

High School News Notes

By NELLIE RAWLINGS
After the eventful week end, students found it hard to settle down to their studies once again.

The Monday after the prom was Senior Skip Day. In order to give graduating seniors their chance for one last "fling" before school is out, they were legally allowed to "cut." Mother Nature helped the seniors enjoy themselves by providing the long wished-for sunny days.

The big day for business student was held all day Saturday at the school. Leading Medford businessmen spoke to the group about various points that should be brought out about the business world. Fashions for working girls were displayed, demonstrations of various types of office equipment were given, and a luncheon was served in the cafeteria.

Girls League installation was held Wednesday afternoon. The following officers were installed for next year: President, Joyce Gregory; vice-president, Bev De Borde; secretary, Mike Carter; treasurer, Dianna Getchell.

Crater and Hi Times staff members attended the semi-formal Journalism awards banquet.

which was held in the cafeteria Tuesday night.

The newly-elected Shutterbug officers are, president, David Carter; vice-president, John Chisholm; secretary-treasurer, Linda Robertson.

Clean Up Week Slated At Stearns Cemetery

Talent — The civic committee of the Talent Garden club and the Talent Cemetery association at a recent joint meeting designated May 20-27 as clean-up week for Stearns cemetery.

The Garden club, which has sponsored the event for several years, has hired a man for general work on the project. His services will also be hired by the cemetery group. Residents of the valley will be urged to clean individual graves of relatives and friends during the week, committee members said.

Others may contribute funds for the service to Miss Eleanor Powers at Talent. Contributions will also be accepted for the general upkeep of the cemetery, the committee pointed out.

The Stearns cemetery was named after David Stearns, who came to the valley in October, 1853. The family settled on Wagner creek and during the small-pox epidemic a few years later two of the Stearns children died. They were buried on the site that was later given by the family to the community as a cemetery.

United Log Truckers Discuss Laws Here

United Log Truckers association members from Jackson and Josephine counties heard several attorneys outline points of Oregon law relating to trucking at a recent meeting in the Medford Veterans of Foreign Wars hall.

Speakers included J. Kelly Farris, Portland; Donald F. Bach, Eugene; Roger Tillbury, Portland; Lester J. Monroe, president of the association; Clarence Greenup, general manager of California; Robert W. Sovey, manager of the Truckers agency, insurance outlet for ULTA; and Harry Huber, sales manager for Oregon.

The talks concerned current and proposed legislation on hauling. Les Doane, representative of the Foster and Kleiser sign company explained to the group that a project is underway to erect a large number of safety and courtesy signs on behalf of members of the ULTA.

The meeting was one of the first of its kind to be held in the Medford area by the 2 1/2-year-old group. The ULTA is composed of independent log haulers of Oregon and northern California.

In charge of the meeting here was Clyde C. Wyant, local ULTA field representative for Jackson and Josephine counties.

NON-WALKING JURORS
Norwich, Conn. — (UPI)— Superior Court Judge James J. Murphy refused to hold jury trials here because the city declined to install an elevator in the courthouse. The judge said it wasn't "fair" to require jurors to hike up three flights.

Is That So?

Del Monte Lodge, Pebble Beach, Calif.—Today I saw a Monarch butterfly, clothed in lustrous red-orange with black borders and white spots, lay her eggs on a milkweed.

What's so remarkable about this? Like most things in nature, it's charged with never-ending wonder.

The female with unerring instinct sought out an immature milkweed plant and on it—and it alone—laid her eggs. From this plant, she knows her coming young will get the proper diet.

Then in turn, the maturing young—it will take about three weeks to complete the cycle—will head north and lay her eggs on milkweed, too. Thus, with succeeding generations, the fragile-seeming insects will leap-frog north and farther north until they have reached the limit of



their range southern Canada and Alaska.

This would seem miracle enough. But in late August the final brood—perhaps the great grandchildren of the female I saw today—will hatch, imbued with an uncontrollable tug to head south.

And then this very symbol of fragility, this tiny flier—no heavier really than a dollar bill—will prove its extraordinary endurance and toughness. Despite buffetings of storms, it will fly south perhaps 2,000 miles. Competent observers such as Merton E. Hinshaw, curator of the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, have seen them fly a dozen feet off the ground into prevailing winds of 20 miles an hour with gusts up to 40, and not only hold to their course but make headway!

Then for us in the west, an even greater-seeming miracle happens. By the hundreds of thousands these light-as-paper insects converge upon tiny clusters of evergreens—pines, cypresses, live oaks, and eucalyptuses. These clusters occur along the coast, from Bolinas, just north of San Francisco, to Santa Cruz and on down to Santa Barbara—but mostly here in the Monterey peninsula at Pacific Grove.

Cross Open Sea
Those coming to Pacific Grove conclude their wonderful flight dramatically: like a wind-blown cloud they cross 20 miles of open sea, from Santa Cruz on the northern shore of this bay, to Pacific Grove on the southern, and then they descend upon these tiny clumps of trees.

By EUGENE BURNS
Ranger-Naturalist

Doesn't it seem incredible? And butterfly vision is limited to only a few feet.

Just what lures the Monarchs to these clumps of trees along the Pacific Coast? Quite likely a satisfactory combination of many things—some of which we still do not know. Perhaps because the trees are evergreens—their foliage provides winter protection. Perhaps because this region knows no real winter; perhaps because each tree here is drenched with cool sea-mist, possibly a life-saving factor, followed by sunshine during which the half-chilled creatures fan their wings and extend them to the warm sun's rays. Perhaps because flowers with nectar are abundant in winter. And most

important — this I know — because each early spring milkweeds are nearby in abundance. Upon these milkweeds the female can lay her first batch of eggs and be assured of her species' survival.

Appropriately, the coming of the Monarchs in October, each fall, is hailed with joy in Pacific Grove: school lets out and a thousand grade-school students parade in colorful costumes; and so highly do the City Fathers regard these creatures that they maintain an ordinance—surely the only one of its kind in the world—imposing a \$500 fine or 6 months' imprisonment for the molestation of these wintering visitors.

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by Alice Brooks

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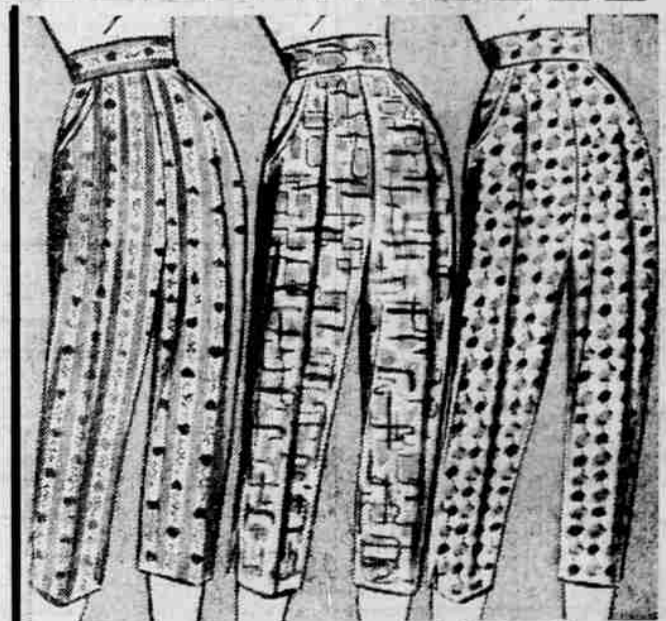
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