

News From City and Valley Schools

Junior High

Banking
We ranked third among the city schools in banking this week. Mrs. MacCollister's and Mr. Keener's rooms banked 100 percent. The average for the building was 74.3 percent. Next Tuesday will be bank day again and we are expecting to raise our percentage.

P. T. A.
The first meeting of the Junior High School Parent Teacher association was held Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Harris Jones was elected president to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Mrs. J. McNair. Mr. Hanby introduced his corps of teachers and each responded briefly. Delicious refreshments were served.

Library
The library is open only for reference work but will be open for reading and borrowing books next week. Miss Andrews reports the arrival of many new interesting books which she will catalogue and put on the shelves soon.

County Fair Prizes
The science and writing department won first, second and third prizes at the county fair. The sewing department won first on towels, nightgowns and pajamas. Prizes were won in all departments.

Assembly
Next Friday at the regular assembly Mrs. Laura West will entertain the school with an account of her European tour. Mrs. West, who teaches at the Lincoln school, took a six months' leave of absence and spent the time visiting interesting places in both Europe and America.

Boys' Athletics
Every afternoon from 4 to 6 a squad of boys may be seen on the Jackson school field getting ready for the football game with Ashland. The team is making progress under Coach Henderson, but it still lacks experience as only those of last year's men are back. The team is lighter but the backfield will be exceptionally fast.

Teachers' Meetings
Every afternoon of last week groups of teachers from the four elementary schools met at the Junior high to discuss their work and to plan their courses of study.

Girls' League
All the girls report a good time at the party last Monday afternoon which was planned to welcome the new members. Jean Quisenberry is the new president and Miss Whitson is faculty adviser.

Personals
Mrs. Jones, our school nurse, was working in our building Friday.
Mrs. Ruth Black is substituting in the music department.
Miss Flegel has been assisting Miss Andrews in the library.
David Moore, who has been out of school because of illness, will be able to return next week.

Jackson School

Banking Report
The Jackson school had the highest percent in banking the first week and we are proud of it. We are not so proud of it this week but we had a better average than last week.

Spelling Report
Mrs. Taylor has charge of all the spelling classes in the department. She is very well pleased with her 6A's as they had the highest average. Their average was 88.5. The 5A's were next with an average of 86.4.

Health
The 3B's in Miss McNiven's room had the highest average in the school. It was 99.2. The 3A's had an average of 95 percent. The average for the building was 94.6.

Class Room News
The 6A is doing some out of school work on the Indians and their customs. We are also studying the Oregon Trail and forts. It is interesting work and we have read many books about it.

Primary News
The 1A's in Miss McCollum's room are happy with their new dictionaries. They had their first reading test out of their books and eight out of twenty-one had perfect papers.

Sport News
The Jackson boys have been practicing very hard to win the speed ball pennant for 1929. There will be a game two weeks from Saturday.

Washington School
Banking is looking up in Washington school these days. Last week one and this week two rooms banked 100 per cent. These rooms are the 5B and 6A. The average this week for the building was 82.9 percent.

Spelling
The highest average in spelling for this week was made by the 6A class, with 98.9 per cent. The average for the building was 92.2 per cent.

Physical Training
Our physical training schedule has changed. The fourth grade is now taking physical training with the fifth and sixth. They are quite big now. Mrs. Jones, our physical trainer, comes to the Roosevelt school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Our physical training is quite interesting.

Health
Our health average is coming up. The 1A-1B room had the highest record for this week, 86.7 per cent. The average for the school was 74.3 per cent.

Letters
The fifth grade classes are greatly interested in letters received from Ontario, Canada. Many pupils are answering these letters giving descriptions of their school and their town. All are looking forward to receiving replies in a few weeks.

Pupils Entering and Leaving
The new pupil that entered Roosevelt school this week was Raymond Dougherty. He could not enter with the rest of us on account of blood poisoning in his foot. We all hope he is glad to get started again. Roy Pursel of the 2B left for the Jackson school. We are very sorry to have him leave.

