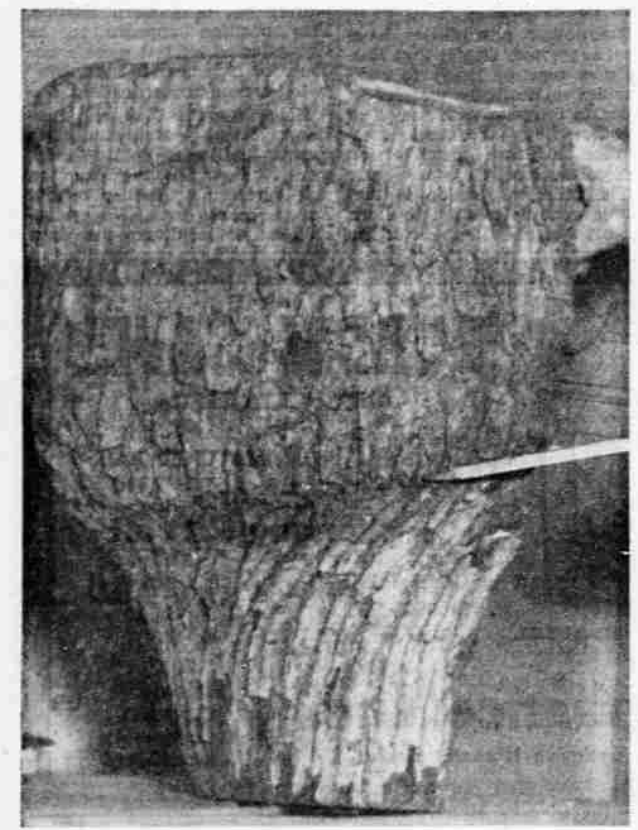


First Row of Comice Pear Trees In Valley Are Being Cut Down

The first row of comice pear trees to be grown in the Rogue valley has been cut down at the old J. A. Whitman orchard block, located north of Stewart ave., between the Southern Pacific railway tracks and South Oakdale ave.



PORTION OF TREE—This portion of a tree from the Rogue valley's "mother row" of comice pears will be on exhibit at the county agents' office before being offered to the Jacksonville museum. Pencil points to the union of the winter nells root stock and the comice grafting. Through the point of union is clearly visible on the outside of the tree, C. B. Cordy, county horticulture agent, says the union is barely visible on the inside of the tree. "It was a good job of grafting," Cordy stated.



ALL THAT'S LEFT—Here is all that remains of the first row of comice pears in the Rogue valley. The trees were planted 60 years ago on the old J. A. Whitman orchard block, located north of Stewart ave., between the Southern Pacific railroad tracks and South Oakdale ave. The lot has been purchased by Medford Ice and Storage company and will probably be used for industrial development, company officials indicated. Nearly all early comice plantings in the valley were budded from these trees which are now visible above only as piles of wood. At left of photo is Stewart ave.

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Ullman Takes Steps For Owyhee Reservoir

Ontario — (UP) — Congressman Al Ullman has notified Democratic party officials here that he has taken steps toward creation of the much-sought Owyhee reservoir recreation area. Ullman said that a study is being made to determine what agency should undertake the project. He indicated that the program should be carried out jointly between the federal and state governments and said he had conferred with Gov. Robert Holmes to determine to what extent the state would participate. He said as soon as this was determined and the overall study completed, he would introduce a bill to authorize funds for the federal government's share of the cost of providing suitable recreation facilities and access roads. Petitions are now being circulated in a number of Malheur county towns urging the State Highway department to build access roads and also urging the State Park commission to incorporate the site in the state park system.

Construction Starts On Highway Relocation

Cave Junction — The Tom Lillebo Construction company has started pouring concrete for the culvert extension in front of the Illinois Valley Ranger station as part of relocation work on Highway 199 south of Cave Junction. Work on two new bridges which will be a part of the new four-mile stretch of highway will probably be completed this summer by the Lillebo company. The state highway department is at present levelling and grading the new highway right-of-way.

Grange News

Central Point Grange

The lecturer's program was open to the public at the Grange hall Friday, Jan. 18. The choir from the Crater high school music department, under the direction of Norman Carothers, sang several numbers. The FFA boys of the school gave a demonstration on parliamentary procedure, under the direction of agriculture instructor, Edward Griggs. Team members were Bob Elden, John Caster, Dave Mack, Robert Lichti and George Gilman.

Visitors for the evening were Mrs. McFarland, assistant agriculture instructor, and Lottie Cingcade, of the Eagle Point Grange. During the business meeting on February 15, and instead to have an open house and social meeting, in charge of the program will be the lecturer and recreation committee. Members also voted to meet Monday evening at the Grange hall to discuss the remodeling of the kitchen. The refreshment committee was Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bohner, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dunn and Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Floux. After lunch, the recreation committee, Mrs. Charles Jantzer, and Benton Boyce provided mixers and dancing. The next meeting will be on Feb. 1.

