



SCHOOL CHILDREN TRAGEDY—Twelve children died and 30 others were injured when an outdoor theater platform collapsed at Coahuila Station, Mexico, 35 miles southeast of Mexicali. The children were singing the national anthem when the tragedy occurred. Picture shows the children, all of whom were age 11 or younger, trying to flee the just-collapsed platform.

SCHOOL NEWS

Jacksonville High

Eight Jacksonville High school students were accepted into the National Honor society in an induction ceremony at an all-school assembly Wednesday, Feb. 25.

They were Janet Stewart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johnston; Toni Tweedy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Tweedy; Edward Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elba Graham; James Lawrence, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lawrence; Dianna Maddox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Maddox, Sr.; Janet Huener, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Huener; Gary Brown, son of Mrs. Mary Brown; and Marlys Brown, daughter of Mrs. Mary Brown.

Since this chapter's chartering in 1937, 17 students have been admitted to its ranks, and to date, 25.

A short history of the National Honor society was given by Mrs. Clara Wendt, advisor. Members-elect were tapped from the audience and presented to the president, Lynne Smith. They were then instructed in the precepts of the society: character, scholarship, leadership, and service.

The pledge of membership was given by Nancy Niedermeyer, followed by the presentation of emblems and membership certificates and cards.

John Crabb, superintendent, spoke on the purpose of the society and congratulated new members.

A tea for new members and their parents was served in the Home Economics room after the ceremony.

Basis for election to the National Honor society is on scholarship, service, character and leadership, upon recommendation of the five-member faculty committee.

Hedrick Junior High

By MIKE GANNON

Tryouts were held Thursday and Friday for the operetta, "The Fortune Teller." The actors who were chosen by the directors, Carroll Graber and Jerry McDougall, are the following students and their respective parts: Sandy Shugart, Irma; Mike Gannon, Fresco; Tom Deakins, Count Berezowski; Chuck McNair, Boris; Fred Thompson, Sander; Kathy Allen, Mussette; Vicky Enders, Vaninka; Mike McCullough, Captain Ladislaus; and Sherry Lambert, Mademoiselle Pom Pom.

Friday was designated "color day" to show spirit for the Ashland game that was played at Ashland that afternoon. Students came dressed in Hedrick's school colors, crimson and yellow.

Several rifle terms have been organized at Hedrick into competitive groups. A number of matches have already been fired.

Barbara Myers and Martha Gifford have been chosen to attend the state Future Homemakers conference at Oregon State college, Corvallis, Mar. 5-7. The girls were chosen by members of the club for having been the most outstanding members and the members who had collected the largest number of service points. They will be accompanied by their advisor, Mrs. Dorothy Sneed.

The Future Homemakers of America held their annual dance Feb. 14, in celebration of Oregon's Centennial. Centennial costumes were worn and prizes were awarded for the best costumes. Chosen as

king and queen were Gary Wheeler and Dorelyn Huson.

Medford contestants who attended the Linfield speech contest held at McMinnville, returned Sunday morning, Feb. 15, happy, victorious, and tired. The combination of McLoughlin and Hedrick won second place in the junior division sweepstakes.

Bonnie Lowry, in salesmanship, was the only first prize winner. Vicky Enders and Jim Winton placed third in salesmanship. Vicky also placed third in after dinner speaking. Other Hedrick participants who distinguished themselves were Susan Hall, Mike Higgins, Mike Miller, Barbara Whalin, Sunny Gastineau, Nancy Duncan and Bill Dames. They were accompanied by their speech instructor, Jerry McDougall.

McLoughlin Junior High

By Joel Gregory

Library club members held a party after school Wednesday and paid special honor to members who had gone to Linfield with the debate team. Various games were played with Karen Ekberg and JoAnn Kibler in charge of entertainment. For refreshment a cake with the words "Congratulations, Welcome Home" decorated on it, was served with ice cream.

Books with individually designed cartoon covers by Ray Lewis were presented to the four debate team members, Ruth Milligan, Carl Washburn, Joel Gregory and John Alansky.

Mrs. Martin, librarian, reports the Library club is now working on projects in order to be eligible for a library award. It was reported that all students fulfilling all required lessons, and able to carry out the duties demanded of a student-assistant will be presented with a book of their choice at the end of the year.

"Mac" students returned pleased with themselves and the showing they made in the Speech tournament in Linfield last week. They were nosed out by only 34 of a point by Eugene in earning second place for the junior sweepstakes award. Students who were finalists are Jon Jensen, John Alansky, Carl Washburn, Wally Huffman, Marsha Watson, Joel Gregory, Ruth Milligan, and Delores Smith. Marsha Watson was third in extemp. Joel Gregory, third in after dinner speaking, Wally Huffman and Carl Washburn tied for second in impromptu. The entire Medford group was second in grand sweepstakes. Don Darnelle is the speech coach.

Next Monday and Tuesday operetta tryouts will be held for the "Gypsy Troubadour." Don Darnelle and Ray Lewis report that many a young actor and actress will make an attempt to rope a coveted part in the production. This year's performance will be given two times. There will be a matinee on April 23, and an evening performance April 24. Students participating must be members of the vocal music department.

Frank Van Pelt, eighth grade, and Mike Barnes, seventh grade, were the finalists.

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from McLoughlin in the basketball free throw contest to compete against other schools for county championship.

A collection of dolls from around the world have fascinated students in the library this week. The collection, belonging to Marsha Watson, includes dolls representing all of the European countries, Central America, the Mediterranean and Africa. The doll display fits in with the current study of Europe by the geography classes.

