

## School News

### McLoughlin Junior High

Edited by Suzie Lind, Sarah Matthews and Sue Williams  
High spirits were in the air as Mac Bulldogs prepared to meet their cross town rivals, the Hedrick Hornets, Friday in the Boys' Gymnasium. The eighth graders held a pep assembly Friday afternoon. Competition yells were held with a skit following. On the way back to their rooms, the 8th graders sang the "Bulldog Song."

The ninth grade rally squad were wearing their new uniforms, gold sweaters with black emblems and black skirts at Friday's game. The ninth grade Boosters were also clad in new uniforms, black sweaters and skirts with gold booster emblems. The pep band provided music at the game.

Students had locker clean-out and inspection last Wednesday. Many times the teacher standing by to inspect and approve that someone say, "Gee, how's where that book was. I thought I lost it ages ago." It seems impossible that all that stuff can get in lockers.

Craig Savage was elected president of the newly organized Rock and Gem club. Other officers elected were Susan Baize, vice president; Sharon Baize secretary; and Charles Haas, treasurer. There are about 15 members. Plans are to include field trips and small expeditions. The group hopes to be able to go to Crater Lake. They will study the rocks that they find on their field trips. In order to join, a student must first write a composition pertaining to rocks. Gene Brown is the faculty adviser.

F.H.A. members are organizing their plans for the all school Valentine dance to be held on Feb. 12.

New cadet teachers arrived this week from Southern Oregon college for the winter term. They are Jack Brown, Royce Gordon, Jim McAbee, James Tachinni, Jean Cunningham and Bob Strode.

A new speed graphic press camera has been purchased by the McLoughlin Student Body to be used at school activities. Mr. Allison is in charge of photography.

The McLoughlin Stamp club invited 11 interested students and teachers to attend a talk given by Mrs. Edward Leach, Jackson County Stamp club, on Monday, Jan. 11, in room 5, at 3:15 p.m.

The ninth grade class sponsored a cupcake sale on Monday. Money goes toward the end-of-school activities for the ninth graders.

Seventh graders are working on their program for entertainment at their annual party set for Feb. 12. Larry Brunette is the class adviser.

Mr. Henry's ninth grade debate teams visited Hedrick Junior High Saturday morn-



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## TABLE ROCK Sunday School Continues

By R. E. NEALON  
Table Rock — Members of the local Sunday school turned thumbs down on the proposition of disbanding, at the regular session last Sunday. It had been suggested by some that since the attendance had fallen off, it might be better to disband and attend Sunday school in the churches. In the discussion, it developed that those present were unanimous in their desire to keep the Sunday school as it is.

The following were elected officers for 1960: Mrs. R. E. Nealon, superintendent; Mrs.

Ray Doran, assistant; Mrs. Alan Fleischer, secretary; treasurer, with Mrs. Robert Dunn, assistant. The class teachers will be appointed later. Bert Pierce, teacher of the Bible class for the past year, will be attending a Medford church, and will be greatly missed here, where he had become one of our best teachers.

County road crews have finished the major part of road building to be done this year on the road through here. Some fine crushed gravel will be put on the shoulders as soon as available at the crusher near the site of the old military bridge. The sharp curve near the Table Rock ranch, where three soldiers from Camp White lost their lives in a truck accident, during World War II, has been replaced by a long gradual curve, that cuts quite a chunk out of the adjoining field.

Paul Harvey, in his newscast the other day, said that the cost of living had gone up another notch, but the price of farmers' products had gone down. He spoke as though he thought he was telling some news. We wondered where he had been for the last several years.

Several weeks ago, we heard something that is usually heard here during the summer season. First, we thought we were hearing things, but after checking, we found the lights we saw were on a baler, and the noise was made by the plunger of the baler being operated by the Darlings, Bill and Mary, who were baling hay in an adjoining field, for their large dairy herd. We thought baling hay in December should be news in any country this far from the equator.

