

HEDRICK SURVEYS GRADUATION AGES OREGON SCHOOLS

Marshfield Students Average Older—Medford and Oregon City Closest to State Average Is Shown

A common criticism of the public school system in this country is that it allows students to be rushed through their course of graduation as a tender age, and before they are equipped, either mentally or socially, to meet the vicissitudes of life, said E. H. Hedrick, superintendent of Medford schools, today.

In order to get a more accurate picture of the homogeneous grouping, and the ages and qualifications of graduation of students in Oregon, Hedrick sent a questionnaire to all of the larger high schools in the state. Only six schools sent answers definite enough to be compiled into a table of graduating ages.

The tabulation shows that students graduating from the Marshfield high school are the oldest of the six schools studied. The students there get their diplomas at the average age of 19 years, 3 months and 20 days, as compared to a state average of 18 years, 1 month and 4 1/2 days. The median high school pupil of Medford is 18 years, 2 months and 5 days old when he graduates. The following chart shows the ages of the students in the six schools studied, and also includes the Medford ages.

Marshfield—18 yrs. 3 mos. 20 days
Medford—18 yrs. 2 mos. 5 days
Oregon City—18 yrs. 2 mos. 3 days
Astoria—18 yrs. 0 mos. 15 days
Astoria—18 yrs. 0 mos. 1 1/2 days
Corvallis—17 yrs. 11 mos. 10 1/2 days
G. Pass—17 yrs. 11 mos. 24 days
All Cities—18 yrs. 1 mo. 4 1/2 days

The figures show that there is little difference in the median age of graduates from city to city—in all about three and a half months. Medford and Oregon City range closest to the average for the state.

The youngest June graduate found in any of these cities was 15 years, 6 months, and 10 days, and was graduated from Corvallis. The oldest graduate in any of these cities was 23 years, 10 months and 1 day. Medford's youngest June graduate was 15 years, 10 months and 4 days.

Hedrick stated that it has never been the policy of the Medford schools to rush a student through. Neither has it been the policy to allow the student to rush himself through, unless the pupil's advisor believed the student would be benefited by such an action.

The students in Medford are grouped in their work into three classes—those capable of doing, and absorbing, work at a fast rate; those who are normal in their work; and those who require more time to assimilate knowledge. For those in the faster classes, a wider range of work is given, and for the slower ones, less work, but longer drilling. It is employed to give a richer knowledge than if all were ground out through the same form.

The sounding of other schools on the age question is only one of many similar projects carried on by Medford schools, all sent out, as Hupt. Hedrick describes it, "to see just where we are drifting."

PICKETS DRIVEN OUT OF TIMBER MILL DISTRICT



Persistent pickets, both men and women, were given the rush by state police and national guardsmen in Tacoma, Wash., as sawmill operators sought to reopen their plants after a two-months shutdown due to labor trouble. Left: Two of the pickets being led away and (right) pickets retreat as guardsmen advance. (Associated Press Photos)

Aid for Farmer Major Local Catholic Church

Theodore Braasch, R. A. B., universally acclaimed the greatest living painter of the head of Christ, is in Medford to decorate the Sacred Heart Catholic church on South Oakdale, a program which will require five weeks of work. Said the famous artist yesterday: "It will be one of my greatest works. The church itself is beautiful, with a simplicity of line which will lend itself admirably to the painting I intend for it."

This indeed is a great compliment for the Medford church, coming as it does from an artist who has decorated such churches as the Mater Delorosa in New Orleans, the St. Francis Seminary in Cincinnati, St. Augustine's in Covington, Ky., St. Elizabeth's in Pasadena, St. Mary's in Los Angeles, and many others throughout the country, and some of whose work now hangs in the Vatican in Rome.

"I am one of only two living artists to whom Christ has appeared," said the artist. The incident happened in a Missouri hotel when he was a boy. Braasch claims and has been the inspiration for many of his most noted works. He has been acclaimed by such dignitaries of the church as the Pope in Rome, the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, D. C., apostolic delegate, Washington, D. C., and from bishops and priests in this country and in Europe.

Born in Germany, of Flemish parentage, the artist is related to the great Hauffman, from whom he possibly inherits his talents. Among the lay people who have written him congratulations on his work, are President and Mrs. Roosevelt, Alfred E. Smith, Cecil DeMille, Jay Wellington, poet and art director, John Stephen McGroarty, famous poet laureate of California, the late Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, Windsor, England, and the former Kaiser of Germany, who sent Braasch a signed photograph of himself.

