SCHOOL NEWS

Medford High School

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The Future Teachers of America will hold their first observation Dec. 8. Students participating will go to various schools throughout the city and sit in on a class in his area of interest to observe how the class is taught.

In order to qualify, students wishing to go must complete a specified number of hours of work for members of the MHS faculty.

The following students will participate in this first observation: Mildred Boyd, Nancy Donahue, Carolyn Finch, Diane Franklin, Peggy Gilbert, Judy Harper, and Mary Kay Harris.

Lenore Jacobs, Diane Jacobson, Jeannine James, Dave Lundquist, Margaret Medlin, Linda Miller, Rita Miller, Jean Pletsch, Jeri Smith, Jerilyn Smith, Mary Satterfield, Deanne Taylor, Inez Viers, and Barbara Whalin.

The honor roll for the first nine weeks has been posted this week. About 200 students have achieved this goal.

To be on the honor roll, a student must have at least a 3.5 average. With advanced subjects, it is possible to have a 4-plus average, and one or two students taking all advanced courses received 5.0 averages.

Dec. 8 is the deadline for teams or players to sign up for the Saturday basketball league.

By Dec. 3 four teams had signed up, Coach Glenn Schireman reported, but more are expected.

The schedule will be round robin with a tournament at the end this year for the first time. Officials will be students from Southern Oregon college.

To be eligible, a boy must attend Medford High school, and he is not to be on the varsity, junior varsity, or in city league basketball.

The purpose of this league is to give many more boys an opportunity to participate in sports.

It was announced Friday that anyone interested in entering a chess tournament to be held Dec. 11 to Jan. 7, should contact Bob Semon, Room 209, John Crawford, Jerry Gastineau, or Dean Goddard before Dec. 9.

The state A-1 football championship trophy was presented to MHS Student Body President Bob Hamilton by Dr. Leonard B. Mayfield, superintendent, at a victory assembly last Monday.

Don Hansen, Medford city councilman, and Jerry Latham, president of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, congratulated the team on their victory over Jefferson High and all MHS football opponents.

To complete the celebration, Lester D. Harris, principal, dismissed school for the rest of the afternoon.

Teasel tree production is going slowly, though many trees have been ordered, Warren Wolf, art instructor, reported this week.

The trees, which become highly ornamental Christmas decorations, cost $2 each.

The next night meeting of the International Relations League will be Thursday.

A model North Atlantic Treaty Organization discussion is planned to help prepare club members for a conference in Eugene in February.

Members, divided into groups representing different NATO nations, wrote to the embassies of the various countries to gain additional information. Several of the groups have received pamphlets and other materials.

More than 80 seniors took the first college board examinations Saturday. The tests are required by many colleges before entrance. Medford High is the testing center for southern Oregon and northern California.

Dec. 7 is the deadline for probationers to turn in their points for membership in the Thespian Troupe. This was announced at the club's monthly meeting Dec. 1.

It was also announced that the club cleared $440 from the play "Dino." The High School Speech Arts Festival, in conjunction with the Oregon regional conference of the National Thespian Society to be held in Portland Jan. 28, also was discussed.

A new make-up list has been issued, and all students on it were urged to make up time in the special room provided on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon.

Wesley Umphrey, a representative of Stephens college, Columbia, Mo., was at the high school Monday interviewing girls interested in attending Stephens. Those interviewed were Judy Potter, Joy Olson, Karen Simcox, Janet Young, Cassie Thompson, and Martha Sanborn.

The Home Economics Service club met Tuesday, and all members agreed to start the annual trophy polishing project Monday. Members also voted in favor of promoting a sewing drawer. Such a drawer would include notions that other girls might like to buy at a nominal cost. Plans for the future include panel discussions on various subjects to be determined later.

All senior home economics students assembled Tuesday to take the Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow test. The test is given annually throughout the U.S. The school winner will be announced shortly and her examination entered in state competition.

Junior girls and their mothers will be honored at a Girls League tea Dec. 15. Refreshments will be served from 7:30 to 8 p.m. in the cafeteria.

A style show of winter clothing made in Ruth Hockersmith's sewing classes will begin at 8 p.m.

Invitations are to be distributed in junior girls' registration rooms this week.

The film of the Medford-Jefferson football game was shown to players and faculty members at 4 p.m. Tuesday in the auditorium.

Sams Valley School

Edited by Jeanette King. Staff: John DePew, Tom Walker, Joyce McCollum, Jo McRae, and Dianne Shelton.

The school's first blue and gold football game was played Friday, Nov. 20. Boys in fifth through eighth grades were divided into the blue and gold teams. Varsity yell leaders led the cheering for the gold team and junior varsity for the blue team.

The blue team won 7 to 6. The following boys made touchdowns: Bill Walker for the blue and John Bush for the gold. Sig Milkowski scored the extra point on an end sweep. The gold team led at half, 6 to 0.

Mrs. Mildred Mack's first and second graders are studying transportation. Some of the second graders are writing original stories.

Mrs. Susan Ambrose's students and some of the other grades have been listening to the standard school broadcast, which for the past few weeks has told about national parks and lakes.

