

School News

Crater High School

By Judi Davis
Instead of the police being after teen-agers all of the time, last week, some Crater students were after the police! Now, what would a group of teen-agers be doing after the state police? It seems as though we never tire of campaigns. Crater just this last week has finished with the March of Dimes drive, and now we are launching a Safety Campaign. The campaign is being sponsored by the Crater Comments, the school newspaper, and the students who sought out the police were reporters. The girls on this unusual job were Shirley Swindler, Louise McGee, and Janet Scalberg. They had previously contacted the state police and had asked to look through their files for pictures of automobile accidents to use in a display for the trophy case. The police were cooperative and seek the pictures that they needed.

Last year, Crater entered the National Safety Contest sponsored by Kemper Insurance company and tied for fourth place in the nation. We are hoping to do as well if not better this year. The drive officially starts March 3 and ends on April 4. Our campaign is in the planning stages now, with several committees already functioning.

It was finally possible for the Girls League to have a meeting last Thursday. It has been hard to schedule a meeting because of all of the other activities.

At this meeting, the Girls of the Month for the past two months were named. Receiving the silver discs with the Girls of the Month inscription were Judi Davis, Girl of the Month for December, and Sandra Guss, January's choice. Presenting the discs was Carol van der Hellen, president of the club.

After the presentation of the Freshmen girls' received a lot of laughter for the very enjoyable skit that they presented. It was depicting a typical school day, with many humorous touches added to it. In the following months, the other classes will present their assemblies, with a prize going to the best one.

Recent news is the naming of the assistant editors for the annual and paper staff a short while ago. Helping Sandra Guss, editor-in-chief of the Comments is Sherry Koellner. Assistant page editors are Sharon Griffiths, and Louise McGee. Taking over as new sports editor is Bob Licht. Bob is filling the job previously held by Les Kellow, who resigned to take over the job of business manager for the Constellation.

Assisting coeditors of the annual, the Constellation, Linda Warren and Pat Higginbotham are Mary Jones and Sally Carr.

All of the assistant editors are in line for the head jobs on next year's staff.

A Valentine theme was used for the Future Home-makers dance after the Brants Pass game Friday night. All of the guests were asked to carry out the theme by wearing red and white, and a lot of people obliged. Records were used to provide the music, and a large crowd attended.

Refreshments were also in theme, with punch and heart cupcakes being served.

CP Junior High School

By Sandra Prom, James Morehouse, David Straus, Marjory Bonney, Elaine Wilson, Josephine McGowan, Richard Muller, and Nikki Hammond.

"Destination Moon," a color movie, was seen by students of the junior high classes on St. Valentine's Day, Feb. 14. The picture, a science-fiction film, began by telling the steps in planning a rocket, the great disappointment over failure, and the successful attempt.

The student council decided at its last meeting to change room representatives every 12 weeks instead of twice a year. This was also added to the student constitution. The council also talked about students taking things that belong to others. If someone loses something, the person must describe the article lost before reclaiming it.

During February, the students and teachers of the Central Point schools have made decorations for their rooms and halls. This month's decorations follow the theme of Washington and Lincoln, and Oregon's 99 years of statehood. Next year all of the people will be celebrating the 100 years of Oregon's statehood.

Spring vacation will start March 17 and continue

through March 21. During this time, on March 20, 21, and 22, many of the teachers will be attending the state OEA convention in Portland. The GAA girls hope for good weather so they might be able to earn more points toward GAA awards.

April 24, open house, and May 9, the Chorus and Band concert, are two important dates for Central Point Junior High and Grade school. Band students, under the direction of Harry Meyers, are preparing new numbers. This will be the first appearance for the grade school band. Chorus members are preparing selected by Robert Humphrey, chorus director. In preparation for open house, teachers and students have worked hard all year to show parents the work that has been done.

Book circulation in the school library has been about 200 books a day. Students have found many new and interesting books in the library this year. Foreign coins have fascinated and interested many boys and girls lately. Also, model homes were made by the third grade boys and girls and were displayed in the library for other grades to see.

The Pointers' fourth sixth week will come to an end on March 7. The Pointers will receive their report cards on March 12, to be returned before the following Friday to start a new six weeks.

