

# Political Study Group Terminates Class Meets

The unusual development began to take form several weeks ago. People — normal, average citizens — began asking pertinent questions of political officials.

With pencil and notebook in hand, the curious citizens had specific questions to ask the city manager, the county treasurer, councilmen, the assessor, state repre-

sentatives, and other elected officials. They wanted to know about things like the city charter, the O & C law, the assessment ratio, the duties of the city manager, the city budget, the county budget, and other details of government.

Other citizens wrote to the secretary of state with questions about legislative representation,

federal aid, judicial structure and such matters.

These citizens were students in an "Action Course in Practical Politics." The nonpartisan course sponsored by the chamber of commerce concluded last week with a hearty vote of approval from those who took it, and a phenomenal attendance record.

Originally, 37 persons—businessmen, teachers, employers, employees, farmers, clerks — signed up for the course in the mechanics of politics. They were told they would learn how a political party operates, from the precinct to the national level.

When the time came to form classes, the number of registrants had grown from 37 to 62. After nine weeks, 54 persons had completed the course and attendance record averaged 90 to 92 per cent.

Classes were divided into four groups, chosen on the basis of preferred meeting times. Each group of about 15 persons selected its own leader. Groups and leaders were: Tuesday breakfast meeting, Ross Ragland; Wednesday noon, Bob Kent; Wednesday night, Fred Ehlers; and Thursday night, Paul Cruikshank.

The classes were coordinated by Ehlers, chamber of commerce director of the State and National Affairs Committee.

The classes began work, aided by a series of eight pamphlets covering everything political — from precinct meetings on the technique of doorbell ringing to organization of political conventions. Emphasis, through case studies and discussion, centered on the importance of participating in party politics.

Which party didn't matter. The course was so strictly nonpartisan that most students didn't know the political affiliation of those seated with him at the same table.

But the results were remarkable. From Ehler's Thursday night class came two candidates for office, Henry Paynter, Democrat for county clerk, and Ray Backman, Democrat for county commissioner.

Backman produced hand-sized precinct maps of the city and the suburban area — the only maps known to exist in town. The only other precinct map is a 10-foot

# "DENNIS THE MENACE"



... AN' MAKE ME A GOOD BOY, BUT NOT SO GOOD I DONT HAVE NO FUN!

# Winner Of Essay Contest Tells Education Import

**Editor's Note:** This essay won first place in the senior division of the annual American Legion Auxiliary contest just ended. Winner is Patti Propst, 16, 1615 Portland Street, a junior at Klamath Union High School. Patti won a cash prize of \$10 and her essay has been entered in state competition. The essay, entitled "Why My Education Is Important to the Future of America," follows:

**By PATTI PROBST**

We are facing today a future other generation. We have a great civilization to save or lose; therefore we must prepare ourselves to do the utmost to save our civilization. This preparation may be accomplished only through the education of each individual to his fullest.

Education will produce the scientists, doctors, lawyers and other professional people who will advance the culture and civilization of America. The modern child is surrounded by mechanical gadgets not dreamed of a generation ago. The future promises even more rapid change with the development of new sources of energy. We must have the workers to utilize and improve these tools and devices.

All must share in the responsibility of continuing our democratic government. Without this privilege, the educational standards would be lowered. In order to have the benefits of democracy, the people must know and understand their right to vote and the principles for which they are voting.

Our education should be aimed at producing individuals who will be able to maintain a self-governed state because they are themselves self-governed, self-controlled and self-reliant. Through their effort and ingenuity they manipulate the environment and recreate the world in every succeeding generation. Thomas Jefferson said: "Educate and inform the mass of the people. They are the only sure reliance for the

preservation of our liberty." The love of the beautiful and the desire to have a part in creating it must be shared by the many instead of a chosen well-educated few. This love and desire may be instilled in children by encouragement to learn and develop their latent possibilities. Today the aim of education is to enable each individual child to make the best use of all his abilities and to acquire the skills needed in daily life to become a useful, active, contributing member of the community.

The child of today is surrounded by many "pushbutton" gadgets and mechanical aids but still he must be taught to think. To be caught up into the world of thought and to be able to think clearly through any situation is to be truly educated.

My personal education is important because it is my desire to develop my skills and capacities to make me a more competent citizen of my community and my country. Children are the ones who will decide and make the future of America. As a pediatrician I hope to be able to improve the minds and bodies of a certain percentage of the children of the United States. So our country will not become a nation of weaklings, both physically and mentally, people are desperately needed to work in this field I have chosen. I hope that my contribution will aid in bettering our nation.

**SHORT HAUL**  
GREENFIELD, Ind. (AP)—The Hancock County commissioners were only temporarily joyful when they learned newly installed screens kept pesky pigeons out of the courthouse tower. The birds simply moved across the street to the county jail.

Philip Egner, a cellist in the Metropolitan Opera orchestra, was bandmaster at West Point, for 25 years. He abandoned his cello for a rifle in fighting with the 17th U.S. Infantry in the Spanish-American war.

# Three Chosen As Delegates

Three teachers from city and county school districts were named delegates to an Oregon Education Association policy-making meeting March 4 and 5 in Portland.

They are Goldie Peterson, fifth grade teacher at Henley Elementary School; Stanley Kendall, math teacher at Henley High School, and Mrs. Carol Whetstone, first grade teacher at Ponderosa School.

They will face the biggest slate of proposals submitted to the Representative Council in years, said Cecil W. Posey, OEA executive secretary.

Twenty-five reports and recommendations from committees, sections and departments are on the agenda. The delegates must also elect a new state vice president.

Among the proposals is one asking OEA support of legislation providing for temporary suspension of educators "who may become grossly unfit to teach." Others are for establishment of a commission on human rights and responsibilities, and for means of restricting membership in the OEA.

