

NEWS NOTES from Crater High School

By PAT MEDLEY

Grace Gail, Crater High senior, was the recipient of the Elks scholarship award last week. The award was given on the basis of the student's scholarship record in school and of contributions to the school. Grace has the highest point average of the senior class at Crater.

The Girls League presented a movie, "Father is a Bachelor," after the Crater-Grants Pass game Friday night. The movie was held in the school cafeteria, with Crater and Grants Pass students attending. Chairman of the Girls League movies is Joyce Pestka.

Salk polio vaccinations were given to Crater students last Monday. These vaccinations were the second in a series of three. The third shots cannot be given until next fall, because an interval of seven months must separate the second from the third vaccination.

Bob Dill, champion archer of the United States, presented a program last Tuesday for the National school assemblies program. Dill amazed his audience with his feats of skill with the bow and arrow. Shooting from one end of the gym floor to the opposite end, Dill shot a balloon out of a student's hand; he hit his target from an awkward position on his stomach, and snuffed a flame from a small birthday candle from the opposite end of the gym floor. This is considered the most difficult of all shots ever attempted by an archer.

The spring play has been chosen by the Curtain Callers, Crater's drama group. "Take It From Me" is the title of the comedy, and the author is James Reach. Tryouts for the various roles will take place soon. The play will be presented in May.

Rather unusual is the fact that the last two Crater high school basketball games have been won on Friday night, both by a margin of two points, and both being double overtime games. Last Friday night, Crater defeated Grants Pass, and the preceding Friday night, Ashland met with a defeat by the Comets.

Crater students have returned from Linfield college speech tournament, which was attended by 800 high school students from all over the state of Oregon. Crater sent 12 beginning and advanced speech students to compete in the contest. The three advanced students were Grace Gail, who placed first in radio speaking; Pat Medley, and Fred Warner. Beginning students were Dave Mack and Bob Lichtl, the only boys in the first year group, and Louise Pendleton, Carolyn Edwards, Linda Warren, and Karen Johnson, first year students in the women's division.

The Linfield group made the trip by car, riding with Don Lacy, speech coach, and Mrs. Clarence Miller, chaperone for the group. This year, none of the students stayed in the dormitories or private homes, but at a motel. The group left last Wednesday at noon, and arrived home late Sunday night.

Representatives from Crater attended a meeting at the Medford hotel last Tuesday night for boys interested in engineering as a profession. This meeting was attended by representatives from all the valley schools. The five boys who represented Crater High school were Steve Parris, Max and Jon Fredericks, Irvin Gus, and Gerry Kime.

Gold Key art awards have been received by six Crater students for their art exhibits in an annual art contest. Winners of the keys were Ben Hathaway, Grace Gail, Brenda Bennett, Ruth Thurmond, Mary Savage, and Beverly Little. The artists' work was on exhibit in Salem Feb. 23-25, and will go on exhibit in Portland during March.

Commander from Company A of the National Guard were at a meeting last Wednesday to speak to boys about the National Guard. All boys who were interested in this branch of the service were urged to attend the meeting.

Quill and Scroll, international journalism honorary society, is planning an installation of new members. Members must have an above average grade point, be of good character, a leader in school, must be approved by the executive secretary of Quill and Scroll, and must have a piece of their work submitted before entrance into the organization is secured. There are only five members in the Crater chapter of Quill and Scroll. President, Benita Bentley; vice president, Kay Burd; secretary,

treasurer, Pat Medley; and Sally Elden, and Kathy Coe, annual co-editors.

School News

HEDRICK JUNIOR HIGH

By Caroline Mencke

Speech students returned early Sunday, Feb. 24 from the Linfield Forensic Tournament in McMinnville. John Lacy placed second in after dinner speaking.

Carolyn Mencke entered the finals in oratory, and Darleane Hunt was a finalist in serious declamation.

Other students attending were Barbara Budge, Susan Brennan, Margo Preston, Linda Miller, Karen Carpenter, Margaret Medlin, Elaine Jennings, Margaret Tizecker, Kay Lee Ruhl, Mikell Thurston, John Frohnmayer, Doug Kliever, Jim Lacy, John Norris, Henry Olson, Paul Moore, and Kenneth Miller. The advisor, Jerry McDougall, accompanied them on the trip. The whole squad did a fine job and Hedrick was well represented.

29 Measles Cases Reported Last Week

There were 29 cases of measles reported in Jackson county during the week ending Feb. 22, according to Dr. A. Erin Merkel, public health physician.

Sams Valley had 12 cases of measles; Medford 8; Gold Hill 5; Shady Cove 3; and Central Point 1.

Other communicable diseases during the week included chicken pox, Phoenix 4, Medford 4 and Ashland 1; pneumonia, Medford and Ashland each 2; mumps, Medford and Phoenix each 1; influenza, Ashland 1, Phoenix 3; strep throat, Ashland 3 and Trail and Prospect each 1; and infectious hepatitis, Medford 2.

Boy Feared Drowned In South Salem Creek

Salem—(U.P.)—Police dragged the swollen waters of Mill creek in south Salem today for the body of a three-year-old boy feared drowned yesterday after falling into the stream.

The child, Dana Parker, fell into the stream shortly before noon while at play. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale G. Parker.

Briefs From State Legislature

Salem—(U.P.)—The Senate Educational committee said today it would decide Friday on whether to approve a bill increasing minimum salaries of teachers some \$400 a year.

