

PLATOON SYSTEM IN SCHOOLS IS HIGHLY PRAISED

Miss Ida Stauffer, teacher at Couch school of Portland during the past five years, stopped in Medford today on route to Crater Lake after a vacation trip which has included several days at Yosemite national park.

"We have 500 students at Couch, including the first eight grades. Within the last two years the platoon system has been inaugurated in our school with very satisfactory results," the teacher stated this morning in discussing her work.

One of the most interesting phases of the system has been the addition of a nature study room where a regular menagerie is maintained. Turtles, fish, lizards, owls and various varieties of birds, flowers and plants of all kinds, are only a few of the things which the students have collected and now carefully feed and take care of.

Miss Stauffer described the school's auditorium which is used alternately by first one grade and then another for the purpose of staging plays, under their own direction, and the presenting of programs. Even the youngest pupils hold business meetings and have an organization with a president at the head, she said.

Not long ago when Miss Helen Norris was ill at a Portland hospital, Miss Stauffer visited her several times. Mrs. Lolla K. Eiton, with whom the teacher lives, told her about the Medford girl author of several plays they had heard broadcast over the radio. "I admire Miss Norris' talent and bravery and think that she has a beautiful personality," Miss Stauffer stated.

VARIETY STORE BANKRUPT SALE

A bankrupt sale of the West Main street variety store will be opened to the public next week by Luke Ryan, F. S. Riebe and F. W. Gray. Announcement of the exact date the doors will be thrown open will be made later.

The stock comprises a wide variety of merchandise including stationery, men's women's and children's hosiery, wearing apparel, children's shoes, school supplies, hardware and notions. The store will have one of the most complete stocks of the kind ever offered in southern Oregon at a bankrupt sale and will enable the public to make surprisingly large savings.

Luke Ryan and F. W. Gray are both well known business men who have had long experience in the disposition of bankrupt stocks. Mr. Riebe, although a comparative newcomer in Medford, is an expert in merchandising and is giving his attention to the sale with the idea of making it a record breaker for low prices and quick action.

The stock has been moved to 222 West Main street and is being arranged to give better display to the wide variety of goods to be disposed of.

LOCAL RESTAURANT SOLD FOR \$3000

The Brownie Marie restaurant on North Fir street was sold yesterday for a consideration of \$3000 to Miss Olga Christenson of Stockton, Kans., and her brother-in-law, Lee Aekley, formerly associated with the Riverview Dairy at Portland, who took possession this morning.

Miss Christenson has taught school in Kansas for the past several years and just arrived in Medford yesterday. It is the plan of the new owners to conduct the establishment much as the former owner, Mrs. DeLara, conducted it. The name will not be changed.

When asked about her future plans, Mrs. DeLara said that she expected to take the first train out of town when she gets her business matters attended to. From here she will go to Chicago to visit her father, John Ernest, whom she has not seen during the past 14 years. Later she will return to Los Angeles and make her home with a daughter.

BUILDING PERMITS FOR MONTH GAIN

Building permits for August amounted to \$54,250, an increase of over \$40,000 for the month of July, when the total was \$14,250, according to figures compiled at the city building office today. For alterations and repairs to dwellings, 21 permits were issued and nine were issued for new dwellings and other buildings, one of which included the new Catholic church, which is being constructed at an approximate cost of \$28,500 and another, the new eat and dog hospital, at a cost of \$2500.

News of the Churches

St. Mark's Episcopal, Corner Oakdale and Fifth St. 8 a. m. Holy communion. Please enter at choir room door and sit in choir seats. Wm. B. Hamilton, Rector.

First Baptist Church Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship at 9 o'clock. Union evening worship at First M. E. church at 8 o'clock. Pastor W. H. Eaton will be the principal speaker at the morning worship service. Try our welcome.

Jacksonville Presbyterian Church Vacation closed with the last day of August and the pastor and Mrs. McVicker returned to their home today, so all regular services will be held Sunday, September 2. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. Evening service at 7:30 o'clock. Bible study Tuesday, 7:30 p. m. Choir practice, Tuesday at 8:15 p. m. Junior choir practice, Wednesday at 7 p. m. May all the congregation be present Sunday and during the week week with hearty greetings.

Business Men's Gospel Team The Men's Gospel Team will hold the regular afternoon service at 3 o'clock Sunday, September 2, at the Presbyterian church at Jacksonville. Percy A. Bray will have charge of the service and will speak at the meeting. Please try and be there and hear Mr. Bray in another of his stirring messages. Special music has been prepared for the meeting and a good time for all. All members of the team are earnestly urged to be there and help in another great service.

A good meeting was held in Rutte Falls last Sunday afternoon and the team is invited to return. Full Gospel Temple, Newtown near Main. Pastor, John L. Zacher. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Young people's meeting at 6:45 p. m. Evening evangelistic service at 8 o'clock. Weekly meetings on Tuesday and Thursday at 8 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. Are you longing to know more about God and to experience the new birth that Jesus told Nicodemus about? See John 3:13 to 18. You are cordially invited to attend our services.

Main Street Methodist Episcopal Church South T. E. Conder, pastor. Parsonage 25 North Oakdale avenue. Pastor's study at church. Both phones 384. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Sermon by Elder Ward of Jacksonville at 11 a. m. Epworth League at 7 p. m. Sermon by Elder Ward of Jacksonville at 8 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Special music and song for both services. The newly appointed pastor for the coming year, J. E. Conder, cannot reach here until about September 23, at which time he will take up his duties.

