

SCHOOL NEWS

Medford High School

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After being postponed a week, school began Sept. 22 with an enrollment of 1,252, which in the first week rose to 1,275 and by semester is supposed to exceed 1,300.

In the main hall students found lists which they checked to find their registration rooms. The registration room period was an hour long and was used to receive schedules and books. Classes the first day were cut short and school was dismissed early.

Monday morning upper-classmen were as confused as sophomores. The familiar room numbers had been changed. Such titles as 22C had sprung up. The change in numbers was made necessary by the addition of a new wing.

Besides changing the numbers, colors were changed. Many rooms in the business department are shades of blue and melon.

Students from non-high school districts were reminded to turn in their tuition cards at the high school office. The students were to receive the tuition cards at the

county superintendent's office before school opened.

The beginning of school saw much activity and excitement during first week. But all the confusion did not keep various clubs and organizations from getting into the swing of things by starting organizational plans.

The Future Homemakers announced their first meeting of the year for Thursday. The announcement stated that any girl interested in joining could do so if she had taken home economics and had fifty cents for dues.

Thursday evening after school the International Relations League had a meeting for old members.

The Girls Athletic Association started the year off with a splash with plans for a swimming party. All girls are invited.

Friday saw the distribution of Hi-Times, with staff members busy at work a week before school started organizing and gathering news. Usually a four page edition, the first issue this year was six pages.

Remedial English tests start once again for seniors. This year they are to be given in a different way. Instead of the tests being given in the auditorium as before, the class will be divided into four groups. Each group will go to one of the following rooms: the girls gym, the boys gym, the auditorium, or the cafeteria.

The tests are scheduled sometime next week.

The student council, headed by student body president, Dale Forsee, held an informal "gettogether" at the home of Lou Elsa Voegtly Sept. 18. Pre-school organizing of committees, and various duties of council members were discussed. Also, members were able to meet their advisor, DeVere Taylor.

The morning of Sept. 26, the council held its first official meeting. President Forsee gave a brief outline of the calendar of student council events and introduced Jerry Vice, chairman of the constitutional committee. Jerry then explained that the purpose of his committee was to investigate school constitutions and to later rewrite our own so that it will be more up to standard.

Also discussed was Tornado week, which will be held the week prior to our last home football game — that with Klamath Falls Oct. 17. The next student council meeting will be Wednesday.

The student store, at its new location in Room 31 across from the boy's gym, is now open in the morning from 8 to 8:20 and also after school from 3:20 to 3:40. It is under the sponsorship of the Future Business Leaders of America this year and offers a range of school supplies for student purchases.

A map showing the area from which students will need special permission to drive cars to school has been placed in the showcase across from the office. This area is within a mile radius of the school. Unless the student lives outside this area or has received special permission he will not be permitted to drive a car to school or use student parking facilities.

Spaces in the parking area have not yet been assigned as school officials are waiting for the cafeteria to be completed before restricting the students. When it's completed a new driving policy will be given the students who drive to school which must be signed by his parents and approved by Lester D. Harris, principal.

McLoughlin Junior High
By Joel Gregory
The band under the direction of Mr. Al Huntmann, elected officers for 1958. The officers are Lois Stedman, president; Jim Kubalek, vice-president, and student conductor; Jim Johnston, drum major; and Karlene Neill, librarian.

The eighth grade football team had a scrimmage with Hedrick gridgers, Sept. 20. No score was kept but the practice served a good purpose in uncovering some of the team's weaknesses. Ralph Perkins, coach, said the Mac Hi team needed much more

work on defense.

Nine new teachers have been added to the staff this year. They include Dale Bates, science; Nadine Brown, physical education; Helen Casey, Sandra Lien, and Eunice Smith, English; Dennis Davis, Ralph Perkins, and J. D. Evans, history and geography; and Dorothy Jones, vocal music.

Junior Quill, the school newspaper, had its first meeting last Monday. Mrs. Jean Shepherd, new advisor explained, in general, her ideas for this year's paper. The first paper will be published about the middle of October.

Officer elections for home rooms were held last week. Bob Walker was named president of Room 28; Johnny Gates, room 32; Terry Hinesly, room 6; Jim Stiger, annex 2.

Penny Rix, Cindy Anderson, Pat Daigle, JoDell Herberger, Caroline Denyer, Sharyn Hamm, and Donna Johnson will be the high-stepping majorettes for the band this year. They won their places in competition try-outs held last week.

During in-service week, the McLoughlin Library club gave a tea for teachers. Mrs. Martin, librarian, introduced new books to teachers and these, with pamphlets and reference materials for the various departments, were on display. Refreshments were served with Ruth Milligan, Lynn Peterson and Karen Esberg heading the committee. Clever ideas were expressed through bulletin board displays formed by John Alan-sky, Jim Burke, Carl Washburn, and Joel Gregory.

Talent Yearbook Receives Rating

Talent — The 1957-58 Talent High school yearbook, Challenger, received a rating of "All American" by the National Scholastic Press, according to Talent school officials.

