

Art Program In Klamath Schools Planned To Work In With Total Curriculum

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The art program of Klamath Falls public schools has been designed to make an active part in the school curriculum as an emotional indicator and social stabilizer. It has been planned so that its activities may be absorbed into every subject as a natural aid and an additional stimulus. Children sharing in such a program find rich opportunities arising in an atmosphere where freedom of expression flourishes.

Patterns for enriching personal appreciation, one's living environment, and one's social adjustment are carried on in the art program. Art experience permeates the child's life during the entire day. Opportunities for correlation with science, social studies, language arts, history, drama, music and other fields are made whenever feasible.

Present day education is trying to get away from the idea that some children are talented in art and some are not. Rather, it is the right of all children to participate in a broad, rich, flexible program of art experiences in which each child can realize satisfaction, express himself and broaden the horizons of understanding and appreciation.

Good Environment
Not only has art become a correlating unit but has become a living exciting thing that provides the child with a desirable environment within the school room or building. Through art a classroom has become a place in which to enjoy living, and working together.

Art in Klamath schools is not necessarily an end in itself, but is an exploratory field in which the child finds himself seeking either a vocation or a hobby. A definite time is set aside for art work but the teacher of the grade school is encouraged to absorb that time into other subjects, such as rhythm drawing in music, picture study in history, pattern making in arithmetic. Not all good drawing and painting are necessarily accomplished during the actual art period.

Such short periods as are necessarily allowed art makes it impossible to more than introduce to the student the many varieties of mediums and activities possible. They find that during the year they may work with crayons, clay, water color, tempera, chalk, charcoal, soap and plaster carving, figure drawing, landscape drawing, textiles, weaving, pottery, design and many other activities that may absorb the child's interest for the rest of his lifetime.

Grade School Program
A supervisory program is conducted in the grade schools as an aid to the teacher untrained in crafts and applied arts. This is geared to provide practical material for the classroom teacher. Teachers verify that this has been extremely helpful but have requested an even greater extension in workshops and room training for the future.

The Junior high school offers to the student a full-time art program with a specially trained teacher. The student may begin to concentrate on art seriously one hour a day. It is here that the teacher begins to recognize the specially talented and may begin to pull them ahead with individual assignments and attention. However, the average child is never forgotten and is urged to continue to enjoy the full extent of a creative program with the thought that busy fingers are good fingers.

A five-year-old will get physical satisfaction from cutting, pounding, and rolling a ball of clay. The Junior high student finds an emotional satisfaction in spending life hours following an art hobby. But the high school student demands new values, greater opportunities and the experience of engaging in real life activities.

The high school art program stretches itself to include "beginning art, advanced art, commercial art, applied arts and crafts, and fundamentals of art." Each class is designed for a specific purpose so as to satisfy a wide variety of personalities and ambitions. Beginning art is for the child who has never had the opportunity to take art previously. He works with every medium and the wide variety of projects that he should have had in the grade school and junior high. Advanced art allows the student who wishes to drive deeper into the art world to work with mediums and projects of his choice. The commercial art and applied arts and crafts is planned for the student who is seeking a vocation in the industrial and business world. They work with all the mediums that the commercial artists find at their finger tips. Fundamentals of art is a required course for all students majoring in art and prepares the student for introduction to college work.

Variety
Of all the fields that a child may take part in, "art" offers the widest variety of vocations and avocations. There are hundreds of branches of work that the student may seriously consider as a lifetime ambition. It is a comparatively new field that is virtually unexplored and stretches its opportunities to wide horizons. It is the hope of the Klamath Falls art program that it has opened wide visions and new goals to the student for a richer life and more beautiful environment.

The success of the program has been proven by the fact that in two

short years the Klamath Falls art department is considered one of the most complete in the state.

In competition in state-wide contests it has placed its students on top in surprising numbers and reaped awards over and over again. Winning contests is not a goal, but is a great stimulus to the student looking at art with serious thoughts towards the future.

