

Medford High's Band Rated One of Best on West Coast

Group Plans Sixth Trip to East-West Shrine Star Game

Besides a winning football team, Medford can also boast of another group of "champions"—the Medford High school band.

Playing at football and basketball games, parades and school functions, these young musicians under the direction of band instructor Irv Mirrick, have earned the reputation of being one of the top high school bands on the west coast.

Proof of this lies in the fact that, for the sixth consecutive year, they have been invited to participate in the pre-game and halftime activities at the Shrine East-West all-star game in San Francisco Dec. 29.

Attracts 50,000
The game, which is played in Kezar stadium in San Francisco, attracts crowds of over 50,000, the proceeds from which go to the Shrine hospital for crippled children.

Medford High school band was first invited to play at the Shrine game in 1950, when news of the band's ability reached East-West game officials through the Jackson county Shrine club. Since then they have proven their skill and have been asked back repeatedly.

More than 100 band members will make the trip, including eight majorettes and drum major, Jim Pletch, according to Mirrick. Leaving Medford on chartered buses Thursday evening, they will spend Friday sight-seeing in San Francisco and making preparations for Saturday's game. Reservations have been made for the group at the Drake-Wilshire hotel in San Francisco.

Money Not Provided
But money to cover expenses of the trip is not provided in the school budget, and every year, under the sponsorship of the Jackson county Shrine club, and with the help of radio station KMED, funds are solicited through the sale of band booster cards.

The cards sell for one dollar, or any amount the purchaser wishes to donate. One collection depot, where the cards may be purchased, is currently located at the Big Y market. The cards can also be purchased from local Shrine members.

Service clubs as well as many business firms in the community have been generous contributors as band booster, but one of the biggest money raisers is the annual band concert-radio show which will be held this year on Sunday, Feb. 16, at 2 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Tickets for this program will sell for one dollar. The hour and a half concert, which includes singing by the Medford High school choir, will be broadcast over KMED. The station contributes considerable time and money to help out on the program.

New Numbers, Routines
This time of year band members, between ball games and other school functions, are practicing hard on new numbers and marching routines. A spectacular "Stars and Stripes" routine, which they are developing especially for the Shrine game has been added to their already full repertoire.

On Saturday morning, before the Shrine game, the Medford band will, as it has in the past, put on a special concert for the crippled children at the San Francisco Shrine hospital. As far as it is known Medford is the only band to put on a show for the children that day.

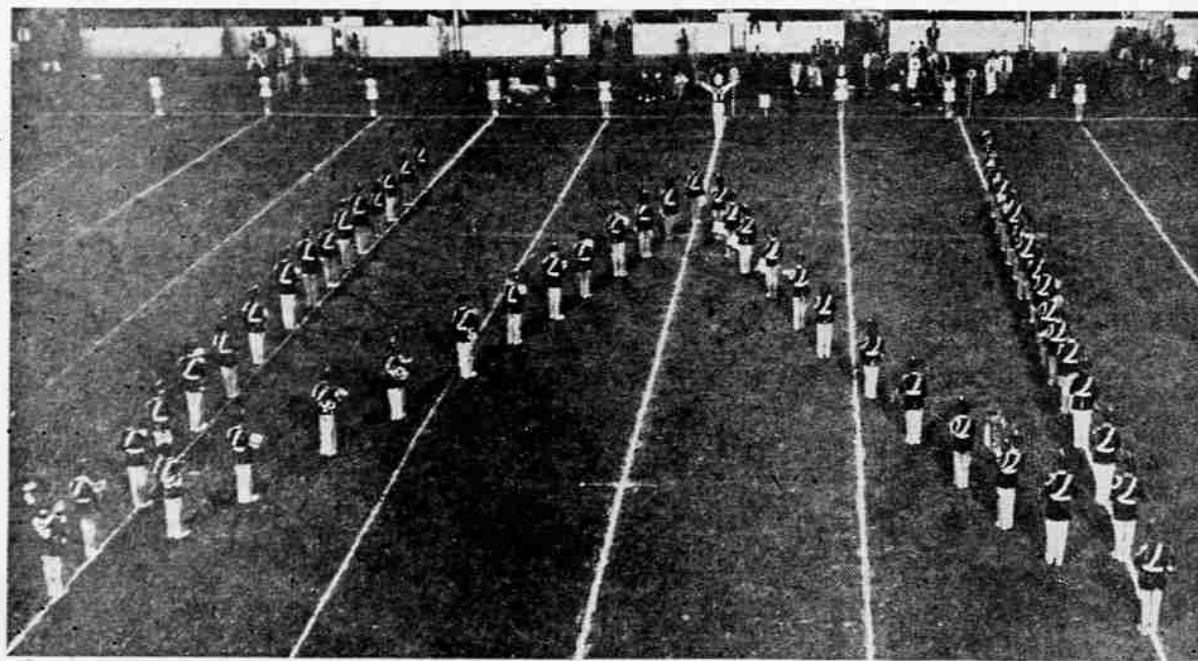
The band has always played on the front lawn of the hospital, while the children, standing in the windows, show their appreciation by cheering and waving. This sight alone, according to Mirrick, is worth the trip.