Yearbooks are evaluated on design, introduction, administration and faculty, academic content, seniors or album, underclasses, organizations and activities, athletics, student life and special matters. Less than 10 per cent of the yearbooks entered received the "All American" award.

Editor-in-chief of the Challenger was Mary Ka Olson. Assistant editor was David Spangler, and LaVonne Whillock was business manager, and Irma Parr, advisor.

Kerby Girl Wins OSC Scholarship

Cave Junction — Arle Z. Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert B. Scott of Kerby, has been awarded a full year dormitory scholarship at Oregon State college. There are only two such awards made each year and are based on citizenship and scholarship.

Miss Scott, now entering her senior year in the school of pharmacy at OSC, has made an unusual and outstanding record, being the recipient of special honorary awards each year of her training.

A membership in the Sigma Epsilon Pi, a women's scholastic honorary society, was awarded to her in the first year of her studies at southern Oregon college in Ashland.

Iceland as early as 1800 established a program of grants to aid aged and infirm workers.

Hornbrook Grade School Opens With Completely New Plant

By KATHERINE CHAPMAN

Hornbrook — When Hornbrook grammar school children returned to school early this month it was to a completely new plant.

For several years the old building had been overcrowded to such an extent that the auditorium had had to be converted into two make-shift classrooms, which made it necessary for all school activities to be held at the Grange hall about three quarters of a mile away.

A bond measure passed by local voters in 1956 made it possible for plans to get under way for the addition of three new classrooms and the remodeling of the existing building. Accordingly, early in September, 1957, ground was broken and the new building started. During the process of construction, work stoppages were encountered, due to weather and a labor strike involving plasterers, but in August of this year the complete job was turned over to the school district.

Original Amount
The original amount of the contract was \$129,975, and total expenditure for the new building and improvements to the old was \$134,644.26. Prior to construction, \$5,000 was advanced to the school district by the county school board for use in unforeseen expenditures.

Square footage in the new building is 3,957, and in the old portion, 4,559.

Work done in the old building includes the restoration of the auditorium, with overhead floodlighting replacing the footlights on the stage; a new kitchen with electric stove, refrigerator, a new sink and counter top and a pass-through to the auditorium; a new office; new rest and study room for the teachers; a completely new and newly furnished sick room; new heating plant, and the tiling of the walls in the lavatories.

A recessed trophy case also has been added in the hallway.

Conducive to Studies
In conformance with professional studies and research, each classroom has been painted shades considered most conducive to study, and offering the least reflection, and consequent eye-strain.

Robert J. Kenney of Medford was the architect, and A. J. McMurry of Yreka the contractor.

The original area of the school grounds was 2 1/4 acres, and an additional 5 1/2 acres have been acquired which provides adequately for athletic fields and future expansion. Fencing the newly acquired adjacent property was included in the building project, as well as paving the yard, landscaping, and planning the play areas in accordance with the expanded school ground area.

Other Problems
The building project was by no means the only problem facing the elementary school board over the past three years. The other most pressing problems included transportation for pupils in outlying districts, and the lack of suitable drinking water in the school.

The need for adequate transportation was a paramount. A system of private vehicles employed in the capacity of busses had obvious drawbacks, which left the board with a choice of alternatives: either to continue to contract student transportation at a cost considered by the board to be exorbitant, or to purchase a bus.

When the latter course was decided upon, additional factors were encountered. Aside from selecting a driver whose dependability and integrity

had to be above reproach, there were the additional problems of adequate insurance and compliance with innumerable laws designed to protect students while in transit.

New Bus

The school district now has a large, new 54-passenger bus with a specially designed Carpenter body on a Ford truck, ample insurance coverage, and a transportation program based upon probable future expansion. Driver of the bus is Louie Freitas, who also is building maintenance man at the school.

The problem of suitable drinking water could not be solved through a budgetary redistribution, as was done in the case of the transportation program.

The state was appealed to for aid in achieving a satisfactory water condition. This resulted in an allocation of \$1,000 to drill another well, in the same area as the old sulphur well. When it was drawn to the attention of the state engineers and planners that another well in the same area would conceivably result

in another well with water unfit for use, no additional funds were made available for explorations or other means of supplying suitable water.

Filtration Systems
Faced with the certainty of another sulphur well, the board made a study of filtration systems, and ultimately engaged a prominent and reputable firm to install a heavy-duty plant at the school, with the stipulation that unless the filtration system proved completely satisfactory, the manufacturer would remove it at no cost to the school district.

A Permu-Tit Water Conditioner was installed by E. C. Amidon and Son of Medford. The system has proven to be as good as the manufacturer claimed. For the first time in many years the water at Hornbrook school is palatable.

Community Effort
Considerable community effort and cooperation have gone into the solving of these problems, as well as the latest academic and scientific methods and means.

On Sept. 11, an open house was held for the public, in order that those interested might see a progressively modern school.



YEARNING TO RETURN to their classes 63 girls of Hall High School in Little Rock, Ark., adopted a resolution urging immediate re-opening of school even if qualified Negro students are assigned to their classes. These stern faced girls mirror determination.

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