Meter Take Adherence Asked Here

Adherence to a three-way division plan for parking meter money which the commission says was promised to Klamath people when they voted for the meters is urged by the city planning commission in a communication to the city budget committee. Planning commissioners said that the original plan offered when meters were "sold" to Klamath Falls people called for division of proceeds as follows: One-third to police department, one-third to be set aside for remodeling of parking facilities, and one-third for traffic lights and other traffic improvements.

The commission asked the budget committee to adjust next year's city budget to conform to this division. The planning commission will recommend to the council Monday night that the city proceed with the widening of Pine street by securing set-back agreements from property owners for all future buildings and for remodeling of present buildings from 3rd to Esplanade.

Safety Island
A safety island is needed for pedestrians at the Portland street crossing of the new north entrance, the planning commission believed. The commission will ask the city council to take up the matter with the highway department. The island, it was said, is especially needed for school children making this crossing.

The planning commission is on record against making any exceptions to the classification of property in residential zone 2, which includes parts of Hot Springs, Dixon and Williams additions. A property holder had asked for reclassification of some property there.

Wreck Leads To Arrest

Willard Ernest Baird, 32, of 303 Pine, was arrested by city police for reckless driving after an auto accident at 9th and Pine about 6:30 Friday night. His 1936 sedan crashed into a light pole on the corner in front of the First Christian church, badly damaging the car and causing a shakeup of electric and phone wires. Baird told city police officers that he "blacked out" as he entered the intersection going west on Pine. He was uninjured, outside of a slight bump on the head.

California Car License Down

A reduced vehicle license fee is in store for California motorists in 1949, according to an amendment to the California tax law signed recently by Governor Earl Warren. The reduction will save auto owners an estimated \$7,000,000 in vehicle license fees. Individual reductions will run in proportion to individual personal property tax. The tax rate has been frozen since 1943. California residents have been waiting for the cut for some time.

Burglar Jackpot Ends In Arrest

PORTLAND, May 22 (AP)—Two men who hit the burglar's jackpot wound up in prison today, after all. County Detectives Gus Schirmer and Henry Brown said the two prowled a Troutdale home, and in a tin can found a hidden \$1000 bill and \$50 more. They spent the \$50, but could not find anyone who would make change for the big bill, Schirmer said. Discouraged, they tried to give it back to the owner, the detective continued. This led to their arrest.

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Art Students Enjoy Their Studies



This is a picture of Instructor Robert Banister's art class at Klamath Union high school. First row, left to right: Joe Ross, Patsy Kennell, Wilma Massey, Instructor Banister. Second row—Bob Mahoney, Joan Schroeder, Julie Ackers. Third row—Joyce Dittmannson, Toni Kinkaid. Fourth row—George Jones, Pat Baker, Mary Moore.

MIDLAND EMPIRE NEWS

New Pine Creek

Eighteen or more East Side drunks motored to Pamona grange at Thomas Creek last Saturday and reported having a good meeting, fine talks and a splendid time. The next Pamona grange will be at Summer Lake and several from here are planning to attend. Those who were going to Thomas Creek from this grange are as follows, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Lorraine Hamnerley, Mr. Alpha Smith, Mrs. Frankie Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Butler and son Kenneth, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Means, Mrs. Gladys Cooper, Mrs. Jackie O'Neil, Mrs. Al Carter and Mrs. Mrs. Fred Fisher.

Bible school at the First Baptist church will begin Monday, May 31, it has been announced by Mrs. Myrna Barrow. The school will last through to June 12 and will be in session from 9 to 11 in the forenoon each day. It is for children from the ages of 4 to 20 years and all children are cordially invited to attend. The constructive work to be taken up is Bible study, hand-craft and supervised games.

