

Principal Notes Improvements In Hanby, Patrick Grade School

Gold Hill - Gilbert Mack, principal of Hanby and Patrick schools of district 6C, in Gold Hill, has reported school improvements and teachers for the year.

Much of Hanby school has been repainted and fire doors were installed on both north and south stairway entrances at the basement level.

Not yet completed, but well along, is an addition to the gymnasium dressing rooms which will add another 200 square feet to both the boys' and girls' dressing rooms.

New furniture purchased includes metal file cases for each teacher, an additional bed for the health room, 100 metal chairs, two teachers' desks and two metal file cabinets.

Equipment Purchased
Equipment purchased by school district 6C for use at Hanby building includes a

new projector, two new portable sewing machines, and a new full length mirror. Installed in the home economic department are two recessed burners for increasing cooking facilities for the seventh and eighth grade home making classes. Additional cooking utensils include four new aluminum grills and an electric mixer.

Purchased for the cafeteria are lunch trays, plastic bowls and several large aluminum pans.

Improvements at Patrick school include an additional library cabinet, and widening the blacktop at the exit and entrances of the school grounds.

Field To Be Completed
Yet to be completed is turf on the field east of Patrick used by Hanby students for physical education classes and sports. This will entail topsoiling, seeding and the installation of a sprinkler irrigation system.

Also purchased by the school district is a new 66-passenger Ford school-bus that will be used on the Henry Paulson run.

Mack reminded parents that bus runs will be the same as last year and new pupils are

urged to contact neighbors concerning the approximate time for morning pick-up. He said all pupils should be out at the pickup stations a few minutes early the first morning, Monday, Sept. 14.

New books purchased include 398 library books for Hanby and Patrick schools. New textbooks also were purchased.

Teachers for Year
Teachers for the coming year will include: primary grades: Mrs. Marie Brannock, Mrs. Wilda Franks, Mrs. Barbara Toner, and Mrs. Alice Beneka. Intermediate teachers will be Mrs. Barbara Charles, Lee Myers, and Mrs. Ida Von Buskirk; sixth grade teachers, Mrs. Mildred Black and Allen Hill. Seventh and eighth grade teachers will include Mrs. Shirley Anderson, Lynn Bernston, Walt Doherty and Deane Roberts. Myers will be the varsity coach and Bernston will coach the Jayvees.

Marvin Throne will have charge of the vocal music and will assist with the library, physical education and special education. Charles Cook will direct the bands. He will give both individual as well as group instruction.

Medford Woman Wins Boat Motor

Mrs. Willis G. Gilman, 92 Winema Way, was one of the winners in the "Stars of Tomorrow" contest which ends today in Family Weekly magazine, Sunday supplement in the Mail Tribune.

Mrs. Gilman, who will receive a Mercury outboard motor, said she has sent in several entries in each of weekly contests. She added she also plans to enter the final contest in today's magazine.

The star who Mrs. Gilman submitted names for was a Miss Marlo Ryan, who played the lead in one film.

The local winner, who is secretary to the county watermaster, stated that the family has been thinking about buying a boat, as they currently do not own one.

Gilman is employed by Pacific Fruit and Produce company. The couple have two children, Glenn, 11, and Sheila, 9.

Softening Reported On Lumber Market

Portland—A further softening of Douglas fir dimension in all grades was reported last week by Crow's Lumber Market News service, Portland.

Random loaded cars of 2 by 4, 2 by 6 and 2 by 8 standard grade were off at least \$2 per thousand, and all widths of utility grade were down about the same.

Crow's said the weakness was largely a result of an oversupply of transit cars, coupled with a seasonal buying lag in the east and mid-west. Firm order business for mixed carloads and specified length dimension were described as fair, and prices were still close to their peak on these items, Crow's said.

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Talent Schools to Open September 8

Talent - The Talent grade school will begin Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 8:30 a.m., F. E. Farthing, principal, has announced. School buses will run on the same schedule as last year.

Parents of first graders are asked to accompany their children the first day. After registering, the first graders will be dismissed.

Entering first graders must present a birth certificate when enrolling. It is requested that first graders who did not receive physical examinations at the pre-school clinic secure one before registering. Forms may be obtained at the Talent grade school office or from the county health department.

School will be in session a full day on Tuesday for grades two through eight.

Children who will reach their sixth birthday by Nov. 15 are eligible to enter school. However, children who have not yet reached their sixth birthday, but who will do so by Nov. 15, will be tested to determine their readiness for school. School officials may be contacted for further information at KEystone 5-1372.

Mental Retardation Subject of Program

Mental retardation and its effects will be discussed on the Jackson County Tuberculosis and Health association television program at 6 o'clock this evening.

Dr. William J. Miller, pediatrician, will explain some of the causes of retardation and describe some of its characteristics. Karl A. Hayes, director of special education for Jackson county, will speak of the present educational program. Richard H. Travis, president of the board of trustees of the School of Hope, also will take part.

Facilities available in Oregon and Jackson county will be discussed.



Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

How Fortunate—This Fish Feeds on Mosquito Larvae

Because of the constant dependability of a little fish and its appetite for mosquito larvae, it has been introduced into more countries and foreign lands than any other fish. And in all introduced areas it is functioning perfectly.

Found originally in fresh water ponds from northern Mexico throughout all the southern and southeastern states, as well as parts of the middle west and northeast, this tiny fish has been making it tough for mosquitoes since mosquitoes were mosquitoes. Naturally it would come by its common name of "mosquito fish."

Its real name is *Gambusia affinis*, because of its aptitude for helping mankind in his constant battle against the biting mosquito. In countries where deaths from malaria and yellow fever have taken a terrific toll in human life, the mosquito fish has been rightfully called "the greatest sanitarian in the waters of the world." Quite a distinction for a fish.

Small, Active
The mosquito fish is small and probably the most active fish in any pond. If its favorite food, mosquito larvae wrigglers, is in short supply, or when waiting for a fresh batch of insect eggs to hatch, the mosquito fish sometimes eats a little algae or other plant food and may even become desperate enough to eat members of its own kind or its

own offspring.

Gambusia is, in appearance, an insignificant little character, barely two inches long when adult, but its potentialities are limitless. It has the ability of populating a lake or pond with thousands of offspring in a relatively short time. The number of mosquito fish in a pond is directly controlled with how many mosquito larvae are present.

More Females

The female is slightly larger than the male and for some unknown reason there are always more females than males, even in waters where the fish have been established for a long period of time. The young are born alive, each less than an eighth of an inch long and as many as 40 to a "litter."

In warm waters the female will produce a fresh litter every month of the year, the year around. She can even operate successfully without her husband. This little guy seems almost unnecessary in *Gambusia* society. The poor little dope may be on his way out, but he does not know it and science isn't sure.

Today in many foreign lands, the malaria and yellow fever carrying mosquitoes may as well give up and stop trying. They probably would if they could know just how utterly futile is their egg-laying efforts in waters where *Gambusia affinis* cruises the warm depths.

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