School News

McLOUGHLIN JUNIOR HIGH

The annual Spring Concert was presented Friday evening at McLoughlin Junior High.

The first part of the program was given by the orchestra, directed by Elmer Ayres. The ninth grade Triple Trio sang three numbers. Ray Lewis was their director. Part three of the concert contained numbers by the cadet band, lead by Ayres. Margaret Brown's Seventh Grade Chorus sang four numbers, and they were followed by the band, which played several selections. Al Huntemann directs the 86-piece band.

The ninth grade dance will be held May 17 in the girls' gym. Student committees are working to make this party the outstanding social event of the year. Decorations are being prepared by Janice Butts, Jim Collum, Carol Lee, Bill Williams and Gary Fields. Sandra Boese is in charge of invitations. Those working on the entertainment are Deanna Nelson, Ray Konopasek, Skip Bennett, Ursula Bates, Jackie Skelton, Bud Quinney, and Dennis Hammond. The refreshment committee is Sandra Semple, Beverly McNeil, Susie Reule, Toni Spence, and Joyce Riley.

The eighth grade girls tennis team defeated the Hedrick girls May 8, in a six to four game match. The Mac girls made a clean sweep of the doubles and took two of the four singles.

On May 9, the Hedrick and Mac girls met again, and Hedrick bowed over the net to a five to one defeat. Singles were won by McLoughlin's Mary Kay Harris, Nancy Hinman, and Karen Simcox. Doubles teams of Mary Kay Harris and Deanna Taylor, and Nancy Hinman and Karen Simcox were also victorious. Only winner for Hedrick was Nancy Donahue. Earl Rogers is coach for the McLoughlin Tennis club.

The Senior Southern Oregon District championship games were played in Medford this weekend. McLoughlin students watched the games which had been assigned to the Mac courts.

Mel Boldenow, head coach at McLoughlin, has been elected president of the Medford Teachers' association.

The annual D.A.R. History and Citizenship tests were given to outstanding students May 9. The names of the top three will be engraved on a permanent plaque.

PHOENIX HIGH SCHOOL

The annual competitive math test, sponsored by the Mathematical Society of America, was given to higher math students at Phoenix High Thursday, May 9.

The student achieving the highest mark in the test will receive a pin presented by the Mathematical Society of America. This pin is on display in the trophy case at PHS.

The students who took the test were Larry Glidden, Jim James, Jim Stout, Jim Heath, Dale Haggard, Ron Daugherty, Gary Simmonds, Larry Smith, Lloyd Smith, Henry Scott, Charles Swingle, Rose Mary Kusel, Alma Stovall, Neil Gearin and Rodney Strahm.

The senior class at PHS sponsored a car wash at Clowers Golden Eagle Service in Phoenix, Ashman's Flying A Service at 701 North Central ave., Medford, Leonard Howe's Standard station at 2291 South Pacific highway, and Ed Ross Mobilgas station, 11th st. and Central ave., Medford.

The car wash began at 9 a.m. and ended at 5 p.m. Money raised will go to the senior class treasury as funds for the senior picnic, May 24, and the senior gift.

Candidates for the Phoenix Festival which is scheduled to be held June 29 at the Community club grounds in Phoenix are Miss Wanda Oetken, Miss Carole Anderson, Miss Peggy Chisum, Miss Glenna Smith and Miss Elizabeth Pramann, all juniors at PHS. The girls started selling tickets Wednesday, May 1. The winning tickets will entitle the holder to a 15-foot trailer house as first prize, a movie camera, screen and projector as second; a deer rifle, third, and a bicycle, fourth prize.

The annual staff is working toward a May 15 deadline. All pages for the Pirate Log are to be completed by that date except such events as the graduation exercises. Those will be completed at a later date.

Seven girls from the Phoenix High PTA chapter observed the teaching methods at Phoenix elementary, Wednesday morning, May 8. One member observed the pilot program, taught by Carl Hayes, in Talent.

The girls observed students' study habits as well as teaching methods of instructors. They are filling out a report on the value of the observation, which will be handed in to Mrs. Mabel Sims, FTA advisor, May 15.

The girls who observed at Phoenix elementary were Charlotte Unruh, Alma Stovall, Nadine Brood, Rose Mary Kusel, Jean Floyd, Mary Ellen Mitchell and Virginia Martin. The observer at Talent was Lola Good.

The annual senior picnic has been planned. Committees were appointed Tuesday, May 7, and they are working with class officers to get the arrangements under way.

Seniors will leave the high school in private cars at 7 a.m. on Friday, May 24, for Lake of the Woods. Some of the teachers will go along as chaperones. Miss Mary Lou Neville, class advisor, will also accompany the group.

The food committee, Perry Sneed, chairman; Delford Dean, Charlotte Stovall, Janice Bohm, Archie Trott, Barbara Blankenship and Betty Medford assigned different students to bring particular things.

The PHS Triple Trio sang for the Annual Garden show, which was presented by the Phoenix Garden club at the Community club May 5. The group sang "Allegheny Moon" and "Heavenly Father."

The Phoenix Future Homemakers of America presented a style show at the May PTA meeting where girls modeled clothing they made this semester.

