# SCHOOL NEWS

## Medford High School

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Highlighting the week of activities at Medford High school last week was the organizing of the school's many clubs. Registration period Tuesday was devoted to orienting students on purposes and plans of clubs in which they had shown an interest together with the eligibility requirements for those requiring special qualifications.

Since most students either ride buses at 4 p.m. or leave school at 3 p.m., a new activity schedule has been set up. Registration period is being lengthened on alternate Tuesdays to provide time for club meetings.

Miss Josephine Kirtley, vice principal, explained that having activities during the school day will limit each club to but one meeting each month. Inasmuch as it is time being taken from the academic program, no more time can be provided, she explained.

The Girls Athletic association is having a swimming party Sept. 28 at the YMCA. Regular members and girls wishing to join GAA may attend.

Future Teachers of America held their first meeting Tuesday evening. They welcomed new members and discussed purposes and objectives for the year. Activities discussed included selling hot dogs at football games, making a float for the annual noise parade, and the annual FTA convention to be held in Eugene in November. Pamphlets on teaching as a career were passed out during the meeting. John Mast, a social studies instructor, is the club's advisor.

The History, Economics, and Civics association held its first meeting Tuesday. Paul Moore, club president, received the year's plans, including raising money to provide a scholarship for some active, worthy member. Projects are planned in order to raise money for the fund.

Future Nurses of America will have its first official meeting Oct. 6, according to the advisor, Juanita Anderson. Some of the plans for the coming year include a dance and the two annual tours; one to Camp White, the other to one of the local hospitals. Many of the FNA girls have done volunteer work during the summer in one of the local hospitals as Candy Stripers, which is a part of the Senior Hospital auxiliary.

The Spanish club, La Tertulia,, had its first meeting Sept. 22. A committee was chosen to work on the noise parade, and the coming sale of school decals was discussed. Membership requirements include at least a B average for the last semester of the first year, or to be a third or fourth year student. MHS is now offering a fourth year of Spanish.

It was announced last week that hereafter room 6B, near the cafeteria, will be open during the noon periods for study. Students with sack lunches, but not hot lunches, may eat in the room. This will give the students some place to go for study, since the rule forbidding loitering in the halls is strictly enforced.

Selling cokes at the football games is the main money-making project for the sophomore class. They hope to have the same groups working at every home football game. Joel Gregory, sophomore, is the committee chairman.

"You Gotta Be a Football Hero" was the theme of the dance given by the MHS rally squad Friday night after the Medford-Orland game. It was held in the boys' gym.

Robert Stedman, auditorium supervisor, called last week for stage technicians. Those who signed up will be trained in sound, lighting, and safety of the stage by Mr. Stedman and by Ken Peek, student assistant.

Seniors have been notified that Crater coupons for senior pictures are now on sale in the Crater office during the noon hours and before and after school for $2. The pictures can be taken at any of the local studios, and should be taken so that the choice can be made and returned to the studio by Nov. 15.

Last Monday all of the seniors enrolled in college preparatory English took an exam to determine whether or not they are to take remedial English for the next six weeks. This class is without credit, is offered during the student's study hall period, and is intended to give a better foundation in the mechanics of English. The class is taught by Delie Whisenant.

The first issue of Medford Hi-Times, the school newspaper, came out Friday featuring a six-page edition. The production staff of the paper includes Diane Mohr and Jim Lacy, coeditors; Jim Frake and Rosemary Eismann, news coeditors; Margaret Tizekker and Tanya Enders, feature editors; Esther Jacovs, exchange editor; Joe Railton and Rick Cunningham, sports editors; Margie Good, photography editor; and Ken Wise photographer.

The business staff includes Margaret Medlin, business manager; Kelly Somers, advertising manager; and Judy Carver, accountant.

Other helpers and reporters on the first edition were Rita McBeth, Jaci Skelton, Suzy Reule, Joel Gregory, Nancy Duncan, Dudley Jones, and Vicki Brumback.

## McLoughlin Junior High

**By Douglas Mann, Jack Smeltz and Jack Barr**

Enrollment reached a new all-time high at McLoughlin Junior high this year with 1,062 students on the official roll last week, according to Bert Cox, principal, making this school one of the largest junior highs in the state. The seventh grade leads with 404 students, the eighth grade has 362, and the ninth grade 289. New school districts attending McLoughlin this year include Jacksonville, Ruch, and Griffin Creek. There are approximately 50 faculty members serving in full and a few part-time capacities. Some 18 are new to the staff this year with several coming here from the new districts.

