

SCHOOL SURVEY SHOWS OPPORTUNITY ROOM BENEFICIAL

Dr. B. W. De Busk, who has been making a study of retarded and over-aged pupils in the Medford public schools, made a partial report of his three days' study to an interested audience. His study was based wholly on the Ayers scale. He made it clear that the problem of retardation had been pretty well looked after during the past years in the Medford schools, as the study showed 8 per cent of the pupils under age, 69 per cent at age and 23 per cent over age.

Dr. De Busk affirmed schools that maintained a standard in promotion must have at least 20 per cent over-aged pupils. In comparing Medford with other cities, it was shown that the general average of over-aged pupils stands at 35 per cent, and few cities are able to reduce this average. He read a report from the Ayers survey numbering some eighty cities which showed the per cent of over-aged pupils to range from 35 to 48 per cent.

He showed clearly that chronologically a child might be 10 years old, but mentally only 6 years old. This he claimed was due largely to improper foods and systemic poisoning from decayed teeth and diseased tonsils. In his mental tests Dr. De Busk based his finding on the use of the Binet-Simon tests.

On account of lack of time he was unable to compile data on these tests made, but promised to arrange the data in tabulated form and send it from the university in a few days.

Dr. De Busk was certain that Medford's low per cent of over-aged pupils was due largely to the maintenance of the "opportunity room," and has remarked a number of times during his investigation of the splendid construction work being accomplished through this department.

Owing to the fact that he was compelled to return to the university this morning, Dr. De Busk has made only a partial survey, but promises to return before the end of the year and complete his report.

COUNTY FARM LOAN ASSOCIATIONS WORK TOGETHER

Members of the eight farm loan associations of Jackson county met at the public library in Medford Wednesday and perfected a permanent organization for Jackson county, which will have for its object a uniformity of valuations for farm lands of the county under the classifications of fruit, alfalfa, stock and grain. These valuations are to be arrived at by conferences and by data gathered by the individual committeemen and to be used as a basis in arriving at valuations.

The loan committees elected for their president, T. E. Scanlon of Phoenix and for their secretary, C. A. Meyers of Medford.

A conference of the presidents, secretaries and treasurers of the eight Jackson county organizations was also held, and at which J. F. Rocho of Ashland was elected president and George Carter of Talent secretary. The object of this organization is an exchange of ideas and to make clear the duties of the presidents and secretaries of the several separate organizations.

At 1:30 a business men's lunch was served at the Holland cafe and thirty-seven plates were laid. Several "after lunch" addresses were made, among them being one by Professor F. C. Reimer on "Orchard Valuations"; Professor C. C. Cate spoke on "Co-operative Value of the Farm Loan Association to the County Agriculturist"; C. A. Gamul of Phoenix spoke on the "Presidents"; and J. F. Rocho on the "Secretaries."

Every member of the association in attendance was enthusiastic and the meeting was a growing success.

BIG CROWD AT BAND CONCERT

With only one leg to support himself, Bandmaster Rowland, conducting the Medford band through the second successful concert of the season at the Natatorium on Wednesday evening. Mr. Rowland while arranging the stage at the Nat on Tuesday, dislocated his knee and contrary to his doctor's orders, he was at the head of his band as usual on Wednesday evening. About 600 people attended the concert which was very highly enjoyed, that is if the unstinted applause was any criterion. Professor Rocho's boys orchestra was probably one of the most interesting numbers on the program. The young orchestra was compelled to respond to a most hearty encore. Miss Bryan has a voice of wonderful range and her solo from "Faust" showed remarkable power, a band accompaniment to her solo would have been quite fitting.

Riley Davis, the boy violinist played with his usual skill and was accompanied by Mrs. Calkins. Miss French was recalled for her solo, her accompanist, Miss Seely gave her good support at the piano. Prof. Haught acted as official accompanist for the concert. After the concert the floor was cleared and a most enjoyable dance was indulged in.

Following is the program for this evening's concert:

March, "Call of the Wild".....Rosey
Violin solo, "The Prize Song".....Wagner
Descriptive, "The Hunting Scene".....Bucalossi
Solo from "Faust".....Gounod
Miss Bryan
Selection, "Il Trovatore".....Verdi
Cornet solo, "Andante and Allegro".....Clemens
Bandmaster Rowland
Selection, "Martha".....Flotow
Juvenile Orchestra (direction Prof. Rocho)
Overture, "Morning, Noon and Night".....Suppe
Solo, Selected.....Miss French
March, "Lake Front".....Vandercaak
America
George McDonough of Sams valley was a business visitor in Medford Wednesday.

GERARD OFFERED TO RESIGN POSITION

LONDON, Jan. 18.—United States Ambassador Gerard offered to resign if President Wilson disapproved his speech at the banquet tendered him by the American association of commerce and trade, according to a Rotterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company, quoting a Cologne telegram.

The dispatch says the ambassador sent a special message to Washington with an explanation of his speech and his offer of resignation if the explanation was unsatisfactory.

GUN BRINGS JAIL TO I. W. W. ORGANIZER

PARK FALLS, Wis., Jan. 15.—Jack Beaton, Industrial Worker of the World organizer, last night was sentenced to serve six months in the county jail at Phillips, Wis., on being convicted of carrying concealed weapons.

Beaton made a speech. He said he had carried a revolver for many years. "I intend to carry one in the future," he said. "I'll have one as soon as I complete this sentence."

DAY IN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Senate: Met at noon.
Resumed consideration of legislative appropriation bill.
Judiciary committee held hearing on Shafroth resolution to amend constitution of United States could enter league to enforce peace.
Inter-state Commerce committee continued consideration of railroad legislation.
House: Met at 11 a. m.
Resumed consideration of public buildings bill.
Rules committee laid further plans for conducting "leak" inquiry hearings.

VENIZELISTS RELEASED BY GREEK KING

LONDON, Jan. 18.—In compliance with the demand of the entente, the arrested Venizelists have been released, according to an Athenian dispatch to Reuters. The dispatch says that quiet prevails in the Greek capital.

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