

NEWS NOTES from Crater High School

By PAT MEDLEY



Central Point — "The Girl in the Rain" was presented Thursday and Friday nights by the Curtain Callers. In spite of dense fog, the production was attended by large crowds on both nights. Those attending had complimentary remarks for the cast and the director.

After Friday night's performance of the play, the cast presented Ron Lamb the traditional director's cup. Not traditional, but very much in order, was the gift presented to the wife for her help and kindness to the cast. She was presented nine red roses, one from each member of the cast, as an expression of appreciation. Each rose bore a small card saying "Thank You" and signed with the stage name of the character.

Sharlette Hale was announced the winner of the Voice of Democracy contest held the Monday before Thanksgiving vacation. Sharlette spoke of the struggles and trials our country has endured to attain and keep democracy. Her speech was recorded and sent to Roseburg, where it will be in competition with other winners in the district.

"Dearly Beloved, on this here day of November 20, 1956, (the poor bedraggled boy) has gotta take (the luc' gal) to the Sadie Hawkins dance tonight. Mind you, though, (the gal) has gotta pay 50c for this here license. This here marriage was performed by Marry'n' Sam and witnessed by a bunch of Do'satchers."

This "license" was issued to couples who raced in the annual Sadie Hawkins Day race at Crater. It was then used as a ticket to the Sadie Hawkins dance the same night. This is one of the unconventional school activities which make life at Crater High enjoyable.

"Lil' Abner" and "Daisy Mae" were chosen to reign over the Sadie Hawkins dance. Neil Green was Lil' Abner and Betty Jo McCann was Daisy Mae. There were Do'satchers by the dozen at the dance, all attired in appropriate costumes.

Edo Lubich performed at a National School Assembly last Tuesday. He presented a program of songs from different countries of the world. He accompanied himself on the electric guitar.

Friday marked the end of the second six-weeks period. Students became apprehensive about grade averages, and class periods were spent preparing six-weeks notebooks and meeting grade deadlines.

The Football Banquet was held at school last Tuesday night. The football players suited themselves with lurkey and basked in the praise given them for their successful first year in a competition. George Juveland was presented the most valuable player trophy. The sportsmanship trophy was presented to Ron Harrison. Carl Koelner received the downfield blocking trophy and Neil Green was awarded the trophy for outstanding lineman. School superintendent H. P. Jewett spoke as well as head coach Leonard Warren and Clarence Melby. Comette president Rose Drake was presented and thanked for the Comettes' cooperation with the team. The Comettes served the banquet.

The all-conference basketball jamboree was held at Crater High school last night. The schools participating in the jamboree were Ashland, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls and Crater.

During the Future Homemakers of America meeting last week, the girls were given questionnaires from the state headquarters to fill out. They concerned each girl's personal opinion on the degrees presented for completion of certain work projects. Membership cards, which had been delayed, were distributed.

The date for the annual winter concert has been set for Sunday, Dec. 16, at 2:30 p.m. This will be the first time a formal concert has been held during the afternoon, but the music director, Norman Carothers, feels that the time will be conducive to an aesthetic attitude on the part of the audience. The band, varsity choir, boys and girls choruses, and the Lava-tiers will present their program of music for the holiday season.

Virgin Island National Park Dedicated Saturday

St. Thomas, V. I. — U.P. — U.S. Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton was to deliver the principal address Saturday at the dedication of the Virgin Islands National park.

President Eisenhower authorized the establishment of the park on St. John island as a sanctuary to preserve the island's natural beauty, wildlife and historic relics.

Recent Eclipse of Moon Is Discussed by Fay Bentley

By FAY BENTLEY

"When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained, What is man....?"

Like the Psalmist of old, I was filled with awe and wonder and a deeper realization of the insignificance of mortals, as from the desert country near Burns, Ore., entirely removed from artificial light of any kind, my husband and I watched the moon enter the umbra of the earth's shadow shortly after 9 p.m. Nov. 17.

