

Police, City Schools Hold Safety Program



3,000 Children in Grades One Thru Six Hear Lectures

Bicycle safety, the danger of associating with strangers, why there are police officers, and rules to observe while walking, were explained by four members of the Medford police department last week to approximately 3,000 children in Medford grade schools.

This safety program, started four years ago, is organized on a volunteer basis. The majority of the actual lecture time is during the officers' off-duty hours.

Classroom Groups

Speaking to individual classroom groups, Duane Franklin, Jack Sanders, Berle Stephens, and Larry Tusow, city patrolmen, visited seven Medford schools and spoke to children in grades one through six.

Although a safety program was started in public schools 15 years ago, it was not put on the organized basis it is today until it had been in operation 11 years. Earlier, a city police officer would speak to the children in general assemblies.

It was then decided by city police and school officials to bring the talk down to a more individual basis by meeting with the children in the classrooms. Charles Champlin, chief of police, explained.

The children proved to be more attentive in familiar surroundings. Safety factors for different age groups were easier to explain to only one grade level at a time, rather than six.

Others Added

At first only bicycle safety and danger of associating with strangers were included in the talks. Later, with the age groups divided, suggestions for pedestrians and the reasons for having police officers were added.

One point stressed by officers last week was bicycle safety because of the large number of children who ride bicycles in Medford. During the 1955-56 school year, 23 accidents involving bicycles were reported to city police. So far this year there have been only five such accidents reported.

Bicycle care was also mentioned. This included such items as having proper lights on bicycles in good working order; replacing cracked reflectors and worn pedals; as well as brakes being properly adjusted.

Riding Explained

Riding by the rules was explained by each patrolman, pointing out the necessity for bicycle riders to observe traffic regulations including red and green lights, one-way streets, and stop signs. Classroom volunteers demonstrated proper hand signals for turning and stopping.

Two important "don'ts" mentioned by police officers were the practice of bicycle riders hitching a ride on other vehicles, and racing in traffic.

Especially while talking to the first two grades, the patrolmen stressed the dangers of associating with strangers. This included not going anywhere with strangers, and not accepting rides, candy or money.

Drawings for Coloring

Black and white line drawings were given to each first and second grade for coloring. Included on the drawings were the four points the student was to remember: turn down gifts from strangers; refuse rides offered by strangers; avoid dark and lonely streets; and know your local policeman.

Since the organization of the cooperative safety program by the city police and the schools, several cases have been reported to police where information gained by a child during a talk aided in the apprehension of a malefactor.

Elliott Becken, assistant school superintendent, added that junior high school students receive safety instructions during general assembly. This group does not present such a wide age range, Becken pointed out, and to speak to individual classrooms was administratively impossible because students change classes every 55 minutes.

Detailed Program

The talks given by the city police are part of the detailed safety program carried out by



COLORING POSTER—The line drawing given to first and second grade students in the city schools is shown above. The poster emphasized the dangers of associating with strangers, a point stressed by the city police in their talks to school children last week. Since organization of the safety program between the city police and the schools, several known cases have been reported to police where information gained by a child during one of these talks aided in the apprehension of a malefactor, according to police.



PATROLMEN CHECK OUTLINES—Four members of the Medford police department check school safety instruction outlines before leaving the police station to talk to children in the first six grades of city schools. Left to right are patrolmen Jack Sanders, Berle Stephens, Duane Franklin, and Larry Tusow. This is the fourth year that Stephens has participated in the school safety instruction program. The other three officers joined in the program for the first time this year.

each school in Medford. All eight city schools during 1955-56 were on the National School Safety honor roll.

The schools are Jackson, Lincoln, Medford High school, Roosevelt, and Washington, sixth straight year; McLoughlin Junior high, second year; and Hedrick Junior high and Jefferson, first year.

Last year the National Safety Council rated the Medford schools tenth in the nation for cities with a population between 10,000 and 20,000.

Navy Awards Contract For Atomic Submarines

Washington — (UP) — The Navy has awarded Westinghouse Electric Corp. a \$24,468,000 contract to build reactors for six atomic-powered submarines.

