

City School Superintendent Speaks on Taxes in Oregon

Leonard Mayfield, city school superintendent, spoke on Oregon's tax structure at a meeting of the Medford Council of Parent-Teacher associations.

The speaker stated that historical records show people have always paid taxes, and reminded his listeners that taxes provide the money for necessary services. He also said to remember that all taxation is voted by the citizens, or is subject to control by the citizens.

Speaking of school taxes, Mr. Mayfield said that approximately 59 cents of every tax dollar in Medford goes to schools, but that even with two new schools and the large increase in population, this tax is one of the three lowest school taxes in the state. Mr. Mayfield also pointed out that the new schools in Medford have increased taxes only a small amount.

The speaker also added that the annexation of out-lying districts would make little difference, because the assessed valuation per census child is about the same as Medford.

For every 30 children, an equipped school room and a teacher must be provided, Mr. Mayfield declared, and added that in two more years, Medford will need still more school rooms.

Magazine chairman, Mrs. Charles Bird reported that the last week in February has been designated as National Parent Teacher Magazine week. The unit chairman selling the most subscriptions will receive a certificate award and will have the history of her unit and her picture in the Oregon PTA magazine.

Mrs. Treavell Turpin reported on a visit to the Phoenix Pilot School for exceptional children. There are sixteen (16) boys and girls in the school, whose ages range from twelve to sixteen years. Their schedule is very similar to a regular school, except that ways of making the work more interesting to them must be found, she reported.

The children are happy and well behaved, Mrs. Turpin added. They had made plaster of paris molds of dogs' heads that were outstanding, she said. The school needs Life and National Geographic magazines and all kinds of records, the speaker said.

Mrs. Fred Simcox, president of Jefferson PTA, reported on a "Family Night" money raising project. They served a pot-luck dinner and had games and square dancing in the gymnasium; 624 people attended.

Mrs. J. S. Heatherington, vice-president for Hedrick Junior High PTA, announced a box social to be held February 27 at 6:30 p.m.

A report made by John Weber, on the detention home was

read by Mrs. Owen Kunkle. A suitable site has not been found since it must have good drainage, adequate water supply and adequate area for outdoor recreation, accessibility to main roads, isolation from neighboring property, and reasonable room for future expansion, according to the report.

Mrs. Kunkle also read a report made by Police Chief Charles Champlin at the Jackson County Juvenile Advisory Committee meeting. He stated that the reason for the low rate of juvenile delinquency in Jackson county is that the PAL club, YMCA, church youth groups, Boy and Girl Scouts, outside school activities, and school approved programs meet the requirements of young people.

The Mothersingers, under the direction of Mrs. Le Roy Jensen, are preparing a spring concert, it was announced.

Mrs. Maurice Ritchey announced the urgent need for help with the Girl Scout's Day camp. She said that one adult is needed for every eight girls and unless this requirement is met, the day camp will not be in operation this year.

Mrs. Stanley Berger, woman's program director for YMCA, announced a "Homemaker's Holiday" to be held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m., beginning February 9 and ending March 8.

Nursery school, supervised by qualified personnel, will be available for those enrolling in day time classes. Evening sessions from 8 to 10 p.m. begin February 14. Subjects offered will be swimming, volleyball, calisthenics, badminton, copper enameling, music, knitting, a "Mrs. Fixit" class for simple household repairs and international cooking. Further announcements about schedules will be made in the Medford Mail Tribune.

Designed to catch the eye of juvenile shoppers is a shirt, pants and tie ensemble in a folding box shaped like a television set. As far as the youngsters are concerned the packaging turns prosaic articles into gift items, that, mothers find, they enjoy receiving.

Pressing and Fabric Care To Be Topics For Four Units; Agent To Be Speaker

Four county home extension units will hold meetings during the week, two in Medford and two in outlying districts.

Reese Creek — Mrs. Joanne Weatherford, county home extension agent, will demonstrate the lesson at the Tuesday, February 7 meeting of Reese Creek unit. Mrs. Cliff Moore will be the hostess and the women will



Mrs. Roberta L. Daniel is president of the newest professional group for women in the city, Insurance Women of Jackson County. Charter of the organization is still open, and women working in the insurance field are invited to attend a luncheon meeting Tuesday, February 7, at the Jackson hotel.