Asked about the intended work in the Sacred Heart church here, the artist's eyes glowed as he described a large painting of the Sacred Heart to be placed over the altar in the

sanctuary of the church, the lower walls to be laid in with panels done in mosaic, and adorning angels on each side of and around the figure of the Sacred Heart. He stated that the entire church is to be decorated at a later date.

He was profuse in his praise, not only of the Sacred Heart church, but also of the city of Medford. "It is one of the most beautiful little cities I have visited," he said, and added that the cool shade trees so liberally sprinkled over the city were a feature that particularly appealed to him.

He comes to Medford from Reno, where he has just completed decorating the cathedral there. Another recent work was decorating the huge cathedral in Denver. The thing that he most looks forward to is his contemplated shrine to Christ, to be built at San Fernando, Cal., which will be decorated inside with the largest panorama of the life of Christ ever attempted, 150 feet long, with the figures lifesize.

The model is already completed for this great project, and he expects to get started in the near future.

Long Mountain

LONG MOUNTAIN, July 27.—(Spl.)—Mr. and Mrs. Lee M. Travis of Eugene are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Young for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Kille, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Eech, Mr. and Mrs. Ewen Ousterhaut and Miss Grace Holman attend the Turkey association annual meeting at the court house Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Case and daughter, Mrs. Helen Case, called on Mr. and Mrs. George Howell Monday.

Mrs. E. Fraser and sons, Charles and Alex, of Medford and Mrs. Gordon of Los Angeles called Sunday at the Holman home while en route to Dead Indian Soda Springs.

Herbert Pruitt is staying at the scout camp at Lake of the Woods for two weeks.

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Airport Log

A Standard Oil company bi-motored Douglas transport, flying from Seattle to San Francisco with company officials aboard, landed at the Medford airport yesterday, making the Seattle-Medford hop in exactly two hours.

A squadron of five Boeing P-26 pursuit ships stopped during the day, under the command of Capt. Piper, Capt. Schlapfer, Capt. Tullman, Major Parker and Lt. Kelly were being ferried to Hamilton field, and are eventually destined for duty at Shreveport, La.

Capt. Sherman stopped in an 8-38 Douglas, enroute to Spokane. An army photographic ship, a P-40, piloted by Lt. Maughan, stopped enroute to Ft. Lewis, and a P-40, piloted by Lt. Frederick, stopped on its way to Crisley field. Two army planes, enroute to Boeing field in Seattle, one a Douglas flown by Lt. Poole, and one a Consolidated P-7, piloted by Lt. Cumberpatch, stopped for gasoline.

C. A. Charles, of the Bureau of Air Commerce, stopped for a few hours.

C. AND N. W. PLANS REORGANIZATION

NEW YORK, June 27.—(AP)—The Chicago & Northwestern Railway Co. announced today the directors had decided to file a petition to reorganize under section 77 of the federal bankruptcy law.

The announcement explained that negotiations with the bondholders' committee, inaugurated some weeks ago in the hope of reaching an agreement on a plan of voluntary reorganization of the capital structure, would be continued.

The road hopes a plan of reorganization may be accomplished within 90 days. The filing of the petition in the meantime, it was expected, will inaugurate jurisdictional steps looking to the assistance of the U. S. C.

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS.

OFF for Hart mountain for the annual meeting of the Order of the Antelope, Mac-Epley, managing editor of the Klamath Herald and News and this writer constituting, so far as this moment is known, the delegation from southern Oregon.

A dozen others had made plans to go, but something happened at the last moment. Poor devil!

(The Order of the Antelope, as you may know, is an outfit of lucky bums from all over Oregon, organized back in 1922 to aid in promoting the interest of the Hart mountain antelope refuge over east of Lakeview. It is entertained annually by the Twenty-Third club and the chamber of commerce of Lakeview—organizations that, as entertainers, have no peer anywhere.)

ARRIVE in Lakeview, and find the clans gathering Park for the night at Dick Shepherd's Hot Springs hotel, to find Dick himself all set to go.

Just in time for dinner in the north window of his pleasant dining room, looking out upon Oregon's only geyser. In front are the ornamental pools that serve chiefly as a playground for Dick's tamed honker geese. Two of these honkers dropped down on one of these pools some two years ago, and by this spring the number had grown to more than 60.

