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Concert Band Preps For Show

In spite of a few squeaks and sour notes, the band has settled down to learning a number of concert pieces to be given at performances later on in the year. The latest music given out includes "The Vogue," "Mountain Majesty," "Ponce de Leon," and "Triumph of Istar," which are overtures; "Shenanigan," a snappy boogie-woogie, and "Broadcast from Brazil," a South American samba with a catchy rhythm.

Recently several band members received first chair awards. This is an award presented by Johnny's Music store to the best student playing first in each section. Awards were received by Sherril Hatcher, coronet; Joan Peart, flute; Sandra McCurdy, alto saxophone; Kay Hudson, clarinet; Sharon Griggs, drums; Donna Mast, baritone saxophone; Colleen Chowning, French horn; Bob Pingleton, baritone; Butch Miller, bass, and Stan Steward, trombone.

Speech Class Picks Interesting Topics

Public drainage system, silkworms, visual aids, the city jail, and numerous other topics were the subjects of the feature stories given by the members of the speech class at Coquille high school recently.

Each student gave a five-minute talk on some local firm, institution, organization, or undertaking. The information for the talks was gathered through interviews or personal contact, and no reading on any subject was allowed. These

oral feature stories were graded on the following three things to be focused by the speaker: high interest level, complete coverage, and personal enthusiasm.

At the present time, the speech students are learning numerous declamations to be given before the semester ends. Some of the selections includes: "Sin," a spiritual lecture in Negro dialect; "Life is Real, Life is Earnest," a dramatic monologue of a neurotic New York society woman; "The Waltz," the thought that run through a young girl's mind while dancing. From the sound of the titles, these should prove to be very funny.

In the future the class is planning to work on orations, each individual writing his own. Mrs. Engen, speech teacher, hopes to enter some of the work in the county speech contest.

"C" Club Busy

The C club has been busy little bees around the Alma Mater these last few weeks. Most of the boys have duties and of course there are the basketball players that are making the C Club proud that they are in the organization.

Some of the boys are parking cars, some are helping to usher, and some are announcing and keeping scores of all the basketball games.

The big initiation of the new members didn't come off due to the Christmas vacation but we'll get them yet.

Hi-Y Club News

The Hi-Y Club of Coquille high school has been busy. They gave a dance the 22nd of December and of all reports it was a real success. They also sell ice cream bars at the games.

They all have their heads together trying to work out something special for their annual Sweetheart Dance, February 10.

Boys' Intramural Club Sponsor Dance

A dance sponsored by the boys' intramural, was held in the high school auditorium Saturday night following the basketball game with North Bend. During an intermission near the middle of the evening, Herbert Armstrong, the principal of North Bend high school, drew a number of the door prize. Dick Gauer was awarded a box of candy.

Girls' Intramural

The girls intramural volleyball league is coming to a close by the playing off of the All Star teams from every class except the senior class.

The Freshman, Sophomores and Juniors picked two teams from each class and the two teams from the classes played each other.

In the game between the two Junior teams, Junior I beat Junior II by a score of 19-10. The volleyball between Sophomores I and Sophomores II was won by Sophomores II by a score of 20-9. The game between Freshman I and Freshman II was won by Fresh I by a score of 17-10.

The Juniors I and Sophomores II played their game January 12, and the Junior team won by a score of 24-9. The Juniors and Freshman will play the championship game January 17, at noontime.

Boys' Intramural

The sophomore intramural basketball squad defeated the juniors January 9, only to find the Squirts a little tougher to handle. The result was an undefeated record thus far for the ever-winning Squirts, who have won 7 and lost 0.

The Seniors have won 4; lost 1.

The Sophomores have won 4; lost 4.

The Freshmen have won 1; lost 5.

The Juniors have won 0; lost 6.

Scoring honors go to Jimmy Newton of the Squirts, who have found the twine for 41 points. Gene Schrag, also a Squirt shares second place with Ronny Haga, a sophomore, having 30 points.

Don Mulkey, a Senior, holds down third slot, with a tally of 28. E. Davis, a Sophomore, and Doyle Greene, a Sophomore, are in a fourth place tie, each having 25 points.

High School Student Opinion

World controversies have been one of the main topics for discussion throughout the halls of Coquille high school. For that reason, and to acquaint the public with the responses of today's high school student to international affairs, we are running a student opinion column on the current problem of whether or not the United States should give aid to the Chinese Nationalists.

The Communists in China have finally succeeded in pushing the Nationalists out to what seems to be their last stronghold, Formosa. Can these Nationalists survive without aid and not be undermined by the ever aggressing Communists? Should the United States keep up her good will policy and help drive back the Communists? These and many more questions were in the minds of several students as they answered as following:

Carrollann Creager—"I believe that if we help the Chinese Nationalists it would just be war, sooner or later, for the United States. The Communists don't want us to help the Nationalists because they want control. The Nationalists will need our aid if they are to survive. Money and supplies have been given to China in the past and it was wasted, so it would be wise, I think, for the United States to withdraw her help and let the future of China follow whatever course it may."

Jim Kay—"I believe that we should give aid to Nationalist China because we have to stop Communism somewhere. It might as well be in Formosa as in the United States."

Myrtle Serfling—"I don't believe that we shouldn't give aid to Nationalist China, but I do believe that we should secure bases for operations on Formosa in case of future war."

Mary Ann Roberts—"I think that our government was right in refusing to give help to the Chinese Nationalists. We gave them air before, and what did they do with it? Let us give our assistance to other Asiatic countries



GARY COOPER, Jane Wyatt and Julie London in a scene from Warner Bros. "Task Force," which opens Sunday for three days at the Roxy theatre.

to check the spread of Communism."

Coleen Chowning—"I think that we should give the Nationalists aid so we may have a stronghold against Communism."

Dian Euell—"America should not help the Nationalists on Formosa any longer because Formosa is so near taken by the Communists now, that to really help the Nationalists, the United States would have to come near war with the rest of Communist China."

Duane Leach—"What with the Russian bear snarling around and raising general havoc in Europe, it seems it would give Uncle Sammy cold chills to have the old fellow sitting in his back yard (China.) Putting it seriously and briefly, it would be a mistake on our part not to offer aid to the Chinese Nationalists. I realize we have national debts and labor controversies, but with the bad blood constantly growing between the Soviet Union and the United States, I don't think that we should play the indifferent and simply turn our backs on the other fellow's dirty work, thus leaving

our Chinese friends at bay because the Red aggressors."

Sherril Hatcher—"The United States should not enter into any of China's problems. When we take sides and help any other nation, it is no wonder that the opposing force should dislike the United States. American aid to Formosa would only encourage the disagreement of the governments of Russia and the United States."

Mavis Newton—"I am all for giving aid to China because I think that as long as we have plenty we should help others. I also feel that if we didn't help needy countries, they might think that we didn't want to help them, or that they shouldn't have peace, if it will cost our help."

Martene Fraser—"In my belief, we should not give aid to Formosa. My reason for this statement is: Once we gave help to China under the same leaders and it did no good, so why give it to them again and have the same things happen. The majority of the people in China must not mind being under the Communistic rule

or they wouldn't be under it. If the majority wants Communism, they will have it no matter what we do to prevent it."

Yvonne Watzling—"The United States should help protect the Nationalists on Formosa from the Communists but I don't believe that we should get between the rest of China and the Communists because if we do, I think it might start a Third World War. I be-

lieve that if we give aid to Formosa, they won't try to capture it, but if we don't the Communists will go on to take more islands in the Pacific."

Marela Mauney—"Aid to Formosa should not be given by the United States, since any help on our part would irritate Russia and increase the possibility of war."



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