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

By Louise F. Shields.

A county twice as big as the state of Rhode Island and with climates ranging from subtropical to arctic is the workshop of Susanne Hemes 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 nationally in matters. Her greatest among the highest in the state in education achievement has been her lifting of popular opinion about schools to a higher standard through 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 and 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 voting 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 than either district alone 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 factions 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 absentees 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 workers who have no chance for education except a few weeks at a time salvage for American citizenship where their parents stop for work in the fruit or timber or on highway or irrigation projects or in mills. The Parent-Teacher association of her county are co-operating in this effort by reporting to the school authorities any children of either transient or resident families whom they know to be out of school.

"We find most of these migratory children three to five years behind the resident children of their age," says Mrs. Carter. "One little lad sighed as he said, 'Ma'd like to settle, but dad wants to wander.' He was one of the thousands who spend the summer and fall in Oregon, Washington or British Columbia, and the winter in California, following the fruit all through the year."

Jackson county is expected to vote at the next election on the adoption of the county unit plan, which would place the schools in the hands of a county board of education, equalize the distribution of school funds regardless of the districts' assessed property valuation, and arrange for appointment of the superintendent rather than her election. Mrs. Carter is most heartily in favor of this plan. This county is still in the throes of the struggle which has resulted in the vote to move the county seat from historic Jacksonville to the newer metropolitan center of the valley, Medford. On this subject Mrs. Carter maintains a neutral attitude.

Long Tramps Taken in Wind.

Within the past year there have been emergency calls for visits to schools far removed from the highways of the Rogue river valley. Mrs. Carter hiked 11 miles in mud too deep for a car, to reach one remote school, and on another day took a 16-mile trip on horseback. For a recent visit she started with a horse tied behind her automobile which she drove at a speed suited to the horse's gait. Upon reaching the end of the hard-surfaced road, she doffed her brother's chaps and put on all the wraps she could fasten, to endure the cold mountain wind. And so she rode ten miles farther on to the teacher who had sent her the SOS.

"Would I like an easier job?" Mrs. Carter laughed her reply.

"Is this job a hard one? It keeps me out-of-doors in this country which I love best, with the wide valley and the mountains dotted with homes of my friends. Here I see the masses of pear blossoms in the spring and inhale their delicious fragrance. I have the wild flowers in the canyons, the stately evergreens on the hills, and the ever changing coloring on Mount McLoughlin and other peaks. There is far more joy than grief in this job

"I came here from a childhood spent in Illinois. I have studied in the University of California and know the great cities of the Pacific coast as well as those of the Atlantic seaboard. I taught in Alaska for several years and met a cosmopolitan group there. But for place and people in all my acquaintance, give me Jackson county!"

Mountain Heights Conquered.

"I have enjoyed tennis, swimming, and bowling, the last particularly in Alaska. But my greatest delight is to have my own two feet upon the trail. There is no butte or bluff within a long radius of the ranch where I spent my girlhood which I have not topped. I have climbed many other mountains both in the state and in Alaska.

"For years I carried my flower press at my saddle bow on my black Morgan, who seemed to find as much zest as I found in an early morning canter in the valley, or a climb on mountain trails.

"My husband, who is a busy building contractor, often humors my longing for night in the open, and we slip off for a camp supper in the forest or beside a stream, and we sleep with no roof lower than the stars. It is the gypsying that I love. Even now as I talk with you I can smell the sweet dampness of the woods in the rain and I want to be there.

"Does not man's love for the shy, elusive beauties of the wild places betoken his inalienable desire for the hidden things of the spirit?"—Oregonian.

We wish to call your attention to the fact that "four out of every five" ask the man who owns one, and his master's voice tells them, so they "say it with flowers" and "spend the difference" on "just a real good cigar," and find that "it's best in the long run" to "save that schoolgirl complexion" and "let that if you fail to answer the same

electricity do the work," because "no house is complete without one," especially if "it's toasted," which is a "burning question" "established since 1776" and "aged in the wood," "containing no alcohol;" and "babies cry for it" because it "chases the dirt" and "saves the surface;" you'll notice "what a whale of a difference a few cents make," so why "walk a mile" "eventually—why not now?" "Ask Dad—he knows" "they satisfy."—Penn. State Froth.

ACTION

In Montana a railway bridge had been destroyed by fire and it was necessary to replace it. The bridge engineer and his staff were ordered in haste to the place. Two days later came the superintendent of the division. Alighting from his private car, he encountered the old master bridge-builder.

"Bill," said the superintendent, his words quivering with energy, "I want this job rushed. Every hour delay costs the company money. Have you got the engineer's plans for the new bridge?"

"I don't know," said the bridge-builder, "whether the engineer has the picture drawn yet or not, but the bridge is up and the trains is passin' over it."

LEGAL NOTICES

SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court for the State of Oregon, for Jackson county.

J. H. DUTTON, Plaintiff

vs.

LILLIE DUTTON, Defendant

To LILLIE DUTTON, Defendant:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, you are hereby notified and required to appear and answer the complaint of the plaintiff filed against you in the above entitled Court and cause, on or before the 3rd day of February, 1926,

before that date, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint, which is for a decree forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between plaintiff and defendant, and for the custody and control of the minor child of said marriage named in said complaint.

This summons is served upon you for the period of six consecutive weeks and seven publications thereof, in the Central Point American, a weekly news paper printed on Thursday of each week in Central Point, Oregon, commencing with the issue of December 30th, 1926, in pursuance of an order of the Honorable C. M. Thomas, Judge of the above named Court, made and entered herein on the 28th day of December, 1926.

W. G. TRILL,

Attorney for Plaintiff
My residence and Postoffice address is:

Central Point, Oregon

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the undersigned has, by order of the county court of Jackson county, Oregon, been appointed as administratrix of the Estate of Isabell J. Stines, deceased, and has duly qualified as such. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same, duly verified as required by law, within six months after the date of the first publication of this notice, which first publication is the 7th day of January, 1927. My residence is Medford, Oregon, and place of business is First National Bank Building in said city.

FRANCES COCHRAN,

Administratrix of the Estate of Isabell Stine, Deceased.

W. E. Phins, Attorney for said estate, First National Bank Building, Medford, Oregon.

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