The final games of the Pointers' regular schedule were played Feb. 13, at McLoughlin Junior High in Medford. Both seventh and eighth grade teams lost to the McLoughlin teams. The seventh grade score was 20 to 40, and the eighth grade score 26 to 36. Two extra games will be played with Howard school because some of the basketball players did not get to play during the regular schedule. These games will be played at Central Point Junior High gymnasium at 3:30 Feb. 21.

Rogue River High

Friday, Jan. 31, ended the March of Dimes drive at Rogue River High this year. The sophomores made a total of \$95.09 followed by the freshmen with \$71.05. The juniors were third with \$55.44 while the seniors finished last with \$48.79.

Some of the money raising activities taking place were sock hops, cake sales, raffles, a movie, chili feed, blanket toss, princess contest, blue crutch sale, and asking for donations.

The crowning of the Queen took place at the sock hop Jan. 31. Candidates for the March of Dimes Queen and their escorts were senior, Janie Wicks with Pat McCabe, Denise Wilcox with Jon Bignan; sophomore, Gail Stone with Neil Wakner; freshman, Ann Cordes with Terry Gail.

A bouquet of red roses were presented to freshman candidate, Ann Cordes, and she was crowned Queen of the March of Dimes with a pretty floral crown of roses.

The total received at Rogue River High school for the 1958 polio drive was \$277.67.

Oak Grove School

By Douglas Rowden, James Westerfield, Ronald Angus Hale, Patty Bessie, Kathy Schroeder, Ted Bennett and Tommy McGraw.

We are proud of our basketball squad. The teams haven't won very many games but we sure try. The first game we won was with Jackson School. They all have very good sportsmanship. When they lose, they wish the other team good luck.

Last week Mrs. Dena DeKorte's fourth grade room challenged Mrs. Lois Seitz's fourth grade in a geography contest. Each child was to make three questions on France and one on Switzerland. There were two children from each room who sat on the panel. One would ask a question. If the one he called on could not answer the question, he would sit down. The one who had asked the question would take his place. When all four children from one room were up, that room won.

We had a spelling contest about a week ago with the other fourth grade class. Each room had about the same number of children. Bruce Metzger was invited to give the spelling words. Not very many had to sit down until the words got harder. Pretty soon the other fourth grade class won.

Miss Nancy Rutledge's first grade room has a guinea pig named Toasty. They named her that because she is light brown. Toasty has her own house, a large wooden box,

Mentally Disturbed Said Less Intelligent Than Stable People

By DELOS SMITH
United Press Science Editor

New York — The much disputed question of whether mentally disturbed people are more or less intelligent than mentally stable people, has had a new answer which is that they're less intelligent.

This is a widely held opinion among psychiatrists that, generally speaking, neurotics particularly and even many psychotics are superior in simple intelligence to the population as a whole. It also is counter to the opinion that the degree of intelligence has not relation to mental disturbance.

The new answer comes from a statistical comparison of the intelligence test scores of a number of men who were discharged from the Army during World War II for psychiatric reasons, with the scores of men who had no recorded emotional difficulties with Army authority.

The comparisons were made by John B. Miner and James E. Anderson, psychologists, for the conservation of human resources project of Columbia University.

Some of the support for psychological theories that the mentally disturbed often are superior in intelligence, comes from historical examples. For instance, Napoleon hardly was a paragon of mental stability, and there are notable examples among scientists and other intellectuals, some of whom had mental breakdowns.

But the new statistics showed that before there was any question of future mental breakdown, some World War II inductees who were generally lower in intelligence than those who wouldn't

break down. By extending their studies to records of the veterans bureau, the scientists already were able to show that the pre-breakdown intelligence of men who later became severely and chronically disturbed was below that of individuals who recovered from severe disturbances.

Miner and Anderson recalled previous statistical efforts to answer the question. Some of these gave a yes answer, some gave a no. They felt this contradiction was due to the distracting elements which enter into neurotic and psychotic thinking and prevent a

really accurate measurement by psychological tests of simple intelligence.

In reporting to the American Psychological Association, they said that "strictly speaking" the results could apply only to the men studied — those who were inducted into the Army during the last four months of 1942. But the results can be applied "with some degree of confidence" to all who served in the Army, and "similar results" probably would be obtained if you made the same study of the whole U.S. population, they said.

Regulus Brightest Star In Lion Constellation

By FAY BENTLEY

"The Lion flames. There the sun's course runs hottest."

Empty of grain the arid fields appear

When first the sun into the Lion enters," wrote the Greek poet Aratos.

