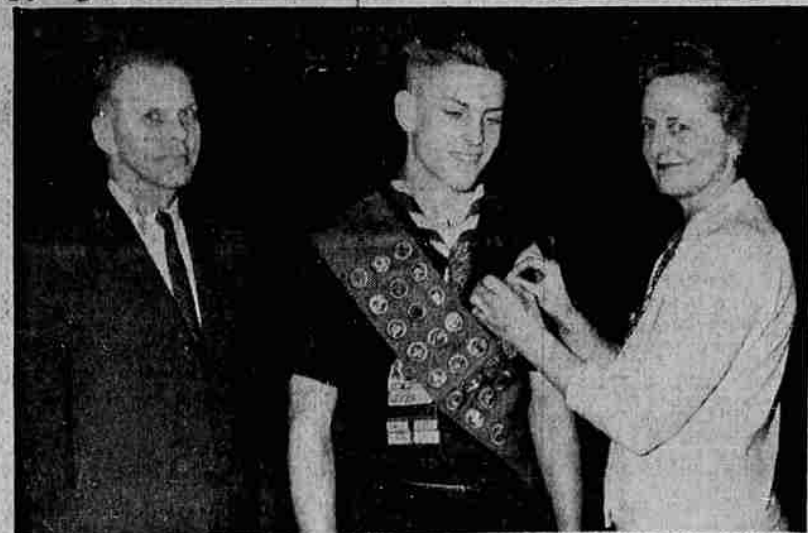




EAGLE SCOUT—Bill Dames, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dames, 33 North Barneburg rd., was awarded his Eagle Scout badge at a Court of Honor Feb. 14 at Roosevelt school. Bill, a junior at Medford High school, is a senior scout in Troop 3 sponsored by Medford Lions club. He is active in the Boy Scout Order of the Arrow, now serving as vice chief of the order in Crater Lake council. A member of the Tornado swimming, wrestling and debate teams, Bill is also sports reporter on the Medford Times newspaper. Jack Thompson and Larry Schade are Scoutmaster and assistant scoutmaster for Troop 3. Shown with Bill are his parents. (Blair photo)

SOC Staff Members Attend Symposium At Education Event

Ashland — Dr. Richard H. Byrns, professor of English at Southern Oregon college, and Dr. Arthur Kreisman, director of general studies, attended a symposium on "Experiments in College Teaching" at the State Conference on College Teaching, at Corvallis recently.

Accompanying Dr. Byrns and Dr. Kreisman were Francis J. Kelly, a member of the psychology staff, and Dr. E. C. McGill, assistant to the president.

The keynote speaker of the conference was Dr. Wilbert J. McKeachie, professor of psychology at the University of Michigan. Dr. McKeachie has been involved in experimentation with and testing of new educational tools and methods. His address dealt with "New Teaching Methods: Panaceas or Placebos?" In general, he contradicted the vast optimism with which such new tools as television and a automated teaching devices are being promoted, Dr. Byrns said.

Dr. McKeachie maintained that these tools were being falsely oversold to the public as solutions to the problems which beset education. He cited experimental evidence which would lead to the conclusion that in the majority of cases where reliable and valid experimental designs were imposed, the facts seem to lean consistently toward support of the thesis that the new tools and methods are not as good as traditional classroom procedures.

He emphasized, however, that the data was far from conclusive, and that much more experimentation was called for, both with old techniques and new ideas, Dr. Byrns said.

Clifford L. Corley, of Oregon College of Education, described block teaching experiment being carried out at Monmouth which is patterned after the work done at SOC in humanities and social science but applied in this case to education, specifically teacher training.

Carl M. Stevens, Reed college, described a semi-independent study course in economics where the class periods are divided into two blocks for in-class and out-of-class work. The two are fluidly conceived so that the course may begin with two weeks of work in class, take a week off while the students work out-of-class, come back for a week, dissolve for two weeks, and reconvene for two weeks, and so on.

There were also descriptions of an undergraduate research program used as a teaching procedure in the school of pharmacy at OSC, and a general examination device used in freshman composition. A demonstration was given by members of the dental school of a case study method of teaching, Dr. Kreisman reported.

