

# School Notes From the City and Valley

**ATENTION!**  
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

Evelyn Robinson, Reporter

The science classes of Mrs. Ingham have been studying mammals and have had many oral reports on them. The high school class has been studying faunas and how they should be taken care of.

**Volley Ball**  
The physical education classes of Miss Norvell are practicing for the volleyball tournament which will be played soon after the Christmas vacation.

**Debate**  
From the 25 debaters of the junior high school eight were chosen. The pupils on the negative side are Cleo Hicks, Betty Thordike, Suzette Sienette and Earl Harrison. On the affirmative side are Helen McAllister, Herbert Nelson, Joan DeLoach and Helen Patton. The final six will be chosen from these soon after Christmas. The first debate will be with Ashland some time in January.

**Banking**  
The banking averages for the rooms this week are as follows: Miss Gray's, 57 per cent; Mrs. Keesee's, 72.1 per cent; Mrs. Church's, 102.3 per cent; Miss Parke's, 81.5 per cent; Miss L. Bonze's, 118 per cent; Mrs. Hubbs, 72.4 per cent; Miss Scott's, 64.7 per cent; Miss G. Benson's, 28.4 per cent; and Mrs. Medaris', 65.7 per cent. The average for the whole building last week was 73.7 per cent, which is not very high but we are sure to get it up higher next week.

**Spelling**  
The spelling averages this week are as follows: I 1's 95.5 per cent, I 2's 97.5 per cent, I 3's 99 per cent, I 4's 94 per cent, II 1's 98.5 per cent, II 2's 97.5 per cent, II 3's 95.5 per cent, III 2's 94.8 per cent, III 3's 99 per cent, IV 2's 99 per cent, IV 3's 98.5 per cent and the IV 3's 99.5 per cent.

**P-T-A. Serves Dinner**  
The P-T-A. served a very fine turkey dinner to 35 of the School Masters' club Tuesday evening at the junior high school. The club included all men teachers of Jackson county.

**Civics Club Code**  
We have decided upon the following code for the Civics clubs of Junior high school: A junior high student should be dependable under all circumstances, obedient to authority, reverent to God, brave when others are afraid, clean in word, thought and deed, friendly and cheerful with everyone, thrifty about everything, "curious" in all things, cooperative in all good causes, a good citizen is a leader at all times in the principles of character.

**Music Department Active**  
The Girls Glee club is learning Christmas carols for the Christmas program and they also will sing for the P-T-A. A Friday. They are going to sing "Sleep Holy Child," which is an old French Noel, and the "Christmas Carol, a Hungarian folk song.

**Toy Shop**  
In the manual training room you see persons busily repairing and repainting toys, some of which will be given away and others that are just being fixed for the owners. There is to be a display of all these toys in the hall next week. If you go farther back towards the end of the room you see skis standing up against the wall waiting to be finished and also there are tables, magazines and book racks and many other things.

**Personal**  
We are very sorry that Mr. Keesee and Miss Benge have the mumps and that Miss Wise is ill. We hope that they will be able to come back soon. The substitute for Mr. Keesee is Mrs. Gentner and for Miss Benge, Mrs. Fowler.

**Miss Andrews, the Junior High School Librarian**, says that there is a great demand for civics books, so if you happen to have one that you're not using, bring it to the library.

We have one new pupil this week and she is Nina Gordon from Ashland.

**Christmas is Coming**  
The building has the sweet smell of evergreen and everything is decorated so that it makes one think that Santa Claus is really coming. Almost every room in the building is decorated in some way and on the blackboards are pictures of Santa Claus and many other things that go with Christmas. In the windows are wreaths and bells.

The English department is preparing a play for the Christmas program which will be given Friday afternoon, December 19. All the young actors and actresses are working hard on their parts. They are presenting "The Enchanted Christmas Tree" by Percival Wilde.

## Jackson School

Spelling

What do you think of this for an average? Our school average is 65.9 per cent. The 5A's had 57.7 per cent which is the highest. The 4A's had 58 per cent and the 6A's had 98.3 per cent which is the lowest. I think the 6A's could do better if they tried very

hard. I'm not saying "I'm too good myself." Let's apply Mrs. Taylor next week.—Harold Pederson, 6A.

