

## School News

### McLoughlin Junior High

by Rhoda Work, Sarah Matthews, and Martha Mast  
McLoughlin Junior High glistered with Christmas decorations the week before Christmas vacation. Christmas paintings and posters "decked the halls" and all the rooms were bright with lighted Christmas trees and colorful decorations. Room parties were held during the sixth period Dec. 23. Refreshments were served and games were played. The ninth grade had a dance in the boys' gym instead of room parties.

Lee Harter's art class had a contest to see who could draw and paint the best Christmas poster. The winning picture of Frosty the Snowman on a red background was drawn by Janis Niedermeyer, Ted Salmons, and Mike Swanson.

The FHA decorated the tree in the hall with Susan Gifford, chairman, and all available FHA members helping Miss Ruth Osborn. Mrs. Judith Adams and her home room students decorated the tree in the cafeteria.

Ray Lewis' ninth grade vocalists caroled in the halls.

Speech students and the ninth grade choral group under the direction of Jack Henry taped a radio broadcast Wednesday for presentation Christmas Day over KYJC. Linda Michaels read the story of the Nativity. Gary Spafford was the announcer. The ninth grade choral group sang selections representative of the different countries in celebration of the Holiday.

Friday evening, Dec. 25, from 6:05 to 7 p.m., radio station KMED will broadcast excerpts from the tape made at the secondary school Christmas program.

Awards assemblies were held Tuesday morning and football letters were presented to the team members of the three grades presented by their coaches.

Colored pictures were distributed to students this week.

Seven students from the Medford High school visited McLoughlin as Future Teachers of America last week. Those who came were Rita Miller, Dave Lundquist, Carolyn Finch, Nancy Donahue, Linda Miller, Mary Kay Harris, and Margaret Medlin. The Future Teachers is a club at the high school for students who wish to become teachers. Each year as a project they visit schools to see teachers in action.

### Jackson School

By Rebecca Gordon Shryll Anderson  
It has been more fun than usual going to school these days. We have been busy making Christmas gifts for our mothers and practicing for programs.

The bulletin board was decorated by Mrs. Margraddie Hiatt and her first grade pupils. It was an illustration of "Twas The Night Before Christmas." Many interesting stockings were hung on the fireplace.

The second and third grade play was presented Monday, Dec. 21, to a large audience. The play was "A Christmas Fantasy." Mrs. Muriel Harvey was general chairman, assisted by Mrs. Ruth Hawkins, Mrs. Sarah Watson, Mrs. Lillian Bohrer, and Mrs. Louella Schneider.

The fourth grade students in Mrs. Angela Thompson's room presented a Christmas program for the student body on Tuesday, Dec. 22, at 1 p.m. Larry Noss was master of ceremonies.

"The Christmas Fairy and Scrooge" by Charles Dickens was presented. Members of the cast included Ricky Singler, Kenneth Murray, Jane Corcoran, Mike Milligan, Karen Ewaldsen, Larry Wilson, Bill Wimer, Jay Beach, Susan Benge, Pat Patterson, Donna Jean Brawn.

Christmas poems were read by Cheryl Erickson, Karen Snyder, Carolyn Baccus, Linda Emerson, Leah Smith, Irene Arnold.

A sextet composed of Jane Corcoran, Carolyn Baccus, Maria Gardner, Larry Noss, Kenneth Murray, and Jay Beach also participated.

On Wednesday afternoon, each room had a Christmas party. Gifts were exchanged and the Jackson PTA gave each child a sack of candy.

### Phoenix High School

Edited by Lyle Logan and Becky McAlaster

The GAA has concluded a successful volleyball season under the guidance of Penny Simmonds, winning every match that they played with other schools. They defeated two Ashland teams and four eighth grade teams. GAA members will play basketball next.

Saturday, Dec. 12, five GAA members and Mrs. Helen Thomas went to the Sportsday at Eagle Point. Marjorie Brood, Cheryl Bowman, Laura Griffith, Penny Simmonds and Dorothy James were team-mates on a volleyball team. The girls won three games and lost four in the tournament. The final play was between Eagle Point and Grants Pass.

During the Christmas vacation, the Rogue League teams are going to hold a holiday tournament. All games are going to be played on the Phoenix court, Dec. 28, 29, and 30.

The girls' physical education classes have been attending regular bowling sessions. The freshmen girls go bowling Mondays and the sophomores on Wednesdays.

In the sophomore division, Bonnie Faytinger took highest score with a 141. The freshmen topped their score, however, with Dorothy James getting a score of 149.

Among the plans of FFA and FHA were decorating the school halls for Christmas.

Adding a new twist to the December PTA meeting, Bob Myrick, John Dube, E. M. Skipworth, and Hany Kanastoo assumed the characteristics of beatniks. The four men played instruments, including a drum, a clarinet, a tuba, and a trombone. They played and sang "When the Saints Come Marching In," and an encore.

Winning three out of four debates at Forest Grove, seniors Jack Hoffbuhr and Rod Fowler began this year's debate program for Phoenix high school.

Accompanied by the speech coach, Bob Myrick, the three Phoenixians spent three days at the tournament. They stayed at the college and returned home Sunday afternoon.

For the second six weeks period, four students earned straight A's. They are Laura Griffith, Dorothy James, Mike Lowery, William Rasmussen. Students who received no grade lower than a B in academic subjects are: Carol Anderson, Curtis Barnes, Greg Conner, Pat Homer, Robert Hunter, Penny Simmonds, Judy Stewart, Barbara Beer, Cheryl Bowman, Marjorie Brood, Kay Demers, Shirley Donahue, Frank Eagleton, Bonnie Faytinger, Fletcher Fish, Darlyn Popow, Wade Vanbeber, LaWanda Whisenant, Frances Kievet, Joyce Stockstill, Bonnie Thompson, Ron Baker, Donna Demmer, Jack Hoffbuhr, Joyce Hunter, Doug James, Eldon Mitchell, Darlene Palmer, Nancy Stewart.

