

### 98 Building Permits Issued During December

Ninety-eight Medford building permits for projects with a total valuation of \$283,661

### Cub Scout Groups Visit Mail Tribune

Three groups of Cub Scouts visited the Mail Tribune publishing plant Friday and Saturday.

Den 3, Pack 4, West Side school, visited the plant Friday afternoon. Included in the group were Steve Shinn, Ron Gustafson, Ralph Brindley, Bobby Kogy, Don Turner, Tom Titus, Dennis Phillips, David Culbertson, and Gary Ray.

Members of Den 8, Pack 5, Jefferson school, visited the plant Saturday morning. They were Roger Blaylock, Mike Carr, Mike Harding, Warren Harris, Richard Ricken, Ronnie Szpak, and Steve Wilkins.

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# SCHOOL NEWS

### Medford High School

Edited by Barbara Nulton. Reporters: Pauline Ashton, Margie Good, Peggy Fisch, Connette Hinesly and Tanya Enders.

Mr. Kenny, from the Oregon State Game commission, was the speaker at an assembly Jan. 12. The title of the speech was "Waterfowl Management."

Accompanying the 20-minute talk was a sound color film which showed some of the basic principles of resource management and the application of these principles to the management of Oregon's fish and wildlife.

The film also showed the use of flyways by waterfowl and explained how each wildlife commission throughout the continent does its share in conserving waterfowl and their nesting and feeding grounds.

There were two assemblies one was in the first period of the morning, and the other immediately after the first. The students were divided into two groups for these assemblies.

It was decided at the Jan. 4 meeting of the Shutterbug club that a special night meeting would be held Feb. 17 to demonstrate the developing and printing of pictures. A committee to arrange for food also was appointed.

The halls of the schools are covered with various slogans and signs such as, "Don't be hairy, vote for Larry," "Get goin', vote for Rowan," "Big Nori, the man with the honest face," and many others.

These signs are helping promote the annual Student Government day. Those students, who obtained petitions and the signatures of 15 seniors, are running for mayor and two councilmen from each ward.

After the final elections on Feb. 4, the newly-elected

mayor and councilmen will appoint fellow seniors to the many appointive offices. There are approximately six candidates for each office with the primary elections to be held on Jan. 19.

As the senior class plays into full rehearsal swing, various committees begin the work of planning costumes, light arrangements and scenery. Heading the entire production is Jim Fontaine as stage manager.

In charge of the lights are Robert Stedman and Ken Peek, with Phil Morgan handling the sound problem.

Prompters are Colleen Riley and Bonnie Cox. Rosemary Tokar is in charge of props, with Cheryl Dunn, Barbara Nelson, Jim Fontaine, JoAnn Jamison, Carol Custance, Carmen Bernheisel, Dee Anne Barnes, Marianne Samuelson, Danusia Kosecka, and Iverne Iverson working under her.

Costume chairman is Karen Fisher and assisting her will be Vicki Palmer, Carol Hubbard, Karen Culbertson, De Wanda Winchell and Ann Shelton.

The publicity committee is headed by Marybeth Ramsey with Leora Myers, Dave Hawlick and De Wanda Winchell helping.

The final production dates of the play, "The Diary of Anne Frank," will be Feb. 26 and 27.

Speaking at the Spanish club meeting Jan. 12 was Walter Knight, a junior at Lewis and Clark college. He spoke on his sophomore year spent in Europe where he attended school in France on a scholarship. He also spoke on the opportunities for those who desire to study abroad for a year.

Jim Fontaine led Tuesday's International Relations League discussion on Africa. This meeting was one in the series of conferences on "How the United States Should Aid Underdeveloped Countries."

**Jackson School**  
By Jan King and Connie Bittle

Jackson school cheerleaders, Fay Konopasek, Linda Cosler, Janet Kolkemo and Karen Maxson, and student body officers, Catherine Watson, Teresa Riggs, and Karyn Fixsen, made a booklet which contains the school song and yells. The cover is green with a yellow Indian on it, which is the name of our team.

In the varsity basketball team, Don Perry is the coach and A. T. Highland is captain. In the Junior varsity, Mr. Perry is also coach and Downen Grimes is the captain.

A plaque was awarded the staff of Jackson school for 1958. This was the United Fund award presented for outstanding citizenship.

The school health room will soon be painted pink and brown. We are looking forward to this as it will brighten up the room greatly.

The fifth and sixth grades are having a ping-pong tournament. Mr. Perry put up a tournament ladder to determine the champion. First they will have room winners who will play off to determine the school champion.

**Crater High School**  
By Darlene Tomlinson

Student Government Day primary election nominations are in and the Democratic nominations are Vernola Hutchinson, Donna Burnett, and Joan Skov, county clerk; Charley Warren, Mike Redmond, and Bill White, county commissioner; Doug Davis, John Caster, and Janet Scaburg, county school superintendent; Allen Barnes, Jim Eldred, and Glenna Heath, county treasurer; Byron Rominger, Chuck Turner, Gayle Hagen, and Nelda Robbins, county coroner.

The Republican nominations are Betty Baker, Sylvia Yell, Margaret Taylor, county clerk; Arvella Prom, Richard Hammersly, and Don Ryan, county commissioner; Herschel Mack, Nathan Parrish, and Alice Thompson, county school superintendent; Elaine Kroon, Alice Croxton, Sherry Koellner, county treasurer; Jim White, George Hunt, and Gay Jones, county coroner.