Toastmasters Set Speech Contest

The annual area speech contest sponsored by toastmasters clubs will be held at the Mark Anthony hotel, Ashland, starting at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 4.

Toastmasters from southern Oregon and northern California are expected to participate. The contest is the first in a series to determine the six speakers who will compete at the International convention in Seattle.

Ronald E. Gordon, member of the host club Medford Toastmasters, will be toastmaster for the event, assisted by Bill Ross, president of the Ashland Toastmasters. Vince Armstrong, Medford, is area governor.

The trophy for the best speech will be presented by Fred Decker, Corvallis, newly appointed toastmaster lieutenant governor. Decker is chairman of the atmospheric science branch of the science research institute at Oregon State college, Corvallis.

Tickets for the Ashland event may be obtained from any toastmaster.

Television Teaching Is Reviewed at Conference

Ashland — Among items of interest to persons interested in improving teaching processes in Oregon schools as discussed in the annual conference of College Audio-Visual directors recently at Portland university, were those dealing with television teaching and the use of teaching machines, according to Laurence E. Butler, director of visual aids center at Southern Oregon college, who represented the college.

Butler said some of the conclusions reached about television teaching were: closed circuit television teaching should be used mostly for observation and demonstration; pupils being televised for observation are not disturbed by television operations; and that most conferences on television teaching significantly end up in discussions of teaching methods.

Important by-products of television teaching are: it raises the question of how good is the college teacher; it shifts the emphasis from research and writing to teaching; it shows much waste of teaching time; erases barriers between administrators and teachers at the college level; people see what higher education is; it is a course of second hand education for many people; it stimulates college teachers to use audio-visual materials; it makes better teachers of those who have to do it; it acts as a valid in-service device; and it upgrades teaching at the upper division level.

Other agenda items, Butler said, included statistics on the number of Oregon's higher-ability secondary graduates who are college bound. Of this group, 30 per cent were intending to go to college, and 30 per cent were not planning to attend college.

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Seman To Review Reader Aid Plan At OEA Meeting

Portland — Robert Seman, head of the English department at Medford High school, will review the use of reader aids in the school's English composition program at the annual Oregon Education association research conference Friday, March 3, at Portland State college.

In the reader aid program, qualified laymen, most of them housewives, are retained to read composition papers and grade them. They work closely with the instructor during the school year.

With the use of reader aids, more attention is given to actual composition work in English classes.

Theme of Conference

Theme for the conference, which is being coordinated by Henry Osibov, OEA research director, is "Developments on the Frontier of Education in Oregon Today." Several experimental programs and research under way in Oregon education will be reviewed.

Dr. Roy Lieuallen, president of Oregon College of Education, will present a motivation project being conducted at OCE. Dr. Richard Boyd, research director, Portland public schools, will outline a proposed Oregon Education Research council; and new educational media for home teaching will be presented by Dr. Lester Beck and Dr. Alan Bingham, Portland State college.

Osibov will present a summary of experimental projects under way in Oregon schools today, and two studies of the University of Oregon, Oregon school study council, will be presented.

If a person would go back 31 generations, he would discover that he had 4,294,967 ancestors.

White House Conference Is Discussed at Local Meeting

Julia Johnson, executive secretary of the Oregon State Council on Aging, Salem, spoke Thursday afternoon in the Red Cross building before an overflow audience.

Her unscheduled appearance at the annual meeting of the Jackson county group came because of an accident Tuesday in Salem when Mrs. Marshall Cornett, the announced speaker suffered a broken hip.

A comprehensive report of the White House Conference on Aging was the basis for Miss Johnson's talk, and for the discussion period that followed. Denying many of the charges that the national conference had been "rigged or stacked," she traced its background and plans, telling of the state preparations, particularly in Oregon.

According to the speaker, this state has one of the outstanding councils, and was recognized for its efficient programming and general organization. Preliminary work began last April, Miss Johnson said, when the Oregon conference brought together some 700 representatives.

