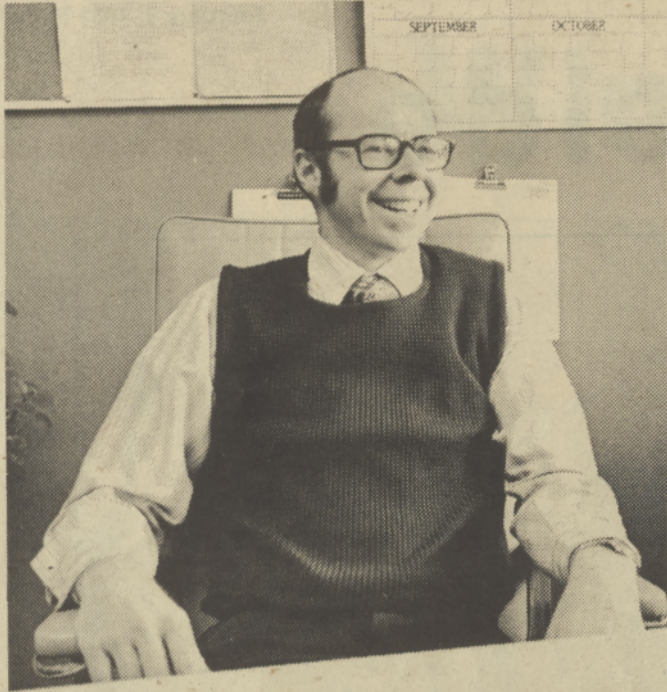


# Riley accepts position Dobry becomes principal



**Phil Riley**

The former principal of Madras Junior High school, Phil Riley, has accepted a position as assistant administrator to 509-J school district superintendent Darrell Wright. Riley served as principal of the Madras school for six years prior to his appointment to the superintendent's staff.

Riley graduated in 1968 from

St. Olaf's College in Northfield, Minnesota, the last town Jesse James robbed as was pointed out by Riley. He received a degree in Social Studies and History. For the following two years he taught at a large junior high school in Great Falls, Montana, his home town.

In 1971 Riley obtained his master's degree in education at the University of Montana in

Missoula and then did post graduate work. During the 72-73 school year he served as vice-principal at Burns High School in Oregon and then returned to Missoula. 1975 saw the opening of a principal position at Madras Junior High School for which Riley applied and was approved.

With the death of Assistant Superintendent Ernie Webber, work at the superintendent's office became backed up. Riley is attempting to alleviate some of the "busy work", as he calls it, so Wright can pursue the goals of the district.

Current work for Riley includes next year's budget. Riley says "Darrell (Wright) has to present the budget on February 3 to the budget committee." Riley also is involved with budgeting current expenditures, and transportation and maintenance problems of the 509-J school district. Being on the job only since January 5 Riley says, "there's a lot of learning going-on my part."

When not on the job Riley spends his spare time with his four year old child and with his new boy born in August. He also likes to jog when he gets the chance and tries to be an avid reader. He says he enjoys basketball and "gets to display his minimal talents" during the Kiwanis-Lions club game.

Former vice-principal, Jan Dobry, has become the new principal at Madras Junior High School. Beginning January 5 Dobry assumed the duties of Phil Riley who moved to a position on the superintendent's staff.

Dobry has been actively involved in education for the past ten years sometimes as a teacher, and sometimes as administrator. After graduating from Portland State University Dobry taught junior high math for eight and one-half years in Milwaukie, Oregon. During that time she served as summer school vice-principal for three years and summer school principal for one year. She was also principal when necessary in elementary schools throughout her district. One and a half years ago she began work at Madras Jr. High school vice-principal.

Administering a school of 392 students is work cut out for only a few. Dobry likes administration. She says, "I've always liked to organize. I

think it is my greatest strength. I can accomplish things."

Asked whether she considered herself a conservative or a liberal administrator Dobry answered yes for both. She says, "I think grades are important. Our grading system is too soft. I would like to tighten the curriculum."

Dobry goes on to say, "Some things don't bother me much but there are rules to follow. One thing that does bother me is bad mouthing a teacher. I don't have time for bad manners."

As far as changes while she is principal Dobry says there will be some, but "it is not wise to change in the middle of the school year."

Besides being principal Dobry's outside activities include: director of the Lutheran church choir; chairman of the Jefferson County blood drive; campaign work for Bill Bellamy and Denny Smith; and, President of the American Association of University Women, Madras chapter.



**Jan Dobry**

## Cordill appointed vice-principal

After being in the classroom for ten years Bill Cordill will step from a teaching position to one of administration after having been appointed assistant principal at Madras Junior High School during a recent school board meeting. Cordill will leave his sixth-grade class at Buff elementary on February 9 to assume the position.

Cordill was one of 13 applicants for the vice-principal position which became vacant after principal Phil Riley moved into the position occupied by the late Ernie Webber. Assistant principal Jan Dobry was appointed principal at the Junior High school leaving the vacancy.

Working the past three summers at Portland State University to obtain an administration certificate Cordill was awarded for his efforts. He feels knowledgeable in the area of teaching enough to be a competent administrator, he says.

All of Cordill's teaching experience has been in Jefferson county. He taught fourth grade for two years, one year he taught one-half day at the High school and one-half at the Jr. High school. For three years Cordill taught special education and for two years he taught fifth grade. He is now in his second year of teaching sixth grade.

The jump from dealing with sixth grade students to dealing with Junior high students is not a great one but there will be some adjustments to make, Cordill admits. The elementary school is still a self-contained classroom environment. In the Jr. High the students are allowed much more freedom, their responsibilities increases. Besides teaching Cordill



**Bill Cordill**

enjoys coaching sports. He has been coaching intramural seventh and eighth grade boys basketball. Cordill feels sports are very important. "Sports may keep some children in school. There are certain students who stay in school because of that. When they finally mature they can see the importance of school. You can't put a value in numbers on athletics."

Other athletic activities engaged in by Cordill besides coaching are running a little league program and refereeing

basketball games. He says, "I will have to stop some of this now," but his enthusiasm for sports will not wane.

As far as innovative programs at the Jr. High school Cordill is hesitant to encourage change during the school year. He has some ideas which he would like considered for the following school year, or a future time including open enrollment for the district, a plan for a gifted children program and an in-school suspension rather than suspension as it now exists.

## Madras Jr. High Events

The second semester begins January 26, 1981. Students will get their new schedules in Guide Room that morning. Students and parents having a question about the new schedule should make an appointment to see a counselor.

### Report Cards

Report cards for the second quarter will be distributed to students January 29 or 30. Parents should contact the school if they have not seen a report card by Friday afternoon, January 30

### Visitation Day

You are cordially invited to spend the day at school Thursday, January 29. This will give you the opportunity to meet your child's second semester teachers. This is not a day to discuss individual student progress. Please, however, feel free to schedule

such a conference with the teacher.

### Lamanite Generation

The mixed cultural performing group, The Lamanite Generation, from Brigham Young University will put on an assembly at MJHS Thursday, February 19. This assembly is provided for the Title IV Enrichment funds.

### Parent Meeting

The parent meeting February 17, 1981, at 7:00 p.m. in our cafeteria is designed especially for parents of 8th grade students. Ron Phillips, High school counselor, will be present to talk about high school scheduling. Students will be asked to schedule for high school in March.

### Community Liaison

A temporary replacement for Mrs. Marie Calica, MJHS Community Liaison who has taken leave of absence will be hired in the near future.