

POPULATION OF SCHOOLS INCREASING

Medford Census Shows Figures Doubled in 10 Years—3647 Reported in November Count—Building Program to Commence in 1931—Group System Aids Efficiency.

The Medford school population has considerably more than doubled during the past 10 years. The census of 1919 showed 1604 persons between the ages of four and 20 years.

The last monthly report for November, 1929, from the city school superintendent's office shows the enrollment in the high school as 801, with 500 in the junior high building, 355 in Jackson, 368 in Lincoln, 335 in Roosevelt, and 369 in Washington.

The rapid growth of the city has meant a crowded situation which has not been altogether an easy one for the school board to handle.

In speaking of the situation, Superintendent of Schools E. H. Herrick states, "While our crowded condition is causing us some inconvenience, I do not feel that we are allowing our school program to suffer much yet, but if growth continues as it has the past several years the danger point will be reached soon."

The Medford city schools are in the hands of a board of five men elected for terms of three years each. To these men the city entrusts the direction and government of the schools and the shaping of their policies.

Millions More stop dosing COLDS Each year since the introduction of Vicks VapoRub, more and more people have given up "dosing" colds and turned to the better way of treating them externally.

proficient in teaching any of them. As a result the quality of instruction was often low, and particularly the special subjects, in which most teachers are not proficient, suffered heavily.

Another feature which has been worked out in the junior and senior high schools is the grouping of pupils in a given grade and subject into three divisions which travel on separate tracks with separate rates of speed.

This year the group system is being introduced into grades 4, 5 and 6. Reading and literature has already been organized on that basis in these grades, and arithmetic is expected to be added at midyear.

Lists of subjects and activities regular and special, offered in the schools, together with regulations governing them are given in the handbooks put out by the superintendent's office, which are for distribution to patrons interested.

1. A detailed cost accounting system in the main office. 2. A central book exchange for the accommodation of parents and pupils in securing second hand books at low cost.

3. A counselor and guidance system in the high school and junior high for the purpose of giving pupils more individual attention, advise as to their courses and to help them in making proper adjustments to school life.

4. Special work for atypical children, that is children with perfectly normal intelligence, but who do not learn by the same methods as other children.

5. Home instruction for children crippled to the extent that they are unable to attend school. 6. An annual summer school of six weeks for pupils to any grade, who for one reason or another have been unable to complete the work of their regular grade.

Society

Dorothy Gould Honored at Bridge Luncheon Today

Miss Jeanne Fabrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Fabrick, was hostess at a bridge luncheon today at her home, 106 Crater Lake avenue, honoring Miss Dorothy Gould, who will leave tomorrow for Oakland, Cal., to enter art school.

Following the luncheon three tables of bridge were played. Those present were: Miss Gould, Miss Peggy Miller, Miss Justine Miller, Miss Louise Brommer, Miss Fredricka Brommer, Miss Marjorie Marshall, Miss Carol Dodge, Miss Clara May Fuson, Miss Janet Wray Smith, Miss Jean Swigert, Miss LaYonne Anderson and the hostess.

Big New Year's Party To Be Staged by K. of P.

One of the most elaborate New Year's eve parties planned for tonight will be the annual Knights of Pythias dance and program to be held at the lodge hall from 8 o'clock on. The hall is beautifully decorated in Yuletide foliage and coloring and the affair promises to be even more hilarious and enjoyable than the one staged by this lodge last year.

The evening will open with a high class entertaining program, which will be featured, ventriloquist numbers, singing, music, readings, skits, comedy sketches and a traveling picture. Following this dancing will be held during the remainder of the evening, with the Antie orchestra furnishing the music.

College Students Will Leave Tomorrow

Among the college students who spent the Christmas vacation here with relatives and will leave tomorrow for their respective universities are the following: Cecil and Vivian Coon, who will return to Eugene; Mary and Katherine Sweeney, Corvallis; Beth and Billy Bowerman, Eugene; Lee Greenleaf, Corvallis; Hassor Reynolds, Eugene; Marjorie Goff, Eugene; Marjorie Kelly, Eugene; Red McDonald, Corvallis; Bernice and Jack Hughes, Woodpecker, Bos. Hammond, Stanley Rogers, Bill Moran, Evelyn Hamilton, Margaret Turner and Al Steiner, Eugene; Katherine Fabrick, Ruth Koozer, Corvallis; John Day and Al Melvin, Eugene.

Anita, Edna Mohr Entertain With Dinner

Pink and silver formed the dainty color scheme carried out at the dinner party given by the Misses Anita and Edna Mohr, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Mohr, at the Hotel Medford last night. Candles, flowers and place cards were used in the artistic color plan.

Those present at the dinner follow: Misses Dorothy Roberts, Bet-

HEADLIGHT GLARE MAJOR CAUSE OF LAGESON TRAGEDY

CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 31.—(AP)—An automobile which struck and killed James H. Dodge, 73, retired farmer of Stevenson, Wash., on Christmas Eve, was driven by Dr. P. Lageson of Medford, Ore. Mrs. Lageson and a friend were with Dr. Lageson and the party was en route to Portland to spend Christmas with relatives.