## An Apology

We were very sorry that there was an error in this last six weeks honor roll. Two little girls did not get their names in the paper. They were Janet Turpin and Lela Henderson. We hope we will not make a mistake like this again. We hope these little girls will pardon us this time.—Marjorie Singleton, 5B.

## Christmas Work

The mothers of some fifth and sixth grade pupils came to Jackson school Thursday, December 11. They came to make surprises for the children who are going to be in a Christmas program which will be held soon at the Presbyterian church. The mothers were Mrs. Hedges, Mrs. Sloaker, Mrs. Singleton, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Hubbard, Mrs. Cummings, Mrs. Short, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Dillard and Mrs. Grove. The teachers and the children certainly appreciate this work.—Rose Ellen Sloaker, 6A.

## Those Who Have Left

Many children are leaving the Jackson school. Sylvia and Nina Croft have moved to Sardinia creek. Geraldine and her brother Floyd Loomis are going to visit in Illinois. They will be back this spring. We hope they have a very pleasant trip. Some of the classes are half their original size. Many people are out on account of the mumps epidemic.—Walter Holmes, 6A.

**Illness**  
Miss Smith was out Monday with a very severe cold. We welcome her back. Mrs. Salter took Miss Smith's place. Most of us have either the mumps or a cold. We hope that those who are ill will recover before the Christmas holidays.—Lewis Thanos, 6B.

## Book Reports

The pupils have been hurrying around the last minute to get their book reports. We hope they will all get theirs in and learn to do things earlier.—Virginia Rains, 5A.

## Primary Art Work

Most of the primary rooms are making Christmas presents for their parents. Mrs. Henderson's room is making red and green balls to string and drape around the room. Miss Neivison's room will make some Christmas calendars in the next few days. Mrs. Murray's room has just cut out some Christmas trees to put above the blackboard. They are going to make some match boxes next week. Really some of the art work is very attractive.—Lois Herman, 6B.

## Banking

The Jackson school had an average of 88 per cent. Mrs. Murray's, Mrs. Laidly's and Miss Briggs' rooms each had over 100 per cent. Some of the boys and girls who are absent sent their money to bank. Mrs. Henderson's first grade had 100 per cent.—Dale Roberts, 6B.

## Sports

Last Friday, December 5, we played Lincoln an exciting game of football. We beat them 19 to 9. We are working hard for the championship. We will play the Washington school December 20, which we hope will be a close game.

## A Christmas Song

Christmas bells are ringing; Boys and girls are singing, Singing of joys, Thinking of toys; On Christmas day in the morning.—Dorothy Singleton, 6B.

## Christmas Seals

The boys and girls of this school have sold their quota of Christmas seals. We are very glad to sell our bit for such a worthy cause. Jackson school sold \$20 worth of Christmas seals.—Arleen Blaine, 6B.

## Lincoln School

Reporter: Lester Dorf, 6B.

**Banking**  
We still manage to keep our banking well above the 100 per cent mark. Our average for this week was 103.1 percent. These are the rooms that banked 100 percent or more: Miss Abbott's, Miss Bond's, Miss Tucker's, Mrs. Crane's, Mrs. Chastain's, Mrs. Russell's, Miss Schneider's, Miss Gummelin's, and Miss Gray's. Miss Bond's little 1B's take the prize with 140 percent. A total of two hundred and fifty-two children banked.

**Literary**  
The 4B reading class went to the library Friday afternoon. It was so wet we could almost have gone in a boat if we had had one. The lesson was about the use of reference books.

## Christmas Festivities

Christmas carols are heard on every hand. The upper grades are learning these in preparation for the program to be given next Wednesday night, and the lower grades for the pure joy of singing these sweet songs.

The windows at the Lincoln school took on a holiday appearance over the week-end. Apparently Jack Frost had been at work, for some Christmas story shows forth on every pane. There were women coming on their hands; there were Santa Clauses with loaded packs; and there were angels singing, "Glory to God in the Highest, Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

A lovely tree has put in an appearance in each of the rooms. The sight of so much green, red, and silver makes us realize that Christmas is but around the corner.

