

School News

McLOUGHLIN JUNIOR HIGH
 A national assembly was presented Nov. 26, at which time Edg Lubich presented a musical program. Lubich sang songs from various countries, accompanying himself on the guitar.

The inter-mural basketball tournament has been completed, and the championship trophies have been given to winning home teams. The team plaques were awarded as follows: ninth grade, Mrs. Marvel Young's home room; eighth grade, Mrs. Coral Stone's room; and seventh grade, Mrs. Hazel Bradford's room. P. P. and sportsmanship awards were won by Mrs. Dorothy Sutter's home room; Miss Joyce Porter's room 9, and Mrs. Margaret Brown's room 35.

The weightlifting class, directed by Jack Vincent, has been meeting twice a week. Eight boys are enrolled.

The annual Christmas concert will be presented at McLaughlin school Dec. 18. Christmas and religious music will be presented by the orchestra. Ray Lewis, Margaret Brown, and Elmer Ayres are directing students.

Thirty examples of student art were sent to the Oregon Educator's exhibit in Corvallis early this month. Articles sent included a variety of media and subjects.

John Reed has organized the wrestling activity. Thirty-eight

boys are now training, and hope to hold a meet soon with students from the Hedrick and other schools.

Report cards were issued Monday, Nov. 29 for the first quarter.

Student pictures arrived this week, and those wishing to purchase the photographs have been obtaining them in the home rooms.

HEDRICK JUNIOR HIGH
 By Mary Milne
 Monday, Nov. 26, Edg Lubich was at the Hedrick Junior High Assembly. He was born in Yugoslavia, and sings and plays a guitar.

He sang and played several songs, including "Lady of Spain," "I Believe," "Whatever Will Be, Will Be," "On the Street Where You Live," and "I Could Have Danced All Night."

He also sang several Spanish songs.

RIFLE CLUB MEETS
 Phoenix—The Phoenix Junior Rifle club will meet Monday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. in the Community hall in Phoenix. Children between the ages of 11 and 18 are invited to attend the meeting with the possibility of joining the group.

PHOENIX HIGH
 By Alicia Abbott and Charlotte Keene
 Senior pictures, which were taken several weeks ago by Kenneth Ellis Studio, Eugene, were ordered last week when Lloyd Russell came back to take orders. With the purchase of 12 portraits at \$8.00, each picture is given free. For a slight charge a colored portrait could be purchased. The pictures are expected to arrive Dec. 16.

Individual pictures were taken Thursday for student body cards and Pirate Log by Andy Morgan from Edwards photographs.

For the annual Christmas program Dec. 20, the Girl's Chorus, Triple Trio, and the band have started practice on several numbers. Apart from the musical portion, the Nativity will be presented by fifth graders with narration by Dorothy Bean and Jim James, students from the speech class.

Victor E. Newman and Don Morris of the Oregon State Employment service interviewed 13 seniors on their occupational possibilities. Aptitude tests were given some time ago. Students received pointers on colleges, occupations, and the work for which they were best suited.

Next week, six weeks tests will be given. In Phoenix the school year is divided into six six-week periods with report cards handed out after the test grades have been computed.

At the next meeting of the PTA, Jan. 3, 1957, a student panel will speak on "Teen Age Problems." The panel will attempt to answer questions asked by adults on dating, discipline, going steady, and other teen age

Taxing Trees of Timber Industry Is Major Problem

Corvallis—Tree farmers have learned to control fire, a prominent forester told the Oregon Tax conference here Friday, but many experts believe the No. 1 problem of private forestry today is how trees are taxed.

Paul Lininger, forester for the Industrial Forestry association, said "the forest industry does not seek preferential treatment or any subsidy whatever for its tree farms. It believes that if forestry can be practiced anywhere on earth without subsidy, it is in the Douglas fir region, of which western Oregon is a major part. Industry recognizes its responsibilities to support local government. It expects to pay its fair portion of those costs."

"On the other hand," Lininger said, "forest industry recognizes, because it is in the business of growing and harvesting trees, that taxing authorities, legislators and the public do not realize the great risks of carrying trees for longer than the average human life span to bring them to useable size. The industry has faith in Oregon's future. That faith is proved by the fact that it is willing to risk its own capital to grow a crop of trees which will provide more jobs, more payrolls and more taxes for the solid maintenance of Oregon's economy from now on."

Lininger said forest industries are working to maintain every acre in full growth, which means costly planting, heavy expenses for protection for the growth cycle of a tree from seedling to maturity.

Some plan should be developed in taxation of young forests, Lininger said, which would recognize the risks involved of carrying the trees through 60 to 80 years. Valuation of immature forests is more complex than for old growth where values can be determined more easily, he said. The valuation process itself, he observed, rather than the ad valorem system is the crux of the problem.

Second Hearing Set In Salem Explosion
 Salem—(U.P.)—A second hearing into an explosion which demolished a Salem home last week and hospitalized three persons will be held here next Tuesday.

Robert Dearmond, chairman of a special committee investigating the blast, said the group would consider possible adoption of a new gas safety code as urged by the American Standards association.

The blast burned all three members of the Dennis Howarth family.

problems. Gary Simmonds, will be moderator with Archie Trott, Betty Rupp, Marva Sult, and Dennis James as the other panel members.

