

Annual Student Government Day Gets Under Way Wednesday

As the 11th annual Student Government day gets under way Wednesday, Feb. 4, those connected with its development will remember the considerable work done by its "prime movers," the late Diamond Flynn, mayor of Medford, and Mrs. Joanne Smith, head of the Medford High school social studies department.

Original purpose of the program was to give students of the senior class an opportunity to see local government in action at a time when they are studying local government, according to Elliott D. Becken, assistant superintendent of Medford schools. Students are elected by fellow students to fill local government positions during Student Government Day.

The two-day activities come when the students have finished the local government course, Becken explained. After this brief experience, they return to class and use a prepared outline to give their experiences.

During Student Government Day, the students are using the city hall and county government offices as an extension of the school laboratory," the assistant superintendent said. "It personalizes their course and makes them see and experience first hand some of the things they have only read and talked about."

"We are greatly indebted to the Medford Elks lodge for carrying the program on and making it continuous, for giving the project direction, facilities and funds necessary to put on the dinner, provide the speaker and give it the dressing that appeals to the teenager."

"We are also greatly indebted to Medford city officials. This student government day as developed and continued here has no superior in the state and nation from everything I have been able to learn," Becken said.

Names of the students who are participating in the program, their temporary offices and the public officials they will work with are:

Linda Holm, Butte Falls, assessor; Ray Schumacher; Lynne Smith, Jacksonville,

tax deputy sheriff, Mrs. Marjorie Brooks; Mary Fowler, Prospect, court reporter, Clifford Howard; Jean Messecar, Eagle Point, juvenile director, Mrs. Kay Crowell; Jerry Ferguson, Butte Falls, assistant juvenile director, Larry Tweedy; Steve Carroll, Eagle Point, watermaster; David Hendrix; Priscilla Poole, Butte Falls, chief deputy clerk, Mrs. Nyah Neil; Frances Hensley, Phoenix, deputy elections clerk, Mrs. Afton Carter.

Pattie Clave, Eagle Point, deputy records clerk, Mrs. Thelma McInyre; Margaret Pendleton, Central Point, deputy accountant clerk, Miss Helen Duggan; Susan Walker, Phoenix, legal department supervisor, Mrs. Irene Brenner; Ida Marie Bolz, Phoenix, welfare administrator, James Pullman; Elaine Kroon, Central Point, public health officer, Dr. A. Erin Merkle; Molly Gregg, Eagle Point, public health nurse, Mrs. Frances Clink; Mike Burrill,

Prospect, jailer, Jack Dunlap; Sharon Mitchell, Jacksonville, Sanitarian, Orie Moore; Nancy Niedermeyer, Jacksonville, chairman, county extension office, C. B. Cordy; Vernola Hutchison, Central Point, home demonstration agent, Miss Mary Pat Lucy; Tom Troxol, Phoenix, county 4-H agent, Glenn Klein; Margaret Taylor, Central Point, county 4-H home economics agent, Miss Mary Lou Garner; and Jack Esp, Eagle Point, county extension agent, Earle Jossy.

George King, Jacksonville, court house custodian, Merrill Beneka; Wayne Cabbler, Jacksonville, veterans' service officer, Jerry Bianco; Gordon Allen, Jacksonville, veterinarian, Dr. Kenneth Farley; Richard Hammersley, Central Point, assistant county school superintendent, Bruce Hill; Judy Taylor, Prospect, civil defense director, Maj. Gen. J. H. Hicks; Mary Cole, Phoenix, county court secretary, Mrs. Delpha Offenbacher; Sharee Luke

Skipworth, Phoenix, laboratory technician, Mrs. Lenore Estes; Allen Barnes, Central Point, curriculum coordinator, Robert Lawrence; Jay MacDermot, Eagle Point, audio-visual director, Jim McDonald.

Students filling temporary positions in Medford city administration are: Larry Anderson, Mayor; Doug Elliott, city manager, and City Councilmen Delia Robinson and Bob Emmens, Ward I; Sharon Blikenstaff and Arnold Wolfe, Ward III; Mike Hartley and Larry Nolte, Ward III; Pam Stacey and Robert Farra (St. Mary's) Ward IV. All students are from Medford High school unless otherwise indicated.

Appointed city officials for a day and other public figures are: Shirley Berns, recorder-treasurer; Judy Eall, administrative assistant; Don Tinseth, public works director; Ed Cripe, city engineer; Don Wilson, purchasing agent and airport manager; Frank Peterson, police chief; Harold Daley (St. Mary's), police captain; Carol Swan, police lieutenant; Ted Lawson, police lieutenant; David Havlick, police sergeant; George Koch, police sergeant; Don Harrison, fire chief; Don Marshall, assistant fire chief; Jerry Swartsley, fire marshal; Marvin Frazier (St. Mary's), city attorney; Harold Sexton, building inspector; Bill Young, municipal judge; Jim Miller, park superintendent; Michael Feiss (St. Mary's), street superintendent; Lee Mellish, sewage plant superintendent.

