



### AIRCRAFT SCANDAL IS AGAIN REVIVED

One Type Of Machine, Backbone of Program, Not Successful.

Washington, July 30.—Success of the aircraft program was again called into question when it was made known that the "de Havilland four," backbone of the whole program, is not yet wholly

### SCHOOL CHILDREN IN MARION COUNTY DECREASE IN NUMBER

Interesting Figures Gleaned From Superintendent Smith's Report

For the year ending June 17, 1918, there are 132 less school children in the county than for the previous year, ending June 17, 1917, according to the annual report of W. M. Smith, county superintendent. This is based on a census of all children between the ages of four and twenty years.

Just at present, there are 6,545 males of this census age and 4,415 females, in the county. The female teacher is doing a little better now but during the past her salary has gained on an average only \$2.46, indicating pretty well that this part of

successful. General Pershing, it became known, in a cable to the war department recently recommended that further shipments of the de Havilland plane be halted until a number of defects were corrected.

Some of these have been corrected and the shipment of planes has been going forward. Members of the senate aircraft investigating committee are thoroughly investigating construction of the de Havilland and a large part of the forthcoming report probably will be devoted to it.

With present information it is the intention of the committee simply to point out defects of the de Havilland and not to brand it as a total failure.

Further investigation, however, may cause a change in the committee's plans. The de Havilland plane—a fighting machine—carries a liberty motor. Following the failure of the aircraft production board to adapt the Bristol to the liberty motor, the de Havilland became the foremost United States machine. Seven hundred and sixty three of them have been produced and more than 500 sent abroad.

In addition to these, the only planes that have been produced, according to members of the senate aircraft committee, are one Caproni, one Handley-Page and a large number of training planes. The Bristol plane has been definitely abandoned and the S. E-5 is being built to take the place of the Bristol.

the country has a large male population in prospect for the coming school years.

The army is taking a few of the male school teachers in the county. One year ago 73 men were employed teaching, but now only 63 men are in the teaching work. For the year ending June 17, 1917, the women teachers numbered 286. During the past year, the number has been 296 showing that the women are gradually taking up the work of men as educators.

The districts in Marion county number 127, one less than for the preceding year. There are now 156 school houses in the county, an increase of three for the past year, but there has been only 126 in operation. This record shows that while for the year ending June 17, 1918, there were 154 school houses in operation, during the past year 28 were closed and but 126 in active use the past winter and spring.

In the county, 20 districts had their school open for nine months and one district for ten months.

Private schools in the county number eight, a falling off of two during the year. In these eight private schools, 22 male teachers and 36 female teachers were employed and the attendance numbered 632. That is, there are 632 children between four and twenty years in the county who are not receiving their education at the public schools.

While the percentage of attendance ranks with the highest, in the county it has fallen off a little during the past year. For the year ending June 17, 1917, the average attendance was 95 per cent. For the past year the average is 94 per cent. This is thought to be due to the fact that the war has taken many workers from farms and children of school age were called out of school to keep up the work.

The estimated value of school property has increased \$13,411, during the past year. For the year ending June 17, 1917, it was \$694,750 for the entire county and for the year ending June 17, 1918, the estimated value was \$708,161.

From the standpoint of salary, the male teachers has averaged a little higher the past year compared to the year ending June 17, 1917. Now the average for a man teacher in the county is \$88.05, while during the preceding year the average was \$81.37. He has made a gain of an average of \$6.68 a month.

During the year preceding June 17, 1917, she was paid an average of \$90 a month while the past year the average salary for a woman teacher in Marion county has been only \$62.46. This figure does not show the average of the rural teacher as there are many teachers in Salem who receive more than \$100 a month, and this of course brings up the general average.

### MOTOR TRAVEL HEAVY TO COAST RESORT AFTER RAIN STORMS

Good Roads Bring Many Families—Ball Game Series For Sundays

Newport, Or., July 30.—Motorists have been reveling in the firm, well packed roads, which have followed in the wake of the recent light storms, which were prevalent over the mountain during the last week. In a few cases, where chains were not used, some inconvenience was caused by skidding but generally the drive has been made by all without mishap. Weather conditions continue favorable here. Slight mists appear in the early mornings but by noon all moisture has disappeared and the bright, cloudless afternoons are passed on the beach, in bathing, hiking or more phlegmatic diversions. The tides have been so low at certain hours this week that motorists have been able to drive their cars to Agate beach on the hard sand. It is possible to make record speeding along the shore without experiencing the usual discomfort of fast driving along the imperfect roads.

Not to be outdone in originality of sports for the delectation of the spruce soldiers, Professor Robert Krohn, physical director of the camps around Newport, staged a regular prize fight at the Soldiers and Sailors club Saturday night. Besides the series of rounds fought by outside talent, several bouts were engaged in by some of the local boys, which because of their amateurishness created no inconsiderable sport. Professor Krohn is getting the reputation work so well organized in the camps, that one seldom visits the barracks at leisure times when games of some kind are not being indulged in.

At the South Beach camp, where about 400 men are under the command of Lieutenant Hoskins, volleyball has become one of the most popular games and there is plenty of good natured rivalry between the opposing sides. A series of ball games have been arranged between the various camps and each Sunday finds the grand stand at the city ball park crowded to the limit.