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Is That So?

Over the northland, complete night has now taken over. It is polar night; neither sun nor twilight brightens the dark sky. But yet, it is not black. The snow-covered landscape reflects starshine. Also, there is moonshine. With the total disappearance of the sun in polar night, the full moon remains slightly above the horizon constantly circling the sky. And the northern lights may glow overhead gloriously.

It is popularly assumed that if there were less night and more heat in the Arctic this land would become a garden paradise. Not so. If rain and snowfall remain as they are today, a little more warmth would turn the great boggy tundra lands and lakes into the world's largest desert.

Also, it is popularly assumed that there is deep snow in these polar regions. Most of us as-

sume that as we progress north from the Mexican border's thin film to the many-foot deep banks of snow in Montana, that the snowbank of the northland is a surety must be hundreds of feet thick. Again, not so. Actually, a New England ski-slope, a Winnipeg plain, or an Idaho valley provide far deeper snow cover than does the tundra plain of North America.



Far North Arid
 The far north, essentially, is arid. Besides, to all intents the frozen soil is "dry" to the plant life—plants cannot take any moisture from the soil during most of the year. And the light snowfall is not much more than enough to insure that all the tundra will stay covered despite the severe gales.

In this treeless tundra, the bleak land never loses its frost, even in mid-summer. Below the surface is a permafrost. At Fairbanks, this permafrost extends 170 feet below anything the sun can thaw in a hot summer; at Amderma, on the north coast of Siberia, the permafrost continues downward for almost a quarter a mile, to 1,200 feet.

The area of this frozen tundra of our northland is tremendous; almost a twentieth of the earth's surface. And on it grow peat moss, a sphagnum which covers most of the bogs, and on the hillsides are various sedges. And everywhere from bare rock to soggy sphagnum, lichens flourish—the hardest plants on earth.

Except for the roaring gales, the polar nights are uncommonly quiet; occasionally the human ear may pick out the high-pitched call of a wolf. Or the squeak of a dying lemming. Or the cry of an owl.

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EAGLE POINT Fire Dept. Criticized

Wayne Whaley is in the Sacred Heart hospital recovering from an operation. She will return to her home in Eagle Point this coming week. William Jackson spent a few days in Portland last week.

Sherry Fong Case Appealed Friday

Portland—(U.P.)—Attorneys for Sherry Fong Friday appealed to the Oregon Supreme court her conviction last December of second degree murder in connection with the death of 16-year-old Diane Hank.

Sherry Fong and her husband, Wey Him Fong, were first tried jointly and convicted of first degree murder. They were granted new trials and separate trials were held. Sherry Fong was tried first and convicted of second degree murder, which carries a sentence of life imprisonment. Then Wey Him Fong was tried and acquitted.

Friday Portland attorneys Leo Levenson and Irvin Goodman filed a 171-page brief with the Supreme court, listing five reasons they thought Sherry Fong should go free: They were:

1. "Uninhibited and prejudicial" conduct by the prosecutor.
 2. Prejudicial error by the court in allowing the state to introduce what the defense called "irrelevant" evidence.
 3. Prejudicial error in allowing hearsay testimony relating to Diane Hank about illicit activities with Sherry and Wey Him Fong.
 4. The trial did not prove that Diane's death was due to a criminal act.
 5. The case was "predicated on inferences and not on facts."
- Sherry Fong has been confined to the Multnomah county jail here pending her appeal.

Sack's Conviction To Be Appealed Soon

Portland—(U.P.)—Attorneys for George F. Sack said here Saturday they would appeal his first degree murder conviction to the United States Supreme court.

The Portland apartment house owner was convicted of the murder of his wife, Goldie, and the conviction was upheld by the Oregon Supreme court. Sack had been scheduled to die in the Oregon gas chamber Dec. 15.

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Mrs. Golda Wilson has returned from Portland, where she was visiting friends and relatives, to take over the Brook's Cafe, formerly under the management of Clyde Irwin. Irwin and his family have gone to Denver, Colo., where he will make his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Ritsby have moved to Illinois valley. They were former residents of the Eagle Point motel which recently had a fire.

Mrs. Gus Oleson left this week for San Francisco, where she will visit her mother, Mrs. Edna Alexander. Mrs. Oleson will be gone about two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Karver and children, of Coquille, spent a few days with Mrs. Karver's mother, Mrs. Helen Fields.

Vanetta Mueller of Medford and Charles Culy were married recently at the Roxy Ann Grange hall in Medford by the Reverend Mr. Mollard. Culy is employed in the lumber industry. The young people will make their home in Eagle Point.

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Hood River Man Killed In Washington Crash

Ritzville, Wash.—(U.P.)—Gaines B. Romine, 42, of Hood River, Ore., was killed early Saturday when his car hit several cement guard rails along the highway 20 miles west of here.

State Patrol Officer Gordon Rose says Romine, the only occupant in his car, was traveling at a high rate of speed and the car failed to make a curve, hitting the guard rails and ripping out several of the posts. The officer said Romine was apparently killed instantly.

FIVE KILLED

Brisbane, Australia — (U.P.) — Five persons were killed and 13 injured Saturday when the Queensland crack diesel express Westlander crashed head-on into a standing steam train at Wallumbilla station, 20 miles from here.

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