

School News

Phoenix High School

Edited by Lyle Logan and Becky McAlaster
Carl Scobie and his daughter, Carolyn, a famous father-daughter team, presented the program for an assembly Jan. 6. The subject of the lecture was snakes, and was illustrated with snakes, including several live - and still venomous - rattlesnakes. In his talk, Scobie pointed out many misconceptions about snakes, and showed that no snake can roll like a hoop, sting with its tail or whip a man to death. A boa - constrictor, seven feet long, was exhibited. In concluding his talk, Scobie gave suggestions for first aid for the bite of a poisonous snake.

Leslie Weigart, representing the traveling science program of the University of Oregon, is now spending some time at Phoenix.

The program, sponsored by the National Science Foundation, is meant to help science students in high school by spreading new ideas in science. Weigart gives lectures and demonstrations to the chemistry and biology classes.

The sophomore class is planning a Hard Time dance, Feb. 26. Students will dress in their hard time attire, with a dance following a box social. Box lunches will be prepared and sold by any girls attending if they so desire. All students are encouraged to attend.

The four debate groups at PHS are Jack Hoffbuh and Rod Fowler; Barbara Gysin and Barbara Beer; Kay Demers and Joyce Stockstill; Eldon Mitchell and Ernie Bolz.

A speech conference will be held Jan. 29 and 30 at Southern Oregon college. Criticism will be given to each participant. Other students to attend are Becky McAlaster, Dan Lumley and Glenda Howard.

An additional six classrooms and added office space will be added to PHS next summer to meet the demand of the 140 students that will transfer from Talent as a result of the consolidation. Also two rooms that were originally for teachers lounges and are now being used for classrooms and office space will be returned to their original purpose.

The junior class is having a senior auction to raise money for the junior-senior prom. The slave sale will be held Thursday, Jan. 28, during activity period. Each senior who is purchased will serve his master all day by carrying his books from class to class, clean his locker, or do other services.

The auctioneer will be Ernie Bolz, junior class president. He will be assisted by Dan Lumley, vice president, and Virginia Daugherty, class secretary, with Barbara Gysin taking the money from the sales. That evening, juniors will hold a dance after the game. Senior slaves may accompany their master. Students are encouraged to buy their favorite senior.

Talent High School

Edited by Members of Quill and Scroll Society
LaVonne Whillock, President
The first Typing I student to earn an award is Mildred Beck who wrote 37 words per minute with seven errors on a 10-minute timewrite. She will receive a bronze typing pin. Several others in the class have attained greater speed but have too many errors to qualify for an award.

Shorthand dictation and transcription award of 110 wpm was achieved by Sally Kenyon, senior. Award pins earned recently by other students in the Shorthand II class are Dolores Meyer and Gail Carter, 100 wpm, LaVonne Whillock and Jill Morrison 80 wpm. Dictation for the awards is given for three minutes on unfamiliar material and 97 per cent accuracy is required in transcription.

If the students at THS hear frequent ringing of telephones in the seventh period, it is the office practice girls using the teletrainer. This is a unit furnished by the Pacific Telephone company to help learn and practice proper telephone usage for the business office. The class consists of Myrna Ford, Sally Kenyon, Jill Morrison, Mary Lee Clark, LaVonne Whillock, Dolores Meyer, Sharon Walker and Gail Carter.

The seniors are preparing for graduation. Announcements and cards have been selected and ordered from Master Engravers in Portland. Measurements for caps and gowns were taken, and sent to Autrey Brothers of Denver.

Editor and staff members

of the yearbook. The Challenger, have been striving to meet the second deadline Jan. 13. The staff is also preparing for the arrival of the professional photographer from Kennell Ellis studio Jan. 28.

Talent High school now has three student teachers from Southern Oregon college. Joe Ferguson is assisting Patrick Lynch in biology class. Ferguson is majoring in social science with a minor in science.

