

NEWS NOTES from

Medford High School

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"Gremlins, that's what it is." One of the Hi-Times reporters is thoroughly convinced that a red-headed gremlin with a body four inches high has descended on his typewriter and is sitting there laughing at him. Sometimes he even blames it on Mrs. McThing, the witch in the senior play, who he says has hexed him. The poor befuddled reporter has written three stories about the play only to find that when they were printed he had said the wrong thing.

"The gremlin blotched the stories," he claims. Mrs. McThing, the senior class play, will be given in the Medford High auditorium Thursday and Friday this week. This comedy was written by Mary Coyle Chase the author who invented Harvey, the invisible six-foot rabbit.

The debate team is again preparing to travel north for a speech tournament at Linfield college in McMinnville. They will leave Medford on Feb. 20 with debaters from both Medford junior high schools and Ashland High.

Each of the 21 team members is expected to enter debate and at least two individual events. One boy is even entering four events, of which two are scheduled at the same time.

The second annual Family Life conference for young adults will be held March 9 at Southern Oregon college, according to a bulletin recently received from the conference planning committee. It will be jointly sponsored by the Ashland branch of the American Association of University Women and the Ashland Rotary club.

Medford High registration began this week and so far approximately ten students have indicated that they will attend. Mrs. Grace Berg, dean of girls, announced Friday that positions are still open for interested students.

"Get up at 5 o'clock in the morning."

"Only 15 minutes to dress."

These were familiar remarks as girls of MHS filed out of the auditorium last Wednesday. Four women officers representing the Navy, Army, Marines, and Air Force discussed various phases of life and opportunities in store for a woman in any field of the armed service.

They talked about boot camp with its drill, studies, after discipline and about the opportunities in special training after boot camp. Travel and advancement were among the top features discussed, not to mention the fact that men outnumber the women 200 to one.

Feb. 8, the annual King of Hearts dance given by the Pep club was held in the boys' gym. The King of Hearts was selected from the following knights: sophomores, George Koch, Don Peek, Dave Rath, John Harvey, and George Ice; juniors, Mike Russell, Tom Morris, Tom Alley, Tony Brauner, and Tom Merton; seniors, Bruce Thompson, Fred Greene, Bob Eastgate, Ken Kumasawa, and Gordon Owsley. From these 15 boys three were elected by the Pep club. The knight crowned king was decided by class support for each candidate.

This week the senior interviews for boys were begun. The main objective of these interviews is to decide from IQ and development tests whether a student is college material and if his career choice will probably be successful. The senior girls' interviews were started during the last nine weeks period and now are nearly complete.

The Crater, MHS yearbook, has its final deadline March 2. Everyone on the yearbook staff is working before school, after school, and on Saturdays to complete the book in time. Finished yearbook should arrive in the latter part of May.

At a meeting held Friday night in the Lone Pine school, about 45 residents of the recently annexed Lone Pine area of the Kenwood-Grandview district voted to have a survey made to determine whether or not it is feasible to use court action to seek to annul a certain section of the district annexed to the city of Medford.

The survey, which would determine what percentage of the land was classified as agricultural, was advised by attorney Edward Kelly.

Costs Estimated

According to Kelly it would cost at least \$500 to fight the case and it might take up to three years before a hearing can be obtained from the State Supreme Court.

The one chance the group has of winning the case is by proving the city was overstepping its bounds in annexing land that was largely agricultural, Kelly said.

Residents pointed out that most land owners in the area were already paying the Medford Irrigation district \$15 an acre for water and that the increased millage rate brought about by coming into the city imposed too much of a hardship on them.

The survey will be made within the next few days, and after that the group will be advised as to what action to take, Kelly said.

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