

## COASTGUARDSMAN PENS STORY FOR HOME TOWN NEWSPAPER

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Mrs. A. E. Smith, Huber, is at present on duty in Alaskan waters. For his home town paper, David has penned a descriptive account of St. Paul Island, home of the fabulous fur seal.

There is an island in the Privifog group called St. Paul where the inhabitants do nothing but raise fur seals. And seals are the only source of income for the natives of the island.

On the island are special places,

called "rookeries" where seals come during mating season. The bull seal comes first, picking out a suitable home for his mate. Then comes the cow seals, in from the sea where they have been feeding during the summer.

A cow seal bears only one pup a season. No other cow will have anything to do with that pup and if a cow seal loses her own pup she will still have nothing to do with any other one.

Bull seals sometimes have as many as 8 or 10 mates in a season, each bearing one pup.

At specified times in the year, natives of the village go on a "kill". The hide is prime only at a certain age, three years old.

The killing party herds as many as 25 seals onto the beach. Then they pick out the 3 year-olds and drive them further up the beach before starting their "harvest".

For slaughter, the natives use a long club shaped much like a baseball bat but about 10 feet in length. The seals have paper-thin skulls and this method is used because it is considered quick, sure and therefore most humane.

The killed seals are skinned. The pelts are sold to fur traders in Nome or to those who make a point of making a pilgrimage to the customary fur seal markets, in other parts of the territory.

The age limit on seals is observed because after the age of three the fur on the skin "slips". After being tanned, the hairs come out. The age of the animals is

judged according to their size and pelt condition.

The United States government has provided the natives of St. Paul with food, clothing, fuel and other necessary things for existence in this part of the world, so isolated from the rest of the world.

To teach them the value of money, so they will stand less of a chance to be cheated out of what is rightfully theirs, the government is starting to make the natives pay for part of their clothing.

Of course, to make it possible for them to balance the budget, Uncle Sam will pay the natives more for their skins. It is hoped that slowly but surely the natives will become aware of money's value and therefore become more independent and able to provide for their own living.

The men of St. Paul are paid according to classes: first, second and third. According to ability, age and length of time as a seal man, the first class get the most, then the second and third.

While the main reason for harvesting seals is the fur, the natives also take what meat they want, or can use. The season must be right or the meat is no good.

The seals feed on the Pacific Coast then come up the coast of Alaska for the mating season at St. Paul.

The end.

## BARNES School Notes

### FIRST GRADERS REPORT

The first grade children at Tualatin View studied about fruits and vegetables Monday, and have a real display on their cabinet.

Mrs. Beattie of the first grade was ill last Tuesday, and Miss Pattullo substituted for her.

The 2nd grade of the Tualatin View Building now has 29 children, the latest addition is Glenna Jane Lewis from South Dakota. We have a daily newspaper chart in our room, and on it we record the weather, birthdays, attendance, etc. Mr. and Mrs. Ringe visited in our school last Tuesday morning. Mrs. Ringe left a "seaweed man" for us to enjoy. It was fashioned from a seaweed a number of years ago by a tried of hers.

Orrin Brooks' family has a new trailer house and Orrin has a new puppy. They came recently from Nebraska.

Mrs. Hoskin's first grade pupils have brought many interesting things to school to share with the group.

Elaime Kilbry brought a caterpillar and Michael Kahlhoff brought a cricket, while Sharon Lee Scholkowsky brought a pretty bouquet of asters and snapdragons for teacher's desk. Terry Trachsel brought a beautiful pink geranium that has two blossoms on it. We like all these things very much and wish to say "Thank You".

Bryant Berg visited Silver Creek Falls last Sunday, and told us about it.

Terry Trachsel spent the week end at the beach, and rode the merry-go-round.

Those children who brought records to school for us to hear are: Kristin Hansen, Billy Townes, Gary Thompson, Michael Kahlhof, and Carrie Edwards. We enjoy listening to these records during rest period.

This week we have read stories about Tim, then we made Tim with brown crayon, and had lots of fun doing it. We also wrote a story to put above a picture of two puppies that Deneice Peers brought to school. The little puppies are brown and black.

Marshal Stevens has been absent because of poison oak, and Michall Stevens is ill with the flu. We hope they will both be back soon.

### GRANDMOTHER HASKELL

Mrs. Chester Haskell is a proud grandmother for the first time. Her daughter Mrs. Jimmie Calender, of near Hillsboro, had a baby daughter, Rebekah May, born September 27th.

Mrs. Haskell is one of our cooks at our Grade A lunch room.

## WEATHER REPORT

The 3-A class is making a weather chart. Every day we will look for weather changes and then record them on our chart. We will cut out and paste pictures of suns, clouds, umbrellas, kites, and snowmen, to show the weather every day on our chart.

