



MARLYS ALBERT, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor P. Albert, 607 Prescott Street, will be one of the contestants in the Klamath County Junior Chamber of Commerce Junior Miss Oregon Contest of 1958, which will be held in the Mills School auditorium Tuesday, February 18, at 7:30 p.m. A senior at Klamath Union High School, Marlys, 17, is 5 feet 9 1/2 and weighs 140 pounds. She will sing as her part in the talent portion of the contest and if she wins one of the national scholarships in Mobile, Alabama, will attend the University of Oregon and major in art.

Views On Special Instruction For Superior Students Vary

By JOHN GUERNSEY

Members of the Klamath Falls school boards recently expressed mixed thoughts about the advisability of establishing special instruction for students of unusual ability within the city school system.

Special Education Supervisor Forrest Hawley outlined the functioning of the special instruction programs now being practiced in Portland and Salem at a recent meeting of the boards. Hawley had previously recommended that similar special instruction be undertaken within the Klamath Falls systems in the immediate future.

Although not outrightly opposing the institution of such classes at some time in the future, Board Member Wyatt Padgett said he feels that all the present classes

should be adequately staffed before any move is undertaken to establish further instruction in the field of special education.

Padgett said there is a shortage of capable teachers, that administrators have in the past complained that they "are having to drag the bottom of the barrel" to adequately staff the schools with teachers, and that all available teaching personnel should be used for regular class instruction and not put into other special education fields to serve only a minority of students.

Board Member George Filcraft expressed the thought that the educational system might better serve the slow, the normal and the exceptional students if the class sizes were retained at their present 25-30 level by employing all available teachers in the fields of regular class instruction.

Educators in recent years have contended that it may be necessary to expand the class sizes to 35 students due to existing teacher shortages. Filcraft contends that all the students could receive more individual attention in smaller classes.

Superintendent Arnold Gralapp said the expanding enrollments have occasioned a teacher shortage and that there are not enough teachers to go around. He added that the belief of educators and industrialists on a nationwide basis is that we are not fully developing the exceptional students because they are being held back at an age when they should be stimulated.

He added that the potential of an exceptional student cannot be fully developed in the larger classes when the exceptional student is made to progress no more rapidly than the normal student.

In presenting the program, Hawley said the cost would be about \$12,000 annually for the elementary system. The amount would include the salaries of two teachers, in addition to teaching supplies, and other miscellaneous expenses. If the program were expanded into the high school level, the cost would be approximately \$4,000 more.

Of the present city school enrollments, it was estimated by Hawley that about 50 students would qualify for the exceptional student instruction.

In the grade schools, the program would provide for special instruction for students displaying unusual promise in the fields of music, graphic arts, math, creative writing, dramatics, creative dance, mechanics and social leadership.

The program would be applied to the fourth, fifth and sixth year students, and the home room period would be the center for diversified instruction. Hawley pointed out that the students would attend all regularly prescribed classes with other students, but that the homeroom activity and some special interest classes would give exceptionally capable children an opportunity to meet with others of similar interests and capabilities. They would at the same time be able to receive special instruction from teachers particularly qualified to teach in given fields.

Hawley added that the parents of students in the Portland and Salem systems feel that the special instruction has stimulated interest in their children, that the children have initiated new and constructive activities, and that the special instruction should be continued. He added that 84 per cent of the teachers queried are highly in favor of the program as a means of developing special talents.

When applied at the high school level, seminars and special classes permit the exceptional students to advance and study beyond the pace maintained in a regular class. As

explained by Hawley, a student with exceptional aptitude in the fields of science, mathematics, or other studies could be completing college level studies prior to high school graduation.

The exceptional students would thereby complete the other high school courses in regular classes,

but would be able to extend themselves in chosen fields by attending the seminars and special classes.

The exceptional students would be determined by the results of regular achievement and intelligence tests, by the observations of teachers and principals, and by the interest and capability displayed by a student.



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Meeting Held By Gun Club

CHEMULT — The Chemult Gun Club held its annual business meeting and election of officers on the evening of February 10 in the recreation room of the Wheel Cafe with Grant Damon, president, presiding.

Officers elected for the coming year were Cecil Palmer, president; George Epperson, vice president; Lloyd Hauptman, secretary-treasurer, and Lyle Andrews, field captain. The new officers, who act as the trophy committee, will assist business houses, which have donated trophies, in setting suitable rules for shooters. Several fine trophies have been promised.

There will be a business meeting Monday, March 10, at 8 p.m. Audie Williams, Monte Herman and Hope Brader were appointed for a social committee.

The club voted to shoot with the Bend and Redmond clubs for the Journal Trap Shoot which will begin in March.

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