First Methodist Episcopal Church T. H. Temple, D. D., minister. Residence 27 North Orange. Phone 332. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Subject, "Man's Discovery of Himself." Evening worship at 7 o'clock. Union service. "The Church's Need of Power." Epworth League at 7, the last union service for the young people. Sunday school at 9:45. Clarence Meeker, superintendent. Mid-week service Wednesday at 8 p. m. A meeting of inspiration and helpfulness. Special music. Sunday morning, Solo, "My Father Watched Over Me" (Gabriel).—Clarence Meeker. Sunday evening, Solo, "The Day is Ended" (Bartlett)—Mrs. T. H. Temple. Violin obligato—Carl Moldren.

First Church of Christ, Scientist Authorized branch of the Mother Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Mass. Services are held every Sunday at 11 o'clock, church edifice, 212 North Oakdale. Subject for Sunday, September 2, "Man." Sunday school at 9:45. Applicants under the age of 20 may be admitted. Wednesday evening meetings, which include testimonies of Christian Science healings, at 8 o'clock. The reading room, which is held in the Medford building, is open daily from 12 to 4 except Sundays and holidays. The Bible and all authorized Christian Science literature may be read, borrowed or purchased.

The public is cordially invited to attend the services and visit the reading room. Presbyterian Church Regular services will start Sunday with the pastor, Rev. E. P. Lawrence back from vacation and in his pulpit as usual. Sabbath school at 9:45 a. m. Every pupil is urged to be on hand ready for class with Bible and lesson quarterly. Prompt and regular attendance counts in the study of the word of God. Verli Walker, superintendent. "The Master's Modern Challenge," at 11 a. m. by Rev. Edwin P. Lawrence. A host of things challenge humbly today. How does Christ's challenge compare with them.

Tenor solo, "Oh Master I Will Follow Thee"—George Maddox. Miss Alma Lawrence, substitute organist.

There will be a union service, the last of the season, at the North Methodist church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Also a union young people's meeting at 7 p. m.

First Christian Church Ninth and Oakdale. Carman E. Mell, minister. Office and pastor's study in the church; phone 1007. Office hours 9 to 12. Residence phone 1337. Morning worship and communion "Test our welcome." Morning worship and communion 10:45. A cordial invitation is extended to tourists and visitors. Sermon subject, "The Dynamic in the Life of Christ." Special music. A worshipful atmosphere and a happy fellowship. Bible school assembly at 9:45. The largest attendance of the summer is now returning from vacations. This year the school has maintained its highest summer average of the past several years. There are departments and classes for all ages.

Union evening service in the First Methodist church at 8 o'clock. This will be the last of the union evening meetings for the summer. Union young people's meeting at 7 o'clock.

Zion Lutheran Church West Fourth street at Oakdale. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Church services at 11 a. m. Rev. George H. Hillerman, D. D. of Berkeley, Cal., general superintendent of the board of American Missions of the Lutheran church, will occupy the pulpit of Zion church Sunday morning. Dr. Hillerman has spent his entire ministerial life on the Pacific coast and is in hearty sympathy with western conditions. He is known as a preacher who deals plainly, forcibly and in an up-to-date manner in his pulpit utterances. His theme for the morning will be "My Neighbor and I" and in the presentation will discuss the following questions: "Are we in danger of losing the ideals of neighborliness?" "Can Jesus' ideal of neighborliness help today?" "What is wrong with the adage 'Charity begins at home'?" "What relation does our neighborliness sustain to the matter of salvation?" "What call is there for the Good Samaritan act in Medford?" The public and especially the Lutherans in Medford are cordially invited to attend the service.

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The fire, which began yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, burned rapidly and required the efforts of 50 men to put it under control. At times it jumped as far as 50 feet making it a stubborn blaze to fight. Property owned by the Federal Land Bank was also ravaged by the flames, but no buildings destroyed.

The state had six men employed at the scene and the remaining number was recruited from farmers and residents of that district. The fire area was being patrolled today to prevent further outbreaks.

Daily Meteorological Report

September 1, 1928 Forecasts Medford and vicinity: Fair and warm tonight and Sunday. Oregon: Fair tonight and Sunday with fog near coast; warm with low humidity in interior.

LOCAL DATA Table with columns: Temperature (Degs.), Highest (Last 12 hrs.), Lowest (Last 12 hrs.), Rel. humidity (Pct.), State of weather, Clear/Clear, Lowest temperature this morning, 50 degrees, Total precipitation since Sept. 1, 1927, 15.65 inches.

Sunrise today, 6:45 p. m. Sunset today, 5:27 a. m. Sunrise Sunday, 6:43 p. m. Sunset Sunday, 6:43 p. m. Observations Taken at 5 A. M. 120th Meridian Time.

CITY Table with columns: City, High Temp., Low Temp., Wind, Weather. Baker City, 84, 48, Clear; Bismarek, 76, 54, Clear; Boise, 88, 52, Clear; Denver, 78, 50, Clear; Des Moines, 70, 56, P. Cdy; Fresno, 90, 58, Clear; Helena, 80, 50, Clear; Los Angeles, 84, 56, Clear; Marshfield, 48, 52, Cloudy; Phoenix, 104, 75, Clear; Portland, 86, 68, Clear; Red Bluff, 95, 60, Clear; Roseburg, 88, 56, Clear; Salt Lake City, 78, 58, Clear; San Francisco, 60, 50, Clear; Santa Fe, 74, 50, Clear; San Jose, 82, 56, Clear; Spokane, 90, 56, Clear; Walla Walla, 92, 67, Clear; Winnning, 80, 50, Clear.

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