Substitute
A great sorrow came to the 2B-3A class on Monday morning as they heard that Miss Webb, their teacher, had been taken to the hospital early that morning with a sudden attack of appendicitis. Mrs. Crane took her place. They were sorry that they couldn't have Miss Webb, but they like Mrs. Crane for a substitute.

THE HAGUE—To help the Rembrandt Society raise \$400,000 as an endowment fund for the purchase of Dutch masterpieces, the government is passing a special postage stamp which sells at five cents above face value, the surplus going to the fund.

ink from outside schools are: Marilyn Armstrong in 1B, Paul North 2B, Shirley Crosby and Helen Jane Jenson 3B, Pauline Reiman and Lona Redenaker 4B. Jackson school sent as Charlotte Beason 2B, Hrice and Ione Kindred of 3B and 5B. Lincoln school sent us Betty and Nita Green of 3B and 5B.

Only one transfer has been made from our school—Wanda Balensifer goes from Medford to Eugene, Oregon.

We all are proud of Helen Jones who last spring won the right to enter the typing contest at Toronto, Canada this next week. She is a former pupil of Washington school and we wish her every success in the years to come, and that she will win the championship in her class.

In the stress of fair week, the number of Rice penmanship certificates issued to the children in the lower grades of Washington school was not mentioned. The corrected list follows:

1A	6
2B	15
2A and 3B	18
3A	16
4B and 4A	21
5B and 5A	24
6B and 6A	37
Total	131

On Monday morning an eager group of children were waiting to hear of any awards at the county fair. There were cheers when they learned that Washington had won 7 first, 2 second and 3 third premiums.

First Awards
Writing, grades 6 and 4; geography maps, grade 6; color charts, grade 6; paper cutting, grades 4 and 5; purposeful work, grade 6; original stencils, grade 6.

Second Premiums
Writing, grade 5; drawing, free hand, grade 5.

Third Premiums
Free hand paper cutting, grade 1A; illustrated story, grade 1A; illustrated story, grades 2B and 2A. Money earned from premiums and from second place in the parade on Children's day give us the sum of \$15, so we think we will soon have that much-coveted flag for our flagpole.

Today, Friday, Washington pupils and teachers had a very nice surprise when Mr. Finch told us that a gift of five dollars from Mrs. Cornwall, given in behalf of the Woman's Relief Corps. Now we know we can get that flag.


Roosevelt School
Roosevelt school pupils like to report the news for their school. This week the following pupils wrote the news items: Virginia Landley, Amy Elliott, Howard Grover, Richard Evansler and Betty Vilm.

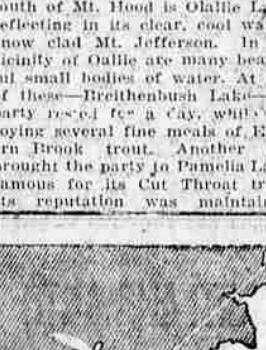
Banking
The banking average was much higher this week. Mrs. Maxwell's

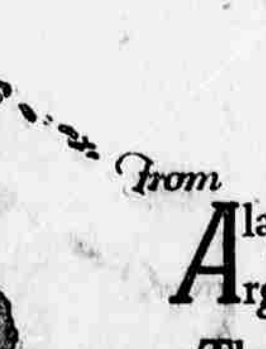
TAKE CROOKS OUT OF SQUASH NECKS
NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP)—The slim necks of crookneck squashes are being turned into dinner table uses at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment station.

Dr. Donald F. Jones and Robert H. Murray, by cross-breeding, have straightened and filled out the necks. They are filled with squash.

Joan Lowell's 'Cradle of the Deep'



Thousands of school children along the Pacific Coast will have the chance of visiting the "Minnie A. Caine," the boat on which Joan Lowell, author of "The Cradle of the Deep," lived. There is a plan on foot to send the clipper ship all over the coast. A group of children, in a Chevrolet sedan, recently visited the "Minnie A. Caine" in Oakland, Calif.

