



**PRINCIPALS IN PLAY**—Dick Corum, left, junior at Medford High school, and Terry Tarvin, a seventh grade student at Lone Pine school, play roles in the play, "Point of Beginning," presented by the Footlighters as a community service. The play has been scheduled by several groups and is part of the program of the Southern Oregon Child Guidance Clinic association to further its goal of developing greater understanding of children's behavior and problems. —(Brainerd photo)

## Play Being Presented For Child Guidance Clinic Association

The play "Point of Beginning" has been scheduled by several organizations as part of the Southern Oregon Child Guidance Clinic association's program to further develop greater understanding of children's behavior and problems, officials of the association have announced.

The play is the fourth production given by Footlighters' members as a community service. The play is presented to groups with a discussion leader from the association.

"Point of Beginning" was written by Nora Stirling for the American Theater Wing Community Plays in cooperation with the National Council of the Churches of Christ. The association makes arrangements for the play, and Mrs. Dunbar Carpen-

## Furniture Store Defendant in Suit

John C. Crawford, Janet Crawford, Robert E. Rector and Jean C. Rector, doing business as the Medford Furniture Store, are defendants in a \$60,000 damage suit filed in circuit court this week by Oregon Mutual Fire Insurance company.

The suit is a result of a fire, which allegedly caused more than \$60,000 damage to the store building on July 8, 1955. The complaint says the building was owned by Will Hansen, a client of the plaintiff, and was leased by the defendants on Oct. 22, 1951.

According to the complaint, Jim Wallace Lauderdale and Melvin Glenn Weir, employees of the defendants, tore portions of paper from some mattress covers while working on the day of the fire and threw the portions on the floor. The complaint also states matches were used to furnish light while they worked and the matches were discarded on the floor, igniting the scraps of paper and starting the blaze.

The plaintiff charges the defendants with four counts of negligence in connection with the fire and asks judgment in the amount of \$60,000. Charles W. Reames, Medford attorney, is representing the plaintiff.

## Medford Teacher Nominated for Post

DeVere Taylor, Medford High school teacher, was recently selected as a candidate for trustee of the Oregon Education association to represent district 6.

Taylor was nominated by the executive committee, Jackson county OEA unit. District 6 includes Jackson, Josephine, Lake and Klamath counties.

He is being opposed by incumbent H. B. Ferrin, Lakeview school superintendent, and Bob Wendt, principal of Highland elementary school, Grants Pass.

Taylor has previously served as president of the Medford Teacher's association; past state chairman of the OEA state economic welfare committee; and now is president of the Jackson County OEA unit and president of Phi Delta Kappa, Beta Iota chapter.

He has taught in Oregon schools for the past 17 years with the exception of three years military service during World War II. Taylor lives at 1011 Winchester ave., Medford, with his wife, Margaret, and their three children.

**SQUAWK RULED TALK**  
Hollywood—(UP)—A parrot named Tony won a heated dispute and \$60 a day additional salary for his owned concerning his status as an actor. Tony has a role in Kim Novak's new film "Jeanne Eagles," and the script demands that he squawk at the actress. The question was whether he was to be paid as a silent actor or an actor with lines.

## Teachers Slate Panel Discussion, Speaker Monday

A panel discussion on proposed legislation as it pertains to education will be featured at a dinner meeting of the Jackson County Classroom Teachers' association Monday, Jan. 21, at Jacksonville High school.

School district segregation, revision of basic formula and state minimum salaries will be among discussion topics, according to Floyd Robinson, program chairman.

The panel will consist of Alf B. Mekvold, county school superintendent; Leonard B. Mayfield, superintendent of Medford public schools; Bruce Hitt, county school supervisor; and Maxine Smith, state president of the classroom teachers association. Boyd Gibson, principal of Ruch school, will be panel chairman.

Guy B. Rose, research man for the Association of Public School Systems, will be guest speaker for the evening. His topic will be "Trends in Merit Rating in Rural Areas." Karl Hayes, president of the county classroom teachers association, will preside at the meeting.

Robinson said an attendance of about 200 is expected at the meeting.

## Siskiyou Considering Buying Helicopter

Yreka — Siskiyou county supervisors are exploring the possibility of acquiring a surplus helicopter, it has been announced.

Helicopters are available from government agencies for about \$100, according to reports. A surplus helicopter was purchased recently by Trinity county, Calif., for use in rescue and search work.

Use of a helicopter as an ambulance was demonstrated recently when Bob Trimble of Etna landed his craft in front of Siskiyou General hospital to deliver an injured man.

Hospital officials have said such an emergency landing could easily be made again or a small landing area might be developed in back of the hospital.

Main opposition to purchasing a helicopter for the county is the high cost of a pilot.

## Rural School Board Group Sets Meeting

The Jackson County Rural School Boards association will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22 in the Lone Pine school.

