



FAMILY ALBUM

BY LYLE DOWNING

JOE LACLAIR



Then . . .

Now . . .

There are supposed to be only two ways of scaling the ladder of success—the "hard way" and by "getting the breaks."

Anyone familiar with the record of Joe LaClair director of instructional materials for Klamath Falls public schools, will agree he made it the "hard way."

Adversity dogged the steps of LaClair almost from the time he emerged from the cradle. When he was four years old, fire wiped out all his family's worldly possessions, including a home and a grocery store in Medford where he was born.

A few years later polio struck the family and two of LaClair's brothers were crippled for life by the malady.

MILKED COWS

In the meantime, the LaClairs had moved to Coos Bay. The family finances reached such a low point, that LaClair returned to Medford and obtained a job on a dairy farm milking cows. While on this job

he was graduated from elementary school.

In 1924, LaClair's father decided to see if he could outdistance trouble and moved his family to Kansas City, Missouri. LaClair enrolled at Sweeney's Automobile and Electrical School. At 15 he was the youngest of 2,000 students in the institution.

While LaClair was learning to be an automobile mechanic, his father was hit by an automobile and fatally injured at a Kansas City street intersection. He died a short time later.

TOUGH WINTER

"That was the toughest winter I ever spent," LaClair declared. "We had to go on relief. We lived in a dingy cold water flat. It was bitterly cold in Kansas City. We ran out of fuel for the wood stove. All one night I kept the fire going with old newspapers."

The LaClair family was finally sent back to Oregon in 1924 by the Kansas City Welfare Agency. "I went to work in the woods,"

he explained. "I never expected to go back to school again. Three loggers I worked with convinced me I should complete my education. I followed their advice."

By working at various jobs, LaClair finally was graduated from Southern Oregon College and was given a teaching certificate. In 1931, he taught and coached athletics at Malin Elementary School. His salary was \$900 a year.

STARTED CLIMBING

Since then LaClair has been teacher and principal at schools in Malin, Keona and Chiloquin. Before he took his present position, he was sub-district superintendent of schools in Chiloquin.

He says he is now carrying on a type of education which had prevailed for centuries but was halted with the invention of the printing press.

"When people started to read," he explained, "learning by use of the other senses was forgotten. This method of teaching had a big revival during World War II when men had to be trained quickly."

LaClair is president of the Klamath Falls Kiwanis Club and County Civil Defense director. He also is a veteran of World War II. (Listen to Joe LaClair on Family Album, Radio Station KFLW, Sunday 10:15 p.m.)



WITH ZANY SUITS and caps, Klamath Union High School's three Stripes and a Check, comprised of (standing, left to right) Terry Hannon, Billy Hamblin, Donn Taucher, and (seated) Frances Cox, proved to be a popular entertainment feature in last Wednesday night's Klamath County Open House. The open house featured exhibits and entertainment by students of 24 Klamath County Schools as a part of American Education Week, whose theme this year was "Schools—Your Investment in America."

M. T. Schoolman Death Learned

M. T. Schoolman, San Mateo, California, died in Truckee, California, recently while on a business trip.

Mr. Schoolman will be remembered by many Klamath Falls and Lakeview people as the representative of Louis T. Snow Co., San Francisco wholesale grocery firm. He had covered this territory for the Snow firm for many years. At one time Mr. Schoolman was associated with the late L. E. Serreys in business here and in Medford.

Mr. Schoolman is survived by his wife Ruoy and twin daughters, Snyder and Sullivan Mortuary, San Mateo, is in charge of arrangements. The funeral is expected to be held Monday or Tuesday.

Dorcas Circle Gives Thanksgiving Offer

WEED—A foot length of dimes was given as the Thanksgiving offering at the meeting of the Dorcas Circle held at the home of Mrs. John Kerkes recently.

Mrs. Ray Bullis, chairman, presided at the business session and conducted the election of new officers which are Mrs. Lallie Davis, chairman; Mrs. Ralph Fader, vice-chairman; Mrs. Andrew Coggins, secretary; Mrs. Chester Kinney, treasurer; world service chairman, Mrs. Millie Cromwell; and Mrs. Alfreda Rose, fellowship chairman.

Devotional thoughts pertaining to Thanksgiving were presented by Mrs. Kerkes. A Christmas party is planned for the December 9 meeting which will be a night meeting with Mrs. Kerkes as chairman.

Heart-Broken Father Dies Month After Sons Murdered

CHICAGO (AP)—A despairing, heart-broken father, whose two young sons and a companion were brutally murdered less than a month ago, died Friday.

The cause of Anton Schuessler's death was described by a physician as "apparently a heart attack." He suffered the attack, the doctor added, while being given a routine electrical shock treatment for a depressed state of mind.

But police and friends of the 42-year-old father of the slain boys agreed that he died of a broken heart.

Schuessler's wife, Eleanor, 37, prostrate at the news of her husband's death in a rest home in suburban Des Plaines, sobbed: "It's all the killers' fault. They killed the boys and now they've killed Tony. I had everything to live for and now I've got nothing."

The Schuessler's only children, John, 13, and Anton Jr., 11, and their neighborhood chum, Robert Peterson, 14, were found brutally murdered on Oct. 16 at the Robin-

son Woods forest preserve. The boys had disappeared from their Northwest side home on Sunday, Oct. 16 after leaving home to attend a loop movie.

Schuessler went without sleep in

the search for the boys. After the burial of his sons he closed his North Side tailor shop and said he would devote all his time in helping police search for the sadistic slayers.

