

# Conference System Of Reporting Praised At District 6 Workshop

GOLD HILL — A district 6 parent-teacher conference method reporting inservice workshop was held in the Patrick Elementary school multipurpose room earlier this month. The host principal, Gilbert A. Mack welcomed 31 teachers and district 6 administrators. The district consists of Gold Hill, Sams Valley and Central Point.

Assistant Superintendent Ronald Petrie spoke on the value of the parent-teacher conference method of reporting and told how he felt it would aid educational progress throughout district 6.

Bill Brewster, principal of Jewett Elementary school, introduced teacher panel members from Jewett, Mrs. Zelma Foote, Mrs. Betty von der Hellen, and Mrs. Susan Ambrose.

A view of experiences on conference reporting during the 1962-63 school year at Jewett school was given by Brewster. He explained why the parent-teacher conference reporting method was chosen and told of development and history at Jewett, mentioning some techniques employed.

Brewster pointed out some advantages of conferences, which enable the teacher to profit from the report too by getting a better picture of the whole child. He said some 2,000 to 4,000 words exchanged dur-

ing a conference rather than a few symbols on a report card helps the parent to understand the child better. The result he said will be better education.

The development of the conference reporting system at Jewett began in 1961, Brewster said. Two conferences per year and two report cards were used. Careful schedules were made with one visit time planned for up to 25 minutes. Hours of conferences were 2:45 to 4:45 p.m.

Mrs. Foote outlined procedures of preparing for conferences. She said conferencing isn't new. Teachers are experienced. First grade teachers at Jewett have had group conferences with parents previously.

Some mechanics, she said, in preparing for conferencing include a letter to parents from the district superintendent, staff preparation and conference periods and dates.

This, she said, is followed up by the respective principals' letters stating the improved education program with conferences is better for all pupils because parents and teacher get a better understanding of the child. This letter from the principal schedules time and stresses importance of parent keeping the appointment.

Mrs. Foote explained the conference slips are to be sent home three days before parent-teacher conferences also designating time and date.

**Saves Workbooks**

The teacher saves work folders of the pupil and workbooks indicating areas of the child's strength and weaknesses so the parent can see exactly what the child is doing.

On the morning before the conference the teacher discusses the child's work with the youngster.

Preparations made by the teacher for the conference include planning lessons that do not introduce too many new concepts. She plans the past period of day for the child's own interest, such as story records, pictures, etc.

Mrs. von der Hellen spoke of her own procedures on the conference method of reporting. She told the group that during conferencing weeks she becomes more aware of her classroom as a home away from home. She with the help of children makes certain the room is clean and pleasant, just as most people do when a visitor is expected in the home.

She posts a notice on the door. This notifies visitors not to interrupt because a teacher-parent conference is in session.

She sits at a table with the parent. Together they go through the youngster's folder and work.

**Better Understanding**

Mrs. von der Hellen says going through the child's work with the parent gives an opportunity to help the parent form a better understanding of the work the child is doing according to his or her ability.

She noted that the youngster's papers indicate to the parent his child's strength and weaknesses. She and the parent discuss what to do as a team to help the child improve. The parent signs the conference report sheet, for it will become a part

of the child's folder. There is a social report sheet as well.

The parent, she said, takes the folder and two evaluation sheets home to discuss it with the other parent if both parents do not attend the conference.

Mrs. von der Hellen tells her students that conferences are not a time for a mother and teacher to talk about the things the child has done wrong, but it is a time to show mother how he or she has improved and how he or she can become the kind of a student he wants to be. This, she said, helps the child to have a more positive approach about getting his mother to come.

**Rich Dividends**

Mrs. von der Hellen said the extra time she spends with conferences really brings rich dividends, because she gets a better understanding of each child through information the parent has given. This she feels helps her to become a better teacher.

Mrs. Ambrose spoke of the evaluation and follow up aspects of parent-teacher conferences.

She said the slips in the child's folder of previous conferences is extremely valuable. Many favorable comments, she said, have been heard from these parent-teacher meetings. She told the group of one parent who said she didn't remember if there were 2's, 3's, or 4's on her child's card, but she did remember what was discussed at the conference.

Mrs. Ambrose feels it is well worth every effort that goes into each phase of the parent-teacher conference program.

Mack said as set up now by the teachers, principals and superintendents of district 6, parent-teacher conference reporting will be used in grades one through four in all schools of district 6 during the first and third nine weeks reporting periods. The report card system is to be used the second and fourth nine weeks, he said.

**Involve Over 1,000**

The conference method of reporting will involve more than 1,000 pupils in district 6 schools, and it will take some 500 hours to complete the parent-teacher conferences, during the first reporting period, he said.

Others attending the workshop besides Mack, Petrie, and the consultants on the panel were the entire staff of teachers from Sams Valley Elementary school and principal, Allen W. Hill, the fourth grade from Central Point Elementary and principal, Dean Roberts, and the entire staff of teachers from Patrick, and those through the sixth grade from Hanby Elementary school.

