

The Jacksonville Miner

Jacksonville Has 17.4 Increase In One Grade School

High School Enrollment Stays at 93; Same as Last Year

JACKSONVILLE, Sept. 11. — Opening day at the Jacksonville public schools found an increase of 17.4% in the registration of the first 8 grades over last year's first figures with 223 enrolling against 190 last year. The high school remained at 93 identical to the first day of enrollment last year.

G. B. Goddard, superintendent of schools, stated that these figures are expected to increase, especially in the high school.

The Aeronautics course which has been added, is creating an unusual amount of interest. John B. Harr who is instructing the class was a B-17 bomber pilot during the war. Stationed in England he was on bomber duty over Germany and after being shot down in action was forced to spend 17 months in the prison camp Stalag Luft 1 near the Baltic Sea. Mr. Harr states that the class will include an introductory course in aviation keyed to suit the needs of those who are now receiving private flying instruction and others, new to aviation.

There will be a practical study of aircraft, air travel, aviation history, theory, meteorology and basic engine instruction which will assist students in understanding combustion theory as applied to any engine. There will also be instruction in C.A.A. regulations.

Festivities Mark Celebration Of Church's 90th Anniversary

JACKSONVILLE, Sept. 11. — Members of the First Presbyterian church of Jacksonville celebrated the 90th anniversary of the church Sunday September 7. The festivities began at 9:45 a. m. with many of the girls in the Bible school dressed in costumes reminiscent of the days when the church was organized.

At 11:00 a. m. an anniversary service of worship was held with the Rev. O. L. Walter, D.D., of Portland, retiring Oregon Synod's executive, delivering the sermon. There was special music by the choir, Mrs. Glenn Gordon, directing, and Mrs. R. J. Harris at the piano.

At 1:00 p. m. members and friends joined in a pot-luck dinner, and at 2:30 p. m. they gathered for the Anniversary "Homecoming" address by Don Newbury of Medford, a former Jacksonville resident. State and local church leaders, as well as former ministers and members greeted the large audience, and there was the reading of the roll of the 90th Anniversary Memorial Circle.

One of the features of the meeting was the showing of old church pictures. Communion services were held at 8 p. m. with the church choir participating. The new addition to the church is nearing completion and members of the congregation have expressed appreciation to the many who have given services voluntarily in the work.

Some who have shared in this work are Roy V. Martin and Otto Niedermeyer for the most of the carpenter work; J. M. Patterson, plumbing; H. E. Lind, laying the linoleum; Ray J. Harris, drew-

ing the plans and has been construction adviser; O. V. Dunford, Henry Niedermeyer and W. H. Arnold also have given valuable time, and George W. Wendt has done the electrical work. Many others have given invaluable assistance.

The ladies of the church met last Friday at the church to clean and decorate for the anniversary meeting.

The Rev. M. A. Williams, a missionary of the Presbyterian church was the first minister. From 1857 to 1881 services were held in the Methodist church. The Rev. Williams with the aid of C. C. Beckman and William Hoffman erected the church which was dedicated in 1881. The stained glass windows were imported from Italy and the reed organ came by boat around the Horn. The seating capacity was 250 and the church was considered the finest edifice in Southern Oregon.

Williams, who died December 11, 1897, at the age of 86, was buried in the Jacksonville cemetery. Other ministers who followed included: Augustus R. Bickelback, Robert Ennis, Samuel H. Jones, Ferdinand G. Strange, Walter A. Couden, T. J. Hedges, Paul S. Bandy, Albert H. Gammons, John K. Howard, F. C. Becker, Edwin H. Edgar, Elmer E. McVicker, E. N. Mallery, and Lawrence H. Mitchelmore, who is the present minister.

Mrs. Lyle O. Smith of upper Third street entertained neighborhood children Thursday for her daughter, Eileens fourth birthday. Games were played and the little guests enjoyed refreshments of ice cream and cake.

Jacksonville PTA To Meet Teachers

The executive committee of the Jacksonville P. T. A. met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Jerry Mentch to plan for a special get-acquainted evening meeting of parents and teachers of the Jacksonville county which will be held Wednesday, September 17 at 8 p. m.

The meeting will be held in the music room in the new addition to the school. Refreshments will be served and members of Eve Prentice's Accordiana Group will entertain.

All parents and teachers of Jacksonville students are urged to attend. Committee members stated there will be a business meeting at which time amendments to the by-laws will be voted.

Regular meetings will be held throughout the school year on the first Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m. in the school building.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith with their son and daughter spent the Labor Day weekend at Ten Mile, near Roseburg, visiting with a brother of Mr. Smith, George W. Smith and while there they were joined with other relatives for a family reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kingsley and family returned during the past week from Eugene where Mr. Kingsley who is the Jacksonville school coach, has been attending the university.

Members of the new teaching staff met at the school Saturday to discuss the coming school term.

Mrs. Carl D. Garman is in Weed, Calif., with her daughter and family having been called there upon the illness of her grandson. The child is now reported as being greatly improved. During Mrs. Garman's absence in Weed, her sister, Mrs. Dora Hammersly, Fort Jones, Calif., visited the Garman residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Prince of Santa Ana, Calif., with their baby daughter, Jane, are visiting with Mrs. Prince's mother, Mrs. Ruth Wilcox.

The D. R. Swansons are parents of a son born Monday in Medford. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E. D. McIntyre of Jacksonville and Mr. and Mrs. T. Swanson of Beaverton. D. R. Swanson, chief pharmacist mate in the U. S. Navy, arrived Tuesday from Vallejo, Calif., where he is stationed to be with his wife and son. Mrs. Swanson has been residing with her parents, the McIntyres recently.

J. F. Littell of Foster, Oregon, spent the weekend visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bowman of Bowman's Grocery, will leave the first of the week to spend a week hunting in California. During their absence Edward Paxton and Sarah Smith will operate the Bowman's store.

Charles Lorton of the Jacksonville Sanitarium spent Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. Fred Reich of the Applegate, where a dinner attended by relatives and friends was given in honor of Mr. Lorton's 91st birthday.

H. C. Cram of Modesto, Calif., was admitted to the sanitarium during the week.

Mrs. Olive Johnson visited Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pearce at Sterling Mine, Monday. Mrs. Johnson is a cousin to Mrs. Pearce.

Warren Operates Garbage Service

JACKSONVILLE, Sept. 11. — C. Warren is now in charge at the Jacksonville dump grounds in Sterling Road, supervising dumping and keeping the yard in order. Mr. Warren also operates a garbage disposal truck in Jacksonville on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Anyone wishing this service may call the Isaac Coffman residence and leave information as to where and when pickups are desired. Residents desiring to haul their own refuse to the dump grounds are privileged to do so with nominal rates charged for dumping, to cover maintenance.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bulkin and daughter returned Sunday evening after visiting friends and relatives several days in Portland, Milwaukee, Salem and in Washington state. While in Portland they also visited Clyde Fichtner and Guy Hughes, valley residents who are confined to the Good Samaritan hospital.

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