

Oregon Teachers' Tenure Law Gets First Test With Local Instructor's Suit

Interpretation of the teachers' tenure law, as it exists in Oregon, will be given its first test as a result of the filing of a complaint by Alene Williamson, former Klamath Union high school home economics instructor, against school district No. 2. Mrs. Williamson was notified March 10, that her contract would not be renewed on decision of the board.

The complaint was filed in Klamath county circuit court on September 2, 1948.

Mrs. Williamson contends that she automatically comes under the teachers' tenure law, liberally described as teachers' civil service, in view of the fact that she had been employed by the district for a period of three years during which time the district had a population of 20,000.

Gralapp Explains
The teachers' tenure law is explained by Superintendent Arnold L. Gralapp in these words:

"First of all, the Oregon law provides that a district of over 20,000 population shall be governed by the provisions of the teachers' tenure law.

"This law provides a device by which teachers move into a status of permanent employment instead of the yearly election and yearly contract plan employed in all non-tenure districts.

Two Procedures

"Two procedures are provided for setting up the program. A district may move all staff members who have served satisfactorily for a three-year period to permanent tenure when it has attained 20,000 persons. Or it may place all of its members on probational status for a period of three years, and upon the completion of the probational period the members approved by the board are moved to the permanent teacher status."

Accepts Procedure

The local board accepted the probational procedure in the fall of 1941. This would mean that teachers employed continuously since that time would come up for approval and permanent status in the spring of 1944.

Mrs. Williamson contends, through her attorney, that the district entered into the 20,000 population field several years prior to the 1940 census and that the board does not have the right to accept the probationary period status for its teaching staff.

Contention

The plaintiff entered the employ of the district in September, 1937, taking over the position as home economics instructor and manager of the Klamath Union high school cafeteria. She was in continuous employment until the school year, 1943. Superintendent Gralapp stated that Mrs. Williamson had not reported for work this school year.

The board took action in March, declining to re-employ Mrs. Williamson based on its program that all teachers of the district were on a probationary basis.

Statement

"When we made our plans for the reorganization of the home economics department and the cafeteria program, we deemed it

To Sing



John Baird, baritone, will sing at the sacred concert to be given tonight, Wednesday, at the First Christian church. He is known to churchgoers here, having sung on previous occasions.

SACRED CONCERT AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Coming to the First Christian church on this Wednesday evening (tonight), John and Bill Baird, and Cal Wilson of Modesto, Calif., to give a sacred concert of violin, voice and readings.

The Baird brothers are violinists, studying under Rex Underwood of the University of Ohio. John is a baritone and Cal a tenor, pupils of Maude Skaggs Woodyard of Northwest Christian college at Eugene.

They will be on their way to Eugene to enter school, and will stop over in Klamath Falls for tonight's concert. There will be no admission but a free-will offering will be taken.

It is inadvisable to renew Mrs. Williamson's contract," Gralapp stated.

The case is expected to arouse state-wide interest among the teaching profession. It is the first of its kind to come before the courts, and will be a test of the teachers' tenure law. School officials here said that the law was a loosely drawn document and has occasioned many controversies in the city of Portland, first city to adopt the law in 1913.

Mrs. Williamson is represented by U. S. Balentine, attorney. Wilson Wiley is attorney for the school district.

DEHYDRATION PLANT MOVES IN EQUIPMENT

Equipment is now being moved into the potato dehydrator plant of Paulus brothers on South Sixth street. It was reported at Wednesday noon's meeting of the directors of the Klamath county chamber of commerce.

The dehydrator is expected to perform effectively in helping dispose of the big Klamath basin spud crop this year.

It was also reported that the storage facilities of the Klamath Ice and Cold Storage company are being devoted entirely to potato storage this year.

Secretary Earl Reynolds of the chamber gave a report on a meeting of the northwest aviation planning council held last week at Wenatchee, Wash. He said that airlines are making extensive plans for post-war development, and that Klamath Falls has a place in the plans of two of the big outfits in particular, United Airlines and Western Airlines.

Western Airlines is expected to make a survey here shortly in connection with its application for a permit to operate a main line through here and on north into Alaska.

The chamber directors voted a budget for the retail merchants' committee, which is now a part of the chamber of commerce.

Much of the time was taken up in a discussion of the Third War Loan drive in the county.

From Yreka — Mrs. W. E. Young, former resident of Klamath Falls now living in Yreka, was in town this week as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Mitchell. She returned to Yreka Tuesday morning and was leaving immediately for San Diego to spend two weeks with her husband who is in the navy.

Returns — Mrs. Roy Taylor, 2135 Reclamation avenue, has returned from Portland where she spent several days visiting with her daughter's family, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Skaer.

Semper Paratus



Semper Paratus, or "always ready," the motto of the coast guard, is exemplified by this alert member of the SPARS, women's reserve of the coast guard. Women 20 to 36 years of age are needed by the SPARS to replace men at coast guard stations in the nation's principal port cities, relieving them for combat duty. Full information on opportunities in the SPARS for patriotic service, travel, education and new friendships may be secured at SPAR procurement headquarters at the Junior chamber of commerce.

PTA Notes

RIVERSIDE

First grade mothers were much in evidence at the first meeting of Riverside PTA on Tuesday, and the room count was won by this group. Mrs. Paul Jones, president, conducted the meeting.