Sally Smithson brought in her delightful record album on "Johnny Appleseed", and David McCallen brought in his book of the same story. We enjoyed them both very much indeed.

Ricky Boylan is the weather chart artist in the 3-B class for the month of October. We have drawn a calendar on the blackboard, and Ricky will draw in the symbols with colored chalk. He has chosen slate blue for rain, white for clouds, grey-white for fog, and yellow for sunshine.

Ella Jean Luck was absent for several days with a bad cold, so we did not play the lovely records she had brought until she returned. Then we enjoyed Cinderella on Thursday.

We have also learned to keep time to a new rhythm record our teacher brought called "The Blacksmith".

Gary Chumley, Jocelyn deLancy, Richard Hutcheon, Page Gilbert, and Jimmie Farah have all brought lovely books to school to share with members of the class.

On Friday Barbara Baker brought her collection of story-book dolls, 12 of them, to show the class. They were very beautiful, and we gasped with awe as she presented each one to us.

Eleven of us received 100% in spelling on Friday, and got our names written high on the blackboard.

### EIGHTH GRADE NEWS

Janice Vinson, Leota Cogswell, and Martha Eagleson, in the 8th grade, are responsible for news from their room getting to Mrs. Bowman on time. So far they have done very well, indeed.

This week they write: Tim Berg, one of the boys in our class, was ball boy for the Portland Beavers during the summer.

Our room was presented with a brand-new globe of the earth which is really needed, and appreciated.

There are seven students in our class that are interested in a band, which we are planning to organize when we move to the new Cedar Hills building. Our teacher, Mr. Callas, will be in charge of the Band.

Ronnie Minton, our vice president, moved to Klamath Falls. Bruce Daniels is the new president, and Martha Eagleson is now vice president.

Mr. John Callas, 8th grade teacher, is the proud father of a 6½ pound baby boy, born Friday, September 29. He says the baby's name is Perry Randall.

## LIFE IN MEXICO

The 6th grade had a real treat recently, when Mrs. Tom Smithson was kind enough to visit the class to tell all about Mexico.

Since we are studying Latin American countries in social studies this year her talk helped us a great deal. There were records of typical Mexican music, displays of Mexican clothing, jewelry, weaving, and trinkets, which gave us a colorful picture of the people and their work.

We wish to thank Mrs. Smithson for being so generous with her time. Her visit was enjoyable and very worthwhile.

### SECOND GRADE NEWS

Robert Hughbank is our new second grader, he hails from California. We are losing Maja Heligas, who will attend Brooklyn School in Portland.

### NOTED COMPOSERS

Barbara Christensen from Seattle, and Christine Conaway from Couch school in Portland, are new pupils in the 5th grade room. Their coming brings our total number in the class to 32.

In order to learn about well known compositions and composers the 5th and 6th grades enjoy local talent every Friday afternoon.

Mary Jo Noel of the 5th grade entertained with the following piano solos: "Melody in F", "Merry Widow Waltz", and "Little Fairy Valse". Donald Robertson entertained the boys and girls by playing his accordion; the numbers were, "Little Soldier", "Music, Music, Music", "Marine Hymn", and "Red River Valley".

Tommy Prosser has a new baby brother which arrived last week.

### CLASS OFFICERS

The 7th grade class officers are president, Tom Brown; vice president, Sally Shaw; secretary, Sally Peterkort; treasurer, Floyd Hein. The class had about 14 dollars left from last year. Marion Townes has moved to Cedar Mills.

### RETURNS TO DESK

Our Principal, Mr. James Becker, returned to his desk September 25th, after an illness of nearly two weeks.

We are all very glad to see him around again, and wish him the best of Health from now on.

### FIRE DRILL OFFICERS

The Fourth grade elected the following children to assigned duty when we have fire drill: Christine Edwards, lights; Jimmy Swanson, close the windows; Robert Thurman, Billy Moore, Michael Corby, Tommy Wedbush, Eldon Thom, man the fire extinguisher.

The school had fire drill at 9:45 on Monday so we tried out our new positions.

We made pictures illustrating "A Home for Danny". There was a great range of interest in the picture and the class selected the best ones for mountain. This was done after a period of praise and constructive criticism.

Each child in our grade wrote down the structure of some animal, read it aloud, and the other children would guess the animal. This game was correlated with our science lesson, and we enjoyed doing it.

Our grade grows larger and larger and now numbers 43.

### LEGAL NOTICE

Estate No. 7061

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In the Matter of the Estate of Hazel B. Puckett, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Hazel B. Puckett, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified as by law required, to the undersigned at Rt. 1, Sheridan, within six months from the date hereon.

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Vernon Puckett, Administrator

Otto W. Heider, Sheridan, Oregon, Attorney for Estate.

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