This far police have found no tangible clues in connection with the slayings. Police have questioned some 100,000 persons and have pursued every lead. Rewards for the capture of the slayers total \$33,350.

Schuessler, with Malcolm Peterson, 40, father of Robert, canvassed neighborhood taverns and bowling alleys and tramped through the underbrush where the boys' bruised and naked bodies were found for possible clues.

Schuessler refused to give up the search despite orders by his physician to take a complete rest. Corporal Walter E. McCarron said his deputies had told him a week ago that the grief-stricken Schuessler

was "just fading away." He entered the private rest home on Thursday. His wife said his nerves were "shot."

Dr. Julius Steinfeld, superintendent of the rest home, described the treatment given Schuessler as "a very normal and routine procedure." He said four doctors worked nearly three hours in an unsuccessful attempt to revive him.

Court Records

KLAMATH FALLS MUNICIPAL COURT
Logan Burns, drunk, \$25 or 12 1/2 days.
Garnett R. Bradley, drunk, \$25 forfeited.
Evel Lane, drunk, \$25 forfeited.
Glen J. Lamere, violation of basic rule (no speed), \$5 forfeited.
Leo Johnson, reckless driving, \$100 forfeited.
F. Lichtenhahn, drunk, \$25 forfeited.
George D. Bingham, drunk, \$25 forfeited.
Olaf Widenstrom, drunk, \$25 forfeited.
Edward Joseph Bruley, drunk and disorderly conduct, \$25 forfeited.
H. C. Rubens, no registration visible, \$3 forfeited.
Doris Robinson, no registration visible, \$3 forfeited.
Ballard and Bennett Motors, no registration visible, \$3 forfeited.
Dixie L. Haring, failure to yield right of way to a vehicle, \$5 forfeited.
Parrell Durman, reckless driving, failure to observe red light, \$5 forfeited.
C. Schmitz, no registration visible, \$3 forfeited.
John Whitley, no registration visible, \$3 forfeited.
A. E. Waldorf, no registration visible, \$3 forfeited.
Leland J. Kautman, no registration visible, \$3 forfeited.
Wyoming Natrons Sales, failure to observe stop sign, \$5 forfeited.
Patrick E. Greenan, no registration visible, \$3 forfeited.
Luke Bearheart, vagrancy, \$100 and 30 days.
Abram Struck, vagrancy, \$100 and 30 days.
James L. Phillips, no registration visible, \$3 forfeited.
Stuart Thompson Ewell Company, no registration visible, \$3 forfeited.
Mitchell Byrd, violation of basic rule, (65 mph in 25 mph zone), \$25 fine.
George Graham, vagrancy, \$5 and 30 days.
Adella Gibson, reckless driving, \$15 fine.

KLAMATH COUNTY DISTRICT COURT
Buster Cline Jones, no operator's license, dismissed.
C. H. Parks, assault with a dangerous weapon, held to grand jury. Bond set at \$3,500; remanded to custody of sheriff.
Ronald Wade Morris, no warning device, \$5 paid.
James Lee Luffis, possession of protected game birds, \$25 paid.

Firemen Report Minor KF Blazes

Three minor fires were reported today by the Klamath Falls city and suburban fire departments.

There was no damage caused by any of them, fire department officials said.

The fire reported by the city department occurred at 11:48 a.m. Saturday when some hot ashes piled next to the residence of C. C. Bond, 2632 21st Street, caught fire and scorched some shingles.

The two fires reported by the Suburban Fire Department were both flue fires. A fire reported at 9:27 p.m. Friday occurred at the residence of Robert E. Hard, 3250 Barry Street. The other, reported at 10:11 p.m. Friday, was at the residence of Earl Nidever, 3166 Bristol.

TREMORS
CAIRO (UP)—Slight earth tremors, lasting about seven seconds were felt here early today.

THE CAMERA CORNER

BY BUD BUESING

Before long now, the annual deluge of Christmas Cards will fill the mails. Each card will bear a message of Faith, Hope and Good Will. That's as it should be, for that is the spirit of Christmas.

Of course, some of these cards will get more attention than others . . . and among these will be the photographic variety—cards carrying a picture of the sender, his loved ones, or a true-to-life photo of a scene that says "Christmas" even without words. If you're planning to send photographic Christmas cards, here are some suggestions about subjects.

First, use good taste. Avoid brashly humorous pictures and save them for your comic valentines. Indoor family shots are an excellent choice. Others include portraits with props that suggest Christmas, church scenes, outdoor snowscapes with fir trees, candle-lit scenes, and Christmas photos from previous years. The photograph you choose should be simple and tell a single, straight-forward story. It should be sharp and have good contrast. Dark backgrounds are excellent as they make the picture "stand out" from the white of Christmas card stock.

So take those pictures now—or sort through what you have and bring them to us for crisp, clean photo finishing, and let us make personalized photographic Christmas cards for you. Time is getting short!

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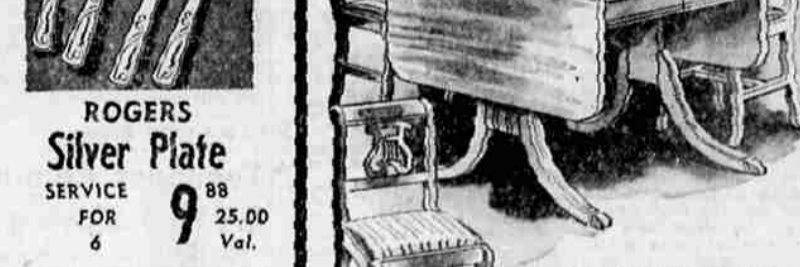


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