Students receiving B average in academic subjects include Darlene Coffman, James Bourdon, Chester Caster, Virginia Daugherty, Becky McAlaster, Jim Floyd, and Rod Fowler.

The Senior formal will be held Jan. 30 at the high school. Decorations will be based on a forest theme, according to Darlene Palmer, general chairman.

### Medford High School

By JIM FRAKE

Although Medford High school was dismissed at 2 p.m. Wednesday for Christmas vacation, the leads for the senior play, "Pygmalion," were posted by Lenore Zappell, drama department head. Leading the cast are Wayne Thompson, Henry Higgins; John Lacy, understudy; Pat Mac Loughlin, Mr. Pickering; John Shaw, understudy; Linda Lowry, Eliza Doolittle; Micke Noble, understudy; Connie Orr, Mrs. Pearce; Anne Matthews, understudy; Ken Hall, Alfred Doolittle; and Bob Hamilton, understudy.

Joyce Pearson, Mrs. Higgins; Esther Jacobs, understudy; Arliss Buettner, Mrs. Eynesford Hill; Lucile Lowry, Clara Eynesford Hill; Craig Wright, Freddy Eynesford Hill; and Bob Hamilton, bystander.

Lynn Knight, sarcastic bystander; John Shaw, taximan; and Kathy McCay, parlormaid. Playing the part of the Londoners are Rod Cameron, John Lacy, Jim Pool, Linda Sessler, Micke Noble, Esther Jacobs, and Anne Matthews.

Rehearsals are to begin immediately after school resumes classes Jan. 4. The play is to be presented sometime in late February.

Try-outs for the play, written by George Bernard Shaw, were held last week.

L. A. Mirick, MHS instrumental music supervisor, announced this week that the

band would leave about 12:01 a.m. Jan. 1, for the East-West Shrine football game in San Francisco.

The band is slated to participate in the group band activities during the half-time and pre-game, this being the ninth consecutive year the band has received an invitation to attend the game.

Other activities scheduled are an early morning concert in Union square and a performance at the Shrine Crippled Children's hospital before the Jan. 2 game.

In their free moments, the band members have kept time to visit the bay area airport, Fisherman's wharf, Suto's ice skating palace, and Fleischer's zoo. Many musicians have sent for tickets to one of the many stage shows now being seen in San Francisco. The group will have one free night to do something of this nature.

Mirick reported Wednesday that he felt the band was well prepared and each one was awaiting the trip and performance with excitement.

The Medford group is scheduled to arrive back in Medford about midnight or 1 a.m. Jan. 4.

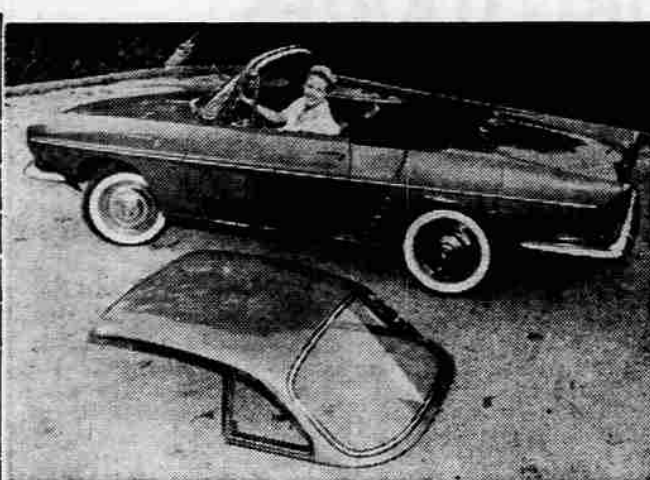
Several Medford High seniors met with Dave Frohmayer, and Jim and Dic Corum Wednesday to discuss life at Harvard college, Cambridge, Mass. The three MHS alumni answered questions about the school and told their impressions of Harvard.

The three were home on vacation for the holidays.

Those attending were Jim and John Lacy, Doug Kliever, John Shaw, and Matt Rode.

Wednesday, the MHS boys' chorus, the advanced girls' chorus, and the choir combined to form a special Christmas show for the student body. Directed by Lynn Sjolund, the group presented a 45-minute show on the split assembly schedule. The program featured holiday carols and special numbers. Later in the afternoon, the choir paraded through the halls of the school singing Christmas carols, thus ending the 1959 school year officially.

On Christmas day from 6:05-7 p.m., radio station KMED released a special recording of the secondary school program presented at



CARAVELLE — Renault of France recently introduced its new sports car, the Caravelle, to northwest dealers. The car is available in three models, a soft-top convertible, hard-top convertible (shown above) and hard-top coupe. The car is being offered in this area by Dean and Taylor Pontiac company, Medford.

### Central Point Man In H 199 Mishap

Herbert Harvey McNeal, 35, of 148 Haskell st., Central Point, was reported in good condition at Josephine General hospital Saturday following a one-vehicle accident on Highway 199 three miles from Grants Pass.

According to Oregon state police, the southbound vehicle operated by McNeal failed to make a curve and turned over. McNeal was reported to be suffering from a

possible skull fracture, neck and face cuts and bruises.

A passenger in the vehicle, Richard Eugene Fields, 19, of Kerby, Ore., was hospitalized for shock and a sprained neck, police said.

The accident occurred Friday about 6 p.m. L. B. Hall ambulance took the two men to the Grants Pass hospital.

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