

Mrs. Richards Retires from Library Board After 40 Years

At the library board meeting last Tuesday evening, March 8, Mrs. O. E. Richards announced her resignation after forty years of service on the board and in the book committee.

Mrs. Richards was appointed to the board by village president C. A. Hanan in 1926. Also serving on the board at that time were Mrs. Art Paulson (still serving), Mrs. Charles Wackman, Mrs. A. M. Anderson, W. L. Ames, the school principal serving then, and Mrs. Clara McDermott, librarian.

At that time the library was located in the Netherwood building where the Wenonah Beauty Shop is now located. It was moved to its present site in the village hall at the time of the Oregon Centennial in 1941.

It is interesting to note that Mrs. Charles Wackman served on the book committee of the library board from 1918 to 1941, and that Mrs. Paulson is still the faithful secretary of the board.

Going back to the early days in the Netherwood building, out of a possible \$500 per year allowance by the village board, after expenses were paid, comparatively little was left for books. Magazines were not on the list. First of all there was at least \$100-125 for annual rent, heat and light. Heat was provided by a wood stove and a boy was hired to provide the wood and start the fire when needed. Then there was the librarian's salary, about \$10-15 per month, and the necessary equipment for processing books for the shelves, all of which left comparatively little for new books. Children's books were practically non-existent. In fact, children weren't expected to come to the library. If you could take a peek into the present library during afternoon and early evening hours you would un-

derstand why the greater part of the book money today goes for children's books. Hence, the new county library system beginning March 21st, which will make even more books available to the reading public, is anxiously awaited.

According to Mrs. Richards, real credit in the building of the present library to its 5000 books on the shelves, its reference encyclopedias, and magazines ranging from U. S. News and World Report to Jack and Jill, goes to the efficient librarians we have been fortunate to have—Oregon can well be proud of its library.

Paoli Memoirs

40 YEARS AGO

John L. Eith has purchased a new Dodge sedan.

Mary Ann O'Riley has the distinction of being the oldest person in Montrose. She was born there February 22, 1850. She has made her home in Paoli for the past twenty years with her sister, Mrs. Bernard.

Several from here attended the funeral of Charles Faivre, Sr., at Belleville Saturday. He was laid to rest in the French cemetery. Six of his nephews were bearers; Charles, Alphons and George

Genin, Fred and Louis Fleury and Charles Little. Rev. Father Nellen of Verona conducted the services. The baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will O'Connor, Julia Teresa, has the honor of being the first baby baptized in the new Catholic Church.

There will be no services in the basement of the church Sunday, March 14, as the pews are being varnished and will not be ready for use. Mass will be in Verona at 9:30.

25 YEARS AGO

Eddy Zimmerman and Cap Hefty have been called to serve on the jury of the Dane County Circuit Court.

Paoli students at Verona who attended the basketball tournament at Cambridge last Thursday night were Jack Stack, Howard Strassman, Donny Wittwer, Elton Eickelkraut, Dick Fetherston, Pearl

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Blum, Ruth Wittwer and Betty Connelly.

Emil Legler has purchased the Carl Borchert place.

Miss Jennie Stack and Mrs. Marguerite Munday of Wheaton, Illinois, were Sunday guests of Miss Louisa Sarbacher.

