Jerry Vakoc Gets Eagle Award in Court of Honor

Jerry Vakoc, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Vakoc, 713 West 11th st., Medford, was presented the Boy Scout Eagle rank at ceremonies last week at St. Mary's school.

A freshman at St. Mary's High school, he is now a member of Air Scout Explorer Squadron 14, but completed the requirements for Eagle rank while still a member of Boy Scout Troop I of St. Mary's. The Eagle rank is the highest rank a youth can earn in Scouting.

Jerry Vakoc has a perfect attendance record for his four years of Scouting. He was a senior patrol leader for two years before becoming assistant junior Scoutmaster of Troop I. Earlier this year, he was one of a group from Troop I who received the Catholic Ad Altare Dei award in recognition of service to the church and knowledge of the faith.

Court of Honor

Presentation of the award took place at a special Court of Honor in St. Mary's school attended by more than 40 members of Troop I and their parents.

Robert D. Church, Scouting executive, presided at the ceremonies, and noted the important role played by parents in their son's success as a Scout.

T. W. Dugan, grand knight of Rogue River Council, Knights of Columbus, the sponsoring group of Troop I, presented the Eagle badge to Mrs. Vakoc, who pinned it on her son's uniform. She received a miniature of the badge from her son.

Charles Hackett is Scoutmaster of Troop I. The Troop committee is composed of E. E. Ford, John Carnegie, Robert Wright, Arthur Becker and Richard Randolph.

The Soviet Union's production of cheese has increased from 25,000 to 150,000 metric tons since before World War II.

RECEIVES AWARD—Jerry Vakoc, center, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Vakoc, 713 West 11th st., Medford, looks over his certificate which accompanied his Eagle badge award. Looking on are, left, Charles Hackett, Scoutmaster of Troop I, and T. W. (Bill) Dugan, grand knight of the Rogue River Council, Knights of Columbus, which sponsors the Troop.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Medford High School

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Medford High was a gay and colorful place during the past week as the annual Tornadia week unfolded its festive events. Throughout the week Tornadia ribbons were sold, along with 'mums and tickets for the Saturday dance. The bonfire was held Thursday night on a vacant lot by Jackson school with the rally squad in charge.

The crowning of the court was held at halftime of the game Friday and again at the dance Saturday. The following made up the Tornadia court: Vicky Enders and Chuck McNair, sophomore princess and prince; and Karen Stelle and Jim Barry, junior princess and prince. Named queen to reign over the event was Senior Judi Robbins, and Reinhart Kostlin, German exchange student at MHS, was named king.

The annual noise parade was staged through the downtown area Friday afternoon with prizes awarded to the entries making the most noise and showing the most originality. First prize for noise was awarded to the "A" band, while the top award for originality went to the Girls' League.

Results of the tryouts for "Dino," the first all-school play of the year were announced last week. Members of the cast include Dino, Craig Wright; understudy, Bob Rutter; Mr. Sheridan, Dean Goddard, understudy, Dan Bishop; Mr. Mandel, Paul Moore, understudy, Mark Goodman; Shirley, Bonnie Lowry, understudy, Linda Jo Waltermire; Jackie, Connie Orr, understudy, Sherril Christian; and Miss Haines, Jean Pletsch, with Esther Jacobs as understudy.

Playing the role of Mr. Falcaro, Ken Hall; Mrs. Falcaro, Linda Lowry, understudy, Sandy Saner; Sylvia, Jackie Mee; Della, Sara Hinkle, understudy, Careen Carter; and Pat, Lucille Lowry.

Also, Bea, Beverly Gebbhardt; Danny, Jim Pool; Steve, Joel Gregory; Mrs. Mikula, Carol Slater; First Girl, Barbara Budge; Second Girl, Susan Ellis; Joey, Dan Bishop; Boy, Bob Rutter; Another Boy, Clay Varney; Girl, Careen Carter; and Another Girl, Linda Jo Waltermire.

The Settlement House Kids will be Cecelia Fichtner, Marty Wyatt, Sherrill Christian, Esther Jacobs, Mike Gannon, Mark Goodman, Sandy Sanner, Tom Zeitler, and Sheridan Shumate.

Four student delegates and two advisers will attend the annual Oregon high school press conference in Eugene Oct. 16. Representing the Hi-Times will be Feature Editor Margaret Tizekker and Sports Editor Joe Railton. The Crater delegates will be the coeditors Lauren Stayton and Jeanine James. They will be accompanied by yearbook adviser, Elizabeth Settle, and newspaper adviser, Vern Wolthoff.

Carolyn Mencke, senior, will tell about her summer in Finland as an exchange student at the first evening meeting of the International Relations League this year.

