



SEEK STATE CHAMPIONSHIP—The drill squadron of the Medford civil air patrol flight will seek the Oregon championship here today in competition with a Portland squadron at the senior high football field. The public is invited. Drill will be preceded by flag raising at 12:45 p.m. Police Sergeant Dick Baize will be bugler and national guardsmen will participate. In the Medford squadron, above, are, from left, front row, Albert Eaton, Larry Findley, Vernon Freeze, Glen Cave, Norman Bursing, Bud Lingren, Ronnie Cook, Jimmy Merritt and Bob Lowery; second row, Kenard Harper, Doug Hudson, Arlen Ragsdale, Doug Thompson, Glen Sutter, Bob Krouse, Bob Brown, Bob Bates and Ed Cowell; third row, Daniel Gunter, Arlen Shepperd, Bill Walton, Bob Hershiser, Dwayne Harris, Marion Chancellor, Jim Wright, Russell Ragsdale, Charles Heultt and Bill Neal; back row, Jerry Kessler, Nick Salmans, Allen Lane, Bob Wright, Jim Burgess, Jerry Van Dyke, Lloyd Lindvall and Chester Garrison.

'Torch Bearers' Said Humorous, Debunks Theater

By Dorothy Pruitt
Deciding it would be fun as well as good training in this sport of sportsmanship to kid themselves, the Footlighters, local dramatic group, have chosen the satirical comedy, "The Torch Bearers" for their current production. No wiser choice could have been made, either from the viewpoint of training or entertainment, for it is undoubtedly one of the funniest plays ever written, and a masterpiece in spoofing its own art form.

In lines that sparkle with wit and satire, author George Kelly has, largely through the character of Mrs. Pampinelli, irreverently lampooned all would-be actors who take themselves too seriously, as well as those individuals who have an "uncontrollable desire to produce plays" and "to tell the players where to go on the stage so they won't be running into each other."

Play Within Play
Although the play is said to be without plot in the strict sense, it contrives cleverly by means of a play within a play to utilize the theme that "ill luck is the heart of broad comedy." The author makes the most of all painful moments when things go wrong on the stage, including such hilarious mishaps as when the mustache falls off, the addled lady prompter takes a curtain call. Thus both the real audience and the players within the play are enabled to have great fun at nobody's expense as each humorous step unfolds during rehearsal, both in stage business and the directions necessary in putting on a play.

A well-chosen cast of twelve includes Hal Newhouse, Jim Sullivan, Bernard Kelly, Keith Hopkins, Ken Bushnell, Aubrey Harris, Charlene Pinke, Laura Porter, Frankie Burton, Milo Hunt, Beverly Hampson, Jeanette Hampson.

Under the dynamic direction of Lenore Zapell, and backed by a capable production manager, Robert MacLachlan, both of whom have had considerable experience, the Footlighters promise to do full justice to the sparkling satire.

The production will be presented May 11 and 12 at the senior high school auditorium.

The Grange

Phoenix Grange will meet May 9 on standard time. Flora will be in charge of a flower display and asks members to bring plants and flower specimens. Mrs. Carr will be at the hall from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. and an hour before Grange.

Dead line on Classified Ads: 5:30 p.m. for following day, 10 a.m. Monday for Monday, noon Saturday for Sunday a.m.

Japan University Drive Near Close

The donation drive for the International Christian university near Tokyo, Japan, is being wound up in schools of the Medford area this week-end, Mrs. Harlan P. Bosworth, co-chairman for the project here announced.

Contributions totalling approximately \$163 have been turned in by Medford junior and senior high schools, Ashland senior high, Central Point and Phoenix high schools and Southern Oregon college. Medford senior high contributed \$100 of the amount.

Talent, Eagle Point and Jacksonville high school contributions were yet unreported.

Mrs. Bosworth said that almost 750 students had contributed and signed a roster indicating good will toward Japan. The university will give training in teaching, social work and other professions.

