

School Notes From the City and Valley

ATTENTION!
 School notes are requested to be in by Friday evening at 6 o'clock. They will not be accepted after 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

Junior High

Reporter: Eunice Fleming.

Assembly Program

Friday, December 6, a very interesting program was given by the geography and science department. The program was as follows:
 Reading—Teruko Maruyama.

The reading was given in Japanese and translated into English. The play was in native costume.

Life and Custom of Norway—Helen Patton, in costume.
 Piano solo—Marjory Paley.

Play—"The Christmas Plum Pudding" Cook, Helen Knox; Lora Nichols; Ingredients of the pudding, Alma Edler, Woodrow Casbolt, Ralph Girard, Dwight Short, Lee Spencer, Bullis Corrine Crawford, Hazel Gault, Margaret Geier, Billy Lumon, Howard Schaefer, Herbert Harper, Dorothy Cully, Doris Upp, Clara Beth Powell, Harold Williams, Marjorie Liers, Edna Takahara, Maurice Blyane, Kathryn Dale.

A fairy cast a spell over the cook and all the ingredients of the pudding. As each entered the bowl, he told the land from which he came and how he grew.

The information regarding the growth and preparation for the market of these articles was prepared by the students.

Helen Stearns announced the program and acted as promoter for the play. At the close of the program Miss Arnold led the pupils in assembly singing. All the boys and girls enjoyed this very much and are eagerly looking forward to the next assembly sing.

Friday, December 13, the pupils will be entertained by a series of declamations given by the pupils of the literature classes. Contests have been given in the literature classes and the pupils in each class who gave the best declamation will represent the selection in the assembly. The judges will be Mrs. Edith Brown, Mrs. Hanby, and Mr. Keese. Dick Steiner, our student body president, will announce the program. The program is as follows:

Piano solo, Cyril Sanders.
 "It Isn't Costly," Edgar Guest; Eugenia Derrick.
 "Captain, My Captain," Agnes Sample.
 "Little Orphan Annie," Alma Edler.
 "The Owl and the Pussycat," Bill Prentice.
 "Trophy's Prep," Corrine Crawford.
 "Mr. Dorothy Willis," Marjory Paley.
 "Little Boy Blue," Helen Patton.
 "The House With Nobody In It," Mary Roseberry.
 "The Turn," Helen Davis.
 "Work," Roy Holbrook.
 "Little Orphan Annie," Cleo Hopper.
 "The Installment Plan," Dorothy Cox.
 "You My Little Cold Black Babe," Evelyn Herman.
 "The Broken Hearted Dutchman," Jean Quisenberry.
 "Girls from Soap Suds Row," Suzette Stennett.
 "American Creed," Burdette Centers.

Assembly singing, led by Miss Arnold.

The last assembly program of the semester will be sponsored by the student body. The student body committee is planning an interesting program. Pupils who are leaving for high school will take part.

There was a special assembly given. Mrs. Gromody showed us a very interesting picture on the evolution of soap.

There were three prizes given for the best essay on the evolution of soap. Those winning the prizes are as follows: First prize of \$5.00 given to Arline Amis; Maurice Sample won the second prize of \$2.50; third prize was won by Maurice Clark, who received a box of soap with \$2.50.

Visiting Teachers
 Mr. Sloan and Mrs. Hanson of Phoenix, Ore., and Mrs. Galligher of Grants Pass, visited Junior high last week.

Parent-Teachers Meeting
 The Parent-Teachers meeting was very interesting. There was a large crowd. Refreshments were served.

Banking
 The following rooms banked 100 per cent: Assembly, under Mr. Fitch; room 16, under Mr. Keese; room 2, under Mrs. MacCollister, and room 8, under Mrs. Matheny.

Spelling
 The spelling average for the building was 97.2 per cent: 1-31, 99.7; 2-4, 99.6; 2's, 99.5; 3's, 99.4.

Christmas Seals
 The Junior high went over the top in selling their quota of stamps. They have been awarded Friday afternoon, December 28, off.

Roosevelt School

This week, Dorr Barrett was the main reporter. His helpers were: Velda Hoduffer, Raymond Dougherty, Mary Powell, John Wheeler, Evelyn Schmitt, Wale Womack, Richard Evansizer.

Girl Scouts
 Nine Girl Scouts of troop seven went up for tenderfoot examinations before Mrs. Wilson, the Medford Girl Scout leader on Tuesday, Dec. 10, 1929. The girls were: Margaret Mann, Janet Mann, Darahua Putnam, Phyllis Pythia, Jeanette Sims, Amy Elliott, Dorothy Gill, and Frankie Rinaldinger.

They tied knots, gave laws, the motto, slogan, Girl Scout salute, and sign. We have two honorary members. They are Mrs. Carlson, one of the Roosevelt school teachers, and Miss Vera Humphrey.

Spelling
 The 6B's were the only pupils in the department to have regular spelling lessons last week. Their average was 98.4 percent. The building record was 98 percent. Ordinary work.

Christmas Is Near
 This last week, we all drew names for Christmas gifts. We are all looking forward to a very nice time enjoying our Christmas play which we will have soon.

Pupils Leaving
 There were three pupils who left the Roosevelt school this week. They are: Neil Robbins, 1B, John Robbins, 2A, Viola Robbins, 5A. They have gone to the country. We hated to lose them.

