

Reading Curriculum Changes Planned By CP Elementary

Central Point - Changes are being made in the reading curriculum for grades four, five and six at Central Point Elementary school, according to Principal Jack McCoy.

"The current reading program in the middle grades has been enjoying reasonable success, as determined by the national reading norms," McCoy said, "but we feel that we can achieve greater individual student achievement in reading by changing our approach and the general configuration of our reading program."

"In any normal middle-grade self contained classroom, there is a great span of reading ability, which demands more instruction time than can be allotted" McCoy explained. "It is needless to say that any shortening of this span will encourage greater teaching efficiency and improved individual student achievement. Since reading is the basic skill tool in any learning endeavor of depth and scope, it follows that any sustained improvement in this area should upgrade the entire curriculum."

"We propose to schedule our reading program for the

school year 1963-1964 in the following manner: Pupils will be assigned to classrooms in the usual manner. Each teacher will attempt, by various oral and silent reading devices, to ascertain each child's instructional reading level. This should take about five weeks.

Pupils To Be Ranked

"Stanford Achievement Partial batteries, which deal with reading, language and spelling, will be given to each student. These will be scored, corrected and placed in an individual reading file for the student. Pupils at each grade level, will be ranked from the highest to the lowest and proper groups will be determined."

"New materials necessary for extreme groups will be ordered immediately to supplement our present reading materials inventory. Time for a common reading period will be assigned and all classes will begin. This period will be at least fifty minutes in duration."

Students in all three grades will have their reading periods at the same time to avoid noise and confusion, McCoy indicated. There will be six sections at each grade level.

McCoy listed these advantages of the new program: Teachers will work with a group of pupils with similar reading ability and therefore have more time to give individual help. Students with superior reading ability will be presented with skills to challenge them, while slower readers will not be faced by the tension produced when they are compared with more rapid readers and will receive more personal attention.

Some disadvantages He also listed some disadvantages, saying, "Having the right materials and supplies on hand in adequate number and kind may be a problem."

Yreka Square Dance Club Has Class For Beginners On Fridays

Yreka - The Yreka Circle-N-Square dance club is holding a class for beginners each Friday at 7:30 at the Vet's hall on E. Miner St. and all persons interested in becoming square dancers are asked to come.

Art Gravelle is the new club caller. Plans are in the making for the annual Square Dance Jamboree to be held in the Armory at the Siskiyou County fairgrounds March 30 and 31.

Caller Dick Houlton will be the master of ceremonies. He is from Stockton, Calif. It is hoped there will be a large attendance.

Illinois Valley Cub Scouts Plan Blue and Gold Dinner Saturday

Cave Junction - The annual Blue and Gold dinner of Cub Scout Pack 20 of the Illinois Valley will be held Saturday at the American Legion hall here, starting with a pot luck dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Each family will bring a large hot dish, salad and their own table service. The pack will furnish bread, butter and beverages. Each den will prepare table decorations and small favors.

Following the dinner, the Cubs will receive awards. This dinner will take the place of the pack's regular monthly meeting.

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Mail Tribune Table Rock Correspondent

About 75 people attended the potluck dinner held at the schoolhouse Thursday, Feb. 14, where seven Union Sunday schools of the valley were represented. A program consisting of a speaker and music and scripture readings from the different Sunday schools followed the dinner. The Rev. Garland Shinn, missionary for the American Sunday School Union, presided.

A few days ago we met a lady who grew up in this area but has been living in California for several years. During our conversation she asked how I was and when I answered that I was all right, she told me I was indestructible, which I took to mean that I had been around here a long time and would be hard to get rid of. I could have said that the word indestructible would speak for her also, for I remembered she is only three years younger than I. When I carried the U.S. mail to Sams Valley, I was 18 years old. She was 15, and worked in her uncle's store, which was also the post office.

