

## Students Attend District, State

March 24 was the date of the annual Southern Oregon District Speech Meet, held for the purpose of determining the participants in the state contest. Two Ashland High School students, Karen Schopf, and Judy Eberhart were successful in qualifying for state competition, by placing either first or second in their respective events.

Results of the district tournament are as follows: Judy Eberhart, first place humorous reading, first place, poetry reading; Karen Schopf, first place extemporaneous speaking, second place impromptu; Trudee Lewis, third place humorous reading; and Peggy Parsons, third place oratory.

Other finalists were Carol Bjork, Joan Drager, Jane Hennick, Charles Hillestad, Yvonne Nicolson, Craig Pennington, and Scott Roberts.

### State Meet Attended

Karen Schopf placed second in the state at the Oregon High School Speech League Tournament held two weeks later, April 13 and 14 at Eugene, Oregon. Judy Eberhart was a finalist in poetry reading; this placing her in the top six in the state.

The state contest concluded debate and speech competition for the remainder of the school year.

## Stardust Chosen For Spring Play

"Stardust", a comedy in three acts, has been chosen as the all-school spring play, according to Mrs. Lucy Susee. The plot of the deals with the happenings at a university drama school attended by many budding young artists.

The school, under the direction of Mr. Bach, played by Dave Squire, is expecting a visit from a young Broadway actress, Prudence Mason, played by Karen Schopf.

Mr. Bach has tried to impress upon his students that art and love do not go together. Complications arise when the students find that Prudence is engaged.

The students at the university are Janet Ross, played by Judy Benson; Phil Ford, played by Scott Roberts; John Bedman, played by Craig Pennington; Cynthia Kerr, played by Trudee Lewis; Raimud Brown, played by Lee Marks; Mavis Moriarty, played by Jane Hennick; Miss Freeman, played by Frances Holmes; Miss Robinson, played by Shady Foster; Miss Jones, played by Suzanne Harmon; and Tad Vorhis, played by Jim Crawford.

### Other Members of the Cast

Carol Bjork plays the Dean of Women at the University. Judy Eberhart plays Claire Carter, Charles Hillestad plays the part of Jerry Flanagan, and Keith Brostad will play the part of Arthur Scott, Jr.

## Student Relates History of Africa

When the Whites came to South Africa more than 300 years ago, the Blacks had just begun to infiltrate into the northern section of what is now South Africa, from Central Africa. These black tribes moved into South Africa in two main directions. The Nguni tribes entered along the east coast and the Sotha tribes moved down the central plain.

The Whites at that time penetrated north and east and on the banks of the Great Fish River, met the first of the Black warriors. After many clashes, negotiations and treaties, the Blacks and Whites settled down, learning to live peacefully together. Gradually many Blacks settled as labourers in the areas the Whites had cultivated and civilised. Today 42 per cent of the Blacks still live in their traditional tribal areas, however, while 37 per cent live in White rural areas and the remaining 21 per cent have settled in urban areas.

In the cities of South Africa one will see the detribalized natives, mostly converted to Western dress. In this article, however, I will speak of the Africans in the Besseren, the tribalized Africans, living in blankets and beadwork, tending their cattle and hoeing the soil, consulting their witchdoctors, smiling the broad, Ivory smile

that is the characteristic of the unspoiled Black people of the countryside—people in the sun.

The hand of the White Government runs through all the Reserves, and the law of the land is administered through Native Commissioners. But tribal authority is vested in the Chiefs, hereditary rulers of their clans. Although the chiefs have been slorn of much of the power they once possessed, they still command deep respect; when they die their burial places become places of taboo.

The Chief may delegate a little of his authority to his relatives and the elders of the tribe who are his indunas (headmen), or to the tribal witchdoctor. The witchdoctor is a medicine-man, a herbalist, a foreteller of the future or a reader of good or bad omens by throwing 'bones' or Native dice. One thing he does not do is practice witchcraft.

The Bantu are agricultural and pastoral ('Bantu' is the name we give to all the black African people). The women do most of the heavy work such as working in the fields and caring for the 'kxaal' or family home. The boys herd the cattle, and the men cultivate their conversation, sometimes helping bring in the harvest.

There are hundreds of different  
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Chuck Calhoun, Craig Pennington, and Mike Cotton, presidential candidates, watch the clock as the time nears for election.

## Karen Hinrichs Wins First Place

First place winner of the National Ladies Auxiliary Contest was Karen Hinrichs. Second place winner was Janet Covington; third, David Lohman; fourth, Peggy Parsons. Students receiving honorable mentions were Vern Alley, Suzanne Harmon, Dale Louinger, and Ken Stevenson.

Recently, the twenty-seventh annual National High School Writing contest, sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars was held at Ashland High School.

The topic for the essay was "America the Beautiful—How Long Without Clean Water?" The competitors had to contain less than 1000 words.

Karen will receive her reward later.

## SSS-DAY POINTS GIVEN FOR LITERARY REVIEW

SSS-day points will be given to each class for every 5% of the Literary Reviews it either buys or sells. This was announced by the acting chairman of the SSS-day Points Committee, Carol Bjork.

Class officers will be in charge of the drive. Dan Lewis will be in charge of the seniors; Craig Pennington, juniors; and Rolland Stiefervant, sophomores.

The Literary Review is an all-school project sponsored by the

## Honor Society Invited to Dance

All members of the Ashland High School National Honor Society were invited to a dance at the Ashland Junior High School held April 12, 1962.

Mr. Miller, adviser for the Junior High Honor Society, and the members of the society put the dance on to honor the members of the High School's Honor Society.

## Elections Slated For Next Friday

On April 27, the students of Ashland High School will cast their ballots to decide the student body officers for next year, 1962-63. Elections will be preceded by an annual campaign assembly Thursday, April 26.

Officers open for election will be student body president, first vice-president, second vice president, secretary, yell queen, and cheer leaders. Voting for these positions will be sophomore and junior students who can qualify for a student body office.

### Student Council Nominees

In accordance with custom, the student council nominated candidates who they feel will be most capable for offices. This year's nominees include: Craig Pennington, president; Charles Hillestad, first vice-president; Carol Bjork, secretary; and Scott Roberts, second vice-president.

Results of the election will be announced Friday night at a dance sponsored by the journalism class.

## TWIRP Season Here Again

"What's this? Girls were asking the boys out?"

"Perfectly all right, for who could think of a better time; but Twirp Season."

Yes sir, the girls had their chance to get that favorite guy and really show him a time.

Starting this season, the students had a blackout day, held Wednesday, April 4, 1962. On that day the pupils wore as much black as possible.

Next in order was Slave Day, in which students took part on Thursday, April 5, and Friday, April 6. The object of this was for the boys to purchase tickets, and give them to any girl they wished. The girl, in turn, was requested to do anything, within reason, the boy commanded.

To end the season a dance was held Friday night at the Jr. High cafeteria.