

Public Schools To Give More Time To Arithmetic

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(Editor's Note: This is the sixth article in a series on local schools.)

Arithmetic is not a forgotten subject in the Klamath Falls public schools. New textbooks have been adopted, more time has been allotted to arithmetic in the daily school program, and particular emphasis is being placed on the fundamentals.

The results of achievement tests which have been administered over the past few years have indicated a need for strengthening the arithmetic with the desire to strengthen the need the past school year was an especially busy one for the arithmetic committee. This committee

composed of experienced arithmetic teachers from grades three through eight, devoted the year to the examination and trial of various texts. Meetings were held at which time the results of the trials were evaluated. When all the data was collected and the final vote taken the committee selected the Laidlaw arithmetic text, "Learning Arithmetic," for grades four through eight and adopted the Scott-Foreman arithmetic, "Ready Arithmetic," for grade three. Since the Scott-Foreman series has been used in grades one and two for two years, the adoption of the third grade text gives complete coverage of the primary grades by the same series.

More Time

With the start of the 1947-48 school year 25% more time is given to arithmetic in grades four through seven. This time is given to arithmetic with the desire to strengthen the program. Teachers are now able to spend more time in explanation, in class discussion and in supervision of assigned work. The class periods are divided so that part of each period can be devoted to teacher explanation and the remainder used for supervision.

Teachers now have more time to devote to the basis of the arithmetic program—the fundamentals. While the city schools course of study is in keeping with the policy of the state department of education in teaching the understanding of numbers, special emphasis is placed on the learning of the fundamental processes. Much time is spent in developing accuracy in work. Besides developing skill in numbers every effort is being made to develop number concepts and understandings. Socialization of the arithmetic program is achieved by applying the skills and understandings to every day life situations.

East-West Showdown Seen Soon

LAKE SUCCESS, March 13 (AP)—Chile's demand for United Nations investigation of the communist coup in Czechoslovakia pushed Russia today into the role of a defendant before the world.

It also opened the way for airing of conditions in at least one part of Soviet-dominated Eastern Europe. Many saw the possibility of an East-West showdown.

The security council put the case on its provisional calendar for next Wednesday. The Russians then must meet head-on the Chilean allegations that the methods of Nazi Germany are being used by "a member state against another member state" and that "the extent and magnitude of the plans of the USSR" stand revealed.

First Call

This was the first time Russia has been called directly to account since the Iranian case in early 1946. The feeling here was that the current case presages a test between Russia and the Western powers over expansion of Soviet influence.

The United States delegation cautiously refrained from early comment. However, on the basis of recent statements by President Truman and Secretary of State George C. Marshall, strongest American support for the Chilean case could be expected.

In filing the case yesterday, Chilean Delegate Herman Santa Cruz emphasized that he had not discussed the plan in advance with any other delegate under strict orders from President Gabriel Gonzalez Videla in Santiago. This apparently was to forestall any charges that the move was dictated by the United States.

Action by the government of Chile forced consideration of the once rejected case. Secretary General Trygve Lie had ruled out the same charges presented by Dr. Jan Papanek, Czechoslovakia anti-communist delegate.

GI Insurance Check Urged

Veterans with GI insurance now in force are urged to make sure that names of the desired beneficiaries are on record with the Veterans Administration. George Reed, VA representative in this area, said today.

"Several Oregon ex-GIs who died during the past year, left their widows in the lurch," Reed remarked. "When the widows appeared to claim their insurance, they learned that their husbands had never changed it over from other relatives or had not named any beneficiary at all."

Much court action is possible at time of settlement, if a veteran neglects to designate his intended beneficiary, the VA aide pointed out. If no beneficiary is named, the VA must pay a deceased veteran's insurance over to the estate, which is subject to probate and other costs.