Several local people attended the funeral of Will Jones in Medford Thursday. The Jones family were pioneer residents of the Beagle district, and well known and highly respected by old timers and acquaintances in the surrounding areas. Mr. Jones spent much of his busy life in the Rogue River National Forest service where he held many important positions during his long tenure, having charge of the flying squadron, a group of trained fire fighters whose mobility gave them their name.

The latest arrival in the community is John Sheldon Pointer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Pointer, Modoc orchard, born Feb. 18, at Rogue Valley Memorial hospital. The following concerns William Bybee, a former pioneer resident of the Rogue River valley, to whom belonged the distinction at one time of owning more than half of Jackson county, to which he came and settled in the spring of 1854. He was a native of Kentucky, born near Winchester, Clark county, April 20, 1830, and reared on a farm. Mr. Bybee followed the farming business here, having a farm at Jacksonville, where he and wife made their home. Mr. Bybee was married Nov. 16, 1854 to Miss Elizabeth Walker, a daughter of Jesse Walker. This union was blessed with eleven children. One was killed by a falling horse at the age of 15. Four others died young, some with diphtheria, which at that time killed many children.

Our abstract title shows that William Bybee at one time owned our farm, as also most of the land along the river from the old military bridge down the river for some two miles. We remember Mr. Bybee as an elderly man, with white hair, who generally rode a horse as he made daily trips from his home in Jacksonville to his different farms, one of which was located here where the Bybee Bridge is located. Before the river was bridged, Bybee operated a ferry boat there. In all, he had about half dozen farms with a man and wife on each. To give a history of these old timers from the time they "fit" Indians, until they passed on, would take a whole page, so we will taper off with this story:

Jack Montgomery, an old stage driver, put up a little shack, just south of the county shops. He sold candy, nuts and such, also he mixed up a concoction with hard cider which he said was good to drink, and gave samples to prove it. Some called his place a blind pig. One morning, Bill Bybee came along, this time in a one-horse buggy. Jack saw him coming, so opened the door and invited him in, offering him a drink of his mixture. Bybee told him in plain words that he didn't want any, which offended Jack, who called him a fighting name. Bybee lifted up the seat cushion and picked up a small Smith-Weston revolver, with a rose wood butt, made just after the Civil war. He pointed it at Jack and demanded that he take back what he had called him or he would let the daylight through him. We asked Jack what he did about it, and he answered, "What could I do? He came from 'Kentucky' and would do just what he said he would."

Thought for the day—Prejudice: Being down on the thing you are not up on.

Harris Named Head Of Labor Council
Grants Pass—Newly elected president of the Josephine County Central Labor council is Clarence Harris, of Grants Pass.

Serving with Harris will be Dan Bassford, vice president; Homer Beathe, secretary-treasurer; Harold Maupin, sergeant-at-arms; and trustees, Lew Stinebaugh, Charles Burnett and George McFarland.

Jolliffe Surgery Reported Success

Butte Falls - Mrs. Don Jolliffe underwent heart surgery Feb. 12 at Providence Hospital in Portland.

Reports received here from the family are that surgery was a success and Mrs. Jolliffe's condition was good at the present time.

The seven hour operation consisted of three major surgeries: heart valve repair, repairing a hole in the heart and damage done in one lung.

Mrs. Jolliffe will return to her home three weeks following the surgery. She entered the hospital one week earlier than anticipated because of a bad throat infection.

Many local residents visited the bloodmobile this past week to help replace the required amount of blood used during surgery.

Mrs. Jolliffe was born in the valley and has been a resident of Butte Falls all her life. Mr. Jolliffe is a timber faller for Medford Corporation. The Jolliffe's 10 year old son, Greg is a fifth grade student at Butte Falls Elementary school.

Shinar Home To Visit
Hornbrook - Pfc. Harvey Shinar, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Shinar, arrived last week to spend his leave with his parents. The young soldier is a member of the 101st Airborne division, and is stationed at Ft. Campbell, Ky.

After taking his basic training at Ft. Ord, Calif., he was transferred to Ft. Benning, Ga. to jump school, and so far, has made eight jumps. He is due to report back to his base in Kentucky on March 2.