4-H Club News
Central Point Beef Club
The Central Point Beef club had its first meeting of the year at Bill and Jeff Anhorn's home, Nov. 12.

Under new business, we elected officers for the coming year. They are Marilyn Cordy, president; Jack Peak, vice president; Marilyn Watson, secretary; Carol von der Hellen, reporter; and Monty Cook, sergeant-at-arms.

The club decided to have entertainment at each meeting, and the vice president is in charge of it.

Our leader, Floyd Charley, gave us our old record books, and we talked about where we were going to get our steers.



PRECISION MARCHING—The Medford High school band is noted as preparing especially for the Shrine game in San Francisco, for its intricate marching routines as well as its music. This year which they have been invited for the sixth year in a row, they are working on a unique "Stars and Stripes" routine they



TOP BAND—Shown above is a section of the Medford High school band, under the direction of band instructor Irv Mirrick, that will participate in the pre-game and half time



HIGH STEPPERS — This group of Medford High school majorettes, led by senior, Glenna Hobbs, in white, will perform at Kezar stadium in San Francisco Dec. 29, when the band plays at the Shrine East-West all-star game there.

Porter Seeks Appointments On 2 Congress Committees

Eugene — Congressman-elect Charles O. Porter said Friday he has asked House Speaker Sam Rayburn for appointment to either the Interior and Insular Affairs or Appropriations committees and to the Public Works or Banking and Currency committee.

In a letter to Rayburn, Porter said, "My choices are pretty plain in view of the vast amounts of federal land and the hydroelectric potential in our lumber industry."

Interested in Helping
"I am particularly interested in doing what I can to help set up another home owners loan corporation so that many needy dwellings may be financed for the benefit of a substantial part of the 60 million people who need adequate homes and for the benefit of our lumber industry," Porter wrote.

The 4th District's new U. S. Representative released the itinerary of his tour to hear first hand any problems to which he can give his attention when he takes office in January.

Porter will be in Roseburg Nov. 21, where Ted Mouchie and Ken Garey will be in charge of arrangements; at Coos Bay and Curry county, Nov. 23, with Jimmy Johnson attending arrangements; Grants Pass on the morning of Nov. 24 with Chester E.

Festival News letters Mailed to 9,500

Ashland—The Oregon Shakespearean Festival Newsletter, which is published four times a year, is currently being mailed to the 9,500 names on the Festival's active mailing list.

Forty-four of the 48 states are represented on the list, along with Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, six Canadian provinces, England, Australia, New Zealand, and several European, African and South American countries.

The Festival's mailing list is made up of those people who have purchased memberships, ordered tickets by mail, signed guests cards while attending performances, or specifically requested to be placed on the list.

The list is culled yearly to eliminate "deadwood." Regular valley readers who have not indicated their interest in writing in one of the above-mentioned ways within the past three years may be in danger of having their names removed. "Inactive" names are scheduled to be dropped during December.