Dr. W. W. Eshelman, Fort Washington, Pennsylvania, president of the National Education Association, will speak Friday evening.



POLITICAL STUDENTS from two classes invited a panel of politicians to their final session. From left are Councilman Floyd Wynne, Commissioner Frank Ganong, Mrs. Olive Cornett, Mayor Lawrence Slater, and Sen. Harry Boivin.

# GRANGE NEWS

**POMONA GRANGE**  
Klamath County Pomona Grange Home Economics Chairman Zetta Sullivan and Ethel Youngren of Riverside Grange, 17600 County, were guests during a meeting of Midland Grange Home Ec Club March 1 at the home of Mayne Cammock in Klamath Falls.

Fourteen members were present. The meeting opened with a prayer by Chaplain Laura Walker. The membership heard by letter from Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Molschenbacher who are wintering in Anaheim.

Minnie Andrieu reported on electricity rates affecting the club. The membership planned for a public ham dinner to be served at Midland Grange Hall March 19. Members also decided to postpone planning for a card party to be held soon.

They discussed a regional conference due soon at Midland Hall. Midland Grangers were asked to bring more hot dishes for the pot luck dinner.

Mayne Cammock read a letter from Victor Croxton, state lecturer, offering suggestions for the conference, and Minnie Andrieu presented information from the Grange Bulletin giving instructions.

The hostess assisted by Jerriue Ducat and Virginia Benoit served lunch. Next meeting will be in the home of Virginia Benoit April 1 at 1 p.m.

# WOMAN INJURED, HOSPITALIZED

**ALTURAS**—Betty Floyd is a patient in the Memorial Hospital at Redding due to injuries received when the car in which she was riding February 27 left Highway 299E and overturned down an embankment five miles east of the Oak Run Road.

Four other Alturas residents were also injured but were released from the hospital after treatment of injuries.

The highway patrol said the crash occurred as the driver, Dale Webb, 24, lost control of the vehicle.

The car were Kenneth Singletary, 19, Howard Singletary, 23, and John Chapman, 21.

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# CHAMBER COMMENTS

by GEORGE T. CALLISON

**Efforts of the chamber's Industrial Development Committee to attract new industry to the Klamath area were given another boost this week by the Great Northern Railway in its publication, "Great Resources."**

The current issue contains a two-color double spread under the heading, "Business Climate, Industrial Muscle Spark Promise of Vigorous Growth for Klamath Falls, Oregon."

The article, prepared by the chamber staff late last summer, stresses an abundance of water and power and an ample amount of reasonably-priced land, suitable for industrial development. Illustrations include aerial photographs of the city and of the new John-Manville plant, and photographs of potato harvesting, Copco's new Big Bend Dam and Crater Lake. There is also a map of the area, showing potential and existing industrial sites, and the chamber's often-used regional map showing Klamath Falls as the hub of the "golden opportunity semi-circle" for manufacturing and distribution — being almost equidistant from Los Angeles, Salt Lake City and Seattle.

The Great Northern Railway distributes "Great Resources" to industrial prospects all along its route from the Pacific Northwest to Chicago, as well as to other interested firms and individuals around the nation. Several copies of the article will be provided Gov. Mark Hatfield to take with him on his upcoming industrial tour of the Middle West and Eastern Seaboard.

No one expects to hear the sound of saws and hammers on new industrial construction in the Klamath area tomorrow, but the article can not help but serve as a most important adjunct to the other efforts being put forth to tell the industrial potential side of the Klamath story.

Fifty-four "graduates" of the chamber's Action Course in Practical Politics were presented with certificates, or "diplomas" at this week's final sessions of the four study groups. Names of the graduates were handsomely and painstakingly inscribed on the certificates by Gust Lampropoulos, general proprietor of the Olympia Grocery. Gust, who has been a member of the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce for 32 years, takes understandable pride in his handwriting skill.

The 54 business and professional men and women who completed the nine-week course (out of 62 who originally signed up for it) are understandably proud of their accomplishment. The chamber special commendation to the four discussion leaders who contributed so much to the success of the program — Ross Ragland, Bob Kent, Fred Ehlers and Paul Cruikshank.

Following the business session, the evening's program was presented with the fourth grade children appearing in a singing skit entitled, "The Flower Garden," with the little girls garbed in flower costumes, made by their mothers, and the little boys were attired in costumes to resemble weeds, which were made by Mrs. Myrtle Widner and Mrs. Doris Owens. Mrs. Ellen Ready, fourth grade teacher, directed the singing portion of the skit.

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Also in commemoration of Founders Day, Mrs. Myrtle Widner baked and decorated a cake, and members gave a silver offering.

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Third grade room mothers served refreshments.

# PTA NEWS

**FOUNDERS DAY**  
**MONTAGUE**—A Founders Day theme dominated the program presented at the meeting of the Montague Parent Teachers Association held Thursday evening, February 25, with Lester Owens, president, presiding.

Colors were presented by Tommy Acord, Johnny Dutra, Lloyd Flower, and E. W. Paul, all of the third grade, and all four members of Montague Cub Scout Pack No. 51. The boys led the assemblage in the salute to the flag, followed with the singing of "God Bless America," which was led by Mrs. Irene Paul. The inspirational message was given by Mrs. Vestina Deter.

Lester Newton, principal of Montague Elementary School, reported his findings on establishing a polio clinic at the school. He explained that inoculations against polio, diphtheria, and small pox were available for parents and children at the outpatient clinic in the Siskiyou County General Hospital daily, Monday through Friday, between 10 a.m. and noon, free of charge. Newton added that the doctors felt since these inoculations were already given free of charge at the hospital in Yreka, which is only six miles from Montague, they could not see the feasibility of establishing a clinic at Montague.

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