Dale Foresee, water superintendent; Stephanie Anderson, school superintendent; Sandy Clark, assistant school superintendent; Sissel Froger, recorder; Dewanda Winchell, mayor's secretary; Tom Tittel, chamber of commerce manager; Robert Allen, reporter; Ruby Rowan, secretary to city attorney; Judy Wymore, secretary to public

works director; Laurene Espey (St. Mary's), city health officer; Danusia Kosecka, health nurse; Dennis Barr, planning consultant; Durtis Holmes, state police; Jerry vice, water commissioner.

EAST EVANS CREEK-MEADOWS California Couple Visits

By NELLIE BERGMAN
East Evans Creek-Meadows
-Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hudson
of Crescent City, Calif., visit-

ed Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Emery Stingley. They accompanied them back to Crescent City for the week end visit.

nessee. Their daughter, Norma Jean, accompanied them home.

Mrs. Carl Bergman visited friends at Drew last week.

LEAPS AND BOUNDS

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—University of Nebraska wrestler Harold Thompson is just a growing boy. In meets this year, he wrestled first in the 137 pound class, then the 147, 157 and 167 pound classes.

Mrs. Gertrude Hunt has been visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Vencen Hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Curt Jessman and family visited the Carl Bergman home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. August Singler has returned from a month's visit in parts of Tennessee.

HOW CHRISTIAN SCIENCE HEALS

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Mississippi Police Seeking Rold Thief

Laurel, Miss.—(UP)—Police are looking for a thief who: Broke into the garage at the home of a school superintendent.

Stole a tractor stored in the garage.

Drove the vehicle to the school and broke in.

Removed the school's safe.

Hauled the safe back to the garage on the tractor.

Used the principal's acetylene torch, also stored in the garage, to open the safe.

Departed with \$300.

Cub Scouts Visit Publishing Plant

Thirteen members of Dens 1 and 2, Cub Scouts from Gold Hill, visited the publishing plant of the Mail Tribune Thursday afternoon.

Visiting were Tom Kellogg, Dan Kellogg, Ken Martin, Barry Leach, Larry Neilson, Rand Turner, Mike Turner, Lloyd Governor, Mike Robinson, Mike Morris, Billy Dye, Bobby Boye, and Jimmy Plummer. Guests were Janice Neilson and Sandra Robinson. Accompanying the group were Mrs. Nancy Robinson, Den Mother, Mrs. R. V. Neilson, assistant Den Mother, and Mrs. O. E. Kellogg, Den Mother.

X-RAYS FOR DUCKS

Washington—(UP)—The Interior department library has acquired an intriguing circular from the Wild Life Commission of Australia. It is entitled "free chest x-rays for ducks."

Wilderness Preservation Bill May Be Considered This Year

Although the Wilderness Preservation bill was not passed in the last session of Congress, there is a strong possibility it will be brought up this session, S. T. Moore, U.S. Forest Service staff assistant, said Friday.

The bill would have a strong impact on the national forest system, Moore told a meeting of the Siskiyou chapter of the Society of American Foresters Friday night at the Rogue Valley Country Club.

The forest service has recognized the concept of wilderness as a legitimate use of forests, he said. There are now 82 wilderness areas containing a total of 14 million acres.

As specified in the recent wilderness bill proposal, no commercial cutting or mechanical equipment is allowed in these areas. It has been the past practice for the administration in charge of forest lands to determine what areas

will or will not be wilderness areas, he noted.

Three Parts

The forest service would approve passing the bill if three parts are deleted, Moore said. One part would be the proposal to establish a wilderness council. According to the bill, this would consist of the secretary of interior, secretary of agriculture, secretary of the Smithsonian Institute and three members at large.

The council would be an extra body between the administration and the administration of the land, he pointed out. It would require keeping extra records and extra expense.

The other part, which the forest service would delete, would be that section which states that unless the secretary of interior determines otherwise, in 10 years areas not otherwise designated would become wilderness areas. This would also apply to primitive areas in national

forests which would remain wilderness if not reclaimed by the secretary of agriculture in 10 years.

Insufficient Data

When boundaries were drawn on present primitive areas insufficient data existed. If the 10-year period were extended to 15 years it would give sufficient time for the forest service to study the lands more accurately and possibly reclassify them. The forest service is now engaged in this work, Moore said.

Wilderness areas must be determined by the administering agencies to allow for adequate disease and insect control, Moore added. According to present terms of the bill, it would be impossible to get into wilderness areas to perform the control work necessary, he indicated. Present wilderness areas do permit watershed use, grazing and extraction of minerals, Moore added.

Calvin Smith, of the Industrial Forestry association, pointed out that the executive secretary of the Wilderness Society is directly responsible for bringing the bill up at the time of the last session of Congress. Attempts to pass this bill before from 1956 on have never been successful, he pointed out.

