

Medford Pupils Score Above Average on National Iowa Tests

Students in Medford school system's upper grades generally scored above average in a recent series of tests prepared by specialists at the University of Iowa.

The nation-wide survey, the Iowa Tests of Educational Development, was conducted by Science Research Associates, and tests were prepared under the direction of Dr. E. F. Lindquist, professor and statistician at the University of Iowa.

The object of the survey, which included nine tests, was to establish national norms for 1957. Students were tested on

basic social concepts, background of natural sciences, English expression, ability to do quantitative thinking, ability to interpret reading in social sciences, ability to interpret reading in natural science, ability to interpret literary materials, general vocabulary and use of sources of information.

Returned for Scoring

The tests were returned to the University of Iowa for scoring by Univac, figuring class averages, and for computation of national norms from those sent in by all 254 school systems participating. Raw scores of each student were translated into standard scores, and national norms in the form of student percentile scores and averages were obtained.

Based on a 50 percentile for the national norm, Medford High school seniors scored averages ranging between the 68 percentile in quantitative thinking to the 97 percentile in natural science. In only two other tests, English expression and reading in social sciences, were Medford seniors below the 90 percentile.

Juniors also had scores above average on all but one test. In reading social sciences, juniors ranked in the 50 percentile, but other percentiles ranged from 63 to 94. Sophomores in the quantitative thinking, social concepts and reading social sciences went below the national norms slightly, but other percentiles ranged between 65 and 86 percentiles.

Ninth Grade Scores

Ninth grade scores of Medford students ranged from the 63rd percentile in English expression to the 93rd percentile in vocabulary.

Medford's senior composite score for all subject areas is equal to the 93rd percentile for systems throughout the nation, Medford school officials noted. The junior composite score is equal to the 85 percentile for the 254 systems, the sophomore score is equal to the 70th percentile, and the freshman score is equal to the 87th percentile.

School officials noted that such tests are of benefit in several ways, which include counseling individual students, planning college and vocational programs, identifying weak students, identifying outstanding students, indicating relative position of subject areas in comparing with national norms, and planning remedial procedures both from standpoints of student and curricular strengthening.

Crater High School

The winning smile of Miss Martha Boshears, shorthand and office practice teacher, has not been seen around Crater this week. Miss Boshears is in Sacred Heart hospital in Medford. All of the students wish her a speedy recovery.

Basketball practice officially started last Wednesday. Two practices have been scheduled in an evening, one for the varsity, one for the J.V.s. Don Anielak, varsity coach, has had his boys doing a series of drills and wind sprints. Ron Van Dolah, JV coach, has had his boys doing practically the same as the varsity. Basketball season opens on Dec. 6 with Eureka, Calif., playing here.

Kay Askwith, a senior, was chosen Girl of the Month for September by the Girls League. Kay is the energetic president of Comettes, treasurer of Girls League, Senior Princess of Job's Daughters, and holds other offices at school. Kay is 5 foot, 2 inches tall, has short brown hair, and brown eyes.

Carol von der Hellen, president of Girls League, was the choice for Girl of the Month for October. Besides being the League president, Carol is active on the paper staff and annual and belongs to many clubs. Carol is 5 foot 8 inches tall, has wavy brown hair and hazel colored eyes.

Other succeeding Girl of the Months will be chosen by secret committee in the following months.

Winners of the cover design contest for the Constellation were Ed Logan, last year's winner, and Betty Baker. The staff considered them equally good, and decided to combine the covers and give them both first prize. They were both awarded a free annual.

Club Royal, biggest semi-formal event of the year put on by the Speech club, was a success Friday night.

Amidst the "royal" setting of crowns, castles, and lances, the couples danced to the music of Caesar Muzioli and his band.

In traditional night club style, torch singer Sylvia Yell, provided entertainment with her torrid arrangement of "Kiss of Fire." Kerman (Satchmo) Bennett beat out some cool notes on his trumpet accompanied by Richard (Harry James) Hamersley. The other entertainment was provided by the Rogue Valley Sweethearts, "Honest Abe" Warners delivery of the Gettysburg Address, Nancie Hopper and her typical night club styling of tap dancing, and "Madam Duvoir's" sophisticated approach to milking a cow.

The entertainment turned out to be the highlight of the evening.

School News

Medford High School

Edited by Karen Sloniger; Staff: Allen Cone, Joan Laurila, Roxie Sisemore, Inger Palmquist, and Judy Wayland.

Polio shots will be given to all students in the Medford school system next week, vaccinations being given at Medford high Nov. 19. All those students wishing a shot must have a permission form signed by their parents.

Pictures for the school annual, the Crater, were taken Nov. 13. The pictures were continued from earlier this fall when bad weather cut them short. Group pictures, taken by Landis-Shangle, were finished indoors in the trampoline room.

