

SCHOOL AT PINEHURST A PROBLEM

Soda Springs Children Are Forced to Ride 22 Miles Daily to Ashland Though Pinehurst School Only Two Miles Distant—County Court Will Seek Remedy.

It developed this morning, in a hearing before the county court relative to changing the boundary line between the Pinehurst and Soda Springs school districts, located in the mountainous districts of Jackson county, that school children of the Soda Springs district, ranging from 8 to 14 years of age, were traveling in an auto bus to Ashland, 22 miles away, with the Pinehurst school a scant two miles distant.

The county court announced to the delegation present from the two districts that steps would be taken for the remedying of the condition.

The Pinehurst district desires to furnish schooling for the Soda Springs children and also asks that it be given a strip of land two sections wide, with an assessed valuation of \$62,000. Soda Springs objects solely to being divorced from the assessed valuation.

The town of Lincoln, is located on the boundary line between the two districts. Children of the Soda Springs district, living in Lincoln, travel 22 miles for their three R's. Those living on the Pinehurst side travel two miles.

Injustice to Young

County Judge Sparrow declared that the Ashland trip "was a terrible drubbing to administer to a child who could not help himself."

Commissioner Geo. Alford held that the fault was contrary to the state laws, and said "there is not a man in the county who would travel 22 miles to work six or eight hours and then travel the same road home." He said if a hired man on a ranch was asked to work ten hours, "the farmer had his hands full right then, and how!"

The Soda Springs children have to arise at 5:30 in the morning and leave home by 7 o'clock, to get to the Ashland school before the last bell.

W. Hopkins of the Soda Springs district said that the ride had no ill effects on the children and that last year they learned more than when they walked a short distance to school. Hopkins had no objection to cutting down the bus travel but he did object to adding any more to the valuation of the Pinehurst district. The Soda Springs district is thinly populated and has 15 school children.

Would Furnish Room

J. M. Henry, founder of the town of Lincoln, said he was willing to furnish a school room. He said that Pinehurst residents felt their territory should be increased to make up for the cost of providing schools.

Commissioner Alford proposed that the Pinehurst district be extended to the summit of the Soda Springs mountain and all the children in the school be provided with a school within walking distance.

The hearing also revealed that the road over which the school bus must travel is one of the most dangerous in the county and the climatic conditions the most severe, with snow four feet deep and howling blizzards the rule in the dead of winter.

School Superintendent Suzanne Homes Carter, a member of the boundary board, felt that the distance to Ashland should be shortened by changes in the district line.

No definite action was taken today, final action being deferred until an agreement can be reached between the two districts. The county court desires to adjust the case satisfactorily to both sides.

The remainder of the session was devoted to routine matters and approval of mid-month bills.

HEALTH WORKERS LABOR AT FAIR

Officials in the county health unit spent an extremely busy time at the fair grounds today. The quick check on children in order to determine their qualifications for entrance to the health parade today, was something akin to a sleight of hand performance on the part of Dr. Emily Tolson, the health nurses and committee workers.

In addition to this the exhibit of health work received its last minute touches during the day, and will not be a completed product until tomorrow morning, situated in the educational building, this concession consists of a first aid booth, a booth for lost children, an immigration booth and a child hygiene booth.

Mothers and children are cordially invited by Dr. Tolson and the health workers to visit the health exhibit and receive information during the four days of the fair.

GYPSY BAND GET MOVE ON ORDERS FROM OFFICIALS

A band of gypsies which had encamped south of the city some ways beyond the fair grounds were ordered to move on by Sheriff Jennings this morning, and that official stated in the city this noon that if they had not heeded his orders he would take forcible steps to make them hasten on.

Chief of Police McCredie, when apprised of this made arrangements to see that they did not locate in this city and if possible to keep them moving on if they did appear. Before this he had found a gypsy woman located on East Main street in a hallway preparing to do business as a palmist. When he ordered her to move on she pulled a city license on him, which paper she had obtained at the city recorder's office. Therefore she was not molested.

