

Teeth of Local School Children Said 'Seriously Defective and Neglected'

Teeth of school children in Jackson and Josephine counties are defective to a serious degree and are being gravely neglected, a survey completed by the University of Oregon Dental school reveals.

Almost half of the teeth of native born and reared youngsters ages 14 to 16 are decayed, filled or missing—and nearly half of these defective teeth have not received dental care, Dean Harold J. Noyes of the state school reported this week.

Two County Check

Checkups in 10 Jackson and three Josephine communities last spring found tooth decay was slightly worse in Josephine than in Jackson. The latter average for the 285 pupils examined was 13.4 defective teeth each, including 7.7 filled, 0.9 missing and 5.6 with open caries. Results were not announced by schools or districts.

Real purpose of the survey was to determine if southern Oregon is much different from the parts of the state in rate of tooth decay, and to explore causes if variations were found.

Little Different

Field work and analyses by Dr. D. M. Hadjimarkos, assistant professor of public health at the dental school in Portland, revealed this area's conditions, serious as they are, were little different from those found earlier in coast and Willamette Valley counties.

Josephine's rate of defective teeth was the same as in Clatsop county, and Jackson's was slightly higher than in Benton. Sunny and high-altitude Klamath and Deschutes showed best conditions noted thus far, with 9 and 11.3 defective teeth per child, respectively.

"The southern Oregon survey furnishes new data on the magnitude of the dental decay problem in this state, and the disparity between needs and services actually received," Dr. Hadjimarkos remarked.

Sunshine and Altitude

"Sunshine together with altitude seems to favor development of sound teeth," he said. "The Rogue river valley has more sunny days than the Coast and Willamette counties, but a haze contributed to by its many saw-mills may reduce ultraviolet radiation from the sun."

Previous studies also suggested the trace element selenium may be a villain in making teeth more susceptible to decay, after less of it was found in Klamath than in Clatsop. Amounts of selenium will be checked in southern Oregon soon, he said.

No Fluorides

Public water supplies in Jackson and Josephine were found to contain no appreciable amounts fluorides.

Oregon is the first state to undertake such a detailed study of the prevalence of dental decay among its children.

The small ratio of children examined was due mostly to a requirement that they had been born in one of the two counties and had spent not more than one month in any year outside the area.

A. Bohnert Chosen For Committee

Arnold Bohnert of Central Point has been named to the Jackson county "Farmers for Cordon" committee, according to a press release this week.

Bohnert was named to the committee by W. M. Tate, Sublimity rancher and chairman of the state-wide "Farmers for Cordon" committee.

Other Jackson county men named to the committee include: E. W. Beeson, Talent; Charles Hoover, Eagle Point; Robert Norris, Medford; Robert Root, Medford; Paul Culbertson, Jacksonville; John Billings, Ashland; Stephen Nye, Talent; Ralph Cook, Medford; David Lowry, Phoenix, and Charles Barnes, Talent.

S. Coffman Elected To Lead Kandy Kids

Sharon Coffman was elected president of the Kandy Kids 4-H Cooking club at the organizational meeting of the group held October 5.

The meeting was held at the home of Mary Lou Savage.

Other officers chosen to serve with Miss Coffman are: Deana Russell, vice president; Sandra

Ghelardi, secretary; Mary Lou Savage, refreshment chairman; Patty Barber, game chairman, and Margaret Taylor, reporter.

Along with this meeting, there was an organizational meeting on beginning sewing.

Margaret Taylor, reporter.

Over 200 Attend Eagle Point P-TA

(Too late for last week)

By Mrs. Ada Bonebrake
EAGLE POINT—Eagle Point P-TA met the fourth Tuesday in September for a potluck dinner held in the school gymnasium. Over 200 parents and teachers were in attendance.

Thursday, October 7, the Eagle Point Lions Auxiliary met at the Teen-age club with President Tena Olsen conducting a lovely evening for the state president and third vice president. It was most entertaining and educational.

Mr. and Mrs. James Clarke

have moved into the recently converted store. This was known as Sparkies, is a lovely home now.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Hotho moved into the resident previously occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Clarke.

Everyone regretted seeing Mr. and Mrs. Kettlewell leave the community this past week. Due to his health, he could no longer live here. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Keasler bought the Kettlewell home and are now getting settled.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wallis moved into a larger house this week.

A huge success this week was a rummage sale at the Teen-age club Saturday, October 9.

In conjunction with this, the Camp Fire girls held a baked food sale.

The Colleen Hope dancing classes started Monday, October 11. There were 12 students in the pre-school classes; 13 in the first, second and third grade class, and 8 in the class of fourth grade and up.

Eagle Point Lions club met Tuesday, October 12. The lodge served a lovely roast chicken dinner.

Nearly all Eagle Point hunters have been getting deer this year.

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