Winners in each division were Lola Good, dresses; Roxie Shea, lounging; Ida Marie Bolz, skirts and blouses; Jean Floyd, jumpers; Vanita Cummings, sportswear; Marva Sult, suits. Each winner was presented a gift certificate from the Yardage Shop of Medford.

Judges were Mrs. Jerry Hutton from the Yardage Shop and Mrs. Melba Clott from the Sewing Machine center.

Open house will be held at Phoenix High school, Wednesday, May 15. The main purpose is for the students to bring their parents and let them see some of the work their children have been doing in school. Also, it gives the parents a chance to meet the teachers and discuss any problems concerning their children.

Talent High School

The Girls' League of the Talen High school entertained mothers of high school students at the annual Mothers' Tea Friday, May 3.

Each guest received a corsage and was escorted to the reception room, where refreshments were served. Janet Zediker, Carolyn Tiegs, Joann Schulz and Marlys Whillock presided at the tea table. Dixie Jennings made the centerpiece and the home economics girls under the direction of Mrs. Mildred Briggs baked cakes.

A style show showing typical weekend events in the life of a high school girl was the highlight of the afternoon. An original narrative written by the girls and read by Priscilla Welch gave the setting, which ranged from tennis and swimming, slumber party and shopping, to a formal dance.

Girls modeling their own clothes were Leah Hazelton, Joyce Zickefoose, Carol Howard, Julie Hanson, Jeanne Henry, Joanne Hill, Christine Knudsen, Jill Morrison, Patsy Thompson, Gloria Quackenbush, Charmian Tipsword, Pat Neifert, Joanne Schulz, Delores Meyer, Kathleen Kerns, Pat Wood, Lois Gage, Garda Walter and Doris Bench. Background music was furnished by Peggy Walls at the piano. Charlene Barnhart played two accordion numbers and Julie Hanson and Christine Knudsen sang.

Program chairman was Marlys Whillock: Donis Blackburn and Kathleen Kerns were in charge of refreshments; Maudalene Searcy, Joann Schulz, and Marlys Whillock handled decorations. General chairman was Maudalene Searcy, the outgoing president.

Girls' League award for outstanding service during the year was presented to Joyce Zickefoose by the League's adviser, Miss Ina Freeman, because of her record of work for the girls. Joyce is the incoming president of the organization.

End of the year achievement tests have been given to all Talent High school students last week. Tests on nearly all subjects were administered. These included tests in specific subjects plus a general test for the measurement of basic skills.

Test results will be used in comparing Talent Students' achievements with students throughout the nation. Results will also be used in the placement and counseling of students within the school.

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The Medical Roundup

by Walter Alvarez

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Special Glasses for the Almost-Blind

Dr Alvarez

I recently read a remarkable article by James E. Lebensohn, of Chicago, in the 'Sight-Saving Review,' published by the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness, Inc., at 1790 Broadway, 19, N.Y. I have always been interested when I have seen a nearly-blind person reading with glasses that look like tiny telescopes. Dr Lebensohn describes many of the apparatuses of this type which have been devised. One of the simplest of these is a tiny hole in an opaque glass. This can greatly improve the vision of someone with a markedly deformed eye, or with a marked scarring of the cornea (the window of the eye). One such man with pin-hole glasses is now able to read. Some persons with a markedly deformed cornea are greatly helped by the use of contact glasses especially designed for them.

There are a number of low-priced telescopes which enable some people to read. Some persons while only a trace of vision can see well enough to travel about unaided, but they can't read street signs or the signs on buses. These persons can sometimes use a pocket telescope.

For people who have trouble with near vision there are at least five devices which magnify the image. Naturally, with some of these, the field of vision is so restricted that the person can see only a few letters or words at a time. With devices that produce a high magnification of the image, one can use only one eye at a time.

Wide Field of Vision

Some special lenses have been devised to give a high magnification but, at the same time, a fairly wide field of vision. As the magnification increases, the reading material has to be brought closer and closer to the eye, and this can interfere with the lighting of the page. Many persons who have great difficulty in reading can use only their better eye and then they must often get rid of the blurred image of the other eye. This can be done better with a powerful lens than with an opaque piece of glass; the cosmetic result is better.

At the "Chicago Lighthouse" a triple aplanat (a common type of small magnifying unit) is the favorite appliance for people this, some of them can read even fine print. These magnifying lenses are now being made so light that they can be worn as spectacles.

Today, in several big cities, there are places to which the almost-blind can go to get studied and fitted with a special combination of lenses. An expert will spend perhaps four hours studying a man and then, for from $75 to $95, he may be able to fit an appliance that will enable him to read.

NEWS NOTES from Medford High School

Edited by James Boyd; staff: Jacque Colton and Linda Robertson

After weeks of suspense, the Junior Senior Prom arrived last night. As the formally dressed couples stepped inside the transformed boys' gym, they were greeted at the door by comical elves. Now they knew that the rumors they had heard about a calypso theme were quite untrue. They were enveloped in a glow of soft blue lights and a star studded sky with spun glass clouds. A huge mural of quaint fairyland characters proclaimed the theme in glittering letters—Fantasia!