Each third and fourth grader wrote a definition for education during Education Week. The girls in this room have organized a sewing club. The leaders are Joyce McCollum and Barbara Haley.

The second nine week officers in the fifth and sixth grade room are: president, Susan McAllister; vice president, Edward Gowen; treasurer, Lou Ann Berkeimer; reporter, John Depew. Niles Smith's students are starting a new science program. The six units to be studied are: 1, earth in space; 2, communication by sound and light; 3, weather; 4, magnetism and electricity; 5, living things; 6, machines. The Coca Cola company is providing all of the new materials for the program.

Names have been drawn for a Christmas gift exchange in both fifth and sixth grades.

The seventh and eighth grades have been working on social studies projects for the last few weeks and are now giving oral reports on them before the class. Seventh grade projects have to do with countries in Europe. Those in the eighth grade concern colonial times in America.

Jackson School

The four murals displayed in the lower hall bulletin board give a preview of the coming of the pilgrims and their first year in America. The pupils in Mrs. Ruth Hawkins' second grade drew and colored the illustrations.

Mrs. Edith Hamilton and her helpers cooked a turkey dinner for us.

On Monday, Nov. 23, we attended a performance by Robert Mason and his puppets. Forest Funk played the bongo drums and Bobby Churchill assisted in the program. Mr. Mason is a performer for the National School Assembly.

The pupils in Mrs. Lucille Stroh's room had charge of the assembly Nov. 20. Sherry Hamilton played a piano solo. Two songs were sung by the children. Drawings illustrated these songs.

Carla McKee, Madeline Meadors, Karen Murray, Janet Olufsen, Lydia Orgain, and Peggy Singler were the characters in a Thanksgiving play, entitled "The Forest Folk Thanksgiving". James Gillaspie was master of ceremonies.

On Wednesday, Nov. 25, at 1 p.m. the fourth grade at Jackson school put on a Thanksgiving operetta depicting the first Thanksgiving in America. Those taking parts were Marla Garner, Larry Noss, Peggy Bedell, Janel Hammer, Doneva Koepke, David Rowe, Roy Shipp, Steven Barker, Scott Dungey, Nora Risse, Jack Stallsworth, Vicki Ronnander, Jeffrey Jones, Bill Morris and Bob Cook. Carolyn Baccus sang the solo in one of the numbers.

Third graders are studying transportation. In Mrs. Sarah Watson's room the boys and girls wrote a story about a traveling music box.

Susan Cosler brought a big brown bean to school. The children planted it and measured the sprout several times a day. The class has discovered that the vine grows "all over" and not just at the tip. It has grown about two inches a day and grows more in the afternoon than in the morning because of the eastern exposure.

For open house, room 22 had a museum of things from all over the world.

West Side School

Edited by Diane Shinn: Staff: Sue Acheson, Dee Ann Drennan, John Koelmel, and Linda Turner.

We had some businessmen visit the school on Education-Business Day. Student Body President Bob Barry met and welcomed them to our school. Visitors were Hal Schmechel from Manns' Department store and Lowell Iverson from the Groceteria.

On Thursday, Nov. 12, West Side school held open house. It started at 7:30 p.m. and lasted until 9 p.m. All the rooms were open and all the teachers were present to greet parents and other visitors. Between 85 and 90 per cent of our parents attended. The cafeteria was open and cake and coffee were served as visitors dropped in.

On Nov. 16, the students at West Side school held their annual student body elections. The following persons were elected to office: Bob Barry, president; Ray Baker, vice president; Diane Shinn, secretary; Sue Acheson, treasurer; and Mark Chartier, sergeant at arms.

Oliver Gustafson, 1695 Ross lane, killed a grizzly bear in Gray Wells National Park, Canada. The bear was the biggest one ever killed in that park. It weighed between 700 and 800 pounds. He killed it Nov. 4 and it was 7 feet, 2 inches tall. Ron, Mr. Gustafson's son, brought the bear skin to school the following Tuesday so students could see it.

Mrs. Elmerine Upp's third grade is making bulletin boards on the different countries they study in geography. At the present they are studying Norway. On the bulletin board they are making a mural of construction paper. Each child drew and colored a picture of some Norwegian mountains.

Hedrick Junior High

By Vicki Toenniges

On Thursday, Dec. 3, the first game of the Hedrick's basketball season was played at Crater at 7 p.m. It was a close game with Crater winning 44 to 43.

At an assembly Friday, Berle Stevens of the Medford police department spoke to students about the law on smoking and warned students they will be arrested if caught smoking. He also said that any such arrest would give the student a police record.

For the past week, students have been bringing in clothes for the Bundles for Children drive sponsored by the Save the Children Federation.

Students who were excused Tuesday to attend Naturalization ceremony were Wayne Kelsoe, Jeanne Gastineau, and Angus Duncan.

The apple and ice cream machines are now in room 216 and open for use during the noon hour.

On Wednesday, Nov. 25, students were entertained by the faculty in an assembly. Donald McDougal officiated at master of ceremonies. Among the acts were barbership quartet, a mellow-drama, and a track meet brought down to gym standards between the women and men teachers to see who was the strongest.