Mack said Gold Hill parents will be getting letters on the parent-teacher conference system soon.



DEDICATE PARK — R. W. Harpole of the Richfield Oil company helped Prospect Garden club members dedicate the community's public park last week. He presented an award from the company. The garden club members, left to right, are Mrs. Albert Easton, Mrs. Halaver Garden (holding plaque with Harpole), Mrs. Everett Shafer (garden club president), Mrs. Alice Conger, Mrs. Calvin Sargent, Mrs. Earl Millard and Mrs. Voyed Bliss.

**Regional News**

## Phoenix Plans Halloween Parade For Kids Saturday

PHOENIX — Because of the success Phoenix had with a Halloween parade for children last year, a similar event is planned this year.

The Phoenix Volunteer Fire department will again sponsor the event. Cash prizes will be given for the best costume in each age group. First prize will be \$5, second \$3 and third \$1.

The parade will take place Saturday, Oct. 26 and will start at 2 p.m. at Phoenix High school.

The school band will march in the parade, and the Mrs. Dewbaton group will perform.

All children of the Phoenix area are invited to enter.

Judges for the awards will be Emmett Whitham of Ashland and Mrs. Selma Starr and Mrs. Mattie Birk of Phoenix.

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## Rural Reflections

By Maude Ziegler  
Applegate Valley Correspondent

APPLAGATE VALLEY — Who ever could imagine a cozy garden club meeting in session — 14 women in Stella Offenbacher's pretty living room, a fire on the hearth, coffee perking, cookies waiting, Faye Paine about to finish her speech, and Henrietta (Hennie) Le Pinac ready to start hers — when three shots rang out, a fawn bleated, and two women gave chase to three law breakers.

Three other women literally leaped into action, the club session notwithstanding, each playing her part as if in a rehearsed drama. A fawn had run by the house, and a dust cloud had rolled up as the bullets hit the sloping ground a dangerous few yards from the house. Stella ran out the back door, screaming at the law-breakers to "get out!" and stop killing her fawns. Clara Smith was phoning the police, and Grace Pearson ran down the driveway hoping for a glimpse of license plates.

Hennie, who happens to be one of the Jackson County park and recreation committee and member of the Forest Service advisory board, took off in her car in pursuit, as did Ellen Childers, who happens to be a rural mail carrier and president of the garden club.

**License Plates Absent or Invisible**

One of three men, with a drab looking blue and yellow pickup of about a 1948 model, was loading a fawn in the car as Hennie tried to get the license number from plates either absent or invisible. The men drove on at an estimated speed of 80 miles an hour, the women in pursuit. When other traffic slowed the three-mile chase, Ellen was able to overtake them, and was attempting to block their get-away, when they drove into the driveway at the Eldon Herriot residence, apparently circled back onto the highway, and escaped in the opposite direction of the chase. The two club women had a citizen's arrest in mind, and believed they could have had five charges against the law breaker for shooting a fawn, shooting from the highway, shooting toward a house, and for speeding, and driving without a car license.

Three days later a \$100 reward was offered for arrest and conviction of the offenders who had killed one of two fawns who had found a welcome around the Offenbacher premises during the late summer. Their mother presumably had been killed by a car near the Offenbacher home, and the two young ones, just recently losing their spots, frequented the wooded area surrounding this home. The morning of the shooting Stella said the fawns had munched around the squash vines, and that she had "visited" with them.

The garden club meeting never was the same again. Faye Paine was displaying numerous rocks, including Applegate jade, and had given a good report from a leaflet published by the California Bureau of Mines on the new science of mineralogists determining the kind of mineral in a given location by the kind of trees and plants growing in the area. For example California poppies are found where there is copper, and live oak trees where there is magnesium.

**Police Called Frequently**

Hennie summed up her talk despite police calling frequently to check on the case. She gave a review of the park and recreation committee work, and in speaking of vandalism, said that children must be taught that parks belong to them as well as to the rest of the public. She said that of the three dams in the Rogue Basin project, the Applegate dam is expected to have the best recreation sites.

Mrs. Louise Wilsey from Thompson creek was a guest, and as if there had not been excitement enough, the black tulips won by Gladys Hart as a door prize were said originally to have been smuggled here from Holland to prevent them from going into enemy hands during World War II. As a little finale to the day, Clara Smith, past president of the county Cow-Belles, passed out recipe leaflets using beef.

**Prospect Park Trees Dedicated By Garden Club**

By Velda Barr  
Mail Tribune Correspondent

PROSPECT — Members of the Prospect Garden club met at the Prospect public park Oct. 15 to plant trees which the club purchased with prize money it won in the Richfield Oil company's beautification program recently.

