

High School News Notes

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Several cars of student and civic rooters left Friday morning to attend the two-game basketball series in Marshfield over the week end.

But for those who remained home, the Future Home Makers of America provided music and dancing at the "Cupid Capers" Friday night.

Arlyn Granger correctly guessed red-headed Rich Keister as the "Mystery Cupid."

The Saturday Basketball League has opened another phase of Boys' League intramural sports at Medford Hi. Ten clubs have been formed and nearly 100 boys string into the gym over the week end to test their skills on the maple court.

Standings at present show the "Gold Key Salmon Backs" and the "Tweakers" sharing the lead with 4-0 win and loss records. The basketball is the third feature of the program following horse shoe and ping pong tournaments earlier this fall.

Civic Participation
It's Kiwanis Kapers time again, and, as usual, many high school girls will take part in the singing and dancing numbers. Those who tried out and will appear in the show include Anna Ray Buteau, Kathy Guiley, Marilyn Harper, Sharon Howard, Judy Lucas, Shirley Riggs, Sylvia Teeter, Carol Wilson, Myrna Adams, June Apple, Barbara Edwards, Shirley Kenner, Barbara Johnson, Vona May Rutherford, Joan Wick, Sharon Zumwalt, Carolyn Fichner, Helen Granger, Lee Anna Haas, Carol Lewis, Patty Reed, Marie Sefarly, Viola Shepherd and Molly Walker.

Petitions are already being signed and plans are getting under way for the Student Government day Feb. 22 and 23. The steering committee consisting of Sharon Howard, Charlene Bohl, Jack Day, Wilson Gilinsky, Jack

Findley, Elaine Sorum, Don Weber and Mary Kay White have met and made final arrangements for the election and appointment of the various city officials.

Results of the speech tournament held at Southern Oregon college last week were released Monday with four Medford Hi students receiving commendation. Those placing were Dan Kellington, excellent in debate and radio speaking, Bruce Kellington, excellent in debate and impromptu, Tim Hillerman and Pat Hanson, both excellent in extemporaneous speaking.

Scholarship Offered
The General Motors Corporation sponsored a "Previews in Progress" science assembly to the student body Thursday, Feb. 2, featuring a demonstration of binocular sound in phonograph records and a new unbreakable glass.

Medford High school students are being offered an opportunity to compete in the General Motors National Scholarship Plan, according to Lester Harris, principal.

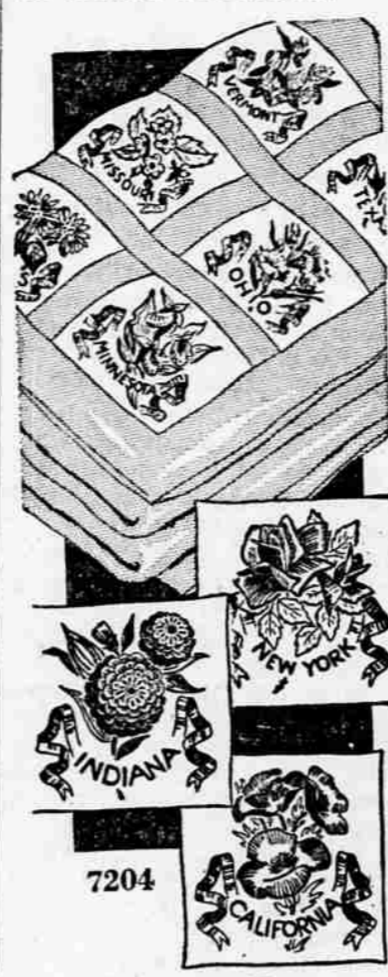
The plan, announced recently, provides for 100 four year scholarships, at least one in every state and 50 at large, at any college or university of the successful contestant's choice and in any field of study he may select.

Registration for the plan is under way now and must be completed by March 5, 1955. Eligible to participate are high school seniors, both boys and girls, who are United States citizens, if they took the Jan. 8, 1955 College Entrance Examination Board test, or will arrange to take the March 12 test. Registration for the latter test should be completed by Feb. 19.

Selection of award winners in the General Motors plan will be the responsibility of a group of leading educators representing the various parts of the country.