Riverside mothers will go to the Red Cross surgical dressings project rooms each Friday morning to work on bandages. It was announced following discussion. A talk on the need for helpers was made by Mrs. M. Pedigo.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday night, October 19, at which time fathers will be invited to a supper. First grade mothers will arrange the party and Mrs. Lane Warren is chairman.

The PTA will sponsor a rummage sale Saturday, October 9, at the former location of Tim's on North Ninth street, next to Whytal's.

An interesting and highly instructive talk on the need of parental discipline and cooperation with the teachers in these war times, was given by Principal Verne Speirs. He stressed the fact that delinquency is often traced to the home where parents are working in the war effort, and assured the mothers that the teachers were making a great effort to assist in any way possible.

Mrs. Eda Adamson, first grade teacher, was announced as historian of the PTA. Mrs. Mary Whiteline Waggoner was introduced as the new fourth-fifth grade room teacher. Other teachers were also presented.

The war stamp sale of Tuesday netted \$88, it was announced.

Medford Eagles Lodge Destroyed by Fire

MEDFORD, Sept. 22 (AP)—Roy Elliott, fire chief, said today the blaze which destroyed the Eagles lodge Monday night apparently was set to cover up theft of an undetermined amount of money from the club strongbox, which had been broken open.

No lodge members had been in the clubrooms since Sunday, he said. Two stores on the first floor were damaged in the fire. Owners of the building estimated loss at \$30,000.

MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

Lt. John W. Blake, formerly of Chiloquin, is spending the next few months at Camp Irwin in the Mohave desert, where his men are being trained in the use of anti-aircraft artillery. His wife is spending September and October with her parents at El Paso, Texas. Pvt. Charles Stewart Blake is now stationed at Fort Ord on special detail.

Harold Conner of the United States air corps has recently been promoted to sergeant. He has been in the service 11 months and is now stationed at Boise, Ida. He was employed by Southern Pacific before entering the service. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Conner of 2709 Kane street, Klamath Falls.

Howard E. Renner, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Renner of 325 South Fifth street, Klamath Falls, has arrived at Oklahoma

Baptist university at Shawnee, Okla., for course of army air force instruction.

Apprentice seaman Alvin Sattley is receiving preliminary training at Camp Waldron, Farragut, Ida.

Alvin enlisted in the U. S. navy on July 22, 1943. He attend Pellican school here and later went to school at Keno. At the time of his enlistment, young Sattley was working for Weyerhaeuser Timber company. He is the son of Mrs. Ruby Sattley of Keno road.

Word has been received here by his mother, Mrs. Lina Johnson, that Cpl. Clarence Johnson has completed training for the air transport command, ferrying division, and has been transferred from Long Beach, Calif., to Nashville, Tenn. Cpl. Johnson,

along with three other soldiers, received the highest grade in a special course given his division and was the recipient of a letter of commendation from a commanding officer. Clarence graduated from KUHS and has lived in Klamath Falls many years. He enlisted in the army November 23, 1942.

PENNY-WISE

NEW YORK (AP)—Whether by mistake or intent, some 80 passengers a day have been dropping new zinc-coated pennies instead of dimes into bus and trolley coin boxes here, says Frank Seene, official of the Third Avenue Railway company. But the company has solved the problem. Tiny magnets will be installed in the boxes to trap the pseudo dimes and prevent their being registered as fares.

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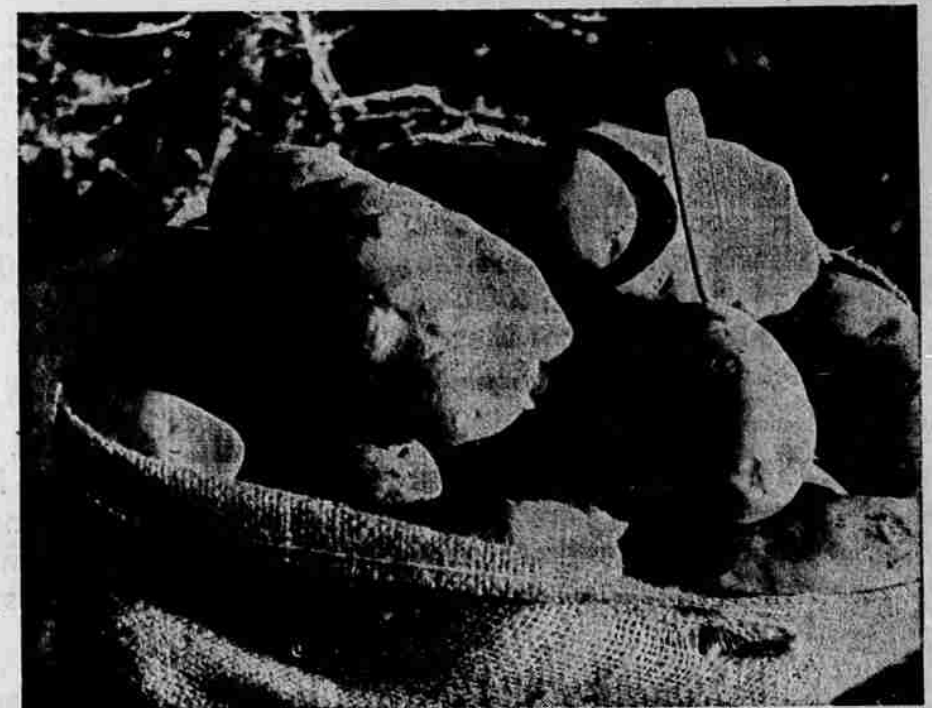
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