The winners of last week's noise parade, announced recently, are, in the noise division, first, Goofers; second, Band; and third, Order of "M". The originality division was won by Pep club, with choir coming in second, and FHA taking third.

Do you need to know the telephone number of any Medford High school student or teacher? All those who purchased a telephone directory from the Future Business Leaders of America would be able to help you. After selling all the copies in the "first batch" more are being made since so many students want them.

At last Thursday's student council meeting, an unusual thing happened. After hearing a short talk by Paul Evenson, MHS wrestling coach, the council members voted by a majority to make wrestling a major sport. Medford has previously been one of the only schools in the state where wrestling was a minor sport.

A pep assembly was presented to the student body Nov. 15. The pep band played a few marches and the rally squad led the students in yells. The assembly was closed with the traditional senior yell and the Alma Mater followed by the fight song.

The movie "Aeronautical Engineering" was shown to all algebra classes and interested students Nov. 13. The movie told what high school courses should be taken in preparation for this field, as well as the college training necessary to becoming an aeronautical engineer. The film was one of a series presented by Weyerhaeuser corporation.

The annual Spanish club dinner was held Nov. 15 in the school cafeteria. The dinner was potluck and was given by the old members to welcome the new members into the club. Chairmen who planned for the event were Linda Hall, in charge of the program; Sylvia Morris, planning decorations, and Clark Barker, planning the food. The decorations followed a Spanish theme.

Plans have been drawn to stage the semifinals, final, and consolation rounds of the Boys' League table tennis tournament before an audience at the early date. The games will be played at a special Boys' League assembly.

McLoughlin Junior High

By JOEL GREGORY
The annual Back to School night was held at McLoughlin Nov. 12. The evening started with an assembly furnished by the band majorettes, and the vocal music groups. Parents were given the daily schedule for the son or daughter student, and then followed the order of classes. Refreshments were served by the PTA at the close of the class schedule, and a bake sale was held to raise money for the PTA projects.

I.Q. tests were given on Nov. 13 to all students in the seventh and ninth grades.

The intramural basketball tourney is in full swing. Games are played on a one loss elimination basis, and teams are organized in each homeroom. The boys' teams are receiving the full support of the girls in the home rooms, as the girls have organized into yell squads and rooting groups. The first day of games resulted in wins for seventh grade room 33, eighth grade room 41, and ninth grade Annex 2. Second day winners were room 20 in the seventh grade, room 22 in the eighth grade, and room 9 in the ninth grade. Thursdays winners were the seventh grade room 6, eighth grade room 36 and ninth grade room 3.

Report cards were given to the pupils on Thursday.

The annual Father-Son Football Banquet will be held Nov. 19, in the school cafeteria. This is for all eighth and ninth grade players and their fathers.

TRANSPLANT TREE
Mt. Clemens, Mich.—Embarrassed city commissioners voted to transplant the recently installed "permanent" municipal Christmas tree after the Lions club pointed out it obscured the World War II heroes monument.

Phoenix High School

Edited by Jean Floud and Mary Ellen Mitchell

Students at PHS are catching that Sadie Hawkins' fever. Friday, Nov. 22, has been set for the date of the annual Sadie Hawkins' day dance. Prizes will be given to students having the most outstanding and interesting costumes. There will be games, refreshments, and a good time for all.

Preliminary to the Sadie Hawkins' day dance will be the "Senior Auction" which will be held Thursday, Nov. 21. Seniors will be auctioned off to the highest bidder, by Auctioneers Susan Walker and Jack Rinn. Bids will start at a minimum of 25 cents and may go as high as students want to bid. Seniors will be owned by their buyer all of the school day Friday and at the dance Friday night. Both the dance and the auction are being sponsored by the junior class in order to raise money for the Junior-Senior prom.

Voting for the Pirate log cover took place Wednesday. Eligible voters were those students attending last week's meeting held after school.

Alice Hendrickson and Charlette Unruh took a room to room survey to determine how many PHS students are ordering the 57-58 edition of the Pirate Log this year. Approximately 200 copies have been ordered, stated Mrs. Donna James, adviser.

Flag twirling is being organized in Pep club. All girls that are interested will be trying out, but only eight girls will be selected. Those girls that are selected will be performing for half-time activities in basketball.

The Phoenix chapter of FFA went to Wagner creek to chop wood Saturday, Nov. 9. They plan to sell the wood as firewood to increase the funds of their treasury. Any FFA member will take orders for the wood.

Members of the journalism class are assisting in the Phoenix High school follow-up survey of its 1954 graduating class. This project is a part of a state-wide survey being conducted by the Oregon Secondary School administration with the assistance of the division of vocational education of the state department of education. The project concerns important implications for curriculum improvement and guidance programs.