Quite a little anxiety is beginning to develop among farmers in sections of the valley where water tables are low, and the soil still dry and hard, with weather conditions showing no signs of putting the usual snow coverings on the mountains, or enough rain to soak up the crop lands.

Elmer Young, from the tall timber of the Trail creek area, was a recent visitor here in search of hay. He reported six inches of snow at his place, and the cattle down from the high places, looking for hand outs around the barns.

The Bill Bishop family left here Thursday morning on a trip that will take them by motor car to Ontario, Ore., where they will spend a day with relatives, thence by rail to their home in Kansas City, Kan. During the week they spent here, they were kept busy visiting their many cousins, nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends throughout the valley. Having lived here for several years, they enjoyed meeting and talking with friends, and noting the changes that have taken place since they visited here two years ago. They didn't complain about the climate, which put on an unusual show of fog and freezing, ending up with a snow storm the day they left.

During our recent struggle with the flu, we received a letter from Bob Walters, the new regional editor of the Mail Tribune, which gives us much good advice on writing items, arranging them, and what are the most important things from a news standpoint. We note that meetings and activities of clubs, lodges, etc., are important, but telling that refreshments of apple pie and cider served, are not. We agree with this; in our opinion it is no more important than the dress the bridegroom's mother wore at the wedding. On the other hand, telling that refreshments would be served at a meeting to be held, would be important from an attendance standpoint.

All of this, reminds us of a talk some years ago, with George Putnam, then editor of the M.T., when we began to write in the spring of 1914. We asked him if he remembered the first items we sent in. He said he did, that we told about an intoxicated man being found in his car along the local roadside. We asked him if we gave the man's name. He said we didn't, probably because we didn't know it. Then he told us a story about A. C. Howlett, the Eagle Point correspondent, who wrote "The Eaglets," and had a wide circle of readers around Eagle Point and throughout the valley, who enjoyed his way of reporting news, nothing being too large, or too small to be omitted.

Someone at the M.T. began to "blue pencil" and rearrange his Eaglets, which sort of irritated Howlett, who laid down his pencil and quit. In a short time, Tribune readers

began to inquire about the absence of the Eaglets. Putnam contacted Howlett, and was told the reason, so went to the composing room, and was told that much of his column was not important, and the grammar, and composing was not up to standard. Putnam said he told them he didn't give a hoot about how it was written, and from then on to put it all in, and just as it was. Howlett resumed his writing, and continued for many years. This is not a threat Bob, for we do appreciate your kindly help and interest, and believe the other country correspondents will too.

But we may find that it will be hard to teach an old dog new tricks. We note from your biography data that you have been around a bit, and a university man, and have done a dry land hitch in Uncle Sam's Navy. Now, a peek into our past: we attended the Table Rock school back in the days when the terms were three months out of each year, graduated out of Barne's fifth reader, before the turn of the century. In those days we had no grades, one went to school until he was 21, or had mastered the fifth reader, whichever came first. We did a campus hitch in officers training in World War I, but

before we graduated, the Germans got wise to what we would be generals were up to, and threw in the towel. During our 2-week struggle with the flu, when we were kept flat on our back by our good doctor, and our better half, many things in our lively community were happening. Some of them we will try to record, with the generous help of Mrs. Ernest Smith.

Sunday, Dec. 20, 21 guests were entertained at a dinner and exchange of gifts, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Smith. The guests were members of Ernest's father's family. The local Community club, with some 50 members in attendance, met at the schoolhouse Dec. 21, for the Christmas program. A play, "The Empty Gesture," with nine characters taking the parts, was well received. The "Birth of Christ" was reenacted by a group of children from the local Sunday school. During an exercise by the small children, carols were sung by the audience. Santa Claus appeared as usual, and seemed well pleased with the children's before-Christmas behavior, according to their reports, and gave them many presents, not forgetting the oldsters. Aunt Mary Myers

presented everyone with her traditional Christmas popcorn balls. During the Christmas season, we received many cards.

some from different states, and from foreign countries, so to those we missed, we hope you had a joyous Christmas and wish for "you all" a happy and prosperous 1960.



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