Down through the ages the constellation Leo the Lion has held a close relationship with the sun. Ancient people, believing the lion to be superior to all other animals, also felt the sun was superior to all other stars.

At the time when the constellations were designed the sun was "in" this star group on the first day of summer, or the summer solstice. The highest temperatures of the year were experienced at that time.

The lion was a hot tempered, fiery beast which many people feared. So it seems only natural for the star group, which is probably the most famous of all the constellations in the zodiac to be named after the king of beasts.

In ancient times the sun entered, or arrived at a point between the earth and Leo the Lion one month earlier than at the present time.

During the extreme heat of summer, the lions of the desert would seek the cooler valley of the Nile river. At this time the sun was in Leo, and some people feel this might account for the name Leo the Lion.

It is believed that Leo the Lion was among the first of the Babylonian constellations. Here, too, it held a close relationship with the sun.

Sculptured on many of the palaces in Persia is a crouching lion with the rising sun at his back. Their national banner also carried a picture of the sun in Leo the Lion.

Puma Springing Ancient Peruvians pictured this constellation as a puma springing upon its prey. In Mexico the lion was worshipped. So we find that people of both the eastern and western world regarded this sky picture as a giant member of the cat family.

According to Greek mythology, a fierce and terrible lion, much larger and stronger than any ordinary lion, was terrorizing the people in a little country called Nemea. Hercules was ordered by his jealous cousin, King Eurystheus, to slay the creature and return with its skin. This was the first of the Twelve Labors of Hercules.

This daring young man concealed himself by a water-hole where the animal came to drink. As the lion approached and began to slake his thirst, Hercules drew his spear. Just then the beast crouched ready to spring. Hercules dropped his spear and strangled the lion to death with his bare hands. He then returned to his cousin with the skin of this unusually beautiful creature.

Juno persuaded Jupiter to place this magnificent animal in the sky.

Other Versions There is more than one version of this story. Some say that Hercules uprooted a nearby tree after dropping his spear and overcame the

lion with the tree trunk. He then fashioned a club from this tree and carried it the rest of his life.

By 9 p.m. Leo, the Lion is well above the eastern horizon and nearly due east. One of the identification points of Leo is The Sickle or "question mark backwards," outlined by six stars. Regulus, the star at the bottom of The Sickle, is the brightest in the constellation.

To the left of The Sickle and lower in the sky is a triangle which represents the hind quarters of the beast. Denebola, the star farthest to the left in this triangle points out the tail of the Lion. It is the second brightest, or Beta star, of this sky picture.

Leo the Lion appears above the eastern horizon in January, travels across the sky during the months of spring and summer, and in August disappears beneath the western horizon.

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Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

Kansas City, Mo.—Former President Truman, in a note to the sheriff who has in friendly custody the 33-year-old man who tried to call on Truman with a loaded revolver: "I hope every effort will be made to help this young man."

Washington—Former Sen. William Benton (D-Conn.) urging that President Eisenhower ask the Russians to let him make a radio peace appeal to the Russian people: "It could be worth a dozen summit meetings."

Chicago—Dr. Werner von Braun, chief Army rocket expert, pointing out that both the United States and Russia need quantity production of guided missiles and trained crews before they are equipped for push button war: "Putting a nuclear bomb on one target does not mean winning a war."

New Orleans—The Rev. Elmer H. Behrmann, assistant superintendent of schools in the Roman Catholic archdiocese of St. Louis, Mo., speaking to a teachers institute: "The little red school house worked wonders because it had a little red woodshed in the background."

Washington—Dr. Bernard Schwartz, fired counsel to the House subcommittee on Legislative Oversight, telling reporters he had paid his own way to appear before the committee Monday: "I'm not a pauper and it's not going to break me."

His wife: "Even if he were a pauper, my husband would take the same position."

Portland — Oregon — Supreme Justice Randall Kester has announced that he will resign from the high court March 1.

Salem — Oregon — Dr. K. J. Peterson, state veterinarian, will attend the Western States Meat Packers Association convention at San Francisco.

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O. H. Bengtson Files For Representative

Salem — (AP) — Joseph S. Crepeau, Cottage Grove, has filed for the Democratic nomination for state representative from Lane county. He is the present representative.

O. H. Bengtson, Medford, filed for the Republican nomination for state representative from Jackson county.

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