Hearings Held

A number of hearings were held on the bill recently which revealed a number of sportsmen's organizations backed the bill with a few exceptions such as the Izaak Walton League chapter in Portland. However, the Izaak Walton league nationally favored the bill, Smith noted. The Alaska Mines commission was against the bill since so much undeveloped land exists in Alaska, he pointed out.

A total of approximately 14 million acres of forest land has already been set aside for one purpose use, the forester noted. The bill would affect 19 national parks and include national monuments.

Under the bill the secretary of interior would have up to 10 years to lay out a plan of development. If such plans are not prepared and a program established then all undeveloped lands would come under the wilderness system. Such undeveloped areas would include ranges and wildlife sanctuaries.

No Roads Built

Smith pointed out that under the bill no roads can be built into wilderness areas, no mechanical equipment can be taken there, which includes landing an airplane or operating a boat. Lack of roads would make it impossible for forest fire-fighting, it was pointed out.

Any changes in the status of the wilderness areas would require a presidential proclamation, the forester pointed out.

Economy Suffers

Dale Prentice, new manager of the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association, said that when any part of the land resources are withheld or eliminated the whole economy suffers. Federal taxes originate on the land resources, he said. Every area must contribute to the needs of the people, he pointed out.

Wilderness areas are a real source of worry to forestry men since such insects as the spruce bud worm and the spruce beetle are a problem in western forest lands. Lack of access to forested lands as provided for in the Wilderness Preservation bill further complicate the problem, Prentice pointed out.

During the question and answer period, it was pointed out that not half of the present wilderness areas are used for recreation now.



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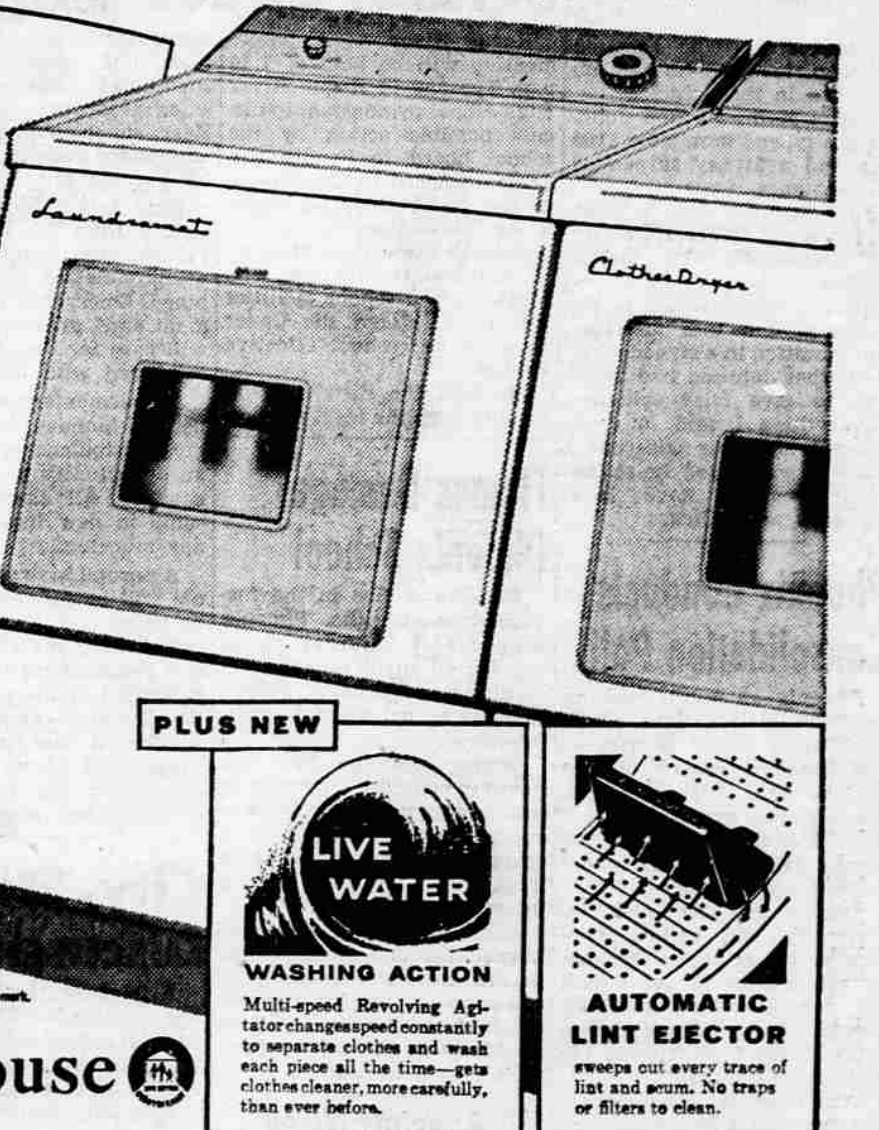
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