Carl Washburn, a S B president, headed the bi-monthly student council meeting on Wednesday. A motion to give the president legislative duty when the council isn't in session was discussed and passed. The student council approved a donation to the Wilson school student body to help the treasury of the new school. Plans are also under way for the student body dance scheduled for March 13.

Kathy Uridel, ninth grade, was the winner of the local American Legion Essay contest on "What America Means To Me." Howard Gang is her English instructor. Kathy's essay will now be entered in competition for the state finals.

Jackson School

By Bill Warren and Roy Gross

A surprise luncheon was given to Don Perry, our basketball coach, on Friday noon at the Jackson school cafeteria. Mrs. Gilbert Gross and Mrs. Stuart Forbes baked the cake and furnished the ice cream. Both the Varsity and Junior Varsity were at the luncheon.

Our Safety Patrol had the pleasure of a visit from W. Holmes this week. Holmes is the coordinator for all school safety patrols in Oregon. His office is at the State Police headquarters in Salem.

The second and third grade teachers and pupils are working hard on a play entitled, "The Great Decision." It will be given on Thursday, March 5, at 7:30 p.m.

Signs of spring are popping out at Jackson school. Baseball mitts and baseballs are being brought by some of the boys to use at play time. Pussywillows decorate many rooms, and the girls are beginning to jump rope.

CP Junior High School

By Judy Spoon

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Youths Stranded On Cliff Rescued

Vancouver, Wash. — (UP) — A mountain rescue team from Portland rescued two Vancouver youths from the face of a 300-foot cliff 45 miles northeast of here late Sunday night after the boys had been stranded for some five hours.

Charlie Haas, 17, and Darrell Jones, 18, were pulled to the top of the cliff one at a time after they had become stranded at the 200-foot level during a climbing attempt.

Clark county sheriff's officers here said the teen-agers appeared in good condition after their ordeal. They drove home in their own car after being served coffee and sandwiches by rescuers.

Haas and Jones were attempting to scale the cliff without the aid of proper climbing gear, sheriff's officers said. "They reached the 200-foot mark on the cliff and then could neither go up nor down."

They were reported stranded at about 6:30 p.m. and the rescue was completed shortly after 11 p.m. The cliff is located near the Yale Dam site in Clark county.

New York — (UP) — A body, tentatively identified as Neil Patrick Murphy, South Bend, Ind., was recovered Sunday night by police at the East river scene of the Feb. 3 American Airlines Electra plane crash. Murphy's body was the 48th recovered from the river.

A special edition of the school paper, Friday, Feb. 27. It took up the subject of the centennial. There were comparisons in fashions, early and present Central Point, jokes, and yearbooks of yesterday and today.

The Junior High and Elementary school will hold open house on April 30, starting at 5:30 p.m.

At the end of a successful year of basketball, the eighth grade had a total of eight wins and four losses. The seventh grade had a total of nine wins and three losses.

Thursday, Feb. 26, the fifth and sixth grades played Howard of Medford. It was Howard's 10th game of the season and Central Point's first. Howard led in the fifth grade with a score of 5 to 2; in the sixth grade game with a score of 13 to 15.

March 6 will end the fourth six weeks period, and report cards will be issued March 11.

The shop work is coming along successfully. The students are now tooling leather. They are making belts, thumb purses, sweetheart purses, and wallets. Next week they will start to work with copper tooling.

Louie Alvarez won the county championship for free throw shooting. He will represent Jackson county at Corvallis.

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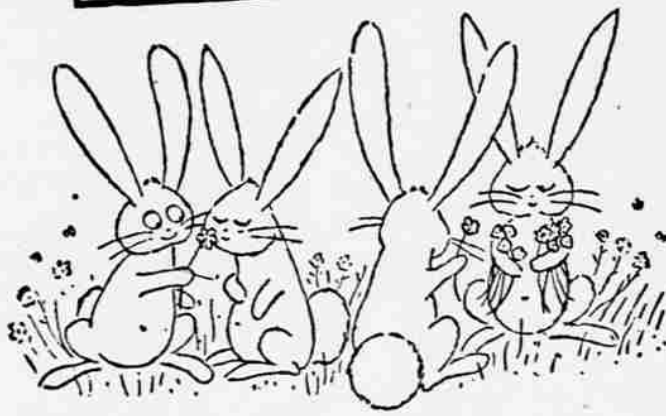
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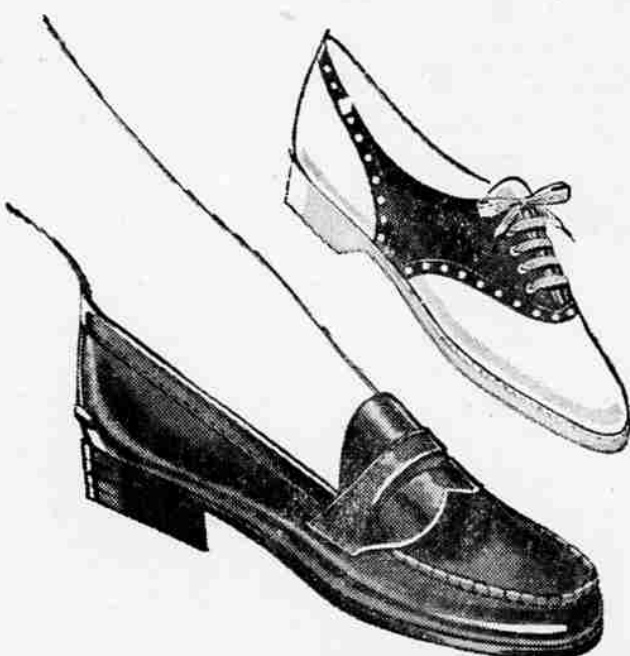
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