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In and Around Table Rock Spring's Prettiest!

Table Rock — Mrs. Arden and young son Russell of Central Point was a visitor here Friday at the Dean Inglis home.

Regular meeting of Table Rock Ladies club will be held Wednesday, at the home of Ruth Brown. Ladies are reminded to bring a homemade valentine.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kudrna of Coos Bay were brief visitors here Monday with relatives after a week end spent in Medford.

While attending a funeral recently in Medford, were greeted at the door with a hearty hand shake by the undertaker, so we thought we had better see our doctor, and after a check-up we got to discussing farm crops and animals. It developed that the Doc's favorite meat is lamb, but he didn't eat chicken at all. When a boy, it seems that his morning chore before going to school was cleaning the drop boards in his father's poultry house, and when chicken is mentioned, this little task, and the aroma that went with it, comes rushing back to mind.

There were 26,014 cars crossing over the counting tape, and figuring 344 persons to the car would make a total of 84,545 people who visited TouVelle park during the past year. This is a conservative estimate, as those who ride horses or come frequently bus loads of picnickers are visitors there. The above figures as to estimated numbers was furnished by Walter Timm the caretaker, the idea that it is a conservative estimate is our own.

The old Stanley Vaughn farm was recently sold by Earl Peffley, who purchased it some two years ago, to a Mr. Pirkey of Central Point. Included in the sale is a water right for forty acres, bought from the local ditch company.

The regular monthly assessments bills for service on the White City lines will be due and payable one month in advance, or about the first of each month, according to the business office at White City.

Sams Valley farmers are considering the signing of leases permitting the drilling of wells in prospecting for oil on their property. It is claimed that if farmers will go in together and sign up 15,000 acres or more, a major oil company will take over the development and prospecting work. The area to be leased runs from the Lyman place near Gold Hill to the Dodge bridge.

Perhaps many people living here now do not know that our community at one time had an oil well that created quite a little excitement. We may write of this in future happenings and also the two coal mines once in operation here.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Goodlin of Corcoran, Calif., are spending a few days here visiting friends and relatives. Mr. Goodlin has brought up a truck load of household goods for Robert Grant who has bought Carl Morgan's lease on the Goodlin farm, together with the stock and equipment. Mr. and Mrs. Grant have three children, the eldest being five years of age. The Morgan family have moved to Jacksonville.

Mrs. Frank Myers was a recent visitor in Corvallis where she attended a 4-H meeting for club leaders.

Several from here attended the thirty-fifth wedding anniversary held recently for Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Brennesholtz at their home on Arnold lane. The Brennesholtz family were former residents of our community where they took an active part in many activities.

R. V. Beall, of the lane of the same name where he was born some 77 years ago was a business visitor here Wednesday. He was looking for lambs to put in with his to make a load for the San Francisco market.

Vinson Hunt, farmer, fire-warden, and aviator from the Meadows district was down this way Monday checking on his car insurance, as a long horned steer had rammed his horns through the back window of his pick-up. While down this way he was going to stop at the Federal revenue office to have them help him figure out how much he went in "the hole" on his farming operations.

Bob Gilman, farmer of the Ross lane district says the new incentive payment, or subsidy on wool, will ruin the wool business as it did the clover and alfalfa market.

Mrs. Jack Cleaves of Coos Bay, who was a surgery patient recently at the Community hospital expects to return to her home next week.

Ezra Benson with his worries about farm surpluses should look into this: The hens on the Everett Brown place on Bigham lane have started eating their own eggs, while down the lane apiece, the Howsley cow sucks herself, thus saving feed and helping take care of the milk surplus.