The meeting, Oct. 13 in the school cafeteria, will be a dinner affair. Mary Frohnmayer and Julie Yeakley are general chairmen.

Members of IRL have also decided that the second night meeting would be a model North Atlantic Treaty Organization conference. All members were to sign up to represent different countries in NATO.

Election of officers for the newly-formed Thespians Troupe 358 was held at their first meeting Oct. 6. Elected were Connie Orr, president; Lucile Lowry, vice president; Deanna Hull, secretary; Kathy Relling, treasurer; and Sharon Tepovac, records clerk.

The new club at MHS is sponsored by the National Thespian society, and its main objective is to promote a greater interest in dramatics. Its first project is the sponsoring of "Dino," the first all-school play. The club's advisor is Lenore Zapell, dramatics instructor.

Hoping to acquaint Medford student and parents with the American Field Service exchange program, the local AFS committee distributed a special bulletin to all MHS students last week.

The bulletin offered information regarding the organization of AFS, its foreign student program, summer exchange program, and the school program for American students.

Those thinking of applying for any of the AFS opportunities are asked to watch for further announcements, according to Mrs. Frank Bash, local chairman.

Announced Monday were the returns of Friday's sophomore class elections. Carl Washburn is president; George Clearwater, vice president; Jo-Ann Johnson, secretary; Mike McCullough, treasurer; and Chuck McNair, representa-

Initiating the 1959-60 MHS broadcast year, four students recorded a 15-minute program over radio KYJC for release Saturday.

Reporting on the Sept. 28 Region Six student council conference in Coos Bay were Doug Kliever, moderator; Bob Hamilton, ASB president; Patty Barnes, secretary; and Bev Todd, treasurer.

DeVere Taylor is advisor for the radio program department at Medford High.

One of the most active service clubs at MHS is the ushers squad, composed of a group of pep club members and other girls who volunteer their services. Among the objectives of the group is to assist in seating people at football games, banquets, and other school functions in which the public is invited.

Those who ushered Friday evening for the Crater game were Kay Lee Ruhl, Cecile Bel, Colleen Drinkwater, Donna Jasmann, Janet Young, Lois Wright, Linda Lowry, Julie Gandt, Jenny Dickey, Barbara Shaw, Christine Sather, Joyce Staots, Janice Cox, Diane Jacabson, Linda Smith, and Carolyn Mencke.

Grace Berg, dean of women is advisor for the service organization.

First in Series Of Classes Slated

The first in a series of American Red Cross standard first aid classes will start Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the Red Cross building, 60 Hawthorne ave., officials have announced.

The course will continue for five Tuesday evenings. LeRoy Williams, first aid chairman, urged those who have had previous courses to attend since there have been many changes in methods in the past few years.

An advanced first aid course will be given for all those interested who have earned a standard card. There is no charge for the course, he noted. Registrations may be made by telephoning the Red Cross office, SPring 2-4405.

Dr. Hibbs Presides At Portland Meeting

Dr. Ralph E. Hibbs, Medford, presided at the Saturday session of the annual scientific meeting of the Oregon Heart association at the University of Oregon Medical school auditorium in Portland.

A banquet at the Benson hotel ended the two-day meeting which began Friday.

Improvements Are Planned for Roxy Radio Network

Equipment improvements for the forest industry's "Roxy radio" network in southern Oregon have been announced by Tom Winniford, Central Point, radio technician in charge.

New equipment will include a new tower on Roxy Ann butte and an improved antenna system scheduled for installation in about two weeks. The improvements were approved recently by the board of directors of the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association, which operates the network.

A new 72-foot extension-type tower, manufactured by the Tri-Ex Tower corporation, Tulare, Calif., will be installed on the base of the existing tower, which will be removed, Winniford said. The present 50-foot tower was installed when the forest network was organized in 1949.

High-Gain Antenna

A new Motorola brand high-gain antenna will be placed atop the tower to double the effective radiation of the 60-watt transmitter. It will approximate the broadcast reception range of a 120-watt transmitter, with no increase in power output of the existing Roxy transmitting station, Winniford said.

A new coaxial cable will be installed between the tower and transmitter at the time of changeover, he added.

Dale Prentice, secretary-manager of SOCTFA, said the new equipment was being installed in an effort to improve radio communications with logging operators in the fringe areas. Principal trouble areas for reception from mobile operators, he said, are in the Dead Indian area, above Prospect, and beyond the Tiller divide.

Moving Back

He explained that logging operators were moving further and further back in timber country as new areas are opened. Continued improvements, Prentice noted, and changes in the Roxy and Sexton radio networks operated by the forest industry are necessary in order to maintain good communication.

The fringe area reception problems stem from both distance of the mobiles from the transmitter, as well as terrain characteristics. Present coverage ranges from 30 to 600 miles from the transmitter, he said.

