

Little Red School Center of Activities

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DISCUSSION TIME - Teacher Bill Wallace, a graduate of Southern Oregon college, discusses various subjects with his class. Wallace doesn't insist on strict discipline, but says he has few problems with the youngsters. Children in the eighth grade have



TEACHER'S COTTAGE - This neat, cedar shake building is painted the same barn-red color and has the same white trim as the two other school district buildings - the school and playshed. Here Bill Wallace, 31-year-old teacher, and his wife and two



RUSH TO CLASS - These youngsters attending the Pinehurst school rush in through the door as recess ends. Much of the playground equipment including a metal

Pinehurst Unit Serves 26 Pupils In Eight Grades

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The little red school house has almost disappeared from the American scene—but not from Jackson county—not yet, anyway.

A small, neat barn-red school house with white trim is tucked away between towering evergreen trees at Pinehurst on the Green Springs highway near the Klamath-Jackson county line. It might be called an educational outpost among the forest giants. Twenty-three miles of a curving, switchback highway took us up "over the hill" to the picturesque setting.

Travelling past Tub Springs state park we suddenly came on a cluster of buildings to our left. Flanking the trim, colorful school house were two tall cedar trees.

Bright, cheerful gardens full of late summer and early fall blooms were on either side of the path to the slightly weathered front door. Directly behind the schoolhouse is a cottage for the school teacher. To the rear and to the right is the play shed. This is a gymnasium actually, but since the rough flooring and lack of heat make it below official school gym standards it is called a play shed. Both buildings are barn red with white trim like the school house.

Chief Payroll

Across the road and a few steps away is the sawmill which provides the chief payroll for the 25-person village. The shriek of the sawmill whistle can be heard from the classroom by the 26 pupils of grades 1 through 8.

We had expected to find an elderly old schoolmaster type in this sylvan setting. A young man, we thought, would prefer a larger and more cosmopolitan post.

However, Teacher Bill Wallace is 31 years old and now serving his ninth year in the tiny community schoolhouse. During the first four years he had all eight grades.

Now he is assisted by Mrs. Grace Bostwick, who has a youngster of her own in school there. She teaches the first four grades for a half day. Bill, too, has children in school there, a girl in the first grade and a boy in the third grade.

Forgets Occasionally

"The girl forgets once in awhile and calls me daddy, but the boy seemed to know it isn't the right thing to do," Bill grinned, his blue eyes twinkling. "I thought I might have a few problems having my own kids in school here, but I haven't so far."

Inside, too, the school is bright and cheerful with large windows and bright overhead modern light fixtures. The desk and chair units are of the modern moveable and adjustable to the pupil type.

"Mr. Wallace, did they measure Crater lake by radar? Is that how they told how deep it is? Is Crater lake the deepest water in the world?"

These are some of the questions we heard when we entered the classroom. Stacked in neat bookshelves next to the rear blackboard were life magazines containing space age material. This indicated to us that the youngsters are being kept up with current events.

National Level

Assistant County School Superintendent Bruce Hitt assured us that the youngsters tested up to the national standard level in scholastic achievement.

The youngsters, particularly the older ones, often are organized into research teams to work on various projects for social science, English, math, and other subjects. This gives Wallace a chance to work with those who need help with reading, spelling or other subjects.

The entire Wallace family is tied in with the school. Mrs. Wallace cooks in the small, cheerful and neat school cafeteria. Bill is also janitor for the cedar shake building and arises early each morning to shove wood into the large boiler.



PINEHURST SCHOOL - This neat, red colored school house with white trim stands amid towering evergreen trees off the Green Springs highway. One of the few left of its kind the school teaches all eight grades.



PLAYSHED - Assistant County School Superintendent Bruce Hitt ambles up the cement path to the Pinehurst school playshed. Unheated and with rough floors, the building is not up to standards set for school gymnasiums so must be designated a play-

grounds where he dumps them.

Here other members of the annual work party fall on the logs with axes and saws until the long pieces of cord wood are neatly stacked in the basement.

For this work the community club is paid about \$300 or \$400 by the school board. In turn, the community club spends the money on new equipment or repairs for the school. So, the community's social life as well as its educational life centers around the small school house.

"If we didn't have the school we wouldn't have much, that's for sure," a spokesman for the Pinehurst people said.

"They promised us that if Pinehurst is annexed to the Ashland school district we could still keep our school," the spokesman said.

Concerned About Pupils

However, parents are concerned about the junior high age children making the 46-mile round-trip by bus each day. Snow and ice make travel conditions even to the present small school, a comparatively short distance away, difficult.