Insurance Women Organize Group; Luncheon Planned

Newest organization in the city for women is the Insurance Women of Jackson County group. Heading the organization is Mrs. Roberta L. Daniel, who was elected to the office January 31. A luncheon meeting is set for Tuesday, February 7 at the Jackson hotel when women of the profession may join the list of charter members.

To serve with Mrs. Daniel and elected at the same meeting are Mrs. Mary-Elizabeth Cronin, vice-president, and Mrs. Lois Stephen, secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. Daniel emphasizes that all women insurance workers, not only agents and solicitors, are invited to join the organization. The local group is a member of the National Association of Insurance Women.

Mrs. Eva Brauer, national representative from Portland, will be in Medford for installation ceremonies.

The Tuesday luncheon will be no host.

Potpourri

Every married couple has special memories of their wedding, but Phyllis Merrick and Peter Purdum aren't likely to forget an incident which happened during their rehearsal dinner at Rogue Valley Country club. For Phyllis and Peter by chance met a stranger—a stranger who dedicated a new song to them, had it played for them while he recited the lyrics and then impulsively told the young couple that he would give them half of his royalties.

The stranger turned out to be Bert Lown of song-writing fame and now a vice-president in charge of TV station relations for Columbia Broadcasting system. By coincidence Mr. Lown was dining at the club with William Smullin, Everett Faber and other officials of KBES-TV when Abby Green, club pianist, announced that a bride and groom-to-be were among the diners.

Mr. Lown sent to his car for copies of his latest song, appropriately entitled "My Heart and I" and asked permission of the couple to present them a copy and dedicate a special performance to them. While Abby Green and Glen Parker, guitarist, did a bit of quick sight-reading on the music, Composer Lown, not much of a vocalist, recited the lyrics to the excited Phyllis and Peter and the interested parents and friends.

The stranger extended his best wishes to the young couple and then apparently on impulse said "My royalty on a song is four cents a copy and I'll make you a present of two cents out of every four—you can put it in a special college fund for your first child." He explained that because no one can ever predict what will be a hit, and what won't, that the song might sell a hundred copies, or a million.

The Merricks, discussing the incident later with Mr. Faber, were assured that Mr. Lown is an outstanding personality, well liked in the entertainment world. This was confirmed by Abby Green, who said that he had been playing Composer Lown's songs for years. He recalled that Mr. Lown is a member of ASCAP, and that while some of the hits have been entirely his work, others were partly the work of collaborators.

Medford music lovers had a feast of piano music last week. Paulena Carter's concert on Sunday with the Philharmonic Society of Southern Oregon was followed Thursday night by a Civic Music concert of the American Piano Trio.

Miss Carter is not only a concert pianist, but a wife and mother as well and the last few guests at the reception given for her at the Lemery home Sunday following her concert, ended up by admiring pictures of her adorable looking daughter, about a year and a half old.

When the beautiful Paulena arrived at the auditorium Saturday night for rehearsal with the orchestra, she was hugging a big fur coat around her shoulders and said "I've been freezing ever since I arrived in Ashland." The atmosphere of the auditorium didn't help either, and the pianist continually tried to warm her hands by blowing on them and rubbing them vigorously together all during the rehearsal.

The musician's mother, Mrs. F. M. Carter of Ashland, revealed that her daughter enjoys playing in the Rogue valley more than anywhere else, because her audiences here are so friendly.

Mrs. Carter told how her daughter arrived in Santa Rosa last year for a concert and was dismayed to learn that Vice-President Nixon was in town for a big meeting. But her fears that everyone would go to hear the Veep turned out to be wrong—Miss Carter played to an SRO audience.

Bright and early Monday morning Potpourri had a friendly telephone call from Harry W. Young, Route 1, Box 455, Medford. The address is important—it's the part of the story. Mr. Young, reading about the Medford woman who doesn't know how to drive an automobile but was nevertheless cited for her safe driving record, said he could beat that story seventeen ways.

A few days ago he received a notice from the San Francisco police department ordering him to appear in court and answer to the charge that he had violated certain traffic ordinances last July 23 while driving his Chevrolet in the Bay city. Mr. Young is muchly mystified, for though the S.F. police had his name and address just right, Mr. Young hasn't been in San Francisco for three or four years and besides he doesn't own a Chevrolet—his car is a just about at the freezing point, and there was a brisk breeze. To January to send out their little notice.