The new salary schedule proposed by teachers and administrators of second and third class school districts will be discussed, according to John Niedermeyer, chairman.

A progress report on legislation concerning basic distribution of state funds and a discussion of the local tax problem also are scheduled. Niedermeyer has urged all school board members from second and third class districts to attend.

**A GALLANT GESTURE**  
Washington—(UP)—Two ladies arriving late at the theater one snowy night this week said they might not have made it at all "except for the kindness of our neighbor. He noticed our difficulty and came in the cold to help the cab," one of them explained. The neighbor involved in this bit of gallantry—68-year-old Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

## NEWS NOTES from Crater High School

By PAT MEDLEY  
A vacation! There was no school for Crater High students Friday. This "day of rest" gave teachers a chance to correct semester examinations, and students a chance to recuperate from the day of testing. A few students escaped the ordeal of exams because of their high grades during the semester. If the grades had been high enough, the student was declared "exempt" from the test, and did not have to come to class. There were a few students who were "exempt" from all tests and had not only Friday off, but Thursday as well.



Princesses for the sophomore March of Dimes dance have been chosen. Irma Penwell is the senior class candidate, Carolee Brantley was the juniors' choice, the sophomore princess is Sylvia Yell, and the freshman chose Connie McDonough. The four classes will be hard at work for two weeks selling tickets for their candidates, and the class which sells the most tickets will make their princess Miss March of Dimes.

This year the March of Dimes has aroused more interest than ever before. Even during the busy examination week, all students were engaged in projects to raise money for the worthy cause. Monday each class president called a meeting of the class, and different plans were discussed for the TAP drive. Because of the rivalry between classes for the most money, many of the plans are unknown by anyone outside of the particular class. Not only classes, but school organizations are working to their utmost to make this the most successful year in the fight against polio. Crater High school, in the county competition, is determined to beat Medford High, even if Crater has to "sell their tractors" to do it. (Slogan courtesy of Medford High.)

A locker clean-up was ordered by the office last Tuesday. Each class was called to their lockers, and the fight was on. Papers and trash soon filled the waste baskets. Many students were amazed to discover items they had long ago declared lost forever. The library staff breathed a sigh of relief as books were returned by the dozens. The rows of tidy lockers are a welcome sight to

students who have become accustomed to holding the contents inside with one hand and slamming quickly with the other.

The committee in charge of the Mothers Day Tea held a meeting last Monday to begin work on the event. The tea is an annual spring event, sponsored by the Girls league. Several hundred mothers attend the tea, and it involves much work and planning to insure a successful occasion. Chairman for the Mothers Day Tea is Sally Elden.

The Girls Athletic association is sponsoring a swimming party at the YMCA next Wednesday. Because of limited facilities, only 40 girls will be able to attend. When the announcement was made during Wednesday's meeting, girls rushed to be among the first 40 signed up. At the same meeting, plans were discussed for the formation of a girls bowling league.

An all school skating party was held by the Girls league last Monday. The skating parties are held at the Rollerdom in Grants Pass. The league rents the rink for the evening, and any profit made after the rental fee has been paid goes into the Girls league treasury toward the financing of a scholarship at the end of the year to the most deserving girl.

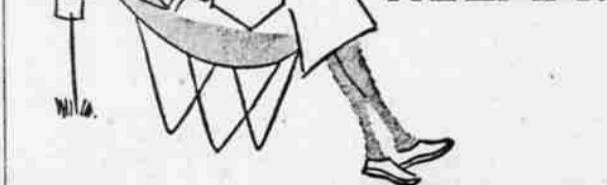
Twenty-three students from beginning and advanced speech classes will participate in the Southern Oregon college speech tournament, Jan. 25 and 26. The purpose of the tournament is to provide experience to speech students. Because the tournament is not competitive, there will be no winners. Instead, certificates of merit will rate each participant on his work.

Class competition is the most effective method of receiving student cooperation and participation. This method will be put into practice tomorrow, when the freshmen will take part in a lawn cleanup. Each class will periodically contribute to the beautification of the campus.

Willow Run Airport near Detroit is owned by the University of Michigan which acquired it from the government as a war surplus installation in 1947.

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## FTA Delegates Attend Willamette Meeting

Ashland — Eleven delegates from the Southern Oregon college chapter of the Future Teachers of America attended a regional meeting at Willamette university in Salem recently.

The program for the conference included an introductory speech by state FTA President Jim McDonald of SOC, a speech by Dr. James Lyles, Willamette

university, and a speech by Cecil Posey, executive secretary of OEA.

Representing Southern Oregon college at the meeting were McDonald, Mary Thumm, Sandra Qualman, Sharon Buckley, Donna Sundburg, Nancy Jennings, Chuck Brandsness, Mary Stuart, Sheila Dionne, Claralee Teske,

and Miss Florence Allen, adviser.

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