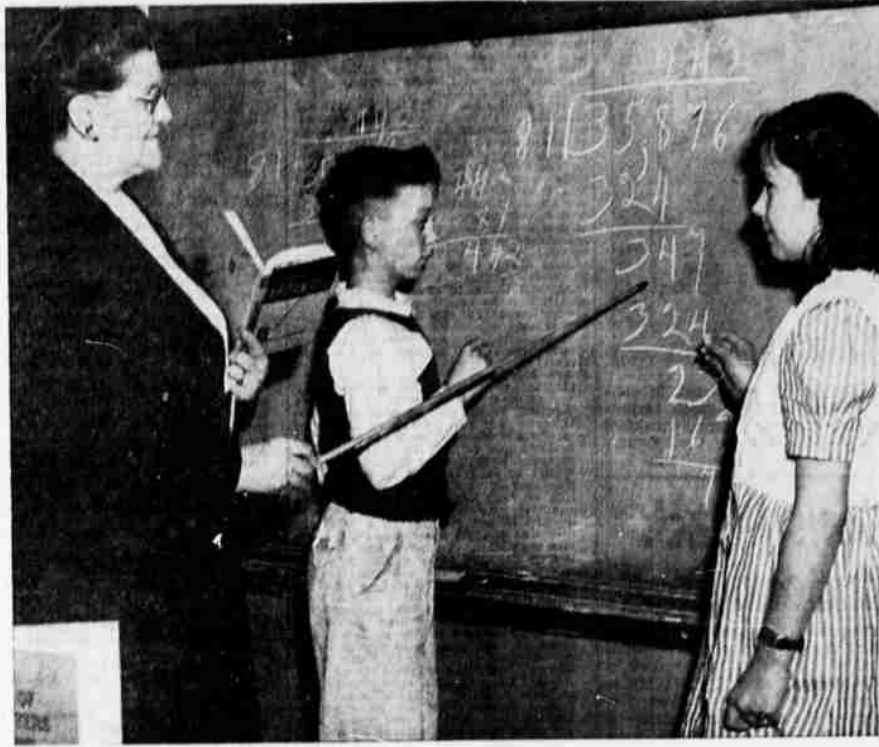
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A Problem In Long Division



This little scene from the fifth grade at Pelican school will bring memories, some of them painful, to many an older. Mrs. Guy Merrill, the teacher, is explaining a problem in long division to Donald Hughes and Margaret Patterson.

Antics Of Big Dipper Prove Puzzling To Many

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"The antics of the Big Dipper during the course of a year have me mystified." (N. L. I. Sealie.)

"In all my life I have never before seen the Big Dipper standing on the end of its handle as it has done this winter." (Several inquirers.)

"During the clear nights of January, from my pillow I watched two stars in the north, one higher than the other, until they passed my window going east. By 10 p. m. they were in the northeast. Many times I lined them up with objects and know they went east and that I was not just 'seeing things.' I thought stars went west. Why and how these could so easily do not know as I am just a farmer." (A. B. F. Newberg, Ore.)

All these puzzlers will be handled by the one continuous explanation below. Being "just a farmer" has not hindered one person from conducting a commendable research which has revealed the astronomical fact that stars apparently move eastward across the lower northern sky. Those mentioned were doubtless in the handle of the Big Dipper.

If the earth's North Pole were extended out to inconceivably great distance, it would touch a sky spot very close to the North Star. In our latitudes this star measures about half way up from the northern horizon to the zenith, although it seems considerably higher. Approximately and poetically then we may say that the earth turns on the North Star in a clockwise direction. Although we cannot feel this rapid motion of the surface, about 700 miles an hour in our part of the world, we can see a sort of reverse reflection of it by looking at the stars, for they appear completely to encircle the North Star in a counter-clockwise direction.

once in 23 hours 56 minutes. All stars south of the North Star, and extending entirely to the southern horizon, seem to move westward; those seen below (north of this pivot star go eastward—and never set.

In mid-March at midnight the Big Dipper is almost overhead and is moving west; at 6 a. m. in the northwest and sliding down (north with the bowl leading as usual; at noon, low in the north and—of all things—going east as our correspondent discovered. At 6 p. m. our celestial drinking cup is in the northeast and is climbing up (south) while dangerously balancing on the end of its starry handle.

The earth's revolution around the sun causes all stars to come to a certain position four minutes earlier each succeeding night. (Note the 23 hours 56 minutes mentioned above.) This amounts to two hours a month, or 12 hours in six months.

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Northwest Portland Shaken By Two Blasts Friday Night

PORTLAND, Ore., March 13 (AP)—Two separate explosions—each followed by spectacular fires—shook sections of Northwest Portland last night.