Prior to that time four district meetings had been held to work on recommendations for state council approval. From these grass-roots ideas came the proposals that were carried to the Washington conference in January.

Oregon's 17 delegates, who were appointed by Gov. Mark Hatfield, represented a cross section of interests and had no political bias. The delegation went uninstructed and each representative was given ample opportunity for participation in the workshop sessions and discussion groups from which conference reports were made at the plenary meeting.

"The Oregon delegates were satisfied that recommendations of the White House Conference will provide basis for constructive work," Miss Johnson said.

Commenting on her impressions, the speaker declared that "a certain philosophy permeated the entire conference: the philosophy that first responsibility lies with the individual, then his family and community, and after that the state, and finally the federal government."

Miss Johnson outlined some of the problems which were studied by the 3,000 representatives. Need for changing attitudes toward age; the increasing life span; retirement plans; housing for the elderly, and most controversial of all medical care, were covered in the national sessions.

"Youth is glorified today," the speaker commented. "Age is slurred. Advertising is slanted toward the aging skin, the tired blood, old cars. We need a change of attitude. Do not segregate age groups. Plan for a total community," she said.

Specifically mentioned during the discussion period were housing, leisure time activities, community organizations, and civic group participation, as well as needed legislation for health insurance.

Frank Glomming, chairman of the Rogue Valley Council on Aging, conducted the meeting at which annual reports were given by committee heads. William Hoxie, chairman of the housing committee, told in some detail of the surveys made and conferences held in Jackson county aimed at developing low cost housing through use of Public Housing Administration funds which could be made available if the county housing authority were re-activated.

Preceding the meeting an hour of orchestral music and singing was directed by Edward Root. It was announced that a benefit tea to raise money for a Senior Center will be held between 1 and 5 o'clock this afternoon at 601 East Jackson st. Members of the center's advanced art class and their teacher, Mrs. Victoria Staley, will host the event.

Couple Hurt When Car Strikes Tree

A Medford couple sustained minor injuries Thursday when a car in which they were riding went out of control and hit a tree at the Rogue Valley Country club.

Sustaining minor injuries in the crash were John William Crawford, 70, of 317 Effie st., and Edna Crawford, 67, of the same address. Police said the couple refused medical aid at the scene of the accident, but their injuries were not believed to be serious.

Police said the accident occurred about 8:35 a.m. when a car operated by Crawford went out of control while going west on Hillcrest rd., and hit a tree on country club property. Crawford was cited for operating a vehicle on an instruction permit without being accompanied by a licensed driver. The car sustained front end damage.

Dr. Cameron Talks On Plant Anatomy

Approximately 40 persons heard Dr. H. R. Cameron, Corvallis, talk on plant anatomy and its relation to water intake, at the second session of the plant growth short course being held by county extension service at the county courthouse.

The courses, offered each Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

M. N. Westwood will speak on photosynthesis and metabolism at the March 2 session. This class will be held at the exhibit building at the fairgrounds.

The fourth class will be on mineral nutrition and will be conducted by O. C. Compton.

Charge Dismissed Against Local Man

Alan D. Gill, Talent, was arrested by sheriff's deputies last week on a nine-year old warrant charging grand larceny.

However, the man who signed the complaint against him was killed in an auto accident shortly after the alleged crime was committed. Charges against Gill were dismissed in district court since the complaining witness is dead.

Gill said he worked in some riding stables at Lake of the Woods in 1951. However, on September, 1951, the proprietor owed him \$82 in wages which he was unable to pay. Gill said he took a saddle and a rifle from the stables operator in his presence.

He agreed to hold both items for 30 days, then if not paid would sell them. Gill said he sold the rifle in California at the end of that period, and the saddle was held in Talent.

Committee Expresses Concern Over Pollution

Salem—The fruit and vegetable committee of the Oregon Farm Bureau meeting here last week, expressed concern over the possibility of contamination of agricultural crops from industrial poisons.

The committee, headed by Gordon Walker, Independence, voted to support Senate Bill 40 which is aimed at giving the state sanitary authority in controlling pollution which may effect growing crops.

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