Mr. Cox, new principal for Mac students this year, welcomed each of the classes in individual assemblies, presenting the policies and regulations of the school to the students. Present also were Don Darneille, dean of boys, and Mrs. Gladys Van Dyke, dean of girls, who now are full-time counselors for students. Formerly, they held teaching duties along with their counselor roles.

Penny Rix was selected head majorette for the McLoughlin band this year. Sharing the twirling honors are Sandra Myers, Tamara Wright, Danielle Graham, Kay Ruck, Cindy Anderson and Theresa Steinbach.

Leading the ninth graders in displaying school spirit at school activities are Shirley Tillery, newly elected song queen, and Sue Rambo, Nancy Simcox, Shelley White, and Pat McCorkle, yell queens. Sue Nelson was elected alternate.

Patterning school elections along regular election procedures, all school student officers are being nominated by individual petition. Voting will be conducted for class officers next week. Student body officer elections will be held the following week with voting by ballot conducted by the history department.

Most of the school clubs held organizational meetings last week to begin plans for the year's activities. A new club, McLoughlin Stamp club, is being organized with William Stoughton, adviser, and will hold their initial meeting Monday.

In the main hall showcase an interesting exhibit of rocks was on display. These were specimens collected by students and brought to art classes for showing and discussion of hobbies. This is a feature Mr. Stoughton hopes to continue this year to encourage students in hobby participation.

Ninth grade gridders met their first foe for this season with a team that looked promising, according to the coaches, Ralph Perkins and Edward Doran. They played Klamath Falls on the high school field Saturday. Eighth grade Bulldogs will have their first encounter next Friday with Ashland on the McLoughlin field at 3:30 p.m. Dale Bates and Mr. Jack are the coaches. About 61 boys have turned out for practice for the seventh grade squads who will have their first game with Hedrick in two weeks. Coaches for the seventh grade team are Mr. Radcliff and Mr. Burg.

Applicants are being selected for membership in the McLoughlin Torch chapter of the National Junior Honor society. Initial members will be based on last year's honor roll students. A student must maintain a 3.5 grade average for membership. Further eligiblity will be considered on school citizenship, service, leadership and character. Mrs. Eula Foley will be the adviser.

Individual pictures will be taken on Oct. 1 of all students by Jack Gruber, photographer.

## Sams Valley School

**By JEANETTE KING**

Sams Valley Grade school started the year with 97 students. Russell Carr, who is new here this year, is principal, and he also teaches seventh and eighth grades.

Niles Smith, who is also starting his first year at Sams Valley, is teaching fifth and sixth grades.

Mrs. Susan Ambrose who has been here for several years is again teaching third and fourth grades. Mrs. Mildred Mack is teaching first and second grades.

There are 13 second graders and 17 first graders this year. They are all studying about pets. The second graders are writing about their pets. Life size paper dolls are being made of all the girls.

In Mrs. Ambrose's room there are 22 pupils, 11 in each grade. They have organized a Science club called "Little Science Workers." The officers of the club are Timmy Pleasant, president; Barbara Haley, vice president; and Donnie Jones, secretary.

Mr. Smith has the fewest students of all. There are seven in the fifth grade and 10 in the sixth. Class officers are Eddie Gowen, president; Gary Pittman, vice president; Johnny McDonough, secretary, and Lou Ann Berkheimer, treasurer.

In Mr. Carr's room there are 28 students, 12 in the seventh grade and 16 in eighth. Class officers are Jeanette King, president; Dianne Shelton, vice president; and Cynthia Pleasant, secretary. Several experiments have taken place in the science classes already this year.

Campaigns will soon start for the candidates that are running for student body officers. Elections will take place Oct. 20. The following are running for the office of president: Mary Jo McCrae, Anita Shope, and Sandy Kennerly.

## Oak Grove School

**By Susan Tinsley**

Mrs. Marjorie Gandee's first graders make newspapers to take home to show their parents what they are doing in school.

James Steele, a student in Mrs. Gustafson's first grade, brought a squirrel to school. The squirrel eats apples, acorns and water. Jim named him "Chigger." The children let him go after one day.

Mrs. Grace Kirtley's third graders are studying trees of Oregon and are collecting leaves for science.

They have two new students in their room. Their names are Barbara Conner and Lynn Beckendorf.

