business in Central Point for a paper as you have noticed by its columns. It is a good town and is going to be a great deal better, but we can't afford to wait for the thing to happen.

Ashland is a better city, a larger city and offers a better field. A newspaper is a booster for any worthy town, but must have co-operation. We keep our same subscription list and will double the amount of readers the first week. Central Point readers will be the same—only they will get more paper and a better paper. Advertisers will continue to use the columns, as we guarantee a thousand subscribers to the past only 500.

We have been flattered by some in their assertions that the Central Point American was an excellent paper, a good county weekly and improving. We certainly appreciate these expressions of opinion from absolutely trustworthy sources, but we can't pay high printers wages, lights and power bills and support a family and watch dog on flattery.

We have been setting from 15 to 30 columns of live type matter each week. A great deal more than many papers in larger towns. But our job printing hasn't averaged enough to keep the press going more than one day a week. Our advertising is nothing as compared to any other weekly in any other county in Oregon. It is disgustingly small. We have very few advertisers, and still fewer who know how to advertise. We are compelled hereafter to solicit ads. from other sources than Central Point.

We do not believe any one blames The American for this move, in fact several have advised us that it is the

## PAST 12 MONTHS FINDS CEN- TRAL POINT GROWING

Brick Yard Adds Manifestation to  
Enlargement of City; Post-  
office Reports Growth.

A review of conditions in Central Point reveals that the town has grown faster during the past year than it has in any 12 months in a long time. The increase in number of buildings as well as in population checks from several standpoints.

According to Postmaster Guy Tex, the postoffice receipts are larger than ever before in the history of the town. The demand has been so great for boxes that he has been compelled to install an extra tier in order to accommodate his patrons.

The increase in population is again reflected in the school rooms which had become so crowded that a new building was necessary. And even now space is at a premium, according to statements coming from school authorities.

Enlargements are being made at the brick plant till in the future this is going to provide a large source of revenue for Central Point. With many fertile farms lying tributary and the number of large orchards in the territory, the town promises to become of more and more importance each year.

As a resident center, Central Point offers many inducements. Fine new residences are being erected and many more are planned. The price of building lots is so reasonable that home builders are bound to be attracted there in ever increasing numbers.

## BEDTIME STORY

One day Mother Skunk and her three little Skunks, were walking through the woods, when a ferocious lion appeared directly before them. "Oh, Mother," said little Violet Skunk, "the lion will surely devour us." "No, Violet, said her mother, "just leave the lion to me." So they moved forward a little. "Oh, Mother," said little Hyacinth Skunk, "surely the terrible lion will eat us." "No, Hyacinth," replied her mother, "we will find a way out." So they moved just a little further. "Mother," said little Rosebud Skunk, "the lion is going to destroy us." "Rosebud," answered her mother, "you must have faith." By this time they were quite close to the lion, so Mother Skunk stopped and said, "now children, let us spry," so they did and it was answered.—Ex.

## Locals Defeat Alumni.

An interesting and exciting basketball game was held at the local gymnasium on Tuesday night of last week, between the Central Point Alumni and the high school squad. The game was very close during the first three quarters, the score at the half being 10 to 9 in the alumni's favor, but due to lack of practice on their part they fell behind in their lead, the game ending by a score of 23 to 13 in favor of the high school. Benson was high point man on the high's team, while Coy Brown was lucky hoopster for the alumni quintet.

only thing to do and several in Central Point have helped us on deciding the question by their offers of assistance or help in moving. We will continue to boost this community and Jackson county, as we believe it a wonderful county. We are not saying goodbye, will continue to visit you, only changing our name from Central Point American to the Ashland American. Sorry our 49 page Christmas number couldn't go. We have no fault with Central Point merchants, they deserve your patronage.

## JACKSON COUNTY GETS \$1,151,962

COUNTY BENEFITS FROM LAND  
GRANT RETURN

### Payment Is Large

Schools of County Will Benefit By  
Tax Return Being Made By  
the Government.

After having been on the county tax rolls since 1866, when they were granted by the government to the Oregon and California railroad, now a part of the Southern Pacific system, over 440,000 acres of railroad grant lands in Jackson county were taken off by the passage of the Chamberlain-Ferris act in 1916, providing that the lands be sold and the receipts be distributed among various departments.

The bill, however, failed to function and as a result this county, one of eighteen in which such lands are located, was derived of a large amount of taxes each year, causing action to be taken by United States Senator Robert N. Stanfield in congress last year. As a result, an appropriation was made by the government to reimburse the affected counties for non-payment of taxes.

A total of more than seven millions of dollars was authorized by this act to reimburse the eighteen counties an das its share Jackson county received \$1,151,962.74.

This amount, with the exception of the money apportioned to various districts, will go into the county general fund.

The Chamberlain-Ferris bill that has been a law for several years, provided the railroad company would receive \$2.50 per acre for the grant lands in its name and that the counties would benefit next. The remainder of the receipts were thus apportioned: 25 per cent to the reclamation service and 10 per cent to the federal government for administration costs.

The tax refund bill was introduced by Senator Stanfield as a relief measure and will continue to function until the Chamberlain bill comes into efficient operation. The money that was appropriated by the relief measure will be charged against the grant land fund, the sales of the lands being the means of reimbursement. However, until the lands are sold, the government will pay annual taxes upon them at their assessed value.

## School Teacher Resigns.

Walter Carlson, Central Point high school science teacher, has resigned his position on account of ill health. He will not resume his duties after the Christmas vacation, but has left for his home in Iowa, intending to stop in San Francisco for a few days to visit relatives.

## Shores—Copinger.

Orval Shores and Miss Edith Copinger were married at the Rev. Johnson home in Central Point on Christmas day. The young couple are both graduates of the Central Point high school.

You know that this is 1927. The new year has arrived. In most cases people "pay up" on the first of the year, but seems that many forget to pay their subscription.

Notice the address on your paper and see when you are paid to. If you are not paid past 1927 please pay us this week.