Mrs. I. D. Canfield, general chairman of the Amaranth annual smorgasbord last Sunday, reports that a total of 1,241 meat balls, 1½ gallons of pickled herring, 30 dozen deviled eggs, 15 quarts of whipping cream, 54 angel food cakes, 25 pounds of beans and more than 1500 cups of coffee were consumed by the 650 persons served.

If anyone wonders where we took the picture of the Scout "Indians" on today's front page, it was in the back yard of the G. L. Clark home on Park avenue. What's more, the thermometer was just about at the freezing point, and there was a brisk breeze.

When we expressed concern over the scantily-clad Scouts, Cliff Hanson, Scout executive told us to quit worrying. Seems the boys have taken part in "Operation Icicle"—camped in the snow and all that sort of thing.

After the work was all done on the Boy Scout week page and we'd had several long conversations with Mr. Hanson we decided he should have an extra star or two in his crown. When we asked Mr. H. if he ever had a nice quiet evening at home with his family he thought a minute and said, "Yes, I had two evenings at home just before Christmas, and two just before New Year's. Otherwise, I have had only Sundays at home for quite a long time." Maybe we should make it three or four stars.—O.S.

PTA Groups Report At Session

A number of activities of interest to parents of school age children are being planned by PTA study groups in Jackson county, and leaders of these groups reported on progress made during this school year at the leadership training session held January 31 in Medford. The session was sponsored by the Jackson County Public Health association and parent-teacher groups in the county.

A group to study the school-age child has been started at Gold Hill with Mrs. Norman Gail as chairman. Mrs. Mary Corcoran, public health nurse, has organized a study group in the Medford Extension unit.

Mrs. Chester Fitch is starting a study group for parents of junior and senior high school age children in Ashland. Other group leaders in Ashland are Mrs. Jacob Lahr and Mrs. L. B. Bowlin. Mrs. Lahr, president of Lincoln school PTA, reported that the film, "Roots of Happiness," had been shown at a PTA meeting with Herbert Daniels of Camp White as discussion leader. Briscoe school is scheduling a series of five group studies on the school age child under the direction of Mrs. Bowlin.

Washington PTA in Medford has a weekly child study group with Mrs. Clayton Ruhl and Mrs. L. N. Boese as leaders. This group has completed a first aid course and is starting a series of meetings of the school age child. A new study group is beginning in the Lone Pine school district under the direction of Mrs. William Garner.

Miss Dorothy Huskey and Mrs. Corcoran of the health department reported at the meeting that an infant care study group is being considered in the Eagle Point area by Mrs. Cleo Kent, public health nurse. Similar groups are being planned. Mrs. Jean Berger, women's director of the YMCA in Medford, reported on new activities for women at the "Y."

Plans were made at the training session for a larger meeting to be held in April. Study group members, as well as leaders, will be invited to this meeting, and they will have an opportunity to submit questions on group interaction and behavior to a psychiatrist or psychologist.

Details of this meeting are being arranged by Mrs. Walter Bish and Mrs. Robert Minear, co-chairman of the health association's family life committee. Mrs. Leigh Gustison, secretary of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, Miss Huskey of the health department, Mrs. Riley Cook, and Mrs. Fitch of Ashland.

A list of aids to leaders who are starting new study groups will soon be available in the health department offices.

A little vinegar will counteract excess soda used in a recipe.



These four women will head the volunteer workers for Medford district Girl Scouts, the coming year, having been installed at the annual recognition luncheon Tuesday at St. Mark's Episcopal Guild hall. Pictured (left to right) are Mrs. J. E. Moir, second vice-president; Mrs. Richard Finch, president; Mrs. F. L. Benesh, first vice-president and Mrs. Paul Haviland, secretary. —(Brainerd photo)

Annual Recognition Luncheon Held for Girl Scout Workers

Medford district of Girl Scouts installed officers, honored leaders and adults in the movement and heard speakers at the annual recognition luncheon held Tuesday at St. Mark's Guild hall.

