

Hays Leads Department To Many Achievements

Mr. Hays does it again! He seldom fails to make the spotlight in one form or another, but on this occasion he is to be congratulated for his outstanding achievements in the field of dramatics at West Linn high school.

West Linn's dramatics department has always been equal to that of any other school in this district, but since Mr. Hays assumed leadership of the department three years ago, it has excelled not only the schools in this district, but many in the state as well.

Mr. Hays received his widespread knowledge of dramatics and speech by extensive travels throughout this country and abroad, while participating in and also directing many theatrical productions. He acquired his B. A. degree at the University of Washington and later attended State University of Iowa on a scholarship. Being presented with a certificate from the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts in London and lecturing at Oxford and Cambridge Universities in England were more of his accomplishments. Mr. Hays has also appeared in several moving pictures, the last being "Kiss of Death" and "Portrait of Jennie" while in New York.

Mr. Hays' dramatics department has not only attracted local and state-wide attention, but has also received national recognition, as there is a National Dramatics Honorary, the Thespians, at West Linn. Mr. Hays and his department were recently featured in a national forensic magazine, "The Rostrum."

In developing this department, Mr. Hays has tried to make it a part of both school and community. He has done this with story hours at the local libraries, radio programs over KGON, and programs for community clubs. Integration with the entire school program is the primary aim of the department.

Some successful programs this year have been the Fall Frolic, a popular favorite each year which is the source of revenue for dramatics, and "You Can't Take It With You." A new addition to the department this year is the touring puppet troupe which performs at the different high schools in Clackamas county. Honorary membership to the West Linn division of the National Thespian Troupe was presented to the world-famous Beatrice Lillie.

A larger and more adequately equipped dramatics room along with more improvements to the auditorium for presenting plays, which Mr. Hays hopes to secure in the near future, should send the department soaring to even higher honors.

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University Plans Summer Session

The University of Oregon's annual music summer session for high school students will open here June 19 under the direction of John Stenn, associate professor in the music school and director of the University band.

An intensified four-weeks session has been planned that will include instruction in individual applied music as well as group work in orchestra, stringed orchestra, chorus, and band. Outstanding members of the university music school will staff the session.

High school students attending will be housed and fed in University dormitories. All campus recreational facilities will be open to them. A full program of evening concerts, recitals and social hours has been planned for them.

Visitors Anticipated

One hundred Oregon high school students will attend the session on tuition-scholarships given by the university. Information and application blanks may be obtained from Mr. Stenn, School of Music, University of Oregon, Eugene.

A choice of events is planned for Saturday evening. Visitors may see the all-student production of "Martha" or attend a special ASUO dance.

Special services will be held Sunday at 11 o'clock in all churches in Eugene. The final formal event of the weekend will be exchange dinners at 1 p. m. These will enable high school visitors to meet with students in living organizations other than the ones in which they are housed.

Invitations were mailed this week to students in all high schools of the state.

Absolutely no annuals will be sold after April 14. The student body office will be open to take subscription orders on Tuesdays and Fridays only. The subscription price is \$2.50.

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GRADUATES CHOOSE VARIOUS VOCATIONS

Since we have had our student body elections for next year, we have been requested by various students to make a survey of some of the former student body officers who have come and gone since the time when the present seniors were freshmen. After some rumaging around was done, the "Amp" came up with these facts.

Year 1946 and '47

Harlen Jacobson is engaged and now working for the Gilbert Brothers furniture company.

Jack Taylor is married and has two small children. He and his family are settled down in Roseburg, Oregon.

Susie Emmons now is married to Rod Downy of Oregon State. Susie has chosen married life in preference to college and says that it is much more interesting.

Lucile Kestic has finished normal school and is now teaching the fourth grade in a Salem elementary school.

Year 1947 and '48

George Matile now is attending Willamette University. George is still very athletic and is a member of the basketball squad. He is now looking forward to baseball season.

Bob Warner is attending Vanport school and played varsity football this year.

Merle Montgomery is a receptionist in Oregon City for Dr. Steele and Dr. Dierickx.

Beverly Calder is engaged to be married sometime this summer to Jack Bench of Los Angeles, California. Beverly is attending Utah State College.

Year 1948 and '49

Dick Schleiss is studying farming and agriculture under the guidance of his father on their large farm.

Kenny Goold is attending Lewis and Clark and hopes to be a coach after he is graduated.

Anna Fay Reese plans to become a teacher and is enrolled at Monmouth College of Education.

Eleanor Simpson is engaged to Jerry Town. Eleanor hopes to attend a business college in the near future.

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Short Vacation Sighted For School's Secretary

By Coach Brown

Goodness! What's the crowd here for, must be another show or a game. Let's push our way in and see. Curiously you push your way through the crowd to find the source of it and there stands Gwen Montgomery. How did she get there? Many other questions run through your mind.

German, French Once W. L. Course

Hey! They had lots of activities then, too. Yes! Did you know that, in 1938, West Linn offered courses in German, French and Latin with each of these classes maintaining its own club. Some of the group activities of these clubs were trips to the mountains and beaches and the sponsoring of several dances.

Also, in 1938 the F.F.A. went to Canby to judge corn—though they had nothing over the boys of 1949 and '50—and to take part in other county activities. Out of twelve boys who went to the fair that year, seven returned with ribbons. The seven males captured a second place in corn judging, a third in rope work, a second in potato grading, a second and fourth in sack sewing, a third place in the harmonica contest, and a fourth in oats judging.

In 1938 the wrestling team became the winners of the Willamette Valley Interscholastic Tournament. Winners for West Linn were Ekerson, Metcalf, Tripp, Whitney and Lewis.

Another favorite sport at that time was golf. The school's golfing program included both girls' and boys' foursomes which were entered in inter-school competition.

Gwen was graduated from Hillsboro grade school and then went four very successful years to West Linn high school. In 1945 Gwen graduated with high honors. She was also May Queen that year.

Just after graduation Gwen worked for the Oregon City Credit Bureau. In 1947 our competent young secretary came to work in the West Linn high school principal's office. Also in this year the attractive brunette was the Queen of Oregon City's Rose Festival.

The students have three months of vacation, but Gwen only gets two weeks. During the rest of the three months she records grades, get ready for next year and figures out the next year's schedule, classes and calendar.

In the various brief vacations she has had, Gwen has traveled to Canada, Northern California, and Southern Oregon. The former queen visits the Oregon beaches every chance she has. Gwen likes to bowl, swim and, in the past few years, she has played at Top O'Scott.

While working in the principal's office, Gwen bought a 1949 Chevrolet which she shares with her mother, father, and her sister.

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