

Teachers Meeting At Ashland Is Very Successful

What was described as the largest and most successful institute of school teachers in southern Oregon history came to a close Saturday afternoon at the state normal school in Ashland.

The attendance, far above expectations, was so large that it was stated a similar conference next year will have to be held in the Southern Oregon Normal school's gymnasium.

The institute was sponsored by four counties and the normal school. Final registration figures showed 725 authorized delegates in attendance as follows: Jackson county, 305; Josephine, 120; Klamath, 250; and Lake, 50. Speakers, guests and teachers from other counties increased the attendance figures to well over 800.

The conference came to a close with a general meeting in the normal school auditorium at noon. Dr. Edward O. Sisson, professor of philosophy at Reed college, Portland spoke on "Our Profession," and C. R. Bowman, Jackson county school superintendent presided.

In an address Friday on "Educating for Democracy," Dr. Sisson said "You hear people say that democracy is a failure but I deny that democracy is a failure. Democracy is just an experiment which has not had a fair chance."

Dr. C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction, outlined his addresses as follows:

- 1—The educative experiences to which the child is subjected should be on the level of his maturity.
- 2—Child interest is essential to effective teaching.
- 3—Knowledge and education are not synonymous. Knowledge should be used, therefore, not primarily as an end in itself but as a basis for attitudes, appreciation and understanding.
- 4—Education for life in a democracy calls for education in an atmosphere of democracy. This means a school and classroom organization in which the child is made to feel a measure of responsibility corresponding to his age and maturity.

A high point of the conference was an address by Frank Branch Riley, Portland attorney and writer, who declared that school teachers should receive salaries commensurate with their responsibility and value to society.

"We are a nation of hicks who squeeze pennies for our educators and squander thousands on entertainment," Mr. Riley said. He devoted much of his address to what he called the "unheralded" assets of Oregon which he termed the Cinderella of the sisterhood. He asserted that the public in general knows nothing about Oregon because the state's scenic charm, recreational facilities and historical background are not publicized.

"Some of the most romantic and thrilling dramas of our history have been enacted here," Mr. Riley said. "Everybody knows about Pocahontas who saved the life of one romantic figure, but nobody knows of Sajaewa who saved a whole expedition and thereby gave the United States claim to the Oregon territory."

Mr. Riley was toastmaster at a large banquet at the Elks' temple in Ashland Friday night at which leading school officials were introduced.

A feature of the conference was the singing of the Jackson Teachers' chorus under the direction of Esther Church Leake.

All of the local teachers attended and report that it was an exceptional good meeting with very interesting speakers.

James Hedgpeth Dies At Gold Hill

James D. Hedgpeth, pioneer resident of Oregon, residing at Gold Hill where he spent the last 18 years of his life, passed away in a local hos-

pital Saturday morning at the age of 74.

Mr. Hedgpeth was born near St. Louis, Mo., in 1861 and crossed the plains with his parents and the Mayfields by ox team when 5 years of age.

This was in 1866 and upon reaching Oregon they settled in Linn county, where he spent the greater part of 38 years until coming to Jackson county in 1904 where he had since resided. He was a member of the Presbyterian church at Ashland for 30 years. Many friends throughout the county will learn with regret of his passing.

He leaves his wife, Bertha Hedgpeth, and four children; Claude Hedgpeth and Vada Emery of Portland, Lee and Clarence Hedgpeth of Medford; also three brothers, Louis Frank and Jerry, all of California and one sister, America A. Rackliff of Idaho, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted by Dr. Sherman L. Divine at the Conger chapel at 2 p. m. Tuesday Interment in Siskiyou Memorial park.

Mr. Hedgpeth was an uncle of Constable Bert Hedgpeth of this city.

Art Exhibit Dates

The Southern Oregon Art association announces its regular fall exhibit to be shown free of charge at room 3, 107 East Main street, Medford, November 18, 19, 20 and 21. All artists of southern Oregon are invited to exhibit their works, and are asked to have exhibits in place not later than noon, November 17.

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