Children in the past who have attended these courses have enjoyed them and every child will be glad to have taken the work this year. There will be a closing program on the night of June 11 and the public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Robinson, their son Richard and grandson, Neil Perry, left on Thursday for Portland and returned Sunday. The purpose of the trip was to consult with a bone specialist in regard to Richard's arm which was broken in grade school days at the elbow joint and a cartilag growth has developed, impairing the full use of the arm for manual labor. Ernest also went under the x-ray for an examination of an old shoulder break of years' standing when a horse fell with him. The doctor advised that an operation on the shoulder would give him much better use of his left arm but did not advise at present to do anything with Richard's arm until remedial measures became imperative.

A surprise birthday party was given for Ruth Rosecrans on May 15, celebrating her 13th birthday. Hostesses for the occasion were Ruth's mother, Mrs. Mary Newman, assisted by Mrs. Con Newman.

A number of games were played in which Barbara St. Clair and Norine Hampton won prizes. The children sang "Happy Birthday" to Ruth as she blew out the 13 flickering candles that animated the beautiful pink and white rose decorated cake. The cake was made at Smith's Bake shop in Lakeview and presented to Ruth as a special gift from the hostesses.

Refreshments of cake, cookies, ice-cream and coke were served to the guests. In addition each child was presented with a gayly colored hat and a bag of candy and nuts which added color and gaiety to the party. Ruth received many lovely gifts which she opened before her guests who were as follows: Patty Jo Pigeon, Mona and Carol Ann McClain.

Cemetary Work Time Good Now

Folks interested in the upkeep of the old Lincoln cemetery were urged today to take advantage of the condition of the grounds to clear the area of weeds. The ground is now damp and a weeds are easily pulled. This would be an excellent time to give the old cemetery a beauty treatment and especially as Memorial Day is just around the corner—May 30.

The Kelly Creek PTA held its regular meeting at the schoolhouse on Friday afternoon, May 14. In addition to the business meeting, Scott Clevenger, county club agent, showed a movie giving information on "First Aid." Mrs. Eugene Barrows, Mrs. Jimmie Cooper and Mrs. Jack Means then entertained the students with a radio quiz program which proved very popular, since those giving the correct answers were awarded with "bubble gum" and those failing to answer received regular gum.

Saturday, May 29, has been designated by community leaders as a general clean-up day. Everyone who has two ounces of civic pride is urged to come out and participate in this annual and very worthwhile event. The meeting will be at the grange hall, and from there workers will scatter out to the various parts where the town needs attention. Those working on their own grounds

The State Line school held their last day program and picnic Wednesday. Several parents attended but most of the festivities had to take place inside the building because of the inclement weather. Three graduates took part in the program, Neil Perry, Charlene Ross and Bert Scrivener.

A birthday party was given for Bob Vincent by his mother, Mrs. Georgia Vincent, last Saturday, May 13. The party took place in a canyon and was in the form of a picnic. Ice-cream, cake and root beer were enjoyed by the guests.

Mrs. Dorothy McDonald of Lakeview entertained the New Pine Creek Needle club on April 24 with eight members and three guests present. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin McKune of The Dalles, Ore. and Mrs. June Combs of Lakeview were pleasant visitors. The hostess served creamed chicken in patty shells, pear salad, rolls and jelly, pickles.

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Forest Fire Danger Told By Expert

Fighting forest fires is like fighting weeds in the garden—you've got to keep everlastingly at it.

That was the comparison made by Fred Baker, dean of forestry at the University of California, in a talk at the Stop Forest Fires luncheon held at the Willard.

Baker said that those engaged in the campaign to prevent fire in the woods dare not relax because of the tremendous values involved. He said that the gardener may become discouraged as weeds overrun his plot, but he will lose everything if he doesn't keep after them.

The speaker especially praised the publicity campaigns designed to make the public fire-conscious. He cautioned against discouragement, saying that anti-fire propaganda is constantly reaching younger people and new people such as tourists who do not fully realize the significance of the fire danger.

The California dean was introduced by Walt Wiesendanger, the American Legion's Stop Forest Fires chairman. The luncheon was held in conjunction with the Rotary club meeting.

Commander Lynn Hoyercroft of the American Legion presented the luncheon.

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