Salem—(U.P.)—Rep. W. H. Holmstrom, Astoria, yesterday introduced a bill to ban net fishing for salmon in Oregon coastal waters. The bill's preamble said that Canada had indicated it would ban fishing if similar moves were made by Oregon, Washington and California.

Salem—(U.P.)—A resolution amending the Oregon constitution to abolish the death penalty was being discussed in the state legislature today after favorable reaction at a first hearing.

The resolution, sponsored by Rep. Robert Duncan, Medford, sets the penalty for first degree murder at life imprisonment, except that a person convicted of murder while under sentence of life imprisonment may be punished by death.

Salem—(U.P.)—The Senate has joined the House in a resolution expressing sorrow at the death in Pendleton Sunday of Rep. Irvin Mann.

Salem—(U.P.)—The Oregon Senate has passed House bill 156 to exempt the personal property of non-profit living organizations on Oregon college campuses from taxation.

Salem—(U.P.)—A memorial urging Congress to designate

U.S. highway 30 from Portland to Astoria on the national system of interstate highways has been passed by the Oregon House.

Salem—(U.P.)—The House has passed a bill upping the amount veterans can obtain on home loans from \$9,000 to \$13,500, and on farms from \$15,000 to \$30,000.

Salem—(U.P.)—The Senate Labor and Industrial committee will hold a hearing at 7:30 p.m. Thursday on measures to repeal the so-called anti-picketing act and to provide for establishment of a state conciliation service.

Salem—(U.P.)—County sheriffs, led by Loyd Lewis, Josephine county, protested House bill 201 which outlines the tax commission's powers over county

and city tax assessors. Tax Commissioner Sam Stewart said he thought the bill was necessary because laws involved had not been enforced since the depression. He said the bill gave notice that the tax commission has planned, as a policy matter, to start enforcing the laws.

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GOLD KEY WINNERS—These four Crater High school students were among the winners in the National Scholastic Art Award competition held for Oregon high school students in Portland recently. They are, left to right, Mary Savage, Brenda Bennett, Beverly Little, and Ben Hathaway Jr. Two other Crater winners, not pictured, are Ruth Thurmond and Grace Gail. The girls are looking at a piece

of enameled copper work while Hathaway demonstrates how glass is bonded to copper by use of a high temperature kiln. According to art instructor, Warren Holbrook, Crater High school now offers courses in almost every field of art and craft and nearly 150 students out of the 590 enrolled at Crater are taking art in one form or another.

Architect's House Featured in Article

Architect Donald Sites, formerly of Eugene and now of Medford, designed a house which is featured in the March issue of Better Homes and Gardens. The three-bedroom house, which covers 1,300 square feet, includes plenty of storage and closet space, a hobby work room and carport.

Sites, who received his license to practice in Medford recently, is associated with Architect William Seibert here.

Danish Exchange Student Guest at Chamber Luncheon

John Hansen, exchange student attending Medford High school, discussed the history of the American Field Service and his native Denmark at the noon luncheon of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce yesterday at the Jackson hotel.

The 18-year-old senior noted that the American Field Service had its beginnings during the two world wars when private individuals used vehicles they owned to transport wounded soldiers from the battlefield. After World War II the AFS expanded into exchanging high school students.

The AFS is responsible for screening prospective exchange students as to their scholastic ability, character, personality and similar qualities. A sponsor organization or individual is necessary to finance the exchange students. The AFS is provided some funds by the state department.

Hansen is sponsored by the Medford Rotary club. He is residing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Christensen, 29 Richmond ave., Medford. Oregon now has about 43 exchange students, fifth highest in the nation, Hansen said.

Because Denmark is lacking in minerals, sub-soil and forests, according to John, the country is largely dependent on trade with England for its economy as well as with West Germany, Italy and the United States. Denmark is about half the size of Maine and contains about 4½ million people.

On the other hand, he added, Denmark has good farmland and produces barley, wheat, oats, hay, potatoes, raises cattle and is noted for its dairy products. The country exports medicinal products, machinery, furniture and silverware, he said.

"Denmark is supposedly the

oldest kingdom in the world," Hansen stated, "and in the 1200s was an imperialist country." According to Hansen, Denmark's king today has about the same power in his country as the President of the United States has in this one.

Just as the American government does, Hansen said, the Danish government consists of three branches, the legislative, judicial and executive. The Danish legislature previously was divided into an upper and lower House, he added, but recently has merged.

The exchange student said Denmark's political system consists of six principal parties of which the Socialist Democrat party is the strongest. Members of that party total 70 in the legislature, he said.

Hansen pointed out other political parties are the Leftist, a "fifth little party," and the Communist party. The Communist party is not strong in Denmark, Hansen said, having six members in the legislature.

Contrary to what many Americans think of Denmark, Hansen said, the country is not socialistic nor would it be if Danish socialists had the power to make it so.

After World War II, he said, Danish political leaders became aware the country could not remain neutral as it had during both world wars, and joined NATO and the United Nations. Denmark's school system, which has been public and free through the elementary levels since 1814, is probably the oldest in the world, Hansen said.

Hansen leaves Medford in June and arrives in Denmark in August, and plans to go into business or teach English. In Denmark he has completed his secondary schooling, the equivalent of high school in America.

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