Sky Line Trail Is Fascinating
Vista of Oregon Scenic Wonders; Local Men Make 250-Mile Hike

A recent trip, which included most of Oregon's scenic wonders, was made by three valley residents—Wayne W. Wells, instructor at the Ashland Normal school, Otto S. Moore, student at the Ashland Normal and William Pierce Tucker, student at the University of Oregon.

The trio left Mt. Hood on August 24th, for a three weeks' trip over the Oregon Sky Line trail—beginning at Mt. Hood and ending at Crater Lake, a distance of 250 miles. The party was favored with pleasant weather throughout their entire trip. Following the summit of the Cascade range at an average elevation of 5,400 feet the route passed through a rough forested region of fir, pine, spruce and hemlock, with 250 lakes besides or near the trail. Forty miles south of Mt. Hood is Odell Lake, reflecting in its clear, cool waters snow clad Mt. Jefferson. In the vicinity of Odell are many beautiful small bodies of water. At one of these—Brethrens Lake—the party rested for a day, with enjoyable several fine meals of Eastern Brook trout. Another day brought the party to Pamela Lake, famous for its Cut Throat trout, and the trio dined once more on a series of fish feeds.

At the northern base of Mt. Jefferson the trail passes through Jefferson park—a beautiful but inaccessible valley of three or four square miles extent, a little known garden of flowers. Trees, lakes and hot springs at an elevation of some 6,000 feet which rivals the beauties of Paradise Valley and Mt. Rainier, visited the previous week.

In the vicinity of McKenzie Pass several miles of lava beds were crossed—a formation that reminds one of hot mush that has been gouged by huge Fresno Scrapers, and then allowed to cool. This is the most recent result of extensive volcanic activity in the northwest. Near the base of the Middle Sister are located whole cliffs of Obsidian rock. These slopes flash and sparkle like mountains of glass, under the rays of the setting sun.

Waldo Lake, near the southern end of the trip present an extensive water view. For eight miles along its shore-line the Sky Line trail passes through a beautiful park-like region of pine and fir. Near comes Odell Lake, noted for its fishing, then Crescent Lake and

Evil of Mass Education Erased Through Study of Exceptional Pupil and Special Instruction

(Contributed)

The accusation that mass education fails to provide sufficient individual instruction and attention for pupils that require it has often been made of the present educational system. However, the Medford schools, in step with the latest trend in instruction, have instituted courses having as their object the elimination of this alleged evil. Under the guidance of Miss Louise Basford, special courses for atypical pupils have been organized to provide proper diagnosing and corrective methods for cases of atypicality.

Too great emphasis cannot be placed upon the fact that atypical pupils are not children who are subnormal in intelligence. In most cases just the opposite is true. The usual case of atypicality involves a pupil whose intelligence quotient is normal or above normal, but who is unable to progress at a normal rate in some one specific subject, due to improper functioning of some psychological factor involved. The expense of this special work is slight and especially justifiable because only children, the correction of whose defects will be of inestimable value to the community, are involved.

Segregation Necessary

The process followed consists of segregating those children who cannot successfully employ the methods of learning that the majority of pupils use, and giving them special work under the guidance of an expert. The children selected are first diagnosed, and the cause for their trouble determined as specifically as possible. Then carefully prepared exercises are used to overcome the difficulties. Once a pupil has demonstrated his or her ability to progress at a normal rate in the given subject, he is shifted back to the regular class.

Pupils who are retarded due to poor teaching in other school systems, are not included in the atypical class, but are given enough extra attention by the principal of the school to make up this deficiency.

There are sixteen children in the atypical class being conducted by Miss Basford at the Washington school, selected as a result of a personal survey conducted by the instructor. The group is composed of pupils selected from the first six grades of the elementary schools, and includes those retarded in arithmetic, spelling, and reading.