The library student assistants met in the library the last half of second period on Thursday for instruction from Mrs. Mildred Rogers, librarian.

The student council held its dance on Friday, Dec. 4. The theme was "Here Comes Santa" with decorations to carry out the effect. Roy Shaw was the master of ceremonies. Those on the committees were Eleanor Alfonso, decoration; Alida Guiley, refreshments; Mike Callen, chaperones; Doris Young, record; Janet O'Sullivan, entertainment; Joann Forsee, poster; Susan House, cleanup; and Nick Rassmussen, tickets.

The ninth grade is sponsoring a toy drive this year. It is sponsored by the Lady Lions and the Medford fire department in order to collect toys for needy families.

The gym is being used by the Stinger drill team on Thursdays at noon for rehearsal for a Christmas program.

Elk Trail School

By Cheryl Barlow

On Dec. 11 there will be a basketball jamboree at Elk Trail school. Shady Cove, Sams Valley, Prospect, Gold Hill, Butte Falls, Eagle Point and Elk Trail schools will take part. It will begin at 7 p.m., and each game will last six minutes or one-quarter of a regular game. When a team has lost twice, it will be eliminated.

Last summer, workmen built a new room at the north end of the gymnasium. It is now being used as a library and music room. Mrs. Ruth M. Sawyers is in charge of the library, and Gary Monical has music. Having the use of this room has been of great help to the music program and has given us the first real library space.

The annual Christmas card sale is now under way. As usual, we are making a contest out of it with both individual and room prizes. If an upper grade group wins, they will receive a skating party; and if a lower grade group wins, their prize will be an ice cream party. The profits from this sale will be used for student council projects.

The school is recovering from a minor epidemic of chicken pox. There were 15 cases in the eight grades with the first grade having seven, or almost one-half of the total.

On Nov. 25 Shady Cove school visited us and watched a puppet show which was given by Bob Mason.

Last Wednesday a Superior Picture company photographer took individual pictures of each student at the school.

Wilson School

By Carol Heiken, Carol Ralph

Wednesday, Nov. 25, Bob Mason gave a puppet show for students of Wilson school. This show was the second National School assembly. In the show, there were seven puppets – a witch doctor, Punch, Judy, the baby, an alligator, a wild teddy bear, and Randy, the mummy. Randy Spaur played the Bongo drums.

Nov. 25, we had our school Thanksgiving lunch. We had turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, biscuits, pumpkin pie and milk. Thanks to the help of three mothers and the three cooks, more than 300 students had lunch that day.

Mrs. Dorothy Morris' fourth grade room put on a Thanksgiving program. The class sang and recited poems. They also had square dancing.

In art class, the sixth grade students brought odd shaped jars and painted them with different colors of enamel. They were then sprinkled with different colored glitter or crushed egg shells or both.

The bulletin board in the library was made by Mrs. Ferguson's first grade. There is a poem in the center, the name of which is "The Wind and the Leaves." There are three small pumpkins, a hay stack, and colored leaves whirling about.

INDIANS OPPOSE LAND USE—William Richard, left, president of the League of North American Indians, and Mad Bear, spokesman for the Six Nation Indian Confederacy, pose in native dress before the U.S. Supreme Court where they opposed use of some of their land for the nation's largest hydroelectric project, the Niagara Power Project. The high court heard two-and-a-half hours of arguments by the Indians, New York Power Authority and the Federal Power Commission. —(UPI Telephoto)

4-H Club News

Eagle Pt. Needle Craft Girls

Martha Heffey and Kay Rodden became members of the Eagle Point Needle Craft Girls club at the group's recent meeting.

The new members will be allowed to exhibit their work at the pre-fair but not at the county 4-H fair.

The Christmas party, to which mothers are invited, will be held Dec. 17 at Martha Heffey's home. The next regular meeting will be Dec. 10 in the high school home economics room.

Mary Kathryn Sinders, Reporter.

RESPECTS STAFF

Memphis, Tenn. –(UPI)– Deputy Sheriff John Carlisle said Monday he had one great fear when he found he was accidentally locked out and broke into his home while his wife held the flashlight the other night—"that the neighbors would alert my own office."

TO RETURN BY SHIP

Bordeaux, France– (UPI) –Dr. Albert Schweitzer, the Nobel prize-winning medical missionary, was here today to take a ship back to Africa, where he has a mission hospital for lepers at Lambarene in the Gabon Republic. Schweitzer arrived in France Aug. 27. He will be back at his hospital by Jan. 14, his 85th birthday.

SUSPEND ACTRESS

Hollywood – (UPI) – Actress Joan Collins has been placed on suspension by 20th Century-Fox for failing to report for the filming of the movie "Sons and Lovers" in London. Miss Collins, in New York, was reported unhappy because script changes she had been promised were not made.

ROYAL ATTENDANT

London–(UPI)–Princess Anne, 9, will take part in a wedding for the first time on Jan. 13, when she will be an attendant to her cousin, Lady Pamela Mountbatten. Lady Pamela plans to marry David Hicks.

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