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Summer Ends- School Begins

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Summer is almost gone, vacation ends today and tomorrow morning will see hundreds of students returning to Medford schoolrooms.

In the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray T. Gilbertson, 315 Vancouver avenue, tomorrow morning will be of special importance. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gilbertson will be returning to their teaching duties at Washington school, and the younger of their two sons will enter the first grade.

Mrs. Gilbertson and Phillip, 6, are shown (upper left) as Phillip tries on his new school jacket. Mr. Gilbertson and John, 8, are pictured (center left) as father gave son some football tips. Mr. Gilbertson coaches grade school athletics at Washington.

Hundreds of youngsters ride the school bus and morning finds them waiting beside the road for the big yellow vehicle. Sharon O'Connors, sixth grade pupil at Griffin Creek school, is shown (upper right) waiting for the bus near the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold O'Connors, route 1, Box 369. Waiting with Sharon is her Spaniel pet, Penny.

Last week teachers of District No. 49 participated in the annual in-service training program. Tuesday noon they gathered in the hall at senior high school to meet board directors and later attended a luncheon presided over by Vern F. Walthoff, president of Medford Teachers' association.

New teachers include a number from the mid-west. Pictured (lower left) are (left to right) Miss Peggy Grooms, Duncan, Okla., junior high faculty; Miss Barbara Elken, Mayville, N. D., senior high school, and Melbior F. Kumsha, Virginia, Minn., also new to the junior high faculty, talking with E. H. Hedrick, superintendent of Medford schools.

Three new Jackson school teachers shown (center right, left to right) are Mrs. Shirley Hercher, 1953 graduate of Lewis and Clark college; Mrs. Angela Thompson, Cottage Grove, Ore., and Mrs. Mina Hassman.

Mr. Walthoff is shown (center, lower right) with Frank Bash (at left) and Otto Ewaldsen, board members, at the luncheon. (Brainerd photos).

