



BEAMING with joy, Ruth Parrett hears she will reign as queen of annual Rose Festival held at Portland, Ore. (UPI Telephoto)

Medford Students Score Over Norm In National Tests

Medford students in grades one through six scored well above the national norms in tests given grade school pupils this spring, according to a report of educational achievement results.

Students in grade one in the Medford district's seven elementary schools scored a 2.7 in word recognition and 2.6 in paragraph reading compared with a national average of 1.8, the report showed.

The Medford average score indicated that local first grade children did on the test "what would be expected of a second grader in the sixth and seventh months who took the same test," officials explained. The national average indicated first graders achieved a score of a first grader in the eighth month of school.

Word Recognition
Grade two pupils in Medford received a 3.78 for word recognition and 3.88 for paragraph reading compared with the national norm of 2.8.

In grade three, local students averaged well above 4 in reading, word meaning, spelling, language and arithmetic, compared with the national norm of 3.8.

Pupils in grade four averaged well above 5 compared with the national norm of 4.8. Grade pupils' achievements ranged from 5.7 in arithmetic computation to 7 in word meaning, compared with the national norm of 5.7. The low score on arithmetic computation was due to the lack of percentage and decimal instruction in the fifth grade locally, school officials said.

That score jumped well above the national norm in the sixth grade. Other grade scores averaged well above 7 compared with 6.7 for the national norm.

Local Man Named To Study Group

Portland—With public attention focused on the high cost of government timber, H. O. Puhn, president of Industrial Forestry association, has announced that a 15-man public timber sale committee he been appointed to study government timber sale problems.

The committee met recently with the association staff in Portland to study the timber sale problems of the national forests, the O and C lands and Washington and Oregon state lands. Solution to many timber sale problems is essential for steady employment of the more than 63,000 persons employed by the association's members in the 250 wood-using plants from Bellingham to Medford, Puhn said.

The association president said that Paul F. Ehinger, logging manager, Edward Hines Lumber company, Westfir, Ore., had been selected as chairman of the committee. Other Oregon members are R. P. Conklin and Rae L. Johnson, Portland; Nils B. Hult, Eugene; G. D. Kundson, Dallas; C. L. Lindquist, Meriden; S. V. McQueen, Medford; and L. L. Stewart, Culp Creek.

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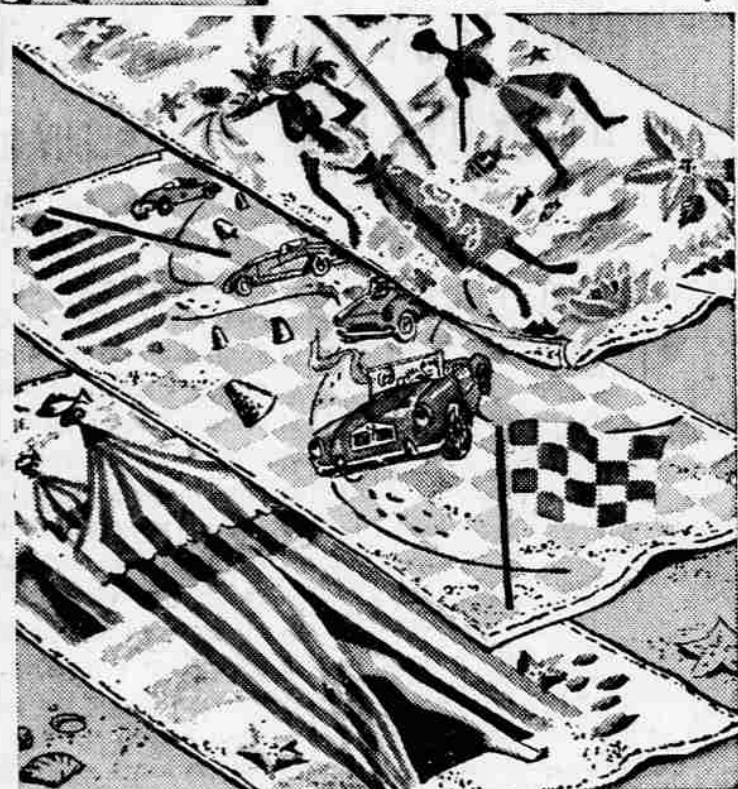
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