Friday, grades four, five and six had their first student body meeting. Rhonda Hess, who was last year's vice president, was the temporary chairman. Candidates were nominated for office and all girls who were nominated for cheer leader were introduced.

## Jackson School

**By Stephen Ogier and Roger Halme**

Football is just getting started at Jackson school with 43 boys out for the team.

The four cheer leaders have new uniforms and are ready to "pep-up" the games.

Band and orchestra have started, too. Our new band teacher, Steve Whipple, formerly taught band at Griffin Creek.

Mrs. Audrey Bartlett teaches orchestra.

Conversational Spanish is being taught to fifth and sixth grade students. Mrs. Esther Robinson is the teacher for this subject.

The second graders of Jackson school have been taking reading and arithmetic readiness tests.

Mrs. Norene French's students put up the bulletin board in the downstairs hallway of Jackson school. The title is "September is time to learn again." They have pictures of arithmetic, history, science, geography and reading to show us how important it is to study all subjects.

Mrs. Margaret Nesheim has organized the Jackson school chorus. Eighty pupils are singing in the chorus.

Bible history is an interesting activity. Mrs. Gladys Todd teaches the fifth graders and Mrs. Mildred Leonard teaches the sixth graders. Both of the classes are on Monday during activity period. On Thursdays the fourth graders hear the stories told by Mrs. Gladys Todd. Students must have their parents permission before attending the Bible history class.

## Howard School

**by Ramona Bielby, Irene George and Lana Carpenter**

There are 35 new children other than the first graders. There are three new teachers, Mrs. Mc Daniel, Mrs. Winningham, and Mr. Mc Larrin. There were 30 former pupils who did not come back.

In Miss Mary Klocker's room there are 26 children, 16 girls and 10 boys. In Mrs. Dorothy Arney's room there are 28 children, 16 girls and 12 boys.

Mrs. Arney has a philodendron plant which is growing in a jar. They have their own clay in little boxes which have their names on.

They are learning to sing "Good Morning," "Be Careful," "Bow Belinda."

They are learning safety rules. They are learning how to cross the streets and other safety rules.

They have a plaster parrot that says good-morning to them every morning.

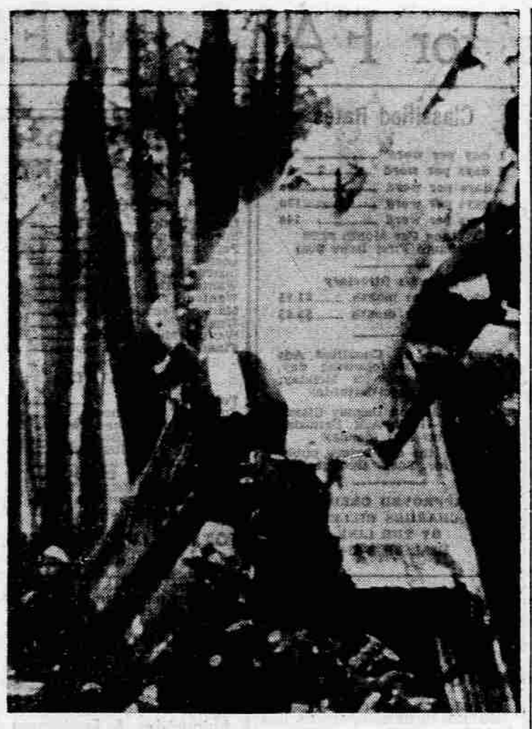
In Miss Klocker's room they are making weather charts. They play and learn to sing with records.

The children are going to have art exhibits that they have drawn.

After school the children in the first, second, and third grades have cookies and milk.

The first meeting of the Howard School PTA was held on Sept. 24, in the multipurpose room. The teachers were introduced by parents of a pupil in their room.

Howard Boner introduced the cafeteria cooks and helpers. Fruit cobbler and coffee were served after the meeting was held.



**TRAGIC SCENE**—Part of the tail section of a wrecked French airliner is stuck between trees as firemen below probe through rubble after the four-engine DC-7 exploded, crashed, and burned near Bordeaux, France. The crash killed 53 of the 65 persons aboard and injured 12 survivors.

## Lumber Company Merger Approved

Vancouver, B. C. – (UPI) – A proposal for the merger of the giant Powell River and McMillan-Bloedel lumber companies was approved Monday at a special meeting of Powell River shareholders in Vancouver, B. C.

The Powell River company now will make a formal offer to McMillan-Bloedel in about two weeks and this will be mailed to McMillan-Bloedel shareholders.

