

# High School Diploma Only Beginning; Dropouts Reminded

By ZAN STARK  
Salem — An estimated 6,000 high school students are about to make a decision that will affect the future course of their lives, a decision that possibly will trap them forever at a low-average income level. They will drop out of high school. Not every dropout is doomed to be a failure. Some enter the armed services and find themselves in their new life. Others realize later the limitations of restricted schooling and take night courses or in some other manner resume their education.

## New Kindergarten Planned at Church

A new kindergarten will be started in September at the new First Christian church, 1000 Crater Lake ave. Mrs. Ray Leeson, a member of the church, will be the supervisory teacher of the kindergarten. Mrs. Leeson has a bachelor's degree in education from Phillips university, and has had graduate training in education, including pre-school reading readiness, creative activities and child guidance work at the University of New Mexico.

She has had kindergarten teaching experience in New Mexico and Kansas City, Mo. Assisting Mrs. Leeson will be experienced kindergarten teachers from the First Christian church membership. The kindergarten will be for 5-year-olds who will go into the first grade the following school year. Hours will be from 9 a.m. until noon Monday through Friday. The kindergarten is not limited to children of members of the First Christian church, but is open to any five-year-old. Pre-registration will be held at the First Christian church Monday and Tuesday, June 3 and 4, from 10 a.m. until noon. Additional information may be obtained by telephoning 779-1669, 772-6281, or 773-6468.

# The Fitzgeralds and the Kennedys Feud Over Famous Kin's Visit To Ireland

Dublin — A friendly feud erupted between the Fitzgeralds and the Kennedys today over the visit of their famous relative to Ireland. The Fitzgeralds come from Skibbereen in County Cork and say they are as closely related to President Kennedy as the better-known Kennedys of New Ross in County Wexford.

## Hawaiian Band Is Featured at Event

Highlighting the monthly Red Cross party for the members of the Veterans Administration Domiciliary last Wednesday night were Mrs. C. C. Alexander and her Hawaiian Band.

Steve Ruef played the bass fiddle, Jim Ruef the bongos drums, John Lindow, the Hawaiian guitar, and John McGonagle, the Spanish guitar. Mrs. Pete Ruef entertained with several musical numbers, and her two daughters, Cindy and Tammy, did the Hula. Dorothy Fellers played the piano.

Also on the program were the Travelers, a singing group from Medford High school composed of Bob Hogue, Paul Goodwin, Steve Shipley and Mike Higgins. Assisting Red Cross program chairman, Mrs. Fred Rehling, were Mrs. Edith Whillock, Mrs. Polly Offut, Mrs. Irma White, Mrs. Mary Frederick, Mrs. Rita Holmes, Miss Caroline Endris, Mrs. Anna Clausen, Mrs. Flora Price and Mrs. Grace Sutton.

They are the clan of the President's mother and they plan a welcome for the President aimed to rival the cord mile falls (hundred thousand welcomes) he will get from the Kennedys of New Ross. The President is scheduled to visit Cork June 28. When his helicopter touches down, history will have turned a full circle for the Fitzgeralds.

The President will land in the same green fields from which his great-great-grandfather, John Fitzgerald, was evicted 153 years ago and his land given to English planters.

When the great famine came, one of John's six sons, James, sailed to Boston where he married an Irish girl, Katherine Cadogan. One of their children, James Fitzgerald, became famous as the "Honey Fitz" of Boston politics and is the man for whom President Kennedy has named the presidential yacht. "Honey Fitz" in his turn also married an Irish girl, Barbara Hannan. Their daughter is Rose, the President's mother.

The information on the Fitzgerald family, gathered before the Kennedys were so politically prominent, was put together by Cork-born retired U.S. naval Lieut. J. J. Cadogan.

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gan of San Francisco. He came across the Fitzgeralds of Skibbereen while researching his own family tree. He was startled, he said, by the strong family resemblance of the Irish Fitzgeralds to the Boston Kennedys. He discovered three Fitzgerald brothers on a 60-acre farm at Abbey, near Skibbereen, were the great-great-grandsons of Patrick Fitzgerald, brother of James Fitzgerald, who emigrated to Boston.

It was not known yet if the President would manage to get to Skibbereen, some distance from Cork. But it appears he is being urged to do so by at least one personal friend, Cork-born Mr. J. O'Mahony, Catholic pastor of Palm Beach, Fla. The Skibbereen Fitzgeralds say that if the President can't come to them, they will go to him in Cork City.

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