Westinghouse—under the contract announced Friday—will design and procure reactor plant parts for the submarines which will be built under the Navy's fiscal, 1957, shipbuilding program.

The six submarines bring to 15 the total number of nuclear subs built, building and planned for the Navy.

Former Engineer Ends Life in Front of Train

Seffner, Fla. — (UP) — A 66-year old former engineer for the New York Central Railroad

In County Schools

HEDRICK JUNIOR HIGH

Hedrick's first assembly was held Friday, Sept. 14. Vincent Bevis, school principal, welcomed new students and seven new teachers to E. H. Hedrick Junior High school.

The band is under the direction of Ron Bartlett this year. It will march, along with the Hedrick majorettes and the Pep club, at the Medford-Crater football game, Oct. 5.

Hedrick's orchestra had a good turn out and shows promise of a good year. It is under the direction of John Drysdale.

Primary elections were held Thursday, Sept. 27, at Hedrick. Two candidates were selected for each office and 10 candidates for yell leaders were chosen. Campaigning will continue until the final student body elections which will be held Thursday, Oct. 4.

Candidates are president, John Frohnmayer, Paul Moore; vice president, Nancy Becken; Gary McGill; sergeant at arms, Gary Beach, John Lacy; historian, Molly Barker, Carolyn Mencke; reporter, Michael Gannon, Mary Milne.

Yell leader candidates are Joy Olson, Jackie Mae, Barbara Budde, Pat Barnes, Diana Tomlin, Karen Moran, Donna Graner, Judy Lambert, Susan Brennan, and Marcia Barrell.

Secretary candidates are Cassie Thompson and Danny Sieg. Treasurer candidates are Larry Brown and John Crawford.

The first dance sponsored by the student council will be held Friday, Oct. 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the Hedrick Junior high cafeteria.

McLOUGHLIN JUNIOR HIGH

Candidates for class officers visited home rooms Tuesday to meet voters, elections were held Wednesday.

Officers elected were: Ninth grade, president, Jerry Shults; vice president, Ken Durkee; secretary, Kay Walling; treasurer, Oralee Gardner; reporter, Bonnie Allingham; yell

leaders, Pat Newbry, Rosalind Randles, Deanna Nelson and Sharon Frazier; and song queen, Sandra Semple.

Eighth grade, president, Alfred Funston; vice president, Larry Hammack; secretary, Marida Winchell; treasurer, DeAnna Taylor; reporter, Nick Lingren; and yell leaders, Judy Ross, Nancy Hinman, Karen Simcox and Mary Kay Harris.

Seventh Grade

Seventh grade, president, Jim Evans; vice president, Clarence Leffler; secretary, Lois Stedman; treasurer, Bob Clausen; reporter, Patty Shorey; and yell leaders, Nola Robins, Donna Lilly, Clarence Francis and Judith Booth.

Committee have been appointed for the McLoughlin Booster club. Those chosen to serve are publicity, Kathie McCoy, Charlene Highland and Jeri Smith; poster, Sue Crofoot, Sandra Gross and Barbara Miller; social, Oralee Gardner, Sharon Jackson and Janet Willard; assembly, Sandra Semple, Linda Peebler and Karen Stansbury; drill, Sharon Gossett, Sharon Laing and Donna Childreth; and hostess, Linda Howe, Pam White, and Beverly McNeil.

Yell Leaders

Newly elected yell leaders met Thursday to plan their part in the football games. The pep squad and the girls of the Booster club are preparing yells and marching formations.

John Judy appeared at the assembly Sept. 28 to explain the Kiwanis Kid's Day and the campaign for voting registration. Stunts were directed by Dick Hopkins and Lynn Knight to initiate a representative group of seventh graders. Boys were assisted by the pep team of the ninth grade. The assembly closed with a group of school yells and songs.