Phoenix Grange met Tuesday, Jan. 22 at 8 p.m. Following the officers' seating drill Master Dee Hendrickson turned the meeting over to Lecturer Ethel Carr, who presented Jack Dube, instructor of vocational agriculture at Phoenix High school.

Phoenix Grange helped to promote this course at the school and this is the first year it has been in operation. Parents and Grange members learned how much had been accomplished this year.

Dube has a full time, year around job, and he told of the acreage the class hoped to farm and the opportunities for students who, after a four year course, can qualify for further advancement in the field of agriculture.

There are 60 students now enrolled. Dube introduced five of them: Jack Hofbur, John Whiteside, Tommy Bryan, Leon Small and Tommy Atchison, who each gave a talk.

Jack Hofbur spoke on inadequate facilities at the state fair grounds for FFA and 4-H members. Lack of space for exhibits, lack of housing, sanitation, sleeping and cafeteria accommodations were some of the subjects mentioned.

A measure is to come before the state legislature to remedy the situation. He urged everyone to write their state congressman to support this measure.

John Whiteside spoke on organization of FFA and said the first chapter was organized in Nov., 1928 in Virginia. There are now 8,990 chapters with 22,000 members. Oregon was the 35th state to organize a chapter.

Tommy Bryan outlined activities such as FFA contests at fairs, public speaking and parliamentary procedure. Leon Small told of shop activities, farm mechanics, and safety measures when working around machinery. He also spoke on contour farming and its purpose.

Tommy Atchison talked on supervised farming, farm enterprises and projects which the FFA student may enter. Dube then held a question and answer program, after which the students and their instructor were escorted to the dining room for refreshments and a short Grange meeting was held.

HEC chairman Coral Schroeder reported a group of women would sew and mend at Camp White the second Thursday of each month from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The proceeds from the Koffee Klatches held at the Melvin Latties, S. E. Cox, Oscar Gysin and Olin Poe homes, together with the proceeds from the penny march, amounted to \$60 and will be turned over to the MOD.

On the display table was a Grange scrapbook, compiled by Mrs. Dee Hendrickson dating from 1948. Mrs. Herman De Groot and Melvin Lattie were reported to be ill. Ethel Carr reminded us again of the chest x-ray. Mable Quackenbush and Sol Cox were presented their attendance bars.

An HEC conference has been called by Anna Roberts, Pomona HEC chairman, to be held in Phoenix Grange hall Tuesday, Feb. 5, with a potluck dinner at noon and the meeting at 1 p.m. All HEC chairmen and anyone interested in HEC work is urged to be present.

Refreshment committee Mr. and Mrs. Al Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barneburg and Mr. and Mrs. Bennet Austin served sandwiches, pickles and coffee following the meeting. Gertrude Lewin, Publicity Chairman, chosen over 19 others. As a prize, he will receive his annual without charge.

Winners of the Odd Fellows safe driving contest were announced at an assembly last Tuesday. The two first place winners were Tom Nix and Joan Morris, both juniors. Taking second place were Carl Koellner, a senior, and Joan Dobrot, a junior. Martha Davis and Max Fredericks, seniors, came in third. These winners were presented checks for \$5, \$4, \$3, respectively.

Marylou Medley and Bob Elden have been chosen by the student council as the exchange students Medford. The student exchange will take place during the month of February. The students will make reports to their student body when the exchange is ended. Bob is a senior and Marylou is a junior. The 1957 Constellation will feature a cover designed by Ed Logan. In a recent annual cover design contest, Ed's entry was

NEWS NOTES from Crater High School

By PAT MEDLEY

Carolee Brantley was chosen as "Miss March of Dimes" for Crater High school last Friday at the sophomore March of Dimes dance. Carolee was the junior candidate for the March of Dimes queen, and the enthusiastic juniors pushed their princess on to victory by selling the most tickets. Proceeds will go to the March of Dimes. Carolee's court was made up of Connie McDonough, the freshman princess; sophomore princess Donna Burnett; and the senior princess, Irma Penwell.

The coronation took place at the sophomore "platter party," the dance held Friday night, where there was music only as long as the nickels held out. Requests were played only with a nickel donation, which went into the March of Dimes fund.