In one, flames roared 100 feet high after a train and a gasoline truck collided. No one was injured.

In the other 40 persons were routed from an apartment house. Two unexplained midnight explosions and the ensuing fire inflicted minor injuries on ten persons.

Most of the tenants escaped ahead of the second blast, which shot shattered windows and flaming gas at persons on the street. Six firemen and four apartment dwellers were treated for cuts and burns. Firemen brought the flames at the three-story Jameson apartments under control after an hour.

The explosion of the gasoline truck came as the passenger train, the Portland Rose, was leaving the Union station for Chicago. The train, moving slowly, collided with the truck and trailer at the foot of the Steel bridge across the Willamette river.

Flames enveloped the truck and the locomotive, jumping 100 feet high and setting ablaze utility poles on the bridge.

The truck driver and engine crew

escaped ahead of the flames. The locomotive was uncoupled and pushed away before the fire could spread to the rest of the train. Firemen brought the blaze under control within five minutes of their arrival.

The truck and trailer was owned by the Green Transfer company, Salem, and was loaded with 5100 gallons of gasoline.

The driver, Lawrence James Moffit, 25, (724 Trade street, Salem), said he tried to stop at the crossing, but his heavy load inches him onto the tracks. He jumped when he saw the crash was inevitable.

Eaker Sees War With Russia Soon

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex., March 13 (AP)—A former army air forces chief of staff has predicted war with Russia within three to five years. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, now a Houston industrial executive, said here last night Russia will attack the United States as soon as Stalin is certain such action would result in a quick, cheap victory.

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Alley Oop

YOU HAD YOUR FIRST WISH? TWO YET REMAIN BEFORE I CAN VISIT MY VENGEANCE UPON YOU!

DROP DEAD YOU BIG JERK!

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Boots and Her Buddies

YOU MEAN ALL THOSE TEEN-AGERS JUST CAME TO CALL ON LUCY PHEEM? WHY, OUR LIVING ROOM IS LOADED!

AND LOOK AT THE SANDWICHES THEY'RE EATING! THERE GOES THAT NEW HAM I BOUGHT TODAY!

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Wash Tubbs

WHERELL WE WALK, BOYST DOWN BY IN FREIGHT YARDS?

THERE'S NOTHING SHE WONT DO TO AMUSE THE TWINS... AND THEY HAVE PLENTY OF SUGGESTIONS...

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Freckles and His Friends

GET THAT BALL, KINGSTON!

FREEZE IT, SHADYSIDE!

SHADYSIDE 45 KINGSTON 43

BANG

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Little Orphan Annie

BUT, DADDY, THE REP... IN THERE WITH AXEL... WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

WAW, I IMAGINE VERY SOON AXEL WILL BEGIN TO TALK... AND TALK... AND TALK!

BUT THE REP! HOW CAN HE MAKE AXEL TALK, IF HE DOESN'T WANT TO?

OH, THE REP HAS WAYS—HE CAN BE MOST PERSUASIVE...

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Boots and Her Buddies

BOOTS, THIS HAS GONE FAR ENOUGH

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Boots and Her Buddies

BOO-GA-HA! HERE COME NEEP AND BERTIE WITH MORE CHILDREN!

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Wash Tubbs

SEE THAT FELLA, LULY BELLE? THATS MARGARITHE PLOOTZ, THE FAMOUS ARTIST PAINTING SOME RICKERS POPPY SANS HES A 'CENTRIC OLE CODGER!

HE'S SORTA CUTE, TOO, AUNT HEY DIDNT WEAR MOWMY SAYS HE WAS PAINTING SOME RICKERS FER HER CLUBHOUSE?

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Little Orphan Annie

BOO-HOO-- I WAS NEVER-- BOO-HOO-- SO HAPPY IN-- BOO-HOO-- ANY LIFE! BOO-HOO-HOO!

THERE! LORDS!

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Little Orphan Annie

HUSH! I THINK I HEAR A VOICE-- AXEL'S VOICE-- RAISED IN ANIMATION AS HE RECITES DETAILS OF HIS MORE RECENT SINGS

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