Only minor bruises were received by the Lagesons and they resumed the trip to Portland Christmas morning. Dodge had stepped from a south bound stage and was enroute to the home of Mrs. Mary Anderson, his daughter, near Corvallis. He was crossing the highway behind the stage and did not see the oncoming machine. Dodge had planned to surprise his daughter in Corvallis by his arrival here. He died on the way to the hospital.

Dr. Lageson said that as he approached the stage the lights of the car blinded him and he did not see Dodge.

KLAMATH TAXI DRIVERS RULED OFF MAIN STEM

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Every taxi cab driver of Klamath Falls who has a stand on Main street January 1 will be brought into court and charged with unlawful parking on city streets.

EUGENE YOUTH BOUND AND ROBBED BY THUGS

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Maurice Thorson, 16, told police that two thugs overpowered him when he went downstairs at 12:30 a. m. today to fire the furnace in his parents' rooming house here. Thorson was left gagged and bound with wire after having been robbed and his life threatened, he said.

LAD TELLS OF ATTACK ON PATROL

Mother Fired Shot Which Killed State Highway Patrolman Is Story of Four-Year-Old Son—Uncle and Companion Also Implicated By Boy Witness of Green Fray.

DELLAIRE, Ohio, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Chief of Police Francis Moran today announced that Donnie Schroeder, 4, has told him that his mother, Mrs. Irene Schroeder, had fired the shot which killed Corporal Brady Paul of the Pennsylvania state highway patrol, near New-castle, Pa., last Friday.

Pennsylvania state police and Pittsburgh detectives took Donnie Schroeder to Pittsburgh for further questioning.

Chief Moran said the lad gave a very concise description of the shooting and named two men known as Glenn Dugay and Tom Crawford, a brother of his mother, as their companions.

Ernest Moore, state highway patrolman, who was wounded in the exchange of shots, told Chief Moran that Donnie was the child seen in the automobile.

Chief Moran found the lad last night at an uncle's home and took him to police headquarters for questioning.

Picture Is Clew Paul was shot down by a woman who was accompanied by a small boy and two men. Mrs. Schroeder was not found in Dellaire. The child was located through a picture of Ray Schroeder which police said they found in the seat of an automobile abandoned by the killers.

Pennsylvania officers are convinced Ray Schroeder had no connection with the crime.

Chief Moran said the child called one of the men who he said was in the hamlet "daddy," but Moran said the man was not the boy's father.

"There was a lot of shooting, and my daddy got hurt," the child was quoted as saying. "My mamma shot one cop and he laid back of the car groaning. Uncle Tom shot another in the head. He shot right through the windshield," the boy said, according to Moran.

The boy was asked if he knew the whereabouts of his mother, but he was unable to furnish information concerning her.

GAS TAX INCREASE BEGINS MIDNIGHT

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 31.—(AP)—At midnight tonight Oregon's new additional gasoline tax of 1 cent a gallon will become effective. It will make the total gasoline tax now paid by users in this state 4 cents a gallon. The new tax is estimated to yield about \$1,750,000 making the total yield from gasoline taxes around \$7,900,000 annually.

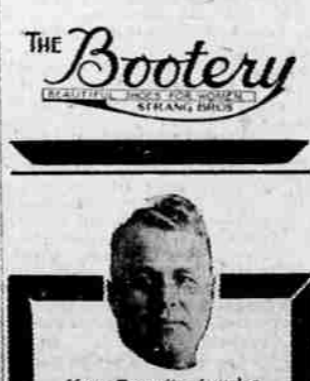
The purpose of the new motor vehicle fuel tax is to prevent a decrease in the state highway fund by the approximately 25 per cent reduction in motor vehicle licenses, also effective January 1.

Since it started to broadcast with 25,000 watts power, WHEM, Chicago, has received numerous letters from Hawaii.



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JENNINGS MOTION FOR A NEW TRIAL DENIED BY COURT

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Opinions handed down by the state supreme court today included the State of Oregon vs. Luke Jennings, appellant; appeal from Jackson county; motion for new trial; petition denied for new trial in opinion by Justice Rossman.

Jennings is under sentence for alleged violation of the liquor law. He was arrested in a raid on his ranch in the Beagle district when a quantity of mash was seized. Jennings claimed the mash was being used for turkey feed.

Recently a decision was filed by the supreme court, sustaining then Circuit Judge C. M. Thomas. A motion for a new trial was filed soon thereafter and denied today. This exhausts Jennings' legal resources unless the case is carried to the United States supreme court.

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NAME BEND RESIDENT CENSUS SUPERVISOR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The director of the census announced today that E. L. Clark of Bend, Ore., had been selected as headquarters in Bend. His district supervisor for the 1930 census will be Crook, Deschutes, Hood River, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Sherman and Wasco counties.

SCHADE WINS LIGHT PRIZE

(Continued from Page One) brushes and comb to match, donated by the West Side pharmacy. Honorable mention was given to Mrs. C. K. Braley, Mrs. S. S. Smith