Students running on the independent ballot are Patty Kime and Jim Hayes, county clerk; Sharlette Hale and Jean Governor, county commissioner; John Cottier and Margaret Pendleton, county school superintendent; John Burns and Bill Laton, county treasurer; Bob Fowler and Sharla Blake, county coroner.

The primary election will be held Jan. 20.

Crater's FFA Parliamentary Team and Public Speakers both placed second in the

### Hartman Says Way Seen Out of Pear Decline in Northwest Area

"We are beginning to see our way out," Prof. Henry Hartman of the Oregon State college horticulture department said Friday concerning pear decline.

Speaking before the annual meeting of the Jackson County Fruit Growers' League Professor Hartman said work on pear decline will result in development of better trees better methods of growing and better practices at less cost will be worked out.

"There is no final conclusion yet although we have some insight into pear decline," Professor Hartman said.

**Sponsored Jointly**  
The pear decline research project is sponsored jointly by the fruit growers league and Oregon State college, Hartman said. A considerable portion of the financing is and will be provided by the league, he added.

Working on the project are Dr. Roland Blake, horticulturist at the Southern Oregon Branch Experiment station, Clifford B. Cordy, Jackson county horticultural agent, and OSC plant pathologists and soil specialists.

Decline is not just one thing or cause, the OSC horticulturist said. Different types of the disease also exist, he said.

Approximately 500 to 600 trees in the Jackson county area have been affected by decline, Professor Hartman said.

To obtain information on pear decline in this area the researchers studied case histories and read published information on the disease. Case history information was obtained from owners of orchards with decline and those who had orchards, with little or no decline. Orchardists, fortunately, had complete records on care of their orchards—amounts of fertilizers used, irrigation practices and other information on orchard operation.

**Provide Background**  
By trying to fit their observations and studies into patterns, the decline investigators hoped to provide a background for the disease, Professor Hartman explained.

Washington and California fruit trees have also suffered from decline, the professor said. Those studying the problem in Washington believe root-stock is the basis of the trouble. It is true that Japanese root stock is more susceptible to the disease than French root stock, but this is not the primary cause, Professor Hartman said. Decline has been observed also on trees having French root stock.

California trees have suffered from a fungus disease which attacked the tree roots, but that problem does not affect this area, Professor Hartman said.

**Traced Decline**  
Researchers in this area have traced quick decline to what Professor Hartman calls the "infernal triangle"—mineral nitrogen, water and organic matter. Flood irrigation on top of late spring and summer application of sulphate of ammonia fertilizer turns ele-

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Live Oak Grange

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### Medford High School

Members of the team are chairman John Caster, Pete Melsted, Don Denning, Nathan Barry, Don Ryan, and Dave Foote. Don Denning is the public speaker.

Both will enter the sectional contest to be held in February at Crater.

Senior Mary Howard was announced the December Girl of the Month by Girls' League Vice-President Arvella Prom, Jan. 14. She is president of Comettes, Secretary of FHA, and a reporter on Crater Comments. Mary is also in GAA, Student Council, and Quill and Scroll.

Newly elected officers of the Chess club are Nathan Parrish, president; Bob Morris, vice-president; and Edwin Stuart, secretary-treasurer.

Among the other activities planned by the club are instruction in the game of chess.

Under consideration by the Student Council is the constitution of a proposed Spanish club. The constitution was prepared by Rosalie Wilson, Darlene Tomlinson, and Connie Black.

Janet Scalberg was chosen Future Homemaker of Crater High school through the Betty Crocker Homemaking contest. She received the highest score on the test which was taken by all senior girls. She now has the opportunity to try to win the statewide contest. She was awarded a Future Homemaker's pin.

**Oak Grove School**  
The first grades have made a colorful bulletin board scene to remind us this is the time of the year to feed the birds.

The second grade is learning to use rulers, to measure liquids, and how to read weather thermometers. Each student brought a Christmas toy to school for "Show and Tell Time."—Michael Herrin.

Mrs. Grace Kirtley's third grade is learning about reptiles and toads. They saw filmstrips of these last week.

Helen Bigger and Linda Jones are the champion hand tennis players of our room.—Loretta Bennett.

Mrs. Florence Connor's fifth grade is forming a Book club and planning to write about the gold rush days in Jacksonville.—Paul Larson.

Mrs. Dena DeKorte's fifth grade is learning about science. Dick Howsley showed that heat could change a solid to a liquid. Christieann Ayers and Beverly Biehn made a candle which proved that heat could change a solid to a liquid; let it cool and it's a solid again. Fred Hobbs scratched a tin can and set it outside. It rusted after a while. James Westerfield proved that chemicals changed the colors of flames. Kraig Parsons made a barometer. Sandra Rupp put an onion in the front of the room, and after awhile it began to smell which proved that solid molecules do move.—Dick Howsley, Kraig Parsons.

In art, we are making stencils. We cut a pattern out of waxed cartons and dabbed the inside of them with a sponge on another piece of paper, making a textured design.—Janice Main.

James Hennebeck's sixth grade is working on a play, "Abe's Winkin' Eye," to be given at the school assembly program Jan. 30. The class has completed a mural on the "Downfall of the Incas." The battle scenes are realistic. It has been put in the Art room.—Don Adams, Nancy Elmgren.

**REDS INTERRUPTED**  
Berlin—(UPI)—Police broke up an unauthorized Communist demonstration Friday outside the Hilton Hotel in West Berlin where about a dozen Reds gathered to lay a wreath in memory of two Communists killed near the scene 40 years ago.

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