Mrs. Richard Finch was installed chairman of the district, replacing Mrs. George Ice. Mrs. F. A. Benesh took office as first vice-president; Mrs. J. E. Moir, second vice-president and Mrs. Paul Haviland, secretary.

Mrs. Ice was presented the Girl Scout "thank you" badge for her service to the district, the presentation being made by Mrs. Michele T. Rossi, president of Rogue Valley Area Girl Scout council. Mrs. Rossi also presented a thanks badge to Mrs. Alan Jewett who has been a Girl Scout volunteer worker for many years. A special guest for luncheon was Mrs. C. A. Thatcher, a Girl Scout worker since 1935. Also introduced was Mrs. Mark Goldy, mother of the new chairman, and Mrs. R. W. Gray.

A fifteen-year pin was presented to Mrs. Don Patterson in recognition of leadership and service and pins for 10 years of service went to Mrs. John Carter and Mrs. A. Carrara. Mrs. Frank Roelandt and Mrs. Ben Darras, Central Point, were presented five-year pins.

Mrs. George Gibson, Mrs. Ivan Hale, Eagle Point, Mrs. George Ray, Mrs. Wilma Warren and Mrs. Maurice Ritchie were honored for four years of service. Mrs. George Large and Mrs. Lloyd Parsons were honored for six years of service and Mrs. Jack James, Phoenix, for eight years.

Mrs. Jack Sanborn was recognized for nine years' work with Girl Scouts, Mrs. John Russell for 11 years and Mrs. O. A. Eden for 12 years. Mrs. Melvin Cannon was honored for 13 years of service and Mrs. W. E. Acord for 14 years of work with Scouting.

Miss Mary Vandenburg, psychiatric social worker for Southern Oregon Child Guidance clinic, spoke on the value of the Girl Scout movement. She said the work of Girl Scouts is "invaluable" and told how girls gain a sense of duty through their scout work. Miss Vandenburg said such youth activity as scouting helps the girl to feel adequate, makes them part of

Plan Dance

Eddie Evenson's orchestra will furnish music for the dance Monday, February 6 at 8 p.m., in Camp White domiciliary sponsored by the auxiliary to the Department of Oregon, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Those who need transportation should be at the Trailways bus depot at 7:30 p.m.

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Medford unit will meet in the Community building on Priddy street, Wednesday, February 8 at 10:30 a.m. The project, "The Art of Pressing," will be given by project leaders. Lunch will be furnished for a small charge and each member is asked to take table service for themselves and guests. All interested are invited and child care will be provided.

Mrs. Weatherford also will demonstrate the subject concerning identification and care of new fabrics at the Medford Parents unit Tuesday, February 7 at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. A. J. Duda, 1284 Kings highway, will be hostess at her home and refreshment hostesses will be Mrs. H. Judd and Mrs. H. A. Clement. Table service will be required.

Howard—"The Art of Pressing" will be demonstrated by Mrs. W. W. Robertson and Mrs. E. A. Walton at the Howard Unit meeting, Thursday, February 9. Mrs. Robertson, 1517 Wilson place, Medford, will be hostess for the meeting.

Mrs. E. M. Gleason, chairman, states that plans will be completed for the March program, which is to be about the island Ceylon. Ceylon is the site of the 1956 convention of the Associated Country Women of the World. Mrs. R. E. Carley, ACWW chairman for the unit, will be in charge of the program.

Serving on the luncheon committee will be Mrs. Verl Walker, Mrs. J. S. Lydiard, Mrs. Ralph Merritt, Mrs. C. E. Chisum, Mrs. L. C. McCay, Mrs. John Benson, Mrs. Henry Friesen, Mrs. H. E. Peyton, and Mrs. Paul Robertson. Mrs. Robert Ottomann, luncheon chairman, reminds members to bring their own table service.

Child care will be available at the home of Mrs. Malcolm McCarty, 2618 Table Rock road. Mothers are to furnish lunch and a sturdy toy for each of their children.

Book Group
The American Association of University of Women afternoon book review group will hear a review of "Mother Sin," by Tats Blain when they meet Wednesday, February 8. The meeting will begin at 1 o'clock and will be at the home of Mrs. L. G. McLaren, 1820 Crown avenue. Mrs. Roger M. Clark will give the review.

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