

# Varied Summer School Program Ending



**HIT THE DIRT**—The proper baseball sliding technique is demonstrated above by Coach Frank Roelandt and Baseballer Kenny Durkee for members of the summer baseball school being conducted at the Medford high school diamond this summer. The school began July 23rd and is in its fifth week of an eight-week



**ARTS AND CRAFTS**—Shown above is a group of students in the arts and craft classes displaying some of their work during the summer school at the Junior high school which ended yesterday. The classes were open to all students from grades one to 12, while other work included basic subjects in remedial work for students behind or making up subjects be-

cause of illness, and high school courses for graduating seniors. Registration for the entire school was 222 students and they attended classes Monday through Friday from June 16. The program was described as "very intensive" with six weeks' regular work covered each week of the session.

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## Classroom Works, Arts Program and Baseball Taught

### 222 Participate In Special Classes

A varied program of activity for the needs of school children of all ages has been offered this summer by the Medford public school system.

A summer school in the regular basic classroom subjects was held with 222 registered students at the Junior high school from the first to 12th grades. This started June 16 and ended yesterday.

A baseball program, which is entirely separate, began on June 23 at the Medford high school diamond with 145 boys registered, and is just starting its fifth week of play of an eight-week school.

**Intense, Individual Course**  
In the summer school work, "a very intensive program on an individual basis rather than a group one" was conducted, according to Supervisor Glenn L. Linn, "with six weeks of regular school work covered during each week of the session."

With the exception of high school subjects and leisure arts and crafts, the subjects taught were remedial in nature for those failing or behind in their work, including students who were ill and got behind in their work and out-of-state transfer students who lacked certain requirements.

New subjects were also offered for Medford high school seniors needing adjustments for graduation, and eight from St. Mary's and one tuition student. The leisure arts and crafts shop was open to any student in the Medford system, as well as any student attending the summer school for remedial or other work.

### Held Each Day

The classes were held from 8:30 to 12 noon every day, Monday through Friday, with an aptitude test given at the beginning of all remedial work, followed at the end of the session with a term exam. A student passing this exam will go into a regular group next fall with full credit. Linn pointed out that the intensive work of the session was shown by the test comparison of one student who gained 5 month's ability in the short session according to the Gates Reading test.

The main benefit of the remedial work, according to the supervisor, was the "social and educational adjustment of the child by showing the student that he can achieve success and remain in his own age group." It also saves a lot of valuable

time during the regular school year by eliminating special work and class scheduling, he added.

### Teachers Named

The primary work was taught by Mrs. Ruth Gilbertson, first grade; Mrs. Georgia Davis, second grade; and Mrs. Ruth Hawkins, third grade. The intermediate group, fourth to sixth grades, was handled by Mrs. Thelma Halverson, who taught arithmetic and spelling, and Mrs. Margaret Wilson, who taught English and reading.

Don Darnelle taught English and algebra in the junior high group, and Mrs. Maud Robinson taught mathematics, spelling and history. The senior high students were taught U. S. History and Government by Mrs. Jo Anne Smith, and Edna Stewart was in charge of English and literature.

Mrs. Patricia Medley was the teacher for all arts and crafts classes, and Linn handled the study hall duties, as well as general supervision of the school.

The number of students in each grade for the school was as follows: 16, first grade; 28, second; 27, third; 24, fourth; 16, fifth; 13, sixth; 18, seventh; 38, eighth; 11, ninth; three, 10th; three, eleventh; and 24 in the 12th.

### Three Baseball Groups

In the other major program for the summer, which will last four more weeks, three groups of Medford boys are learning the fundamentals of baseball, four days a week, Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 to 12 noon.

The groups consist of Sand Blowers, age six to nine; Pee Wees, 10 to 12; and Cubs, 13-15. In the latter group, there are several 16-year olds who are getting instruction, according to Lee Ragsdale, athletic director for the Medford city schools and one of three coaches at the summer school, but they do not compete with the Cubs in their league play.

In league competition with teams from Grants Pass, Ashland, Jacksonville, Central Point, Eagle Point, Phoenix and Talent, only the Cubs and Pee Wees participate. Each age group plays two games a week with one of the other schools.

