

# City and Rogue River Valley School News of the Week

**Jackson School**  
**Football Game Six Weeks Examinations Work Outlined**

Ranking 92.4 percent, 100 per cent rooms, Mrs. Taylor's, Miss MacNiven's.

Spelling 93.9 percent, off 2 per cent.

Football game Jackson 9, Roosevelt 17.

The first term of the first semester ended last Wednesday and exams have all been given and graded. The report cards will go out next Wednesday. There will be several poor grades in evidence for several reasons. There will also be several good ones, too, however, the honor roll will be short.

The teachers all went to group meetings last Monday to outline the work to be covered next six weeks term. All new work will begin next Monday.

A "brand new" slide was hauled to our school and erected at the place where the old one stood. The playground supervisor's main trouble was that the over anxious "cut in" rather than take his turn at the end of the long line.

Health work for the last week included the completion of the dental inspection by Drs. Goldsbury and Elliott.

October weighing of all the school children was completed by Miss Briggs. Some interesting knowledge has been discovered in this connection.

One of the first grade teachers and third grade teachers have been teaching the last week. The events were so serious that a substitute had to be called for each.

**Junior High**  
**Spelling Average High Harmonica Band plays for Teachers' Institute**

For the first time in the history of Junior high school our spelling average ranks higher than any school in the city. Many of the 11 divisions had had 100 percent records during the past few weeks. Both teacher and pupils have worked hard and are glad to learn that they rank first in the city.

Miss Williams took the harmonica band to Ashland on Friday afternoon where they played before the teachers attending the county institute. Three numbers were very enthusiastically received by the audience. "Swanee River," "Swiss and Low" and "Stars and Stripes Forever."

Six weeks tests were given on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Judging from the worried expressions, many students are skeptical about receiving their cards.

This week marks the close of our first six weeks period. All departments are working smoothly. The band and gym clubs are well under way and we all feel that this year promises to be the best we have ever had.

The teachers all returned from the institute at Ashland on Friday. They report a fine meeting both from an educational and enjoyment standpoint.

**Roosevelt School**  
**Assembly Held Health Report Dental Examination**

An assembly was held in the lower hall on Monday at 1 p.m. Mrs. Schneider's 4-B class gave a clever little play depicting the discovery of America by Columbus. We feel that educational dramas are most profitable, as well as entertaining.

Thursday and Friday were vacation days for the pupils but not for the teachers, as they were attending institute in Ashland.

Twenty-nine and eight-tenths per cent of the children kept their health rules during the last week. The 2-B won the health banner with 91.4 per cent.

The rooms having 100 per cent in banking were the 5-A, 5-A and 7-B. The percentage for the building was 82.2.

The spelling average for the week ending October 12 was 94.9 per cent. The 4-A and 5-A were the highest with 95.3 per cent.

Dr. E. H. Elliot and Mrs. Josephine Jones, the school nurse, made a survey of the teeth of the pupils of the first three grades of the Roosevelt school on Thursday forenoon.

The examination of grades 4, 5 and 6 was postponed in order not to interfere with term tests.

**Valley School**  
**Mr. and Mrs. C. James Guests Piano Solo by Barbara Sheldon Program Rendered**

The Valley school had a very grand treat when Mr. and Mrs. C. James guests to play for the weekly assembly yesterday.

At Mr. and Mrs. James request, the children sang some of their favorite folk-songs, and Barbara Sheldon played an Indian air by Moberly.

Then appreciative children gave attention to the following program:

"A Group of Indian Songs," by Thurston Leonard.

"A Londonery Air" transcribed for the violin by Felix Kreimer and "Little White Moon" transcribed by Godfrey Ludlow.

**OPEN-HEAT POWER WORKS PROPOSED TO GAS MIET**

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Oct. 20.—Forecast that the lowering of public utility power plants will disappear from the industrial landscape was made today by Walter C. Beckjord of New York before the convention of the American Gas association.

In their place the power producing machinery will be set up out of doors, with no expensive walls and roofs to cover them.

"Already," Mr. Beckjord said, "boilers, water gas sets and coke ovens are being installed without buildings or other shelter. The electrical manufacturing plants are developing hydrogen cooled apparatus such as motor generators, frequency changers and condensers that can be installed outdoors at reduced investment costs."

Mr. Beckjord predicted the time when gas steam and electricity will be produced in single plants, probably located at mine mouths, will completely processed coal as the basis of power.

