

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I haven't had an opportunity to become acquainted with you but have always enjoyed The Enterprise and appreciated the fine co-operation of that newspaper.

Last week the paper ran a front page story on "Consolidation", relative to Mill City school district and Elkhorn school district. In August Mr. Walter Bell, a member of the rural school district board from your zone, and I attended a public meeting at Elkhorn relative to a consolidation

movement. We agreed that Elkhorn district would gain by such an act. However, we did not approve the use of the Gates-Elkhorn road for any school transportation. This we made clear at that meeting. The county court informed me at the time that the said road needed much improvement and, also, there is the snow problem during the winter months. This was reported to the community group but, now, there seems to be misunderstandings as to our thinking on the Gates-Elkhorn road.

A consolidation is in order but we hope the Gates-Elkhorn road will not be considered as a transportation route. Mr. Bell and I made the trip

over this road to learn first hand the situation.

Sincerely yours,
AGNES C. BOOTH,
County School Superintendent.

Dear Editor:

We feel that it is absolutely necessary to call attention to the voters on the proposed consolidation of the Elkhorn and Mill City schools prior to the election.

In the first place we find that the Marion county court is opposed to wasting any funds on the Gates-Elkhorn road, as they deem it entirely unfeasible, and even though it were repaired to quite an extent it would be still dangerous to operate a school bus over the hill. In its present condition the grade is up to 21% on the north and up to 20% on the south side of the hill. In order to get away from this the entire road would have to be relocated at an estimated cost of \$50,000, which sum the county will not spend.

Also when discussing the matter with school authorities who look at this from a common sense standpoint and are not biased, we find that they think we should consolidate with a district through which the bus will have to pass, due to not being able to use the Gates hill. Also if we transported pupils through other districts, we might find that our funds were not approved as this would be adding extra unnecessary expense to the operation of the county school system.

Also consider a small youngster riding more miles each day than necessary and also consider that already this year a motor vehicle could not go over said hill.

(Signed) G. D. MYERS,
RAY SISCHO,
Members of Board of Directors
of Elkhorn School.

Quality job printing at the Enterprise.

MILL CITY

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hathaway are having a family reunion Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Swift and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hathaway and family, both of Emmett, Idaho, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cooper of Shevlin, Ore., Miss Nellie Hathaway of Salem and Miss Leola Hathaway of Klamath Falls.

The Bluebird Campfire group had a Christmas party Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Vincent Palmer. Carols were sung and the girls finish the gifts for their fathers. Refreshments were served and furnished by Shereen Muir and Norma Nelson.

Several students home from colleges throughout the country for the Christmas vacation period are Kirk Wirick, Northwest Christian college; David Karr and Bill Mikleson from the University of Oregon; Jim Cooke from the University of Southern California; Bill Howe, Gordon Kaye, Duane McFadden, Francis Clark, Lester Poole and Gene Walker from Oregon State college.

Visiting Mill City during the Christmas vacation is Jim Poole from Linfield college.

Mrs. W. W. Allen is expecting her cousin, Miss Griffith of Salem for dinner with her Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith and DeLores are expected in Mill City for the Christmas holidays to visit friends and relatives. Mr. Smith is the former superintendent of the Mill City Public Schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Frisch and family are expecting to spend some of the holidays in Mill City. They were former Mill City residents, Mr. Frisch being manager of the Mill City Retail Lumber Co. here.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kriever and Betsy are spending Christmas with Mrs. Kriever's sister and family in Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. George Laird will spend Christmas day at the home of George's parents in Vernonia, Ore.

Prof. and Mrs. John Plambeck of Corvallis are planning to spend the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Plambeck. Already home for the holidays is Miss Marie Plambeck, their daughter of Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray McClain drove to Salem Tuesday afternoon to meet their daughter who is spending the holidays here.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Harris and family are having Christmas dinner with Miss Daisy Hendricson.

Home for the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curt Cline will be Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cline of Grandview, Wash. and family.

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