

SCHOOL NEWS

Medford High School
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Seniors were subjected to the following types of questions in the form of a written mental health test on Jan. 7 and 8.

A sample of the questions, all answered with "yes" and "no," included, "Do you often hear a buzzing in your ears?" "Do you feel bad because your weight keeps you from doing things others can do?" "Do you attend school activities?" and "Do you have a habit of biting your fingernails?"

These questions and answers help advisors and deans get a better look at personalities of the students who take the tests.

The purpose of the Future Teachers of America meeting, Jan. 7, was to call roll and find out who had three absences and would be dropped from the club.

It was also announced that there would be a committee meeting Jan. 9, to discuss scholarships. At the committee meeting it was decided that the FTA scholarship would be given to a graduating senior. The scholarship is for one year's tuition to an Oregon college and five dollars a month spending money.

Ten boys have signed up for the chess tournament which will begin Monday. The winner will be chosen through the process of elimination.

The new art room at Medford High was christened Thursday after school with cake replacing the champagne and donuts the cake. With much formality, Warren Wolfe was presented a pot of imitation flowers.

The first game of the Girls' Athletic association intramural volleyball tournament started Thursday after school. Final games will be played in two weeks.

The GAA will be sending ten girls to the annual GAA state convention at Eugene Jan. 17. They are Pam Stacey, Stephanie Anderson, Sally Maulding, Marida Winchell, Nancy Breeze, Jeanette Dahlstrom, Amy Lou Vail, Margie Good, Linda Aubry, and Carolyn Foust. Miss Jane Crisp and Miss Pat Mounts will take the girls in their cars.

Tending to sway away from the usual slapstick theme the weekly pep assembly bounded forth on some "rather rusty" jazz Friday.

Pointed at both the Friday Crater game and the Saturday bout with Ashland, the skit depicted the age-old story of the three little pigs (minus one) and the big bad wolf.

Petite little Susie Moore as the young and sensitive Anne Frank, leads the cast in the class of '59's annual senior play. This year's production, "The Diary of Anne Frank," deals with a Jewish family, forced into hiding during World War II, in order to save their lives.

Completing the list of characters are Judy McGraw and Dennis Barr as Anne's parents, and Sylvia Morris as her sister. Pat Hanson, Judy Reile, Bob Sheldon, Dewey Gail, Ted Lawson, and Glen Kaye also play important roles.

A dime sucker will entitle some lucky students to prizes worth \$10 to \$15. The sucker sale is being sponsored by the pep club in order to raise money for new sweaters. The prizes, contributed by Medford merchants, will go to two boys and two girls and come to a total of more than \$100. The drawing will take place at the Klamath-Medford basketball game.

In order to retain their TAP class championship the junior class has begun a regular parade of fund raising projects with many more to come.

Shoe shines Jan. 10, 17, 24, and 31, car washes Jan. 17 and 24, and a box social Jan. 17, at St. Mark's church with everyone invited are a few of the scheduled events according to Doug Klivier, class TAP chairman.

The seniors, in an all-out attempt to prove to underclassmen that they are tops in everything, have also organized many fund raising projects.

Among these events are car washes, shoe shines, a senior-faculty basketball game with Bob Sheldon and Jim Fontaine providing half-time entertainment, and a cup cake sale.

The Future Homemakers of America had a general business meeting Thursday. The meeting was conducted by Carol Lefler, president.

Jackson School
 By Olivia Jonason
 Alene Deubert

When you enter Jackson school you see a model of our new United States flag on the bulletin board, with pictures of the new flag that was recently made in Washington, D. C. Alaska became a state at noon Saturday, Jan. 3. The new flag will be our official flag on July 4. Some of the classes are expecting letters from former class members who have recently moved to Alaska.

The upper department bulletin boards displays book jackets of new books. The display features Frosty the Snowman recommending us to read more during 1959. The girl monitors that do such an exceptional job in preparing the bulletin board displays are Linda Cosier, Karen Maxson, Connie Bittle, and Jan King.

We are all proud of our school library, which is open before school in the mornings, during the noon hour, and again after school. In the mornings, student librarian, Carolyn Cole, will be glad to show students around and check out their books.

Jackson school students are making an effort to show they appreciate their playground by keeping it clean. Two new waste cans painted in school colors have been placed on the school grounds, and are being used by students. Recently, Mrs. Precia Medley's homeroom put on an assembly entitled "Litterbug Trial."

The assembly was well done and impressed us all with the idea of keeping our school grounds clean. Our custodians Wade Harmon and Jim O'Duane have made our front school yard very attractive by spading around all the shrubs, keeping the walks swept and all the leaves raked.