A group of people clustered in the far corner of the room might have caught a couple's eye. The excitement was over a small pond with colored lights revolving below the surface of the water. The charming effect was completed with lily pads floating about and a small frog perched on the bank.

Couples danced to the music of the Bob Anderson Trio plus two. Above the circular band platform, a pink and white canopy of crepe streamers slowly revolved.

Soon, an intermission gave an opportunity to survey the decorations of the junior class. Several trellises stood behind an old fashioned garden. Multicolored flowers blossomed in the plots while fuzzy honeybees and jeweled butterflies hovered overhead. Knee-high dwarfs were stationed here and there as if caring for the garden. Angel hair and glitter added richness to the scene.

The center of attraction was the throne. It was a gigantic blooming flower with silver stamens sprouting from the center of its pink petals. The exquisite flower provided a frame for the Prom Queen selected by the senior class.

A large amount of material was used in the decorations. The starry sky took about 3,500 feet of crepe paper and it was estimated that nearly 7,000 pink paper napkins were used to make the throne and decorate the bandstand. Each of the 7,000 napkins was divided into four sections each of which had to be placed by hand.

Voting for the outstanding senior girl and boy took place during the senior class assembly last Thursday. Nominees for the girls were Jacque Colton, Joyce Gregory, Pat Leek and Sally Ross. For the boys, James Boyd, Bill Frake, Dick McLoughlin and Neil Plumley vied for the honor. The results wil be announced the night of commencement.

Eight students have been selected to attend the Junior Engineers' and Scientists' Summer Institute at Oregon State college. During the two weeks from June 9 to June 22 the students will attend classes and go on field trips.

This is the second JESSI session to be held in Oregon, and it is the first session that girls have been allowed to attend. Sandra Buxton, David Gifford, Don Greaves, Karen Johnson, Curtis Cook, Milton Smith, David Hutchinson and Bob Young will be the Medford students attending.

Curt Cook and Joan Laurila will serve as co-editors of the school paper, the Hi-Times, next year. To complete the editorial staff, Jackie Creager will be assistant editor; Shirley Lilly, news editor; Connette Hinesly, feature editor; and Bill Carter and David Havlick, sports editors.

Sharon Koch, business manager; Dave Gifford, advertising manager; and Peggy Fisch and Mary Wilson, staff reporters, will complete the staff.

BAN ON AIR GUNS

Duluth, Minn. —(U.P.)— Police here have banned the sale of air guns, air rifles and slingshots in line with a 1917 ordinance making it unlawful to sell or own air guns and slingshots. Enforcement of the law was undertaken to curb window breaking and other vandalism.

Social Security Office Receives Many Inquiries

Recent inquires received by the Medford office of the Social Security administration indicate that some misunderstanding exists regarding the recent increase in social security taxes, according to W. V. Nusbaum, district manager.

Effective Jan. 1, 1957, the social security tax for employees was raised from 2 per cent of the gross wage to 2¼ per cent. Also the tax on self-employed persons was raised from 3 per cent to 3 3/8 per cent of taxable earnings. The maximum wages or net earnings from self-employment taxable for social security purposes remains at $4,200 per year, he said.

The social security tax increase goes into a new trust fund from which disability benefits will be paid starting in July of this year. All expenses of administration, as well as benefit payments for both programs, will be allocated to the two trust funds, he said.

By July 1, 1957, Nusbaum stated, there will be approximately $327 million in the disability trust fund and $23½ billion in the old-age and survivors insurance trust fund. Payments of more than $6 billion to more than 10 million beneficiaries under the old-age and survivors insurance program will be made during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957, he said.

Booklets showing the proper scale of deductions from taxable wages under the new tax rate may be obtained from the office of the Internal Revenue Service.

Smith Takes DA's Office in Portland

Portland — (U.P.) — Leo Smith was new district attorney of Multnomah county Saturday but his authority to hold office was challenged by his predecessor, ousted William Langley.

Smith was sworn into office Friday in a ceremony attended by his family, members of the Oregon bar, and high-ranking members of the Catholic clergy in Oregon.

Langley made no attempt to interfere with the swearing-in ceremony personally but outlined his objections through a letter from his attorney, K. C. Tanner. The letter said Langley is the rightful officeholder pending action by the Oregon Supreme Court on his appeal from a neglect of duty conviction.

The ceremony was attended by Smith's wife, his mother, 83-year-old Mrs. Frank L. Smith, and his sister, Mrs. Allen Myers. The Catholic church was represented by Archbishop Edward D. Howard, Msgr. Thomas J. Tobin and the Rev. George Campbell.

As his first official act, Smith reappointed as his deputies the attorneys who had served under Langley. They included Manche Langley, aunt of the former district attorney.

KIWANIS ROSTER

Chicago—(U.P.)—The 1957 directory of Kiwanis International, issued recently, lists 4,300 Kiwanis clubs in the United States and Canada. The clubs have a membership of 250,000.

FARM FIRES

Chicago—(U.P.)—Fire took 3,000 farm family lives and destroyed 152 million dollars worth of farm property in 1956.