The lower hall is especially festive. Miss Cox and her assistants have made it so. A stately fir, aglow with tinsel and lights, is the center of attraction. There is a fireplace with a honey glow on the hearth. Too, there is an abundance of mistletoe and evergreens.

## New Books

Miss Andrews of the central library at the junior high school sent several bundles of clean, new books. Most of these are books for the nature study classes. There are a few story books, too.

## A Visitor

Mrs. Tucker visited two days in the building. She plans to do substitute teaching.

## A "Fish" Story

The 4B room has a new pupil, Marie Gentry brought him to school. He is a lively roid fish. The children promptly christened him "Emil" after their sixth grade hero, Emil Westvong.

## Language

The 4B language class added six new members to their club, "The Knights of the Shield" and are very near 100 percent in membership. The 4A club, "The Knights of the Sword" are now 100 percent in membership. These clubs are helping the children to overcome incorrect forms.

## Spelling

"Who will decorate their tree first?" was the question this week in Mrs. Russell's 4B, 4A, and 6A spelling classes. Each group was permitted to decorate so much of the tree according to the daily percentages.

Either Amidon and Grace Robinson were the only two in the 4B to get 100 percent for a week's grade.

## Hygiene

The 4A's and 4B's have finished Hygiene booklets. They will soon be on display.

## New Pupils

La Var Hawkins, 2B, and Rodney Hawkins, 5B, are new to us from Phoenix.

June Neef, 6B, has been transferred to us from the Washington school.

Arlene Babington, 2B, came from Lower Naches, Washington. Jessie Kennedy, 2B, came from Trail, British Columbia.

## Pupils Who Left

We are sorry to lose Thomas Carleton, 3A, and James Carleton, 5A. They stopped school Friday to go to California. Their father contacted the skating rink at the armory.

## More Mumps

The chief cause of our low attendance is still the mumps! Health Inspection

Our average for all the rooms was 99 percent.

## Roosevelt School

Reporters: Anna Jones, Orva Stevens, Richard Thierolf, Donna Metcalf, Edward Carter.

## Honor Roll

The Roosevelt school has many honor roll pupils. Here they are: 6A—Mignon Whippo, Elaine Brophy; 6B—Caroline Cook, Orva Stevens; 5A—Carlin Platt, Jean Platt, Mabel O'Neill; 4B—Donna Stevens, Leighton Platt, Walter Kruse, Gloria Williams, Janet Peter, Dwayne Metcalf; 3B—Barbara Bigger; 2B—Barbara Boyden, Jean Aye, Barton Clemens, Jean Phyllis, Bob Hubbard; 1B—Robert Grey.

**Banking**  
The boys and girls of Roosevelt school should have a lot of money in the bank because the banking report is almost always good. The banking report for this week was as follows: 1B-1A, 126.3; 2B, 110.3; 3B-3A, 106.7; 5A, 104.8; 4B, 103.3; 1B, 100; 2A-3B, 100. Building 103.1 percent.

Although this is a good report, we will have still a better one next week. We are almost sure of it, because nearly everyone is going to bring their money to bank next week.

## Health

Health record this week was a very good one in some of the grades. But the 2B's were the highest. Their average was 99.9 percent.

## Christmas Preparations

Christmas preparations are being made. Some of the rooms have Christmas trees, and nearly all have decorations. The pupils have drawn names and will give presents. We hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

## Pupils Entering and Leaving

We were disappointed to lose two of our pupils: Gertrude Kitchen, 4B, to Crescent City. But we were glad to have a new pupil, James Young, 4B, from Oak Grove.

## Football

The game for Friday night was postponed on account of rain. The game will probably be played next Saturday. It will be against Washington.

## Helping the Red Cross

The children of Roosevelt have

## Central Point School

A very interesting assembly program was presented Friday by a group of boys. This program was arranged and directed by Mr. Zebel. Assembly programs are presented every two weeks on Friday during the eighth period.