Parents argue that the long trip to Ashland over an often snowy and icy highway would be difficult and hazardous. They stand politely firm on their refusal to unite with Ashland. School officials estimate approximately 50 people reside within the Pinehurst district boundaries.

Now the district has little outside expense, a high assessed valuation per pupil (the amount of possible tax revenue available to pay for each child's education) and has no bus transportation system. Parents run a car pool.

The community holds dances, both square and modern, in the play shed every two weeks. Card parties are held in the small school auditorium every other Friday. The auditorium can be expanded by folding aside the partition which separates a second classroom from the auditorium proper. The moveable desks and chairs can be wheeled off into a corner and movies can be shown from the projection booth to the rear of the classroom.

Mothers' Club

There is no PTA. The school mothers' club works with the young teacher on any parent-teacher projects. Naturally, the youngsters have their Halloween and Christmas parties in the school, well-attended by the community.

The young schoolmaster used to help his grandfather on his ranch on Jenny creek. Then he was attending Southern Oregon college, majoring in education. School board members asked him if he wanted a job when he graduated since the teacher was

Teamsters Asked About Ex-Convicts

Washington—UPI—Union lawyers Saturday studied Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell's demand under the new labor reform law that the Teamsters oust all officials who are ex-convicts.

The implied demand was contained in a telegram sent by Mitchell to Teamsters President James R. Hoffa Friday.

Hoffa, who was in Detroit, refused to comment on the move but said the telegram would be studied carefully by the union's legal advisers.

Mitchell asked Hoffa to advise him "what action your organization is taking" against certain types of ex-convicts barred from holding union office under the new labor law passed by Congress earlier this month.

He also asked Hoffa to give him within 10 days a list of any Teamster officials who have been convicted of robbery, bribery, extortion and other felonies.

Mitchell's action signaled the government's first action against unions under the act. The labor secretary, attending the AFL-CIO convention in San Francisco, said he also had asked the justice department to begin an immediate investigation of other unions which had ex-convicts or known Communists as officials.

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The fire, believed incendiary, began Aug. 8 and raged southward to threaten the Ashland watershed and the town itself.

Miss Oregon Rodeo Chosen at Pendleton

Pendleton—UPI—Miss Vicki Pearson, queen of the 48th annual Pendleton round-up, was chosen as Miss Oregon Rodeo Thursday afternoon.

The 53 inch, 110-pound blonde, who was chosen over rodeo queens from all over the state, will represent Oregon in the Miss U.S. Rodeo contest to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Antibiotic Slows Bacteria Growth

Atlantic City, N.J. (Science Service) - A new antibiotic from a sample of Thailand soil has been successfully used against animal diseases.

Tylosin, as the antibiotic is called, is being investigated clinically for its effectiveness against staphylococcus and streptococcus infections. Dr. Robert L. Hamill told the American Society meeting here. Tests have also been begun to determine its effects on human beings.

In addition to Dr. Hamill, Dr. Paul F. Wiley, Dr. Martha C. Stamper and Michael E. Haney Jr., all of the Eli Lilly and Company, were co-authors of the report. Tylosin was produced from a new strain of Streptomyces fradiae.

A series of trainings conducted with instruments makes it possible for one man to "road test" eight cars at once.

Ministers Elect Officers During Tuesday Session

The Rev. Escil Hiser, pastor of the Church of the Brethren, was elected president of the Medford Ministerial Association at the first fall meeting of the group Tuesday.

He succeeds the Rev. James W. Neely, pastor of the First Baptist church. Serving with Mr. Hiser this year will be Dr. George G. Roseberry, First Methodist church, vice president; and the Rev. Henry I. Brown, Mt. Pitt Avenue Church of the Nazarene, secretary-treasurer.

During the business session the association approved a motion requesting the Child Guidance Clinic to expand its services to include family counseling.

Following a talk by Del Landing, campaign chairman for United Medford Crusade, the association voted to select Sept. 27 as UMC Sunday. Events Told

Among the events announced during the meeting was an invitation to interested



NEW OFFICERS - The officers for the Medford Ministerial Association were elected Tuesday at the first fall meeting held at the First Presbyterian church. Shown during the meeting are the Rev. Escil Hiser (left, seated) president; Dr. George G. Roseberry (standing), vice president; and the Rev. Henry I. Brown, secretary-treasurer. Mr. Hiser is pastor of the Church of the Brethren; Dr. Roseberry, First Methodist church; and Mr. Brown, Mt. Pitt Avenue Church of the Nazarene. (Knackstedt photo)

persons to attend a reception of God, 1108 West for teachers of the Jackson Main st. County Board of Christian Education. The reception will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday,ber session will be held Sept. 29, at the First Assem-Oct. 13.

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