

PTA NEWS

KLAMATH COUNTY COUNCIL OF PTA

By Mrs. John W. Insley
Publicity Chairman

Elton Fishback, principal of Shasta School, was the main speaker at the March 6 meeting of Klamath County Council of PTA, held at Fremont School.

Fishback, who is a member of the Finance Committee of OEA, stated that school costs have increased from 24½ million dollars in 1943-1944 to 125 million dollars in 1955-1956, and that the problems of teacher shortage and increased birth rate are growing worse instead of better. It is estimated that school costs in 1956-1957 will be 147 million dollars and in 1957-1958 will have risen to 170 million dollars, and the only means of securing necessary aid is through broadening of the tax base.

He also pointed out that a measure known as House Joint Resolution 4, which will appear on the ballot in May, will give the State Legislature power of emergency clause, which means that the legislature can pass a tax measure, put it into effect and give it a trial. After a period of time the people can determine whether or not to continue it, and by initiative measure may speak for or against it. At the present time Oregon is the only state not having such a measure in its constitution. Both PTA and OEA are behind this measure to support it.

In introducing Fishback, Charlie McLin, council legislative chairman, and principal of Pelican School, stated that he is one of the best informed persons in the county on legislative measures.

Presiding at the meeting was the president, Mrs. Art Moore, who again reminded members to bring unit publicity books to the April meeting to be judged, and also to notify Mrs. Floyd Barrett, magazine chairman of OCPPT, of the number of magazines sold by March 15.

A letter was read from Mrs. J. W. Snaga, president of OCPPT, thanking council for its contribution to the Tuition Scholarship Fund.

Mrs. John Insley, council publicity chairman, asked that units notify her by April 1, of the names of delegates to the convention in Eugene, so that they might be included in convention publicity.

Mrs. Hagan Moore, savings stamp chairman, asked that units forward their reports on savings stamp sales to her.

Mrs. Gordon Loomis, program chairman, advised that home nursing classes are still available through the Red Cross office for March and April, and also asked that at the April meeting unit presidents give three minute reports on what their units have accomplished during the year.

It was announced that the Oregon State Mothers Club is having a tea April 6 at the Willard Hotel to sponsor a scholarship. Reservations may be made by contacting Mrs. Homer Ellis.

The report of the nominating committee was made by Mrs.



SANDY SUE ROSS, a youngster with a talent for dancing, is one of the touring members of the OJJ troupe slated for Klamath Falls on Thursday night at Mills Auditorium. She has three numbers in the current show, all beautifully costumed. The show, sponsored by the Moose Lodge, will provide funds for musical instruments at Altamont Junior High.

Herschel Groseloclose, and the following officers were elected to serve for the coming year: Mrs. Art Moore, president; Mrs. D. L. Dunkerton, vice president; Mrs. Axel Carlson, secretary; and Mrs. James Barnes, treasurer.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 3 at Henley School.

TEAMMATES

Dartmouth's director of athletics Red Rolfe and hockey coach Ed Jeremiah were teammates on the Dartmouth baseball squad in 1929 and 1930. Rolfe later became a star third baseman for the Yankees.

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The Poe Valley-Olene and Altamont Extension Units held a joint meeting at Joan's Kitchen on March 6. Mrs. Frank Peyton, chairman of the Altamont Unit, presided. About 45 members and guests of the two clubs were present.

Separate business meetings were held at 10 a.m. The Altamont Unit elected the following persons to serve on the nominating committee to select officers for the coming year: Mrs. J. R. Miller, Mrs. Richard Teater and Mrs. Joe Schuh. After adjournment of the business meetings the two clubs joined in group singing led by the Rev. William Ainley of the Mt. Laki Presbyterian Church.

Since the theme of the meeting centered around ACWW, Mrs. Lee Holliday gave a resume of the proceedings of the tri-annual meeting of the Associated Country Women of the World at Toronto, Canada in 1953. She explained how delegates are selected and told the purpose of these meetings, pointing out some of the resolutions which were adopted. The next meeting of the Associated Country Women of the World will be held in Ceylon in December, 1956. Delegates to attend that meeting are being considered at the present time.

In order to familiarize members of the extension units with Ceylon, a film was shown by Mrs. Isabelle Brixner, giving some of the highlights of the customs, traditions and government of the people of Ceylon. The Rev. William Ainley followed this with a graphic description of the country.

Ceylon is a small pear-shaped island located at the southeastern tip of India and separated from that country by twenty-two miles of water. It is a country about one-fourth the size of the state of Ore-

gon and has a population of over 7 million people. It was at one time a British dependency but was made a Dominion in the British Commonwealth of Nations with self-government in 1948. The elevation ranges from sea level to 6,000 feet and the annual rainfall is very high. In some sections the temperature averages 80 degrees all the year round. After spending this present winter in Oregon, this statement brought many queries from the women present as to how long it would take to get to Ceylon.

Mrs. John Offel, Maude and Peggy Ferguson of the Altamont Ex-

tenion Unit took charge of the noon potluck luncheon served by members of the joint clubs.

The next regular meeting of the Altamont Extension Unit will be held on April 3. "Food for Entertainment" will be the project lesson led by Muriel Colley and Adelle Steers.

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