New Pupils
 We are always glad to have new comers in the Roosevelt school. This week there were only two. They are: Audrey Peyton, 1B and Irwin Peyton, 2B, who came from California.

Birthday Party
 "Oh! What fun!" exclaimed Nada Sinclair who is in the 1B. I will tell what the fun is all about. Every time some one in the first grade has a birthday they have a birthday party. This time it was Nada Sinclair's turn.

Christmas Decorations
 The Christmas decorations brought by the 1B's were many. They are planning on having a great time. They hope to get many presents. They can hardly wait another week. Neither can the other pupils.

Christmas Is Coming
 The pupils of the Roosevelt school drew names for Christmas gifts last week. In some of the rooms the boys drew girls' names and the girls drew boys' names. There will be Christmas trees next week in every room, including the hall.

Substitute
 Miss Schneider is absent on account of being sick with scarlet fever. Mrs. Russell is taking her place until she gets back. It will be after the Christmas holidays before Miss Schneider will be with us again. We will welcome her gladly altho we like Mrs. Russell for a substitute.

Friday, Dec. 13, the 5A grade was taken to the Medford public library. Over there the librarian gives us lessons on how to find books and how to tell fiction from non-fiction books. We all enjoy going over. This time the librarian told the 5As a Christmas story.

Clean Up
 Pupils have been very busy picking up papers and things that make the school grounds look dirty. The grounds look pretty clean now. Jefferson Peters, chairman of the clean-up committee.

Reading
 Most of the boys and girls in the department enjoy the green book reading. Each which they take every Monday. They eagerly watch the charts to see if their record in speed and content is rising or falling. Most of them are greatly encouraged.

Health
 Last week the reporters for the Roosevelt school did not report on health, so this week they will report on it. Dec. 6, the 6B's had the highest average, 99.7 percent. The building average was 99.2 percent. Dec. 14, the 4B's had the highest; their average was 99.6 percent. The building had the same as last week, 99.2 percent.

Jackson School

Banking
 The banking average for this week was 87.7 percent. Miss Smith's and Mrs. Laidley's rooms had 100 percent. Mrs. Reid's room came next with one pupil not banking.

Department News
 As it is hearing Christmas, the rooms are practicing different plays and songs. Mrs. Reid's room has a toy band. The instruments that are used are the drum, tambourine, cymbals, chimes, wood blocks, mandolins, bird whistle, gong, jingle-bells, rhythm sticks, triangles and chime bells. They have practiced faithfully and it can't help being a success.

Raymond, third with the Christmas spirit, thought he would write this poem:
 Santa Claus is coming soon
 Down the chimney black;
 Carrying lots of toys and joys
 Sealed up in his pack.

Primary News
 The third grade pupils are practicing a Christmas play called "Christmas Gifts." They are also making Christmas booklets. They are nicely illustrated.

The 3B pupils have hung up their stockings and they are already filled even though it does seem early.

Health
 The rooms that had the highest in health were Mrs. Reid's, 99.8 percent and Mrs. Laidley's, 99.7. The school average was 98.4 percent.

Football
 The Jackson boys hope the weather will clear up so we can play football again.

Christmas
 The children of the 6B class wrote letters to Santa Claus Tuesday. They asked him for all sorts of toys and clothes. I suppose they all want what they asked for.

Christmas Gifts
 The fifth grade is making oil cloth animals. Some are very clever.

The sixth grade is making presents for their mothers. We are trying to conceal what we are making so I won't tell what they are.

The School
 I am a new boy. I came to this school last Monday from Talent. The department work is a good thing. I think. I like it because I have to study harder than in an

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Mrs. Turner's 5A, 5A room is looking quite gay, too. The children are making some lovely gifts during their art classes.

All of the rooms have been enjoying the Christmas carols the principal has been playing on the Victrola each morning. This is an annual custom in the Lincoln school.

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Mt. Pitt School

Sports
 A short student body meeting was called to order on Monday, to choose up sides for basketball, as the weather has changed and it is raining so that we can't play baseball any longer. Bert and Stanley and James Tugate were captains of the baseball teams, and they are also captains of the basketball teams. Bertland's side has been winning so far. We are all very much interested in this game, we haven't played it for a long time.

Last Sunday, Dec. 8th, it started raining in the Mt. Pitt district and it has rained ever since. The rain caused Doris Hoxie, Otis and David Garrison to be absent. These absences are more than we have had at any one time this year.

Christmas Program
 For the Christmas entertainment we are going to have a play, "Farmer Brown and His Children." We are going to sing many songs also.

After the program we are going to have a Christmas tree for the children to put their presents on, which they bought for the pupil whose name they drew.

We are going to have nuts, candy and oranges for all.

We hope that many will enjoy this with us.

Classified advertising gets results.

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Griffin Creek

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Thursday, Dec. 5, we drew names for Christmas. We will have a two weeks vacation for Christmas.

Last Monday we had the election of officers, as follows: Edson Crandall, president; Fred Snyder, vice president; Helen Riggs, secretary; Helen Judy, treasurer.

We have two new boilers and a new oil stove so we are having hot lunches now. Each child brings something in a jar and at 11 we light the oil stove and put them into the boiler. By noon they are nice and hot.

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