Two new students have entered high school recently. Donald Anderson became a member of the freshman class and Wilda Hall, transferred from Medford high school, to the junior class.

For the first time in many years Central Point high school expects to have a debating team in the state league. The following are trying for the team: Iola Carr, John Eddy, Delmer Smith, Leora Culy, Dorothy Jones.

## Griffin Creek

### Upper Grade

The Agriculture class has been studying fruit production which is very interesting.

We have all been helping to sell Christmas seals.

The eighth graders have finished circles in their arithmetic.

We are having lots of fun making Christmas decorations for our room. We made tissue paper popcorn balls and snowballs Wednesday. We made wreaths out of fir with red paper bows to decorate our windows. Helen Judy and Lillian Brown helped Mrs. Bonham and Miss Hanson put them up on Wednesday evening after school.

We are going to put fir boughs around the room with little red candles and snowballs scattered among them. We think our room will be very pretty.

In the sixth grade we have been studying health. Mrs. Bonham had us write a story about what we thought was the most important to health. The following was judged best:

### "The Story of Ventilation"

In our health books we have found that it has told us many ways to keep healthy. The most important ways that it has spoke of are healthful changes of air in our buildings. If we lived in a tent or hut which was in a warm country we could not have to think about how to ventilate them. Most of the houses, churches, and factories in the United States are enclosed by walls, doors and windows, the air isn't easily exchanged. The word "ventilation" came from an old Latin word meaning wind.

The reason why ventilation is necessary is because if someone might have a cold, they would breathe in and out. Then if the ventilation in the room was not changed, other people in the same room would catch the cold. Many other diseases are caught in this way.—By Helen Snyder.

### Intermediate Room

In the fourth and fifth grades we have been working on our health booklets this week. We cut out pictures showing safety, and cleanliness. Mrs. Benson gave each of us a box in which to keep our pictures. Now we are making them into booklets. Under each picture we write a health rule. We are collecting pictures now for a food booklet.

Mrs. Burgess brought us some Christmas seals to sell for the Tuberculosis association. Mrs. Benson read us the story of the Christmas seal and we are trying to sell the seals so that we may help fight this terrible germ.

We have missed Francis Margaret at school this week. We are very sorry to learn that her mother has been very sick.

It won't be long now until Christmas. We have our parts for the Christmas program and are working hard so that we may find time to practice.

### Primary Room

We are decorating our room for Christmas. Bobby Barton has charge of the sand table. Miss Hussion divided the rest of us into groups to decorate the windows, which are all going to be trimmed differently.

Nathalie Martin sold fifty Christmas seals, the most of any in our room.

We have a new health chart. It is for better posture. None of us want to sit in our seats as the scarecrow and rag doll in the picture.

Our new Palmer letters show up well in our room. They make us try harder to write better.

In art we are making presents for our mothers. They are curious to know what we are doing but we won't tell.

Classified advertising gets results.

## Central Point School

First grade: Jacqueline Gilmore, Shirley Kincaid, Velma Bowman, Coral Milkey.

Second grade: Doris Lee Anderson, Iris Hill, Milton Pitts, Richard Wyatt.

Third grade: Maxine Ayers, Homer Young, Neil Stone, Eva Mae Hasmussen, Geneva Millard, Keith Copinger.

Fourth grade: Ernest Gebhardt, Billy Leever, Betty Hasmussen, Dorothea Hedgepeth, Ruby Webster.

Fifth grade: Allan Jewett, Donald Smith.

Sixth grade: Oren Carr, Don Mayfield, Betty Hill, Richard Jewett, Esther Lathrop, Mille Merced, Roberta Pankey, Mildred Priekshat.

Eighth grade: Donald Culbertson, Geraldine Jones, Lawrence Martin, Alfred Triekshat, Donald Richardson, Virginia Waterman.

A number of supplementary readers were added to the shelves in the first and second grades. These are very much appreciated.

The Christmas seal sale was very successful this year. Over \$32 was turned in. The fourth grade sold the most seals. The high school helped by giving the proceeds of a basketball game.