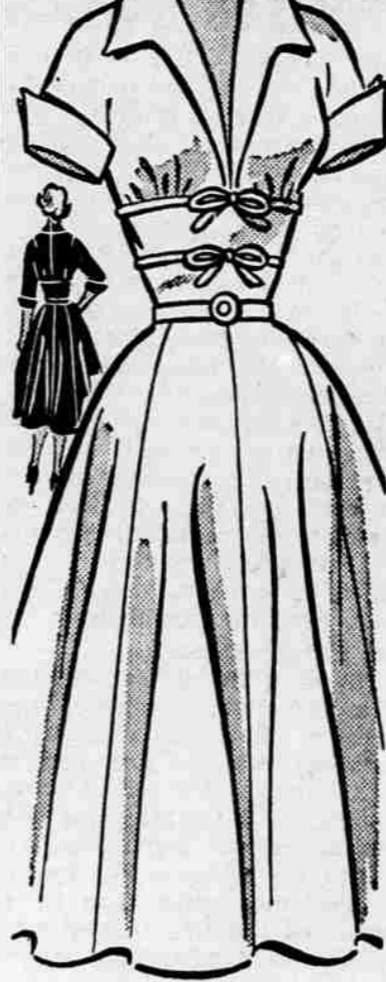
For the past several years a band of white swan have wintered in the fields on the Table Top Ranch. This winter only two showed up until a few days ago the number was increased to fifteen according to O. T. Wilson, who passes the farm each day.

From reports we hear, some of we farmers will have to do better this year than in '54, or

we won't make the required income of \$400 to get under social security.

Several from here attended the Guy Tex funeral held recently in Central Point. Mr. Tex, who served as postmaster at Central Point for many years, had the distinction of serving under seven Presidents, from Teddy Roosevelt to Franklin D. Although taking his work seriously he always had time for a cheery word and a pleasant smile. We first met up with him when we were working for what they then called the Condor Water and Power Co. in 1906. Guy was helping put up the first pole line from Gold Ray to Medford. Although he might have been considered a party man, the welfare of his country always came first. We remember when the Table Rock company of Home Guards joined the Central Point company for night drills in World War I. Guy was always there doing his best to be prepared if a call came. Again, we remember during World War II, when he was sorely vexed when some of his townspeople showed indifference about manning the observation posts. Guy Tex, a short name, easy to say and to remember, a man easy to meet but hard to forget.

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Frost Discounted For Turning Leaves

Syracuse, N.Y. — (U.P.) — Experts at the State College of Forestry have exploded a long-accepted belief — that frost turns leaves gold and grown in the fall.

Dr. Hugh Wilcox, associate professor of forest botany, explained that, in the fall, the natural wearing out or aging of leaves is accompanied by a reduction in the amount of chlorophyll and an unmasking of the yellow and orange pigments that were present in the leaves during summer.

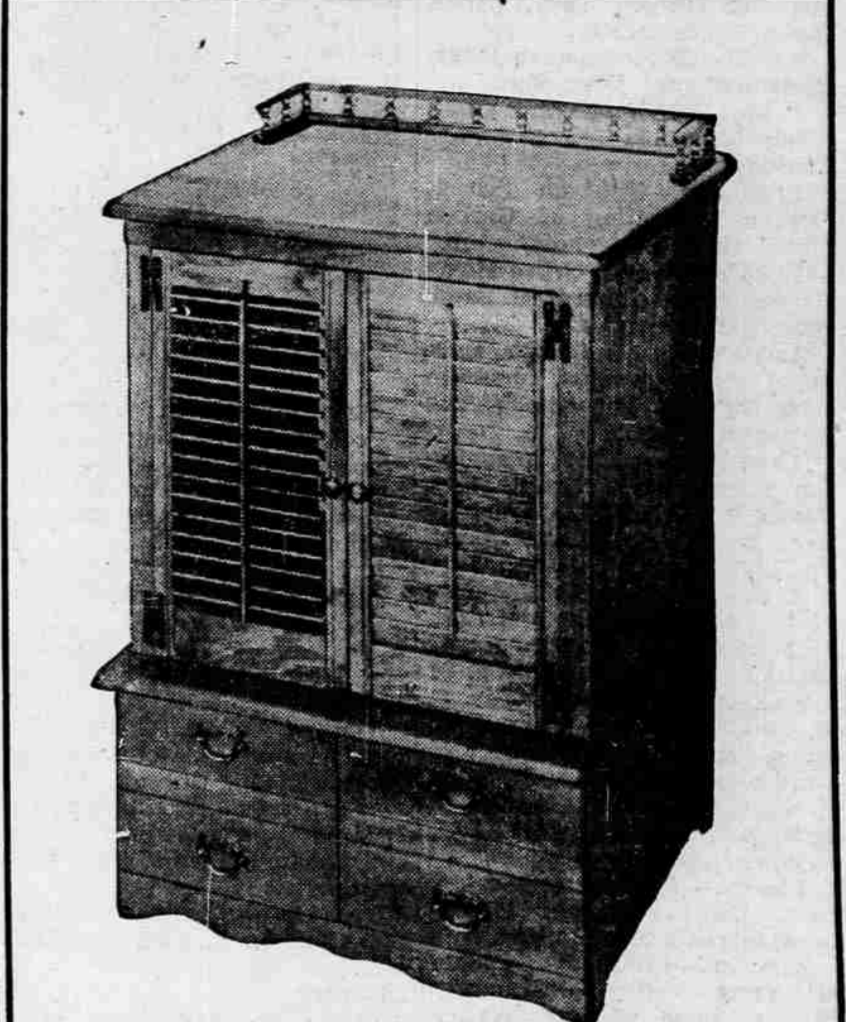
Cool, dry and bright fall weather helps turn the leaves, but frost is no factor, he added.