Healthful exercise and sport are obtained with a foot-propelled sled that is said to develop a speed of twenty miles an hour under favorable conditions. It is suitable for adults or children and collapses into a small bundle, easily carried by anyone, when not in use.

The Chinese Nationalist government has established a school for "ricksha coolies to improve their citizenship."

**Rogue River Academy**  
**New Student Enrolled Chapel Held Thursday Testament History Class**

"We invite you to visit us."

Everyone seems to be happy! And why should he be? Just think of the beautiful weather we are having, listen to the birds, see the work of Nature, then try to be otherwise than happy.

We have settled down to work in earnest and probably won't be sorry because six weeks "vacations" are coming soon.

The second month brings us one more student, Paul Galbraith. We hope he'll soon get into the swing of school life and make up for lost time.

Several of our "dorm" boys are picking apples and some have picked out and are unable to attend school. Not only the "dorm" boys but several of the girls are also working in the fruit woods.

hope to see them all back in school in a short time.

Autumn is making the leaves on the trees back of school a solid mass of mixed colors. It makes a very beautiful background for our school, you see.

Thursday everyone enjoyed the chapel period immensely. Miss Miller had charge and told us we would all go out on the grounds and then march around. We also had a relay race. The period ended all too soon to suit us and we had to go back to our work.

Oh! oh! this sort of weather makes us feel like having "spring fever," but we're glad to have the sunshine anyway and I think we'll all manage to get by without the dreaded disease getting a strong hold on us.

Saturday night the Old Testament history class entertained us at the church, located on the corner of Edwards and Beatty streets. These programs are very interesting and beautiful.

The Rogue River Valley—the Paradise of the World.

**Washington School**  
**Fire Drill Have Daddy's Night Enjoy Vacation**

Washington pupils had fire drill this week and were all clear of the building in 50 seconds. We think the record good.

Banking average was not quite so good this week, only 91.2 percent.

This has been a short but busy week for all, only three days of school, but those crowded with physical examinations by the doctors, and drills and tests given by the teachers.

The "daddy's" night meeting was well attended and the program very enjoyable. Room 9, grade 6-A, won the attendance prize, also the fine box of candy given to the room getting the most parents to join our P. T. A. Miss Parker's room won second prize, also a box of candy. Pupils have gone home happy in the thought of a long holiday while their teachers are at Ashland attending institute, and that report cards are due next week.

The fastest man has ever traveled on land, slightly faster than 200 miles an hour, is far exceeded by the speed of the water jet that drives the waterwheels in the new Big Creek plant of the Southern California Edison company. Falling 2200 feet down the mountain-side through a big conduit, the water jet, passing through an eight-and-a-half-inch pipe strikes each bucket of the wheel with a velocity of 235 miles an hour, exerting an impact force of 90,000 pounds.

Tourist traffic in Ireland is markedly on the increase.

**RATE TYPEWRITER AS A FARM TOOL, IN EXPERTS HAND**

By Frank I. Weller  
 (Associated Press Farm Editor.)  
 WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—(AP) In the hands of an agricultural college editor, the typewriter has become as much a farm tool as the pitchfork and the plow.

While the farmer is busy with his crops and flocks, and experts at his state agricultural college or experiment station are perfecting better theories and practices, the editor is behind his typewriter translating into inspirational literature the record of their achievements.

If the scientist warns of crop or livestock pests, outlines current farm economics, espouses a new idea or announces a discovery, the editor flashes the news to the public press. He is as quick to herald accomplishments of the individual farmer. Each year millions of pamphlets and bulletins come from the editor's typewriter, relating to the farmer the results of scientific experiments or recounting methods employed by other farmers in successful enterprises.

Last year 4,500,000 improved farm and home practices were adopted due to the influence of extension work by the federal government and state agricultural colleges. Charts on the subject show that by far the largest percent of the practices were put into operation as a result of news stories prepared by the editors. Knowledge obtained from bulletins ranked second in the points of influence. Because the editor's methods yield the largest returns per unit of time devoted to them, he holds a strategic position in the extension organization that encompasses each of the 48 states.

In a hypothetical situation John R. Fleming, Ohio university, president of the American Association of Agricultural College Editors, shows why farmers are benefited by news accounts of agricultural projects.