A Powell River spokesman said the merger would have no effect on the status of the Brooks-Scanlan lumber company in Bend, a subsidiary, and that earlier plans for a plup mill in Bend, Ore., would still be investigated.

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# Book on Washington Politics Centers in House, Smith Says

**By A. ROBERT SMITH**
**Mail Tribune Washington Correspondent**

Washington—The new book about Washington politics, "Advise and Consent" by Allen Drury, cost readers at least two things:

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1. Loss of sleep — it is such a cracking good story that the reader finds it hard to put down. With over 600 pages of adventures in the national spotlight, the book builds toward its climax and never becomes dreary going.

2. Loss of illusions—it is such an authentic account of how the political game is played in Washington that it tells many things the civics books never printed.

Drury, a New York Times correspondent who covers the Senate, centers most of the action of his novel in the upper house of Congress where the reader is introduced to many Senate-types, past and present. The author claims his characters are amalgams of many men who have passed this way, not clear carbons of single specific men. But few will mistake the similarity between one character and the late demogogue from Wisconsin who all but paralyzed the nation not so long ago before it became fashionable to give the boss of the Kremlin the red carpet treatment.

**Focuses in Battle**

The plot focuses on the battle over confirmation by the Senate of a presidential appointment of a controversial figure to be Secretary of State. It sets off a contest of political strength not unlike the real life episodes of the past year involving Clair Booth Luce and Sen. Wayne Morse, or the fight that defeated Lewis Strauss as Secretary of Commerce.

In this way Drury shows how separate branches of government come to grips in a power struggle, maneuvering, plotting, hesitating, conniving, mourning, even rising to acts of great courage.

What all of this tells, aside from the fascinating chain of events that can occur here behind the scenes where the public is not supposed to peak, is one simple and sometimes frightening truth: we have a government of law—but it is men who make it function.

**Lifeless Thing**

The law is a lifeless thing until men, all of them quite human, give it animation in accord with their individual strengths, weaknesses, virtues, wrongs.

Two senators who reviewed this book—Richard L. Neuberger (O-Ore.) and Eugene McCarthy (D-Minn.)—did so without objecting to its characterization of Washington politics. They did not say, as the more idealistic reader might want to believe, that this is a sensation-packed book that does not truly reflect affairs of state. Perhaps a senator would be embarrassed to contend that he and his colleagues are really better than this book portrays them to be.

In only one sense is this novel out of proportion to the real Washington. None of its many sensational elements—blackmail, romance, intrigue, death, presidential ambition—are foreign to Washington. All of this fiction has happened here at one time or another, much of it in the short span of a decade that this reporter has been covering Washington. The literary license we must allow Drury is to compact all of these elements into one grand episode, when in real life headline events usually contain only one or two of these dramatic elements at a time.

**Has Philosophy**

The book is interwoven with philosophy and contemplative thoughts about our country and its democratic system, and sound political insight that is instructive. There is looming over much of the action the classic human dilemma: does the end, no matter how noble or seemingly necessary, justify all means, no matter how shabby some of them may be? The climax gives a pretty clear answer.

Drury has said he set out merely to tell, via fiction, how things are done in Washington. He succeeded magnificently. What he also succeeds in doing is to impress the reader with the power for good or bad that accures to every senator by virtue of his being one of only 50 that comprise the most powerful legislative body anywhere. A senator's voting record is only a fraction of the story of his conduct in high office; and so when the voters send to Washington men with character defects, the character of our government will accordingly be shaped.

**FAMILY SERVICE**

Boston (UPI) – Miss Harriet Swift has retired as curator of Americana after increasing to 100 years her family's total service to the Boston Public Library. She served 38 years and her father, a sister and an aunt a total of 62.

Heart disease deaths in the U.S. showed a slight drop in recent years, from 169 victims per 100,000 in 1931-35, to about 163 per 100,000 in 1951-54, according to insurance studies.

## Elks Members to Be Honored Here

Two 50-year members and one 49-year member will head the list of old timers to be honored by the Medford Elks lodge Thursday, Oct. 1. Grover Corum and Earl C. Gaddis are the 50-year members and George Porter has been affiliated with the local lodge for 49 years.

J. W. Bates, W. W. Bates, S. V. Hall, George M. Roberts, H. A. Stanley and Virgil Strang have been members for 45 years. Seventy other 40 to 25-year members also will be honored during the dinner preceding the lodge meeting.

Bill Ruck, exalted ruler, is arranging a program of special features.

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