We have been having trouble with our telephones recently. The telephone company sent men over to repair them several times but could find nothing really out of order. One repair man found that two young scientists Tommy Shopp and David Long were using an old telephone jack as the ground for their crystal sets. The telephone repairman took time to explain to the class how it was that our phones didn't work and the central telephone office was hearing a local radio station on its lines.

In preparation for the basketball games, our Pep squad is working hard. The squad meets every Wednesday noon. The officers of the Pep squad are president, Sonia Goodlin; vice president, Connie Bittle; secretary, Olivia Jonason; treasurer, Lee Ann Riggs, and reporter, Carol Longan.

McLoughlin Junior High
 By Joel Gregory

A cheering McLoughlin student body opened the first prep assembly of 1959 for the basketball game against the Hedrick Hornets in the rival gym. The cheerleaders presented a skit which took place in a fortune-teller's house. The fate of the Hedrick Hornets was revealed and a Hornet defeat was pictured. All three grades had games scheduled.

"Take me to your cheerleader" is the caption on the huge purple-people-eater banner displayed in the main hall. Many clever signs have been created this year for each of the games. Carl Washburn has been the leader in this work.

The Teens Against Polio drive is to start soon. Carl Washburn, student body president, announced. Cans for receiving contributions will be placed in lunch lines, milk lines, and near the door of the candy booth. George Clearwater, president of the Lettermen's club, is in charge of the project.

The art classes have displayed various paper mache "personalities" in the two display cases by the main entrance. Creatures ranging from a purple-people-eater and prehistoric monsters to domesticated animals and ordinary people have been made. Students whose work earned display qualities were John Lampkin, Sharon Baize, Sharon Pulliam, LuWayne Stine, Larry Byrne, Corla Earl, Barry Peterson, and Jacklyn Ammons.

FORGETS EYEGASSES
 London-UP-Viscount Hailsham, Conservative party leader, had to scrap his prepared speech and speak off the cuff to a meeting of industrialists here Monday night. He forgot his eyeglasses and was unable to read his prepared text.

Crater High School
 By DARLENE TOMLINSON

At the kick-off assembly for the March of Dimes Tuesday, Jan. 6, a contest was held to see which class could string the most money across the gymnasium floor. The results were seniors, first; sophomores, second; juniors, third, and freshmen, fourth.

Instead of the usual dance held after the game, the movie "Showboat" was shown after the Crater-Medford game Jan. 9. The show starred Kathryn Grayson, Howard Keel, Marge and Gower Champion, Ava Gardner, and Joe E. Lewis. Sponsored by the Future Homemakers of America, the show was also shown at 3:30, Jan. 9.

A flag with 38 stars and a picture of the new flag with 49 stars present an interesting contrast in the history room. The flag belongs to Donald Lacy and it was found in the walls of his home.

Juniors and seniors are seeing films and listening to lectures on how to use the library quickly and correctly. The juniors are using this as a forerunner to the research papers which they will write next semester. The seniors are learning how to use the library correctly.

Hedrick Junior High
 By Nancy Duncan

Beginning Monday, Jan. 12, the new photography class will feature 10 meetings in as many successive school days. Any eighth or ninth grade student may join if he can provide a suitable camera and 10 pictures he has taken to show that he may be able to profit from the class. Monte Kounz instructs the class.

The second nine weeks examination schedule has shaken many students from their casual pursuit of knowledge, and they may be seen working harder. Tests covering special subjects, such as band, home economics, and physical education and health, will be given Jan. 19 through 23. English and mathematics tests will be given on Tuesday, Jan. 27, history and geography on Wednesday, Jan. 28, and foreign languages on Thursday, Jan. 29.

Students will receive their report cards on Wednesday, Feb. 4.

The band's dance "Rudolph Romped," was held Jan. 9 after having been postponed on Dec. 19, because of fog. The dance's theme was to have been "Rudolph's Romp," but it was changed to past tense to agree with the postponement.

The student body was surprised when it read on the front page of the Mail Tribune that its president, Chuck McNair, had been flown from Bandon, Ore., to Medford for an emergency appendectomy by Mercy Flights. If Chuck would have waited another week, he might have had the distinction of having been Mercy Flight's 900th passenger.

During McNair's absence, Susan Garner, student body vice president, presided over meetings.

Vicky Enders and Bonnie Lowry, speech and debate class members, presented after dinner speeches on a radio program at KYJC Saturday, Jan. 10, at 6:30 p.m.