Half Day Basis

One-half day of instruction for atypical pupils was offered during the summer school last summer, and the work will continue throughout the winter on a half-day basis. There is no educational work at present that promises richer returns than the efforts to select and give special attention to the superior pupil who is having difficulty in a single subject due to some remedial kink or peculi-

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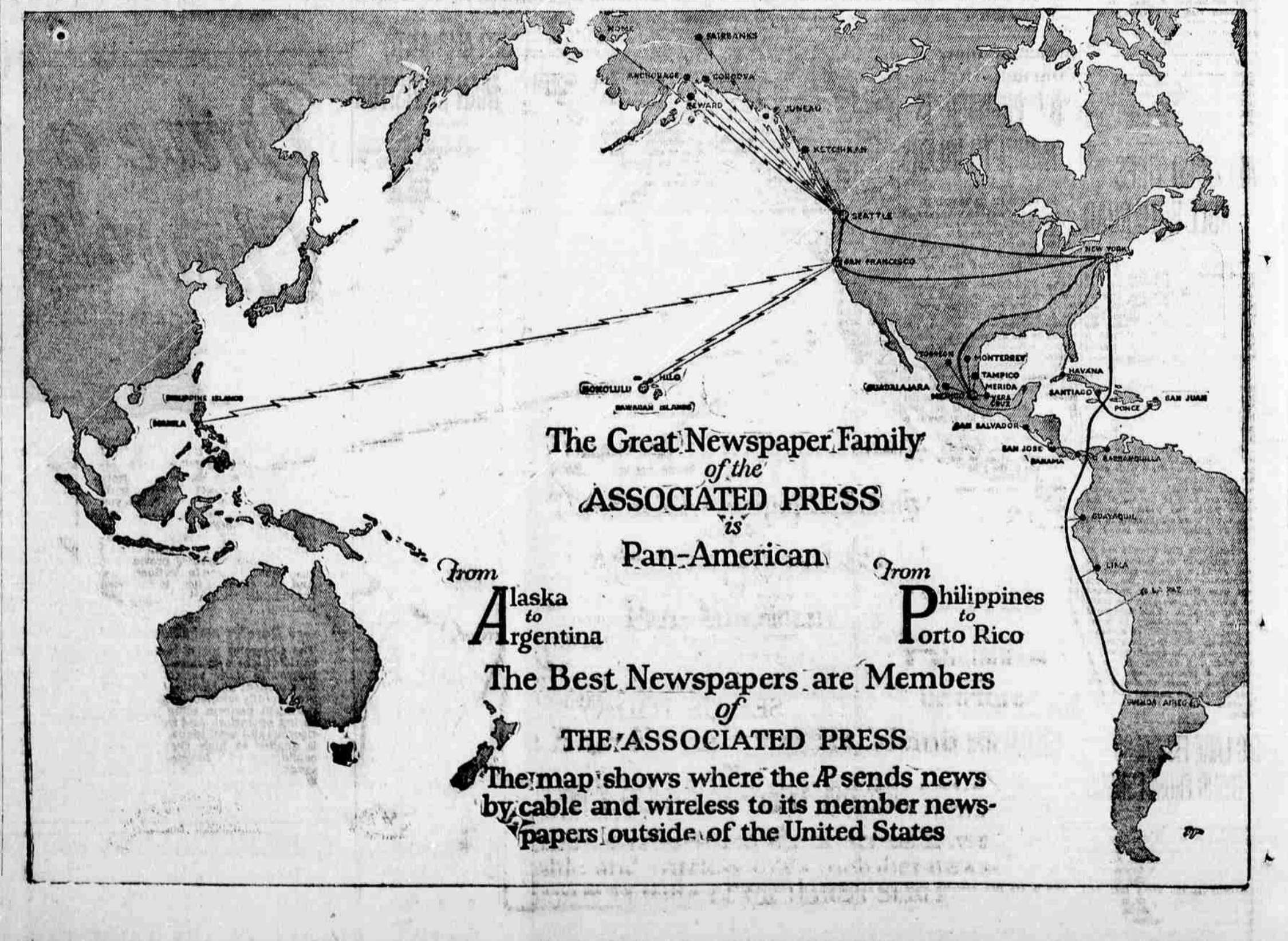
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