"Suppose," he explains, "that after several years of experimenting, an expert in plant breeding at college station develops a variety of wheat that will produce five bushels more to the acre than any variety commonly grown. That is news, and is distributed to the public through the press. Extension agents located in the various counties and sections are field instructors from the college, distribute seed of the improved wheat. There is more news. Finally, test planting by farmers prove the new wheat actually increases their yield five bushels to the acre. That is more and better news.

"It is this combination of what happens on the farm, at the experiment station, and the college, that makes the best news for the agricultural college editor and serves to stimulate improved farm methods and income."

Although the dissemination of agricultural college news is well organized and publications are available to all farmers, added effort will be made this year to encourage county agents, the closest source of contact with the farm, to increase their "copy" on local activities.

Cast aside during the gold rush of '49, large crystals taken from a California mine are now sought for the making of lenses and fused quartz for ultra-spectroscopy instruments. Several years ago, a single crystal, weighing 2200 pounds, was dug out of gravel, where, it is said, more than \$2,000,000 in gold was taken during the famous rush period. Many of the crystals weigh 100 pounds and more.



**CRUSOE'S ISLAND PROVES PARADISE FOR SCIENTISTS**

By Coleman B. Jones  
 (Associated Press Science Editor.)  
 WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—(AP) Part of the setting for many of the world's most dramatic true stories of romance and adventure, "Robinson Crusoe's Island," Juan Fernandez, also has proved to be one of the happiest hunting grounds of science.

Although it is only about 270 miles west of Valparaiso, Chile, its flora and fauna bear little resemblance to those of the neighboring New World continent, but are related in the main to species which are found only in such distant places as New Zealand, Australia and South America. Some, indeed, the flourishing survivors of a pre-ecological era which have persisted in practically all other parts of the earth.

The theory is that this island, in some remote period before the present rigorous climatic conditions began to develop on the Antarctic continent, was part of a more or less continuous stretch of land which probably stretched across the South Pole and included those distant Old World regions to which it is most closely related in plant and animal life.

As curator of the division of Marine Invertebrates of the National Museum, Dr. Schmidt was drawn to Juan Fernandez to collect rare specimens in his field of science and to investigate the probable biotic industry there which supports a population of nearly 400 and provides annually thousands of huge crustaceans, two and three feet long that delight the epicures of Valparaiso and Santiago.

The crab he found apparently has become rare on the island, and he obtained only one complete specimen. It has no relatives on the South American continent, but is familiar on the shores of New Zealand.

The spider was caught by accident while he was hunting shrimp along a rocky shore at low tide. Picking up a piece of rock which contained a hole suggesting that it might hold a prey for his collection of marine invertebrates, he cracked it open, and the creature fled from his webbed nest inside. Disappointed over finding no shrimp he captured the spider instead.

Bringing it home, he learned that he had discovered a species rare to this side of the world, of a genus never before found except in South Africa, New Zealand and Australia, where such marine creatures are more common. Its best, he recalls, was woven in a rock which was probably submerged a foot under water at high tide and was rarely if ever dry.

The island, where Alexander Selkirk's self-imposed exile of four years from 1704 to 1708 provided Daniel Defoe with most of the ideas for his masterpiece, "Robinson Crusoe" is described by Dr. Schmidt as one of the most charming places, in climate and natural beauty, he has ever visited. Its historical associations are prominently interwoven with the exploits of the early navigators and with many great wars, including the latest, for it was there that the German cruiser Dresden sought refuge and was finally sunk after the Falkland Islands battle in December, 1914.

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**Hired Weepers at Funerals, Clever**

KOSOVO, Macedonia.—(AP) Most funerals have clung to age-old customs in the ways of the movement to westernize everything.

The recent service, honoring a landed proprietor of this region, is an example. At the head of the party walked a motley group of men and women loudly shrieking lamentations. They sobbed, tore their hair, knocked their heads against the walls and gave other evidence of deep sorrow.

They were hired couriers and had never known the dead man. The current rate allows them about 50 cents for a funeral.

Actors in Australia theatrical companies are buying the motion picture house circuits in Australia presenting vaudeville acts and plays in connection with movie programs. The circuits here are said to pay around \$1000 weekly for theatrical performances, but find that the additional box office receipts compensate for the expenditures and that the legitimate performance serves in some measure to overcome the effects of the recent depression in the entertainment business.

Among the equipment on two German lines recently launched, is an apparatus for projecting an invisible ray that penetrates trees. The beam is said to increase by twenty times the distance through which the human eye can see, so as efficient by night as it is by day and retains its power even in fogs. It is expected to play an important part in promoting greater safety at sea.

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