GOP Candidates To Appear Tuesday

The list of republican aspirants for county and state offices who have accepted invitations to appear Tuesday, May 9, at a candidates meeting was reported yesterday by officials of the Jackson County Young Republican club, sponsor of the meeting.

Members of the club said that all persons interested are welcome to the session at 8 p.m. at the Medford hotel. A special invitation has been extended to the republican central committee and to the Jackson County Republican Women.

The candidates will include E. H. Mann and Robert Root, state representative aspirants; Howard Gault, incumbent, and Ray Marks, seeking nomination for sheriff; Robert Lytle, incumbent, and Lew Graves, county commissioner candidates; and County Engineer Paul B. Rynning and Justice of the Peace W. P. Tucker, seeking reelection. Refreshments will be served.

Medford Marine on Corps Rifle Team

Leroy Stafford, marine private first class who visited his parents in Medford last week, was a member of the marine corps rifle team which competed at Camp Mathews matches recently. It was learned while he was here; on his return to San Diego he will be stationed at Camp Mathews as a rifle coach and instructor.

Stafford recently made a score of 232 points, almost matching the record score on the range, which is 233.

Pfc John Monroe, another marine who recently visited his parents here, has returned to San Diego, and has been assigned to take a 14-week course in personnel administration at Paris island, S. C.

Police Department Said to Compare Well With Others

Chief of Police Clatous McCredie, who conferred in Salem last week with other police officers, yesterday expressed pride concerning the operation of the Medford police department in comparison with others in the state.

He reported that the Medford department is functioning as well as or better than other departments. McCredie said that all are feeling the effects of growing pains and have many common problems.

Plan Modernization
The chief said that modernization of the filing system at the local station is planned. Criminal files of case reports and other data will be enlarged and made more complete.

McCredie reported that eventual need of a secretary at the station is seen because of the growth of the department's work.

Steps were taken to remove differentiation between the sections of the department recently, with decision to place all city police here in the same type dark blue uniform. The transformation will occur as present uniforms of lighter blue wear out and are replaced.

Serious study, McCredie also stated, is being given to traffic and safety problems that are expected to arise with the use by the public of Hawthorne park facilities.

OSC Students Pledged To Social Fraternity

Corvallis, May 6—Alan D. Worrell and Robert J. Doran, both Medford, have been pledged to Phi Kappa Sigma, national social fraternity.

Worrell, a sophomore in lower division liberal arts, is the son of Frank J. Worrell, 214 Girard drive, and Doran, a freshman in lower division, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Myles F. Doran, route 1.

A student from Prospect, Monte K. Middlebush, was recently initiated into Alpha Omicron Pi, national social sorority. She is a freshman in education and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Middlebush.

Lutheran Lay Leader To Visit Here Tuesday

Emil C. Jacobs, president of the National Lutheran Laymen's league, will arrive in Medford Tuesday, May 9, to meet with southern Oregon members.

League projects cover a variety of subjects, such as sponsoring "The Lutheran Hour" since its inception; fostering Christian education at all levels, especially through scholarships at Valparaiso university; producing and distributing feature moving pictures with a positive Christian message; the Lutheran hospital at Vicksburg, Miss.; radio station KFUC—the Gospel station at St. Louis, and others.

The public and members of St. Peters are invited to be present at the church at 8 p. m. to hear Jacobs discuss kingdom work of the league as being presented by him on his 10,000-mile speaking tour of seven western states.

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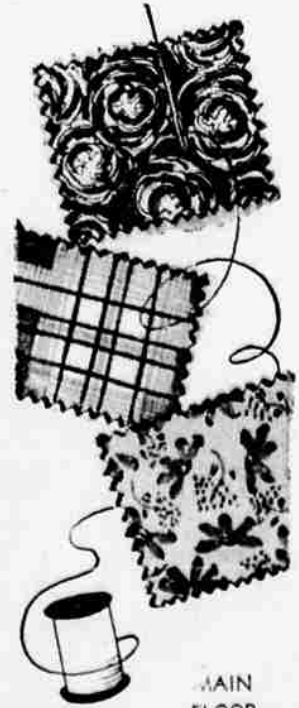
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