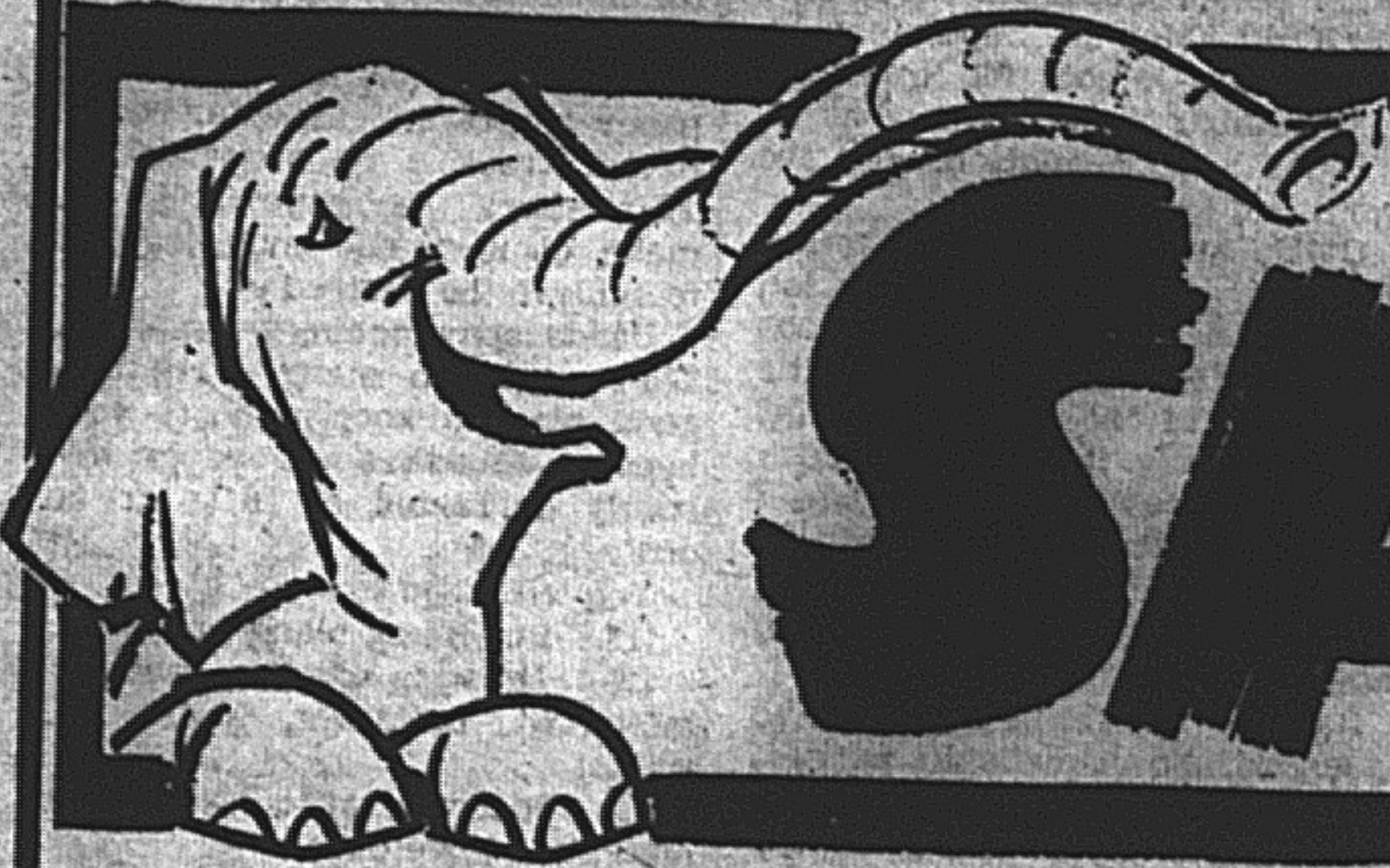
The Schaller-Hoesley Lumber Co. of Belleville has purchased the Gafke Lumber Company of Basco.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ellefs recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary which was held in the recreation rooms of the Catholic Church at Paoli.

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Memories of Neaths' Fifty Golden Years

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The path of life together has not been a bed of roses. You encountered many a thorn along the way, this you had to expect. Then came your first child, which bound you closer with love and happiness. You had something more to love and live for, and as time went by and the family increased, so did your responsibilities! And now they have families of their own, and you, in your retirement, are enjoying your children and grandchildren.

As you look back over the years and gathered the harvest of your labor, so now you are reaping the "Golden" harvest of your "Fifty Golden" years together.

Unanswered
By DAVE MANDT



Servicing stalled automobiles is one of our specialties at Mandt's Texaco, and we always tell the customer the reason for the breakdown. So, when we told a lady that she was out of gasoline, she asked:

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