Until the speech tournament is held at Linfield college, McMinnville, on Feb. 18, 19, and 20, the debate team will practice for one-half hour every Thursday morning in the "Little Theater." In addition, each debater will enter one or two individual speech contests.

Those participating in interpretation are Susan Hall, Kathy Allen, Sherry Lambert, Barbara Whalin, Becky Barlow, and Tom Deakins. Entering orations are Susan Hall, Kathy Allen, Sherry Lambert, Barbara Whalin, Mike Miller and Jim Winton. Salesmanship will have these persons entered: Bonnie Lowry, Sunny Gastineau, Vicky Enders, and Mike Higgins. Bonnie Lowry, Sunny Gastineau, Vicky Enders, Mike Miller, Tom Deakins and Bill Dames will give after dinner speeches. The visual aids contest will find these students entered: Becky Barlow, Mike Higgins, Jim Winton, and Bill Dames.

Jerome McDougal's sixth period speech class and the debate team acted as judges for a debate in which Elaine Jennings and Carolyn Mencke opposed Doug Klivier and Dean Goddard. The debaters are juniors at Medford High school. Elaine Jennings and Carolyn Mencke received the most votes and were declared winners of the debate.

In its 100 years, the nation's petroleum industry has produced more than 104 trillion dollars' of crude oil.



FASCINATED—Soviet Deputy Premier Anastas Mikoyan (second from left) is seemingly fascinated as he examines what appears to be the nose cone of a rocket, but in reality is an ultra-sonic dishwasher on display in the Westinghouse room at the Merchandise Mart in Chicago. Mikoyan is on an unofficial two-week tour of the U. S.

Small Worlds Around Us
 By Lynn M. Watkins

The Touch-M-Not Is Apolly Named

They sure used their collective heads, those serious students who first selected the scientific names for plants, fish, birds, insects, and reptiles. Usually the most outstanding characteristic of the object was selected. Something typical of its habits, structure, color, shape or the environment in which it was found. And the boys became real clever at it.

Because the Latin or scientific name is usually a little difficult, we rename just about everything and more often than not in the true meaning of the scientific name completely escape us. It's fascinating to select any of these names, the Latin ones, and search out the true reason why the thing was so named.

Just to give you the idea, let's break down the name of a common woods flower and see how cleverly the scientific name fits the predominant characteristics of the plant. In this case even the common name means something.

Grows in Shade

Usually abundant along the edges of creeks and streams, as well as in damp meadows is reasonably constant, in many sections of America grows a common plant with the descriptive name of touch-me-not. This common name of course is derived from the habit of the flower or the seed-pod to snap open at the slightest touch.

By getting highly descriptive about this weed-like plant we could truthfully say the flower or pod is impulsive, excitable or nervous, so anxious to "pop" that it can hardly contain itself. The small boys say, "It's quick."

The flower of the touch-me-not comes in pairs, so naturally part of its scientific name is Biflora or two-flower. The pods snap open so readily that another name seemed apt, impatient, because it is impatient, and pallid, simply because the flower is pallid, or sort of "washed out." How could they be more eloquent or descriptive?

Important to Know

There are many reasons why the common touch-me-not is an important plant to know. It has, or was always supposed to have, special curative powers. The glassy looking stems

of the plant have a series of peculiar swelling at the leaf-nodes. These "bulbs" are filled with a juice; a juice that is considered highly effective in the treatment of poison ivy. The treatment consists of rubbing the fluid from the plant stems on the infected skin.

There are many woodsmen, and farm boys, too, who insist the juice will cure the swelling and the resultant rash caused by the oil of the poison ivy plant. Funny, that this property of the touch-me-not plant never came under the close scrutiny of the early students of botany who first affixed the names to plants in the first place. Maybe there was something they didn't know about at the time or perhaps they, or some later observer, took the name "touch-me-not" too literally.

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Student Enrollment Totals 1,023 at SOC

Ashland - Registration figures at Southern Oregon college for the winter quarter totaled 1,023 students Saturday, college officials reported.

Although registration will not officially close until Jan. 19, the late registration fee is now in effect, officials said. The figures exceed the registration total for the comparable date last year when 919 students had enrolled at the college. Of the total 665 are men and 358 are women.

Classes for the winter quarter started Jan. 6 and will close March 19.

BARGAIN GOWN
 Cardiff, Wales -UP- Patricia Jones, 17, was married Monday after queuing in the snow all night to buy a wedding dress at a sale price of \$5.59.