Brookings Man Named Justice of Peace
Salem — (U.P.) — H. G. Nelson, Brookings, was appointed justice of the peace for District No. 1 in Curry county Friday by Gov. Elmo Smith.

Nelson will succeed Roy H. Brown who resigned because he was moving from the district.

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Mrs. D. M.—I want to help our homosexual son.
Mr. D. M.—Bill is just gone.

Mrs. D. M.—My husband and I recently made the shocking and horrible discovery that our 22-year-old son is homosexual.

We just couldn't believe it at first, despite the fact we now realize there have been hints of this for the past three years. Finally, a friend came and told us that our boy could be found among homosexuals at a certain place in our city well known for this kind of thing.

My husband went and found Bill there and confronted him with it. Bill struck his father and said he would do as he pleased and left our home. I want him home, where we can take care of him and help him. Somehow I'm sure we'll be able to do this, but my husband says it's no use.

Mr. D. M.—My wife didn't hear the language Bill used with me. He hates us both. He told me he could never change and didn't want to.

My wife has been on the verge of suicide over this, and I feel that the best thing is to move to another city and try to forget about the whole thing. We have two younger children—a boy and a girl and we mustn't let them suffer because of this. I don't want to know anything about it.

I've tried to make my wife see that it is a tragedy that must be accepted. Bill is gone, just as surely as if he were killed in an accident or a war. We'd have to accept that, wouldn't we? Bill wouldn't let us help, even if we could.

The Council—It is understandable that this husband and wife reacted as they did under the shock of this discovery. It is also

understandable that Bill, who is undoubtedly highly disturbed in many ways, reacted as he did to the shock of being found out in such a way by his father.

As a thing now stand, Mr. D. M. is being rather unrealistic. Bill is not dead. The younger children undoubtedly know something serious has happened and they will probably know soon enough, if they do it. Secrets like this do not usually remain nicely buried, even when people move to another community to hide.

Mr. D. M. is also wrong to accept Bill's word that he "can never change." Bill is still young enough to be helped — if he wants it, himself. His parents cannot help him, however. He would need the help of a psychiatrist, who might be recommended by their family physician or a family service agency.

A cure is not certain, even with psychiatric care, but the possibility is open.

It is highly unlikely these parents can now get their boy back home, but they should let him know their door and their hearts are open to him whenever he feels he wants help.

Mr. D. M. should try to forgive Bill's blow and cruel words. The young man was just as horrified to be confronted by his father as his father was to learn the truth. Neither was quite responsible for his actions at that moment.

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SEVEN WOUNDED
Nicosia, Cyprus—(U.P.)—Seven British soldiers were wounded Friday night when a bomb was thrown into an army canteen at Paphos. No deaths were reported.

Report on Fringe Area Development, Problems Published

A 52-page report on fringe area development and problems in the Medford area has been published by the Bureau of municipal research and service, University of Oregon, for the Legislative Interim committee on local government.

The report is one of seven of individual urban areas, and is part of the research material considered by the interim committee on local government. Other reports were prepared on Portland, Salem, Eugene, Roseburg, Klamath Falls, Prineville and central Lincoln county.

The study of the areas was undertaken to provide background information for use by the interim committee in formulating recommendations "as to the type or types of local government services needed to provide urban services and controls in unincorporated urban fringe areas of incorporated cities and other unincorporated areas in Oregon."

Information in the report was obtained by interviewing various public officials, business representatives and civic leaders, and by consulting local government and business records, according to Herman Kehrl, director of the bureau of municipal research.

The report includes population growth figures in the Medford area, including Phoenix and Central Point, as well as for the county, school census of the area; comparison of residential service costs; traffic control improvements; annexations to Medford; and information concerning water, sewer and fire districts.

A limited number of copies of the report are available from the interim committee on local government, 304 State Capitol building, Salem.

LONG, DRAWN OUT BET
Rutledge, Tenn.—(U.P.)—Ross Helms fested Saturday from paying off an election bet. He spent six days pulling Eddie McDaniels 92 miles in a red wagon.