The band is considerably reduced now by the northward migration, but they'll all be back this fall, bringing friends with them.

MORNING arrives, in due time, and it is announced that the trip will be made by way of Adel. This writer climbs to the hurricane deck of the car and starts SOUTH. Mac objects, asserting that the road to Adel takes off to the north of Lakeview. This writer, not stubborn or bull-headed, but just filled with calm assurance, informs him he's full of prunes, and we head out to the south.

Travel five miles for road leading off to Adel. Not so good. Stop man walking on road and ask him if this is the way to Adel. He hesitates a moment with slightly vacant look in his eye, then answers, "Oh, sure; just keep on going."

We keep on going, and in time arrive at the California border, and still no road to Adel. So we stop at New Pine Creek, and make inquiry. "Hell!" we're informed, "you're all right, except that you're heading square the wrong way." You'll have to go back to Lakeview!"

SENT that a fine way to make a start? Boy, but it would be a pleasure to wring the neck of that bum back there who told us we were all right and going good. Mac's a good scout, though—never

once says "I told you so"—and if you've ever been in circumstances similar to his you know how much self-restraint that takes.

We back-track to Lakeview, and hit the right road an hour or so after the departure of the rest of the crowd. The trouble is the rest of the crowd has the lunch.

ADEL is in the Warner valley, near the string of lakes known as the Warner lakes. They're beginning to fill up again with water, after drying up steadily during the long dry cycle, and the way the bird life is coming back along with the water is a sight to delight the eye.

UP past the causeway built by Crook's troops away back in the '60's to provide a crossing for these shallow lakes.

While these same troops were stationed here they brought in hogs to provide their own bacon, and when they were ordered away they left the hogs behind. The porkers reverted to the wild, and for a generation the tules around these shallow lakes have been full of them.

They're known as the wild hogs of Warner, and live on the true roots and such other provender as comes their way. Because of their tule root diet their flesh has a muddy flavor, so they're not esteemed for food.

Dick Shepherd is authority for the statement that if you drop a duck more than a hundred yards away from you these hogs will beat you to it nine times out of ten. Evidently they like a little variety in their tule root diet.

UP through Plush, which has about the damndest name in Oregon. The name arose, one is informed, back in the earlier days when an Indian, playing poker with three cowboys, got an ace full on kings and bet his shirt, but found a royal flush out against him.

"Flush!" he is reported to have ejaculated—his enunciation being a bit thick, apparently. "Him hot dem stuff!"

The name stuck, and the town has been known as Plush ever since. Everyone who hears it wants to know how come, and the natives have worn their vocal chords down thin explaining.

But more of this tomorrow—it's getting too long.

Burglars Catch Selves.
SALT LAKE CITY, Utah.—(UP)—Two young thieves unwittingly set off a burglar alarm in a store. After leisurely choosing their loot, they stepped from the door into the waiting arms of police they had summoned.

Female of the Species.
ST. LOUIS, Mo.—(UP)—Smoking has no marked effect on the nerves of men, but it stimulates nervousness appreciably in women, psychology students at Washington university found after a series of tests on fellow classmates.

Auto Toll Up
RICHMOND, Va.—(UP)—Automobile fatalities in Virginia during 1934 increased 100 over those of 1933, according to the state registrar of vital statistics. Meanwhile, other violent deaths increased 157; death from measles, 118; whooping cough, 101; and pneumonia, 228.

All Are Eagle Scouts.
RENO, Nev.—(UP)—Boy Scout Troop No. 3 of Reno claims to be the first troop in the nation to be composed entirely of Eagle Scouts, the highest rank available in that organization. Twenty-one youths completed their final tests to be inducted as Eagle Scouts.

BEND, Ore., June 27.—(UP)—A contract for the installation of an ornamental street lighting system on Wall street has been awarded by the Bend commission to the Napepe-McKenney company on a low bid of \$4,750. Three firms competed for the job. Thirty-two 18-foot granite lamp posts will be installed 100 feet apart.

TEXARKANA, Ark.—(UP)—A kitten born with a single eye in the center of its forehead and without a nose has been preserved by Joe Graves, Scoutmaster, here. The strange Cyclopsian creature lived only a few hours.

Good News!

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