A more perfect night could not be imagined. "God's Little Candles" twinkled gaily in every part of the celestial dome as if trying to cheer our satellite on its dim pathway. While the face of Luna darkened, the dancing stars brightened until the beauty and fascination of the starry heavens exceeded a mere earth-dweller's power of expression.

Absence of Clouds

The absence of clouds around the horizon resulted in the lightest and most vivid lunar eclipse it has ever been my privilege to observe. A few people expressed disappointment over the brightness of the eclipsed moon, but to most observers, the intensely golden disc brightening to silver on the edges was a sight of rare beauty, not soon to be forgotten.

Whenever the clouds around the horizon are dense enough to exclude all earthshine from the surface of the moon, a black eclipse, in which the moon is entirely invisible during at least part of its journey through the umbra of the earth's shadow, results.

This most unusual occurrence, has been witnessed only three times since the invention of the telescope in 1610. The dates of the black eclipses are April 25, 1842; May 18, 1761; and June 10, 1816.

Total Eclipse

Some people claimed that the total lunar eclipse of April 12, 1949, was a black eclipse, and articles to this effect appeared in a few of the metropolitan newspapers. Life Magazine stated that it was "the blackest eclipse in the memory of any living astronomer." A radio broadcast on April 13, 1949, stated that "the Hayden Planetarium reported it to be one of those dark eclipses in which the moon totally disappeared from view for a while at the middle of the phenomenon."

However, I observed this eclipse from beginning to end, and, in this part of the country, the face of Luna was at no time invisible. It was a beautiful copper-color during the entire period of totality. Also watching this phenomenon of the skies

were more than 240 students besides a number of residents in the community. During class room discussion the students agreed that at no time was it impossible to see the moon.

"When will there be an eclipse of the sun?" Inquired an enthusiastic observer of the recent lunar eclipse.

Solar Eclipse

A solar eclipse can only occur at the time of new moon, when both earth and moon are near one of the points where the moon's orbit crosses above the earth's path. The moon traveling directly between the earth and sun blots out the light of the sun for a very brief period of time. Usually about three minutes and never more than 7 1/2 minutes for the totality period.

Compared to the surface of the earth, the moon's shadow is so small that a solar eclipse can only be visible to earth-dwellers in a path about 100 miles or less in width.

On Dec. 2, 1956, there will be a partial eclipse of the sun. Disappointing enough, it will only be visible to observers in the Eastern Hemisphere.

AF Globemaster Crashes at Pole

McMurdo Sound, Antarctica — U.P. — The U.S. Air Force Globemaster State of Oregon — the first Air Force plane to fly over the South Pole Oct. 26 — crashed while landing on the ice strip here Friday night.

The pilot and one of 18 civilian passengers were slightly injured. The second big Globemaster to crash here within 48 hours.

The State of Oregon was landing after completing a flight from New Zealand when the left main landing gear struck a snowbank. The big plane toppled on its side and one engine burst into flames.

Pilot Warren J. Fair of Bonita Springs, Fla., suffered a broken leg. James R. Farlow, a civilian aircraft technician from San Bernardino, Calif., fractured his heel when he slid down an escape rope.

The remaining 17 passengers were uninjured. Fifteen were Civil Service technicians brought here to repair another damaged plane, and two were representatives of the Douglas Aircraft Corp.

Another Globemaster, the State of Tennessee, lost a nose-wheel and was badly damaged Friday. The Globemaster State of Washington was an earlier casualty, bringing the total number of the \$1.7 million C124s now out of operation to three.

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IF YOU THINK THREE'S A CROWD—Traffic is really heavy on the winner's podium in Olympic Stadium in Melbourne as third place in 400-meter run ended in tie. Left to right: Finland's Zoltio Hellstein and Ardalion Ignatiev of Russia who tied for third; America's Charles Jenkins of Cambridge, Mass. who won; and Germany's Karl Haas, who took silver medal for second. Jenkins' time was 46.7.

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