SHOULD HAVE LOOKED BETTER

Fort Worth, Tex. — (U.P.) — A woman motorist, stopped by police for driving 38 miles an hour in a 20-mile-an-hour zone, said she failed to notice the speed limit sign because she was watching a group of children. The children were watching police calculate the woman's speed in a radar equipment demonstration.

COIN SNATCHER

Laguna Beach, Calif. — (U.P.) — The lucky silver dollar Ted Barry was flipping in the air as he strolled along the beach Thursday went up but never came down. The coin was whisked out over the ocean by a bold sea gull that had swooped down and snatched it out of the air.



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Around Hollywood

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Hollywood has imported another handsome tenor, a blond, mustached version of Mario Lanza who's happy to be out of opera and not singing to "fat sopranos."

Broad-shouldered Oreste Kirkop, whose name alone has made him an object of local curiosity, is an Italian-French subject of the British colony of Malta. He was whisked out of European opera by Paramount Studio and signed for "The Vagabond King" as the studio's answer to Lanza.

While some opera singers sigh that singing for these lowly motion pictures isn't good for the larynx, Kirkop beamed today he's happier in the wilds of Hollywood.

Too Fat for Him
"It's so much better when you don't have a big fat soprano to sing to," enthused the 28-year-old tenor. "In this picture I have Kathryn Grayson and Rita Moreno—beautiful!"

"Movie acting is not so difficult as I thought I am supposed to be a strong man with the women, a poet and a swordsman. They tell me Francois Villon in the story would make love differently than other men. But I just decided to be natural. That is the best way to act. "I never liked the way most opera singers act," he added in his accented voice (Paramount figures accents go over big with female fans). "They are so stiff. In opera I always tried to be natural."

For nine years Kirkop sang with opera companies in Italy, France, Malta and England. While he was appearing at Covent Garden in London three movie companies fought over

him and Paramount won.

Oreste arrived in filmville last March. After a spirited refusal to change his name (one producer thought it sounded like an advertising agency) the singer settled down to study voice, fencing and other skills necessary to be a romantic tenor.

The tenor uncovered his find only recently when shooting began on the film.

Although Oreste is bending over the Hollywood Grindstone, life here is easier than the opera, he thinks.

"I used to live for my voice," he said. "In opera you get up at 10, take special lessons and exercise before lunch. Then to the theater to rehearse. Some singers even save their voices by seldom speaking and holding handkerchiefs over their noses in case of germs!"

"But opera is very exciting and I hope to sing at the Met some day."

Oreste is well-known in Europe but in Hollywood he's still an unknown face.

"The privacy, it is nice," he said with a genuine blush.

Sunburn Possible For Farm Animals
Champaign, Ill. — (U.P.) — University of Illinois veterinarians have announced the discovery that farm animals can get sunburned.

The veterinarians said the animals eat certain plants, lose their hair or coats, and the skinned patches become sunburned.

They said farmers should keep their livestock away from such plants as alsike clover and other legumes that cause a condition known as trifoliosis; also from such blooming plants as St. Johnswort, rape and buckwheat.

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