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EAGLE POINT Officials Take Office

Eagle Point - The Eagle Point city council met on Tuesday, Jan. 6, in the city library for the regular meeting of the year.

Mayor Ray Tresham called the meeting to order and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The retiring mayor then presented the keys of the City to the newly-elected Mayor, J. Ed Putman, and councilmen Ernest Gregg, J. N. Fortin, and Lenn Hickman were sworn in by the recorder.

Mayor Putman then opened bids for the new four-inch water main to be replaced on South B. st., with the contract being awarded to Ken Hughes, Medford. Putman then made his appointments for the coming term. Appointed were Recorder-Treasurer, Laura A. McFall; Municipal Judge, Sam F. Coy; Chief of Police, Harold D. Otosen; Fire Chief, David H. Kahl; City Attorney, B. Kent Blackhurst; Building Inspector, Clarence P. Henderson; Librarian, Mrs. Jessie Tyer; Civil Defense Director for the Eagle Point area, Bennie G. Hefley.

Don Kimmel asked the mayor and council to see if second and D streets could be opened into his property for building sites.

Leland Curry presented a map of the revised curve at the end of West Main street and Mayor Putman appointed Don Ashpole and Ernest Gregg to take care of the necessary procedures on the proposed sewer. The Recorder was instructed to write the three gas companies in the city for gas bids for the city's use.

The council approved that the water meter reading dates be changed from the 27th of the month to the 15th. The month of January the customers will be billed for one-half month minimum charges pro rated.

Private Paul A. McLean, Camp Leonard Wood, Mo., spent a ten-day leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George McLean.

Dog licenses may be obtained at the city hall in Eagle Point until the first part of March. After the first of March there will be penalty for delinquent licenses.

The drivers' license examiner from Medford will be in the city library to give exams on Thursday, Jan. 22, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

A dinner party was held Jan. 4 at the home of Mrs. Roy Stanley, with Mrs. Roy Swan as co-hostess.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Del Logan, Shady Cove; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hammel, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beebe and Mrs. Vera Nelson, Medford; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Swan and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hoover,

Medford, and the hostess, Mrs. Stanley.

Gordon Stanley showed slides of Blue canyon and of Seven lakes. Bonnie, Vonnie and Connie Goering played several selections on their accordions and Connie sang two solos for the group.

Mr. and Mrs. David F. Kinnaman, Jan and David Jr., Bellingham, Wash., spent 10 days visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor W. Hay, Fred and Ellen recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brugger returned recently from a two-week vacation trip into Arizona, returning through the Grand canyon, the Hopi Indian village and Lake Tahoe.

While in Arizona they visited with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Young, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shearin and family and Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Nagel, who are wintering in Arizona.

Mrs. Augusta Perry, Mrs. Donna Ashpole, Mrs. Lottie Van Scoy, Mrs. Ruby Stowell, Mrs. Jessie Tyer and Mrs. Gertrude Stanley were honored at a party on New Year's eve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Swan, Brownsboro rd., Eagle Point.

Mrs. Alice Selb, San Francisco, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ruby Stowell, and her sister-in-law and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Haley.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Simmons and granddaughter, Sharon Wise, visited at the Clayton Simmons home Sunday, Jan. 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hisey, Redmond, spent Sunday evening at the home of their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Brown, en route home from Klamath, Calif., where they spent the weekend.

Miss Laurinda Kay McFall spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Janet Jean Hanford, Butte Falls Star Rt., E. P. They celebrated Janet's fifth birthday.

Other guests at the party on Saturday were Gwen and Chris Stockton, Ronda Hawthorn, Jimmy and Jerry Hanford and Mrs. Hanford. Debra Jean McFall was unable to attend as she has been ill with the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. David Hanford and family were called to Medford on Sunday as their nephew, Phillip Crocker, had been burned and is confined to the Rogue Valley hospital. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence P. Crocker, Jacksonville highway, Medford.

Ft. Jackson, S.C.-UP-The Army Monday dedicated a non-commissioned officers academy here, the first school of its kind for basic training instructors.

Society Pamphlet Tells of Pet Care

Pamphlets on the care and feeding of pets are available at the Southern Oregon Humane Society office, 2902 Table Rock rd., society officials report.

The pamphlets are free and society spokesmen said they would be especially suitable for children who have received pets for Christmas.

The society stressed that pets in a home can help children develop kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity traits, but added that the pets should be treated as companions and not as toys.

VISITS MACMILLAN

London-UP-Nai Pote Sarasin, secretary-general of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization, visited British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan Monday during a brief stop-over in London.

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