Several hiking parties have arrived in Newport during the week, having made the trip over the mountain on foot. A Salem party, consisting of the Misses Bessie Wilson, Ina Proctor, Vida Proctor, and E. McClelland, arrived this week end, having made the trip in a little less than three days. As in all well regulated hikes, the usual ludicrous happenings took place, although but one of these slipped past the censor.

One evening at dusk, when it was necessary to find a lodging place for the night, the only available covering proved to be an abandoned barber shop. Not to be daunted by any misgivings of the location, beds were made down and a dreamless sleep was indulged in by the party. These young women are occupying a cottage at Agate beach for the week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Barnes and daughter, Miss Ruth, of Salem, are located at the Ballerica cottage. Mr. Barnes will motor home this week, leaving his family to pass the summer here.

Mrs. F. Powers and daughter, Florence of Salem, are among the latest cottagers to arrive at Nye Beach. The Louis and Michael Bohmann, of Canby, are listed among the latest arrivals at the Saunders.

Mrs. John Ferguson, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Ferguson, of Salem, returned to Newport the last of the week.

Mrs. Edna White and daughter, Velma, and Mrs. White's sister, Mrs. Marion Putnam and daughter, Helen, of Salem, arrived at Newport recently to pass the month of August at this resort.

Mr. and Mrs. William Duncan and son, of Silverton, are enjoying their vacation encamped at Tent City.

Mrs. J. A. Bullison and daughter, Miss Ruth, of Salem, are listed among the latest Cherry City arrivals.

Mrs. Carl G. Doney, Mrs. G. E. Eason of Salem and Mrs. Martha Evans of Colerabus, Ohio, are at the Damon this week. Mrs. Evans suffered an unpleasant but not serious fall Sunday, when she stepped off an elevated sidewalk at Nye beach. Dr. Major Whiting was called and it was found that no bones were broken and but a slight straining of the ligaments.

J. P. Allison of Salem, recently registered at the Copeland house.

Mr. Henry Miller, of Woodburn, who has been visiting in Newport for some time, motored home Sunday.

Mrs. M. C. Syren and daughters, of Dallas, are encamped at Tent City for a ten days' outing.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Dillards and family of Falls City are among the recent arrivals at Whittens.

Miss Kathryn Grady, of Salem, is at the Bullison cottage at Cherry City this week.

Mrs. A. L. Johnson and attractive family, have opened their Nye beach

cottage for the balance of the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Houck, of McMinnville, are domiciled at Sea Crest for a two months' stay.

Roy C. Ferguson of Salem, arrived during the week and is located at Sunnyside Lodge.

Mrs. Ray Weston and family, of Falls City and Mrs. Weston's sister, Mrs. Emily Wege, of Topeka, Kansas, are among the latest cottagers to arrive at Nye Beach.

Mrs. Roy H. Rice and sons, of Salem, are domiciled at the Sunset cottage for a fortnight.

At the Old Playground a cottage has been opened this week by Mrs. L. M. Thompson and daughter, Dorothy and W. H. McAlvin, of Salem, who will remain here two weeks.

Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Guise, of Woodburn, are encamped at Nye beach, for the balance of the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Roma Hunter and daughter, Maye, of Salem, who have been at Red Fern for a ten days outing, departed for home the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Perry and son, of Salem, are among the many Marion county cottagers at Nye beach.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Horn, of Falls City are enjoying a brief sojourn at the New Cliff House at Nye beach.

Mrs. Myrtle Lawrence, Miss Jessie Holcomb, Dr. Willis Moore, and Allen Hall, of Salem, recently motored into the Siletz for a fishing trip.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Chamberlain, of Falls City, are passing a week at Nye beach as guests of the New Cliff House.

Professor and Mrs. T. S. Roberts nee Ethel Harding, of Salem, who recently passed a portion of their honeymoon at Newport, returned home the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Simmons of Salem are numbered among the latest hotel arrivals of the week.

Miss Irene Eddy and sister, Margaret, of Independence, who have been visiting in Newport, returned home recently.

Bessie Foster of Monmouth is enjoying a vacation at Nye beach as a guest of the Siletz.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Henkle of Independence are domiciled at Nye beach for a ten days outing.

Mrs. Roy O. Vincent and family, and Mrs. Vincent's mother, Mrs. A. P. Vincent, of Amity are sojourning at Sea Crest for an indefinite stay.

Mrs. U. G. Heffley of Monmouth and Miss Marian Hendrick of McMinnville are at Sea Crest for the summer.

The Misses Sadie Richards and Altha Bitney of Woodburn, who have been at Tent city for ten days, motored home the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Williams and family, and Miss Marie Height of Silverton are among the latest campers to arrive at Tent city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hibbs of Independence are occupying the Hibbs cottage at Nye beach for the balance of the season.

Mrs. Edna White and daughter, of Salem, are encamped at Nye beach for an indefinite stay.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Mellinger of Salem are among the latest guests to arrive at the McAllister.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morrison and two daughters of Dallas are encamped at Tent city for a week's outing.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Brown and family of Falls City are encamped at Whittens for a week's stay.

Among the latest arrivals at Newport was R. D. Cooper of Salem.

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