In the school so far, all playing positions have been taught, including base running, sliding,

batting and bunting, and the rules of the game. In the remaining weeks, the program will be repeated in more detail with a stress on game strategy.

### Coaching Rotates

Coaching of the three groups is done on a weekly rotation basis with Ragsdale handling one group and Frank Roelandt, Medford high basketball mentor and Cheney Studs catching star, and Don Denman, OSC student and ex-Medford high ace athlete, the others.

The daily schedule features variety and familiarity with each position, Ragsdale explained, with the morning's work beginning at 8:30 o'clock with a 15-minute "pepper" warmup of all groups. This is followed by an instruction period on the chosen subject which includes a "chalk-talk" and demonstration by the coaches, followed by a drill under the eyes of the instructors.

The class then divides up into the three age groups, and after choosing sides plays about five innings of baseball. During these practices, a constant rotation is in motion, giving varied experience in the different positions. With the exception of the Sand Blowers, who go home by 11 o'clock, the teams play until 11:30, when they reform for infield and outfield practice before ending the day's school.

### Have Rest Periods

This schedule is not iron-clad, Ragsdale noted, and is interspersed with rest periods, especially on the hotter days when only two or three innings are played, where the boys and their coaches gather in the shade to "hash over" game rules and strategy.

Equipment and diamond size for the three groups is somewhat varied, with the Sand Blowers using the smaller softball regulation diamond, smaller bats and regulation baseball; the Pee Wees using a baseball diamond 10 feet shorter than regulation, lighter bats, and regulation ball; and the Cubs using standard baseball equipment and diamond.

Ragsdale described the school as primarily a recreation program with an average daily attendance of about 80. Registration is largest in the Pee Wee group with 75 enrolled, while there are 35 each in the Cubs and Sand Blowers.

## Anti-Polio Serum Use Starts in Iowa

Sioux City, Iowa — (U.P.) — A team of medical specialists began preparations Saturday for the mass inoculation of more than 16,000 children here to test a new anti-polio serum.

Five doctors and 16 nurses joined two physicians already on the scene in preparing for the start of the inoculations Monday. The medical team arrived from Houston, Tex., where they have been conducting another mass test of the serum, gamma globulin.

Air Force planes continued to bring in more iron lungs for stricken patients. The Air Force also brought in two iron lungs to be held in reserve in case the epidemic spreads.

At least 12 deaths from polio have been recorded here this year. Doctors said the incidence of the disease here is the highest in the nation.

## Coastwise Tanker Burns in New York

New York — (U.P.) — A small coastwise tanker caught fire in the East River just south of famed Hell Gate Saturday and was abandoned by its crew as thousands watched from nearby shores.

The Poling Company, owners of the 118-foot oil carrier, said the craft normally carried a crew of seven, but that it was manned by only five men Saturday.

Two of the crew were rescued by a tugboat, another was believed to have swam to shore and two others were unaccounted for.

The flaming hulk drifted downstream with an outgoing tide after its crew jumped into the water, smashed into a ferry slip on 76th Street and ran aground on Welfare Island, a strip of land in the middle of the river.

Dead line Sunday Classifieds is at noon Saturdays.

## Boy Spending Night In Woods To Escape Spanking at Home

Portland (U.P.) — A seven-year-old boy was safe Friday after spending a night out in the brush in preference to a spanking for failure to get home before dark.

Wayne Owen Court, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Court, walked into his home at 7 a.m. while his parents, neighbors and sheriff's deputies were searching for him in a wooded area nearby.

The Courts sounded the alarm for young Wayne last night when he failed to return home.

"I just decided to sleep outside last night," Wayne said after a hot bath.

But his mother said he knew he was supposed to come home before dark.

"I guess, rather than get spanked for misbehaving, he got tired and slept in the brush," Mrs. Court said.

## Fish Ladders, Screens Object of 'Y' Trip

A trip to observe screens and fish ladders on the dams and irrigation canals at Rogue River has been planned Wednesday for members of the Young Men's Christian association, according to YMCA Secretary Bob Jones.