City Recorder Alford who issued her the license at \$10 a day for 10 days in conformity with the city ordinance governing such matters, says that he cannot refuse a license to any one unless he knows the applicant is unworthy, etc.

Both Recorder Alford and Chief McCredie say there is no ordinance forbidding gypsies to locate or camp in the city, but for years the police have been ordering such bands to move on and such orders have never yet been contested by the wanderers.

So far as could be learned this afternoon no gypsies had appeared at the fair grounds or had tried to roam the city telling fortunes and the like.

COMPLETE PORT BY OCTOBER 15 IS OUTLOOK NOW

The new airport will be entirely completed by October 15, if present indications hold true, according to Fred Scheffel, city engineer, who spoke at the Lions club this noon. The grading, one of the most difficult pieces of work, is finished, the hangar is receiving the finishing touches and the various concessions are taking possession at this time, he said.

Lion L. O. Grey, member of the Chamber of Commerce airport committee, contributed to the subject with a brief talk following that given by Lion Scheffel. That the Standard and Shell Oil companies, which have concessions already installed, together with four other oil companies to build soon, will pay a minimum monthly fee of \$10 to the city, together with 2 cents a gallon on gasoline and 5 cents on oil, was one of the interesting statements made by Mr. Grey. This is only part of the steady revenue to be received by the local airport and which will go toward defraying the expense of its building and upkeep.

Two delightful piano duets were contributed by Misses Beulah Gore and Alice Holmbeck on the musical program for the day. Dr. Bunch was in charge of the program.

AD THIRD NURSE IN HEALTH WORK JACKSON COUNTY

With the addition this week of a third health nurse to the staff, the Jackson County Health association is now in a position to give a greater amount of service to the various sections of the county and to get in the much demanded prenatal and post-natal care necessary, according to Mrs. Margaret Schuler, publicity chairman of the unit.

Edith Lobsenz of Seattle, Wash., who arrived here Sunday night to take up her duties, has been placed in charge of the Ashland district. Mrs. Lydia King has charge of the Central Point district and Miss Augusta Glover charge of the Medford district.

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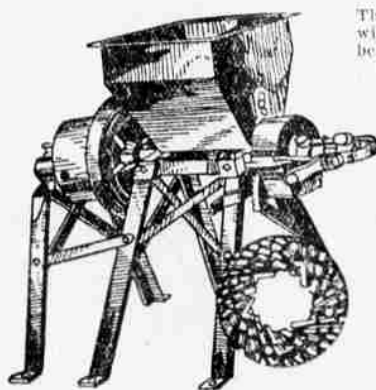
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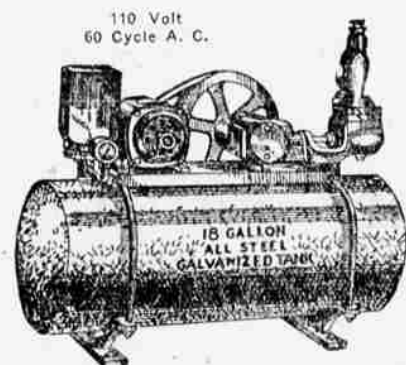
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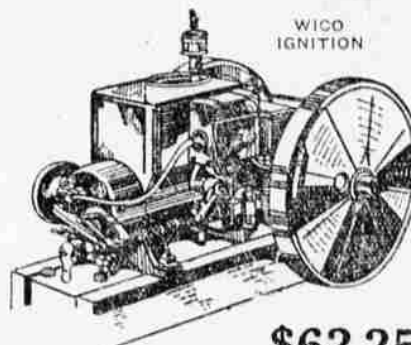
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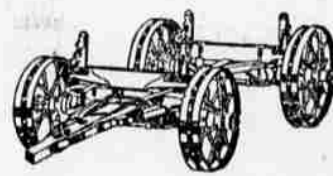
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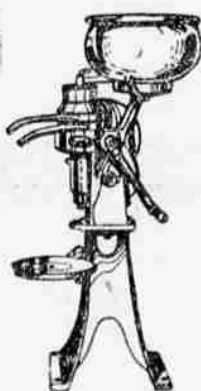


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