Yreka - Work has started at the site of the Thunderbird Motel by William S. Drew on highway 99 in Yreka. The plans call for 33 units and for a Sambo's Restaurant which will be built at the front of the site. The opening date is set for May 1, 1963.

Central Point - Monday, 7:30 p.m., Dale Vincent will show movies of Death Valley at meeting of Central Point Sportsman's club. Public invited.

Prospect - Tuesday, 8 p.m., Prospect PTA founder's day program. Past presidents will be honored.

Prospect - Tuesday, 6 p.m., Episcopal men will put on Shrove pancake dinner at community hall.

Gold Hill - Tuesday after school, Girl Scout troop 55 will meet in the Scout room at old city hall building.

Regional News

Regional Calendar
Butte Falls - Saturday evening, family pot-luck at William Thomas Memorial hall to raise funds to buy paint for Butte Falls Community Bible church. Musical program will follow dinner. Everyone invited to this grange sponsored event.

Gold Hill - Saturday, 5 to 8 p.m., woman's society of Gold Hill Community Methodist church dinner, at Gold Hill grange hall.

Shady Cove - Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., authentic German sauerkraut and Bratwurst sausage dinner, prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Schultze of European Sausage shop, Phoenix, at parish hall of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic church.

Eagle Point - Monday, Lions club plans light bulb and broom sale house-to-house to benefit club's sight conservation fund, \$200 of which has been used in past two years to provide eye exams and glasses for deserving youngsters. Brooms are made by the blind.

Gold Hill - Tuesday, 10 a.m., benefit food sale by Amethyst Rebekah lodge members at Gails Market. All proceeds to go to the I.O.O.F. and Rebekah building fund.

Gold Hill - Tuesday, 7 p.m., Boy Scout troop 43 will meet in the Scout hall in the I.O.O.F. building.

Gold Hill - Tuesday, 8 p.m., Odd Fellows lodge 129 will meet at the I.O.O.F. hall.

Gold Hill - Tuesday, 8:30 p.m., Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7416 will meet at the V.F.W. hall on Old Stage rd.

Gold Hill - Thursday, 2 p.m., Past Noble Grands club of Amethyst Rebekah lodge will meet at the home of Mrs. Raymond Thompson, highway 99 north. Members are reminded to notice this is the first afternoon meeting of the group.

Shady Cove HEU To Meet March 5
Shady Cove - The Shady Cove Home Extension unit will meet on Tuesday, March 5 at the home of Mrs. Jean Ferguson, Yankee Creek rd., Eagle Point with the meeting to start at 10:30 a.m.

Speaker for the meeting will be Miss Joan Beasley, County Home Extension agent, and her topic will be "Wills and Estates."

The services of Mrs. Veranita Anderson, Tiller-Trail highway, have been obtained as a baby sitter and anyone desiring to have her take care of their children for the day may do so.

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County Teachers Plan Workshop Saturday

The Jackson County OEA-CTA will hold a "Teachers Educational Professional Workshop" Saturday at McLaughlin Junior High school in Medford.

Registration will be between 9 and 9:30 a.m. Following registration, Ed Elliot will discuss ethics in the teaching profession.

Mrs. Regina Ewalt will be the next speaker with "Negotiations and Sanctions" as her topic.

Dinner will be served at noon with tickets at \$1.50 each.

Frank Bash, chairman of the state board of education, will present the opposition to Mrs. Ewalt's topic at 1:30 p.m. A panel discussion with audience participation will be conducted between 2 and 3 p.m.

Ranger Returns From Management Seminar
Applegate Valley - Neil Suttell, district forest ranger, has returned from a week's seminar on Civil Service middle management training at Lake Wilderness south of Seattle.

Also reported from Star Ranger station is the resignation of Dave Osborne from the staff after a year's employment. A physical ailment was given as the reason for resignation. Replacement will not be made until July.

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