R. W. Harpole, sales representative with the Richfield firm, was present to assist with the dedication of the newly planted trees and other shrubs the club has planted at the park.

Club members displayed a redwood plaque with gold lettering which was awarded them at the state garden club convention in June.

Prospect club members have been working at the park over a period of about two years preparing designated areas for planting. So far they have concentrated on planting trees that are not native to the area, such as sugar maple, sequoia, Paul's scarlet rose, hawthorn, clump birch, ginkgo, kadus magnolia, pyramidalis arbovitae, redwood, juniper, larch and several species of pine.

A crimson king maple and a pin oak are on order.

Along the parking strip, club members have planted a row of prostrate junipers, and at one end by the driveway a row of red barberry.

They have been digging out wild blackberries and preparing the ground to plant lawn seed. Some of it is already in.

The club members planned another work day today and hoped to finish planting the lawn seed.

Adjacent to the strip on which they are working there are quite a few native pine, fir (both red and white), dogwood and other native shrubs.

It will be years before the club's efforts can be recognized, but time will tell. Few will realize, however, how much planning and how many hours of work this small group has invested in the project.

**Regional Calendar**

EAGLE POINT — Monday evening, Eagle Point 4-H achievement night at the Eagle Point Grange hall. There will not be a potluck as previously announced. Each family is, however asked to bring a cake. Call Mrs. Cliff Moore at 497-314 for further information.

PROSPECT — Tuesday, 8 p.m., Prospect PTA meets in school cafeteria. Public invited. Demonstration on modern mathematics will be given by Mrs. Helen Bokker. Dessert luncheon will be served.

GOLD HILL — Tuesday, 8 p.m., Odd Fellows lodge No. 129 will meet in the IOOF hall.

GOLD HILL — Tuesday, 8 p.m., Gold Hill Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7416 will meet at the VFW hall on Old Stage road.

GOLD HILL — Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Gold Hill Volunteer firemen will meet at the fire hall for drill practice.

GOLD HILL — Thursday, 7 p.m., Gold Hill Lions club will meet for a no-host dinner and meeting at the El Rogue Cafe on Second avenue.

GOLD HILL — Thursday 2 p.m., the Past Noble Grands club of Amethyst Rebekah lodge will meet in the home of Mrs. Daniel Stewart, Fifth avenue, Gold Hill.

**Phoenix Police Chief Urges Caution**

PHOENIX — Chief of Police John Atchison would like to remind residents of Phoenix to be particularly careful during the fall and winter months, especially on foggy days and nights.

Since Phoenix does not have "wait" signals, pedestrians must be extra careful crossing streets, he added. Where there are crosswalks at the schools, pedestrians and drivers alike must be extra careful.

There have been no traffic deaths in Phoenix in 1963. The police force is pleased and hopes the record will not be broken.

**Shady Cove Minister Is Guest Speaker**

SHADY COVE — Rev. Clayton Fields of the Shady Cove Gospel church was guest speaker at the Bethany Community church of Franklin, Eugene, for the two services Oct. 13. His topic was "Power of the Gospel."

Speaking in the pulpit for Mr. Fields at the Shady Cove Gospel church was the Rev. Frank Howell who conducted the morning service. His topic for his sermon was "Sanctification." Mr. Howell has traveled with Oral Roberts for the past eight years.

Conducting the evening service was Don Peterson, an Episcopal layman from St. Marks, Medford, who spoke on "Deeper Experiences in the Christian Christian Life."

**Talent Fire Board Gives Firm Deadline**

TALENT — The Talent Rural Fire Protection district board has notified Coast Apparatus company of Martinez, Calif., that it expects delivery of the district's two new fire trucks by Oct. 31.

If the trucks are not delivered by that date, the order will be canceled, the board has decided.

The order for the trucks was placed March 5. Various circumstances have delayed delivery.

**Halloween Party Set For Teachers**

GOLD HILL — Mrs. Cassie Johnson has announced that the annual adult Community Halloween party honoring teachers has been set for Wednesday, Oct. 30, at 8 p.m., and will be held in the Gold Hill Grange hall.

Mrs. Johnson was named general chairman for this annual affair by Mrs. Albert Gaseon, noble grand of Amethyst Rebekah lodge No. 97, during a business meeting of that group recently. Mrs. Johnson is vice-grand of the lodge.

Other Gold Hill groups will assist the Bebekahs and Odd Fellows with this event and further announcements will be announced later.

It will be a masquerade affair to which all adults in the community are invited whether or not they are a member of any one of the sponsoring groups. Prizes will be awarded for costumes in the following divisions: Best dressed man and lady, funniest costume, most original, and best couple.

**ON LEAVE**

PROSPECT — Airman Scott Grieve is home on leave from a Memphis, Tenn., air station. When he returns to duty Wednesday he will be stationed at Alameda, Calif. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Grieve of Prospect.

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