The freshman boys are busy making preparation for the bonfire for the annual rally which will take place New Year's eve.

John Eddy was appointed yell leader and Evelyn Dose assistant yell leader at a recent meeting of the student council.

The seventh grade has started the publication of a newspaper. It is to be published every two weeks. A four page paper is prepared and about fifty copies are mimeographed each issue. The second issue came out this week.

The work in history, science, and English has been made more interesting and more effective thru the use of lantern slides loaned by the extension division of the University of Oregon. One room in the high school building has been especially arranged so that it can be easily darkened and is being used for visual education purposes.

Following out a well defined plan to make the school grounds a really safe place for play the school board is having posts erected to prevent cars from driving onto the playground. A large area at the south end of the grounds will be set apart for parking purposes and cars will be required to use the south entrance. Six by six cedar posts set in concrete and placed four feet apart form the barrier.

### Eighth Grade

On Tuesday after school the sixth grade boys played the eighth grade midgets a game of basket ball. The score was 16 to 6 in favor of the midgets. Lathel Stevens refereed the game. Holly of the midgets was the high-point man. Raymond Mann was time-keeper.

On Thursday evening, Dec. 4th,

the grade boys teams, Midgets and Eagles, played against Ashland junior high midgets and first team on the Ashland floor. We are sorry to say that both games were forfeited to Ashland but they were very interesting and close games.

### Sixth Grade

The sixth grade pupils have just completed a circus project in which art, geography and English have been correlated. A circus program was given for the parents on Friday.

A circus in miniature was constructed by the pupils. The small animals were made from pipe cones and clay. These were then painted with tempera paints and shellac.

The program consisted of songs, "The Circus" and "The Merry-Go-Round"; original stories and poems relating to the interesting lives of the animals written by the pupils; the readings, "Six Men of Indostan" and "The Rhinoceros" and the Elephant"; two plays, one "Frog in His Throat" featuring animal characters, Mrs. Rabbit, Jimmy Rabbit and Dr. Chokum Bear and the other entitled "At the Circus" in which Mr. Benson takes his wife, Mrs. Benson, and seven children to the circus.

At the conclusion of the program everyone visited Madame Soemuchski, a noted painter, Madame Knowalski and renowned Madame Hevenstki, fortune tellers.

### Fifth Grade

Koster Casad and Laurence

Leigh are making a large Christmas picture on the board. We have just finished making a Japanese village.

Barbara Lee Kohler has been absent this week due to the mumps.

We are beginning to practice on our Christmas play.

The boys are practicing basketball, which they expect to build up a good team. The girls are learning to play-volley ball.

### Third Grade

The students in the A class worked out the scene of the Three Wise Men on the sand table.

The children in the third grade are working on a weaving project.

### Second Grade

We were all very happy to have a part in the dad's night program at the high school last Friday night. We hope our health play really carried a lesson.

The second grade has been very fortunate in having an excellent attendance record this fall. We are glad to have Donald Gerber with us again after a week's absence and sorry to hear that Jane Mann is quite sick with pneumonia.

### First Grade

We are learning Christmas songs. We have made the Three Wise Men and Little Town of Bethlehem for our sand table.

Experiments to obtain high grade bond paper from wheat and oats straw are under way at Iowa State college.

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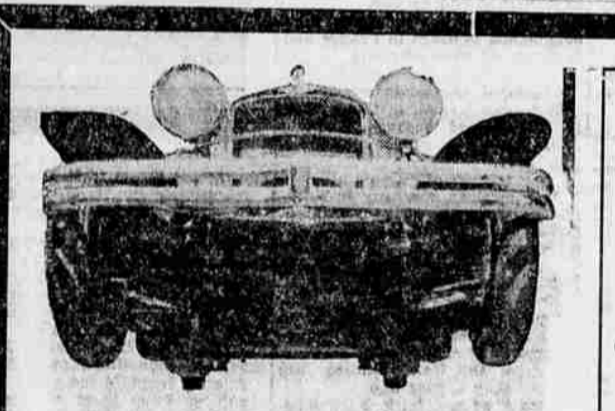
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