The sophomores also sponsored the varsity-faculty basketball game last Tuesday. This was the wildest, funniest, and "cheat-inest" game ever held in the Crater High gymnasium. The faculty team looked a little rusty, but managed to boost their score from 10 to 20 without ever making a basket (a trick the varsity squad has never mastered). The starting five "Legs Lamb in loud Hawaiian trunks; "Warden Warren" in a jailbird suit and cowboy gloves; "Naughty Knapp" who wore a beautiful black track suit; "Knees Nau" in a baseball cap, baseball socks, tennis shoes, track sweat pants and boxer trunks; and topped off with a torn pajama shirt. Captain of the faculty was "Little Red Lacy" who looked attractive in a pair of long red underwear topped off with a pair of yellow boxer trunks. The varsity fought hard, but to no avail. The faculty had them whipped before the game ever began. To help raise the faculty score, "Legs Lamb" carried on his own private little game in the opposite corner of the gym, raising the score by 8 or 10 points. Helping him was "Somethin' Sutherland" who had jumped up from the sidelines to help his team when they needed him. The fact that the varsity was often opposed by six or seven faculty players was an important aspect of the lively game. Jo Rettmann, the assistant librarian, and Carol Harris, who teaches typing and bookkeeping, were the towel



Pat Medley

managers, yell leaders and coaches. When the dismissal bell rang, the score was faculty 27, varsity 20. Another score for the March of Dimes chart, also.

A student or teacher at Crater High could certainly keep his sweet tooth satisfied last week. Candy sales, pie and cake sales, and other kinds of sales have been going on. The juniors and seniors have been responsible for most of them, operating on the theory that "The way to someone's purse is through his stomach."

Luggage Day found the weaker sex struggling along the crowded halls beneath a stack of books. The boys purchased tickets which entitled them to present a load of books or similar articles to some unsuspecting girl to carry. The tickets also served as admittance slips to class if a girl was late. Luggage Day and the movie which will be held tomorrow make up the Girls League contribution to the March of Dimes.

Sally Elden has been chosen as the Elk's Leadership finalist from Crater High school. Sally has been one of the most active girls in school since she entered as a freshman. Among her activities are cheer leader, co-editor of the annual, class offices, offices in various organizations, and many others. She is Honored Queen of Jobs Daughters Bethel 38, and is active in many community affairs. Sally was chosen from a group of students in competition for the award. As finalist from Crater High school, she will compete with finalists from other county schools for the Elks Leadership Award.

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News About Books

"Christian Books, Heralds of Truth," is the theme of the 17th annual celebration of Catholic Book Week, Feb. 17 to 23. The purpose of the observance is to evoke the interest of the general reading public in Catholic authors.

Among the books recommended by the Catholic Book Week committee is "The Nun's Story," by Kathryn Hulme. This is the dramatic portrayal of a young Belgian girl who became a Sister, did psychiatric and surgical nursing in several hospitals, staffed by her order, but eventually discovered that she was not able to live the religious life. "The Presence of Grace," by James F. Powers in a collection of short stories which center chiefly on priestly personalities and clerical foibles. Artistically the author's work is considered to represent some of the finest achievements in the contemporary short story.

In "Profiles in Courage," John F. Kennedy, one of America's keen-witted intellectuals as well as a sound statesman, examines the complex problem of politics and ethics. There is heroism and rashness in "The Last Hurrah," by Edwin O'Connor, a story of the American politician who by patronage and connivance was as much a tribal chieftain as an elected office-holder.

"Son of Dust," by H. F. M. Prescott, author of "The Man on a Donkey," is a study in the contrast between love and lust set in the high noon of Christendom, the Middle Ages. "The Spear," in Louis De Wohl's story of that title, was the one which pierced Jesus' side as he hung on the cross. This novel tells the story of the Roman centurion who wielded the spear.

Hugh Ross Williamson writes impressively of the Canon of the Mass in his latest book, "The Great Prayer." Romano Guidaro offers some inspirational thoughts in his "Meditations Before Mass." Another rich source of material on Catholic worship is Francis Xavier Weiser's "Holyday Book," which deals not only with liturgy of the holy days but with the historical background, legend, and pagan derivations.

The books listed above were included in a brochure of "The best in Catholic reading for adults" published by the Catholic Library association, Villanova, Penn., and are all available at the Medford Public Library or through Jackson county library agencies.

Two Escape Injury In Crash Landing
Portland — (UP) — Two men escaped injury Friday night as they brought their small private airplane in for a crash landing at the Portland airport after its landing gear failed to react properly.

Pilot of the craft was Norman W. Ralston, 40, of Hillsboro, a partner in a flying service and also a pilot for the Buck Mountain logging company.

Aboard the craft with him was 21-year-old Jack A. Erickson of Forest Grove.

The two were on a flight from Garberville, Calif., to Hillsboro at the time. When they started to land at Hillsboro, Ralston noticed that the front wheel of the tricycle landing gear failed to drop completely down and lock into place.

Columbus, O. — (UP) — Police chaplain, Rev. Alber H. Heinz, said Saturday thieves broke into his car and took \$3 worth of candy and 2,000 copies of sheet music titled, "Not Mine, But Thine."

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