Prentice emphasized that the current improvements were not a cure-all for the communications problems, but would clear up some of the present problem areas.

Further Improvements

The next steps in futher improvements in the communication system would be installation of high-gain antennas on the mobiles operating in the fringe areas, Prentice said, or eventual establishment of repeater stations to extend the coverage area, similar to the method used by Elk Lumber company in its radio operation.

The new tower is a four-section extension type and installation will consist of attaching the unit to the existing base atop Roxy Anne butte, then cranking up the additional sections and locking them in place. Guy wires will then be strung to stabilize the 72-foot tower. The system is presently licensed on the Forest Products band up to 600 watts, and no license change is anticipated. Installation of the equipment will be made by Winniford.

The Roxy radio network broadcasts on an assigned frequency of 153.17 megacycles and the Sexton radio network, operated by SOCTFA, on 153.23 megacycles. No change is anticipated in the present radio link between the transmistter on Roxy Anne butte and the broadcast staion located at 1109 West Main st., Medford.

Park Service Calls For Bids on Trucks

The national park service will open bids on four used trucks at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, in room 307, Medford post office building, Otto M. Brown, superintendent of Crater Lake National park, has announced.

The trucks include one pickup and three dump trucks. They will be sold to the highest bidder.

They may be seen between 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. Oct. 15, 20, 22, and 28 by calling the park service office, SPring 2-6183, in advance, Brown said.

Diamond Ring Theft Investigated Here

A set of diamond rings was stolen from Andy's Jewelers, 15 North Central ave., Thursday, during store hours, Medford police reported.

A store clerk, Joyce Ann Burns, 19, of 911 Casino rd., Medford, was waiting on customers when the set disappeared, police were told.

The rings were described as the "Feature Lock" brand, single diamond with yellow gold mounting. Police are investigating the case today.

The native music of the Bahamas is called "goombay."

Lumbermen's Group To Meet Wednesday

Proposed changes in grading rules as well as latest information on freight rates and trade promotion projects will be discussed at the district meeting of the West Coast Lumbermen's association at the Jackson hotel, Wednesday, Oct. 14.

The no-host dinner will start at 6 p.m.

The industry is faced with a number of problems and all lumber manufacturers in southern Oregon and northern California are invited to attend.

Attending from the Portland headquarters of WCLA will be R. E. Mahaffay, Emmett Stoddard and Harry Fimmel.

Dauphin Lake in Manitoba was so named by the explorer La Verendry after the Dauphin of France.

Cooperation Sought In Enforcing Law On Minors Smoking

The Medford city police solicits the cooperation of parents in aiding the enforcement of the new state law against minors under 18 years smoking, Police Chief Charles P. Champlin stated Friday.

He said the department also asked the cooperation in the enforcement of the law from owners of establishments where tobacco products are sold and of merchants who would have juveniles smoking on their premises.

The department's request followed an announcement Thursday by District Attorney Thomas J. Reeder that he had asked local law enforcement agencies to enforce the new state law.

Illegal to Furnish

The law, as passed in the 1959 Legislature, makes it illegal both for a person to furnish tobacco in any form and in any manner to a minor under 18, and for a minor under 18 to smoke, use or possess any form of tobacco in any public place. The law also holds a business person liable for minors under 18 using tobacco at the place of business.

Champlin said that officers would cite minors under 18 into municipal court for violation of the law. He said that the parents of the juvenile would be notified by a letter from the court telling them of the citation and requesting them to appear with the minor.

He added that there would be sufficient time between the issuing of the citation and the court appearance for the parents to be notified.

Approves of Law

Chief Champlin said that he approved of the law which represents a simplification of 10 former statutes, making it more realistic. He added that he welcomed the district attorney's stand in the matter.

The police chief stated that the department had received telephone calls regarding the new law since the district attorney's statement Thursday.

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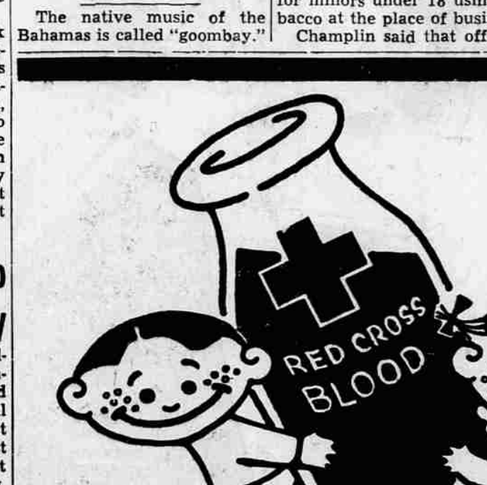

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