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NEWS NOTES from Crater High School

By PAT MEDLEY

Central Point — A loud clatter, then a "thundering herd" of black football jerseys and long legs were in hot pursuit of a single, frantic individual. They chased him from the front of the building down to the turf where they overtook him. A brief tussle followed, after which the lone individual, sans shirt, was marched back to the building. It seems the senior letterman were after a junior for trespassing on the Senior Lawn.

The National Merit Scholarship program pamphlets of explanation were given to the seniors who signed up to take the scholarship tests. The program consists of scholarships given by various businesses and corporations throughout the United States, and is given on a national basis.

Scholarships Offered
Thousands of scholarships are offered, some of them paying up to four years full tuition in any college. Competition in such a program is stiff. The schools of the students taking the tests allow the top five per cent of the class to take the tests without cost. These students are determined on the basis of quantitative and scientific ability.

The top five per cent at Crater (six students) who will take the tests without cost are Bruce Burnett, Jerry Golden, Max Fredericks, Grace Gail, Sara Richards and Norman Misk.

The Curtin Callers, the drama club at Crater, held their election of officers last week. Results of the election were: president, Judy Van Horn; vice president, David Mack; and secretary-treasurer, Pat Medley. Try-

McNeil Cautions Residents Against Misleading Offers

Don McNeil, manager of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, cautioned residents Saturday to be on guard against misleading franchise offers for vending machines, food-warming devices and merchandise racks.

Such offers, he said, are being made to the inexperienced public by some unscrupulous promoters. Quoting a bulletin from the National Better Business Bureau, McNeil stated, "The dispensing of food and merchandise through automatic machines is a large and expanding industry in America. The legitimate firms construct their business operations ethically and provide the public with quality merchandise and convenience."

Small Group

"However," he continued, "there exists a small group of promoters who run a type of proposition that is condemned by the reputable industry. This consists of offering vending machines for sale directly to the public, rather than within trade circles. They allegedly claim the machines are a good investment, from which the purchaser can realize great profits with little effort, either on a part-time or full-time basis."

McNeil said promoters of these schemes rely heavily on use of misleading classified advertisements in newspapers and other media. They often state that the applicant must have a car and

and floor plan of the building, the faculty members, the current officers of all organizations, the student body officers, the school song and yells, and other information pertinent to the school year. The printer, who does the printing for all the valley schools, and two college students who assisted him, stated it was one of the finest handbooks they had seen.

Elections were held last week for the homeroom representatives to the student council. The representatives sit in on all council meetings and serve as mediators between the student council and the home rooms.

must supply references. However, these "requirements" serve chiefly as camouflage, he said.

The machines themselves, he said, are frequently of inferior quality and the purchaser often pays an exorbitant price for them.

Consider Pointers
McNeil suggested the following pointers for consideration by any person who is thinking of entering into a franchise operation:

1. Check the promoter. Secure information on his background, his reputation and the background and reputation of his firm.
2. Request verification of all claims made in advertising and in the sales representation.
3. Secure agreements and guarantees in writing. Read and understand everything before signing. Take the time to check and compare. Retain an attorney to go over the proposition before it is signed.
4. Secure information from the Chamber of Commerce regarding any venture or firm with you are not familiar and report any misleading and fraudulent propositions to the Chamber of Commerce.

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Television Station Slates Special Series

Medford television station

KBST-TV will be among three TV stations in the state to participate in a 13-week experimental series of programs from the national Educational Television Center, Ann Arbor, Mich., it was announced Saturday.

"Spotlight on Opera," featuring Dr. Jan Popper, professor of music at the University of California, will be presented Thursdays at 10:30 p.m. beginning Oct. 11.

"The Painting," in which Siegfried Reinhardt will produce a painting in seven half-hour programs, will be presented at 5 p.m. Saturday's, starting Oct. 20. The broadcasts are a part of the center's extended services for educational television stations in the United States.

chase a train as the instrument for ending his life, police reported Saturday.

Sheriff's Deputy Q. E. Blewfield said witnesses saw Charles J. Hanks step in front of a speeding passenger train Friday, turn his back, fold his arms and wait for death.

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