Training Flight Ends Second Month

Specialized training flight D of the 9417th Air Reserve Squadron completed its second month of operation in Medford last Thursday.

Flight D is a new reserve "training-for-pay" program in southern Oregon. It is a non-commissioned officer leadership course patterned after training offered by the NCO academy in the regular Air Force.

All ex-members of the military forces of the United States who have been honorably discharged are eligible to apply for a grade determination. If the grade determination results in the award of airman first class or above, the airman may then apply for specialized training. Individuals who are qualified may be taken into the program as airman second class.

The specialized training course lectures, films and guest speakers consists of group discussions. They are under the guidance of Capt. Alvin V. Miller, chairman of the business education department of Southern Oregon college and Lt. William B. Hunter, principal of Rogue River High school.

Presently enrolled in the specialized training course are: M-Sgt. Gus H. Boen, Medford, and William A. Reese, Ashland; T-Sgt. Sam Hamilton, Medford, and Loren Fowler, Talent; S-Sgt. Wilson Slater, Medford; Airman first class Robert L. Burton, Medford, Willard Farnsworth, Phoenix, and Joseph E. Johnson, Ernest Silva, J. L. Morse, all of Grants Pass.

During attendance points are earned toward retirement and there are opportunities for promotion. Those interested should inquire at Medford Air Reserve center, 33 North Riverside ave., Medford. They should also bring their personal military records with them.

Work on Highway 99 Couplet Nears End

Ashland—With the opening of Highway 99 for traffic last weekend, auxiliary work in connection with the project will be completed rapidly, according to Elmer Biegel, Ashland city superintendent.

The new highway will have a new lighting system and 24 steel electrolights with vapor type lights. They will be installed on the couplet between the fire station and the Presbyterian church.

It is hoped to have the lighting installed by Christmas, Biegel said. Even if delays are encountered in getting steel poles, he said, work will be completed within two months. All conduit work for the couplet lighting system has been done.

The contractor for the couplet, according to Biegel, expects to complete the paving of the intersection approaches within the next 10 days.

Whether parking meters will be installed on the couplet will depend on the parking problem, he added.

Tribute Scheduled For Bus Drivers

Salem — (U.P.) — Tribute for transporting 3,233 pupils without injury for an entire school year will be paid Monday to Salem school bus drivers.

School News

TALENT HIGH SCHOOL
Science facilities at Talent High school are now being expanded and improved according to I. S. Thomas, head of the department.

New equipment includes laboratory tables with Formica covering and sinks that are resistant to acids and other chemicals. Other additions include a set of "Froese Anatomical Charts," and models of the eye, ear, tooth and brain. The new equipment will provide each student with increased opportunities for experimentation and accomplishments.

The science department has been growing steadily according to Thomas. Classes in physics, chemistry, biology and general science are offered. Approximately half the student body is presently enrolled in the classes.

The accomplishments of students in the department has been gratifying, since standardized tests indicate that their accomplishment is well above the national average. A test administered to the chemistry class showed the students ranking on the average in the upper 25 per cent in comparison to national averages, Thomas said.

The intramural basketball tournament opened Nov. 14 with two opening games being played in each grade. Rooms still in the running Friday noon for grade championships were seventh grade, room 35 and 23; eighth grade, room 25 and 8; and ninth grade, room 33, 6 and 26.

The FHA and Junior Red Cross groups are both collecting canned food for Thanksgiving baskets.

The annual toy drive will begin Nov. 26. Each home room will make its own collection and the toys and games will be sorted by Lady Lions. Medford fireman will paint or repair any items needing renovation, and items will be used as Christmas gifts to deserving children. It is hoped that a number of dolls and wheel toys in good condition will be donated.

More than 600 parents attended the annual evening of classes sponsored by the McLoughlin Junior High school and its PTA. The evening began with an assembly period for which music was provided by Roy Lewis' girls chorus and the orchestra under the direction of Elmer Ayres.

Each parent followed the daily schedule of the son or daughter student, and attended short classes to meet the teachers and become acquainted with the work being done.

The homemaking classes made the cookies which were served during the social hour in the school cafeteria.

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