Each student was given a name of a 1954 graduate to contact for the desired information required by the questionnaire. These questionnaires are to be completed and returned to the Phoenix High school by Nov. 20. All completed forms will then be sent to the state department where the data will be compiled.

The list of 1954 Phoenix High school graduates numbered 25.

The seniors had their first taste of Shakespeare Wednesday morning, when the film "Macbeth" was shown. The movie, consisting of three 45-minute films, was shown during the first three periods. The showing of this film was preliminary to the reading of Macbeth as a regular unit of senior English. Mr. Myrick, teacher, viewed the story before showing the film.

Debating on nation-wide problems is being featured in the American Problems class this six weeks.

Mr. Myrick has assigned topics to every four persons. These four are divided into couples, one couple being the affirmative, one the other negative. Some of the subjects to be debated are uniform marriage and divorce laws, stricter requirements for high school graduation, capital punishment, competitive athletics, small colleges vs. large colleges and eighteen-year-old voting privileges.

Tuesday, Nov. 12, during the senior class meeting, E. R. James, superintendent, talked to the seniors about attending college. He wanted to know how many were going on so he could order books for them. Mr. Skipworth, vice principal, distributed a booklet called "Your Education." These books furnish a guide to several of the state colleges. Mr. Skipworth pointed out that all seniors with a B average or better might apply for a scholarship to the college of their choice.

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Hedrick Junior High

By JIM FRAKE

Since the first few weeks of school many new students have entered Hedrick Junior High school. Those students are Gerald Chapel, Fred Mcmasters, Wayne Singlet, Connie Singlet, Larry Brown, Nancy Huckaba, Richard Huckaba, Patricia Monroe, Susan Flett, Clarence Uhrt, Angela Garcia and Joe Parton. Hedrick would like to welcome these students to our student body.

Girls badminion intra-murals were organized last week. The tournaments are open to the ninth grade home rooms. The first games were played Nov. 14.

A debate team is planning to visit Hedrick in the near future. The team, from Medford High school, is going to conduct a debate on the high school debate topic used throughout the state for competitive speaking and debating. The purpose of the debate is to show the Hedrick debate teams how a debate is constructed and presented. The teams are practicing for the annual Linfield speech contest held each year during February. Students from all over the state compete for honor awards.

The Hedrick Ban and Stingers represented Hedrick in two local events held this week. First being the annual Veterans Day parade held Nov. 11. The second performance was held Nov. 16. Of course this was the annual Christmas parade. The parade started at the Hawthorne park at 1 p.m.

Observing National Education Week upon house at Hedrick was held Nov. 12. The parents of the students attending Hed-

CP Elementary Schools

By JODY VAN HORN

Thursday, Nov. 14, was proclaimed as the day to show special kindness and consideration to the teachers of Central Point, by the mayor, Donald E. Faber.

A "Get Acquainted" party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Petrehn on Upton rd. for the parents of Mr. McLarrin's sixth grade students. Mr. and Mrs. McLarrin and 11 parents enjoyed games and refreshments during the evening.

Fifth and sixth grade boys are eligible for "Brick Building Basketball." Each room is to organize teams. Five boys are on a team and as many teams as possible are to organize. Grade 5 will play a game every other Tuesday. Grade 6 will play a game every other Thursday. Days of practice will be Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 to 4 p.m. Boys must furnish their own transportation. Mr. McLarrin will be in charge. Playoffs will be between the top 5th and 6th grade teams.

Mrs. Shore's 5th grade students made the posters for the cafeteria for the month of November. Each student had a poster of a book they had read. Book Week is in November.

rick talked to the individual teachers between 7:30 and 9 p.m. Refreshments were served later in the cafeteria.

The opening of boys basketball season has been set for Nov. 25. The first game has tentatively been scheduled for Dec. 6.

Report cards were issued Wednesday, Nov. 13.

Jackson School

By HELEN GLOGOWSKI and KATHLEEN DAY

Last Tuesday, Nov. 12, for American Education Week, the chorus sang several songs on KBES-TV in connection with that date.

We had a nice crowd of people at Jackson school open house last Thursday night. About 500 people came and the children in the fifth and sixth grade chorus sang some of the songs that they sang for the TV performance. Otto Ewaldsen gave a talk about the duties of a school board member that was interesting. John Mason was master of ceremonies. Refreshments were served in the cafeteria after the parents had a chance to look at their children's work in the various rooms.

Pictures of all the students were taken in October and were received this week. Everyone was eager to see how they looked.

Bill Wright Opens New Office in Medford

The Bill Wright Real Estate office recently moved to 246 South Central ave., Medford, from 1060 Crater Lake ave., Wright has announced.

Wright has been in the real estate business in the Rogue valley about 10 years, with his main office in Ashland. He has moved the main office to Medford, but will maintain the Ashland office, he said.

Assisting Wright in the local office will be Ray Dallaire.

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