Each Wednesday boys between 9 and 13 years of age are taken on supervised adventure trips and outings. They leave at 9:30 a.m. and return in time for a 4:30 swim at the Y pool. Girls take a similar trip each Thursday. The trips are financed by the Community Chest fund, so the only charge for the trips is a 10-cent insurance fee.

Future trips include a climb of Mt. Ashland and visits to the Oregon caves and the Union Creek forest camp. The groups already have visited the Apple-gate river, the Butte Falls fish hatchery, the Dead Indian Soda springs, the Elk Lumber company operations and the YMCA camp at Diamond lake.

Guides for the trips are Jones and members of the Y Leader's club. They are assisted by interested parents.

Dead line Sunday Classifieds is at 5:30 p.m. for following day; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; noon Saturday.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—NINE

## Wasco County Court Studies Bridge Offer

Portland — (U.P.) — The Wasco County Court Saturday considered an offer of \$1,994,600 by the Federal government for The Dalles Columbia river bridge.

County Judge Ward Webber met with federal officials Friday in an attempt to reach a settlement in the dispute over the span.

Assistant U. S. Attorney Bert Boylan conducted the conference between Wasco county officials and Army engineers.

The government had taken steps to seize the bridge because it interfered with construction of The Dalles dam. Wasco county had spent about \$2,000,000 in preliminary construction work on the bridge before the project was halted. The money was raised by the sale of revenue bonds.

The court will decide whether the government's offer is sufficient to compensate the county for its loss.

## Mental Examination For Karnes Denied

Salem — (U.P.) — Marion County Circuit Judge George R. Duncan Friday denied a prosecution request that Albert William Karnes, accused of murdering an elderly Salem woman, be submitted to psychiatric examination.

Karnes was arraigned last Monday and pleaded innocent by reason of mental defectiveness, and District Attorney E. O. Stadter Jr. asked for the examination. Defense counsel opposed the request on grounds that submission of the results in testimony would in effect require Karnes to testify against himself.

Karnes is slated to go on trial August 5 on a charge of first degree murder for the axe killing of Mrs. Susan Litchfield, 81, at her home here June 7. He was arrested in The Dalles, where he was being held on a hammer assault charge involving a woman there.

## Vacationists Use Oregon's Highways In Record Numbers

Salem — (U.P.) — Traffic volume on Oregon highways increased during June as vacationists hit the roads in what appeared to be record-breaking numbers, the state traffic safety division said Saturday.

Heaviest daily traffic in Oregon was shown by State Highway Department checks and was on the east side Pacific Highway near Woodburn, where the volume increased 7.2 per cent over June of last year. Average number of vehicles checked at the Woodburn counting station was nearly 10,000 a day.

Heavy motor vehicle volume also was recorded on Highways 26, 18 and 30. Largest increase was reported on Highway 101—the Oregon coast highway—where average daily traffic increased 11.2 per cent over June of last year.

While travel was hitting new highs, traffic deaths jumped to 49 in June, the worst monthly death record for the year to date. Safety officials said increased Oregon traffic during summer months nearly always means death to more than 100 persons in street and highway smash-ups.

The first election broadcast took place in 1920 when Westinghouse station KDKA in Pittsburgh reported the Harding-Cox presidential election returns. The program, however, was heard by only a few pioneer owners of crystal sets with earphones.

## Bend Couple Located After Search Started

Bend — (U.P.) — A state-wide search for a missing Bend couple was called off Saturday after the man and his wife telephoned friends here that they were visiting in Portland.

State police took on the search for Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert Keyes Friday when relatives became alarmed over their absence. The relatives told police the Keyes were expected back in Bend from a trip to the Oregon coast on July 11.

But Keyes said it was all a misunderstanding. He said he returned to Bend July 6 and told friends he was leaving again and wouldn't be back in the central Oregon city until July 20.

Keyes telephoned friends in Bend after reading an account of the search for him and Mrs. Keyes in a Portland newspaper.

## Two-Bit Animal Great Bargain

Joplin, Mo. (U.P.) — Two small boys, aged six and eight, sold Edward M. Thompson a tiny furry animal for 25 cents.

Shortly afterward Thompson heard an appeal over a radio station for the return of a \$250 mink. Thompson returned the animal.

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