Troy Bellah has been observing in George Nelson's afternoon classes, and after semester exams, he will begin practice teaching in algebra. Bellah is majoring in math with a minor in social science.

George Olson will be helping John Kuchler in U.S. history at the beginning of the second semester.

The student council met Jan. 14 to make further plans for the Sweethearts' Ball. The date for the dance is Feb. 26. Until a theme is chosen, no definite plans can be made. Head of the theme committee is Jill Morrison, president of the student council. Other members of the council are Joanne Hill, Dolores Meyer, Gail Carter, Mike Jacobs, Dick Zediker, Terry Hanson, and Laren Crawford.

Due to the consolidation of Talent and Phoenix schools, the two Parent Teachers' associations have been holding joint meetings. This month the Talent chapter has invited the faculty and parents of Phoenix to attend their meeting which will be held Jan. 21, at 8 p.m. in the Talent High school building.

Ernest James, Phoenix superintendent, and Francis Farthing, Talent elementary principal, will be the speakers for the evening. Following the program, rooms will be open for inspection by parents and anyone interested. Refreshments will be served by the third and fourth grade mothers. A baby sitter will be available.

Three students transferred from Talent High recently. Tom Atchison, senior, moved to Phoenix; and Sharon Atkins, also a senior went to Grants Pass, leaving the 1960 class at 29. Junior Reta Atkins also left for Grants Pass, reducing the class of 1961 to 25.

Semester exams will be given Jan. 18, 19 and 20. Report cards for the first semester will be ready on Friday, Jan. 22.

Medford High School

Edited by Jim Frake.
Staff: Diane Mohr, Jim McCormack, Rita McBeth, Edonna Pace, Esther Jacobs, and Sue Reule.
Doug Kliever, senior, has been named a finalist for a 1960 National Honor Society scholarship as a result of his score on a preliminary test last October.

Doug was one of 55,548 National Honor society members in the United States to take the test, and was one of many from Medford High. He will take another exam March 15.

Applications are still being accepted from local residents who are interested in giving a home to foreign students who will come to Medford

this fall for the 1960-61 school year.

Mrs. Frank Bash, local American Field service president, urges all Medford residents to submit their applications before the Feb. 1 deadline.

Parents interested should contact Mrs. Jack Ingram, 914 Queen Anne dr., SPring 2-8644; or Mrs. Otto Ewaldsen, 20 Ross court, SPring 2-2933.

Winner of the annual cherry pie baking contest, sponsored by the home economics department, was Mavis Storm, senior.

Mavis will represent Medford in the district contest at Eugene, Jan. 23, where she will have a chance to win a trip to Chicago to compete in the national contest.

Other first place prizes are a \$200 scholarship and a new stove.

Mavis has taken home economics for four years.

Mike Phillips, junior class president, conducted a class meeting Monday during the registration room period.

Nominated for TAP (Teenage Program) junior class princesses were Mary Kay Harris, Linda Morlan, Becky Gates, and Marty Wyatt. Marty was elected in the class election following the kick-off assembly.

Junior class TAP chairmen are Suzy Thompson and Rita Johnson.

The seniors held an assembly Friday morning to promote interest in the TAP drive.

Clem and Lem (Jim and John Lacy) provided "entertainment" by singing "Good ole TAP."

Pat McLaughlin interviewed senior class members who claimed they were "vacationing" in Florida and would be unable to help in the drive. Bob Hamilton declared that it takes an "individual" class to win a campaign.

Paul Moore, senior TAP chairman, announced the class projects and chairmen of each, and encouraged all seniors to volunteer their services.

Prior to the meeting, the sophomore class also held an organizational meeting for TAP.

Princesses for the annual TAP drive were announced Tuesday.

Karen Morlan, is the senior princess; Marty Wyatt, junior; and Sandra Bates, sophomore princess.

A queen will be crowned from the class raising the most money at a fashion show Jan. 26.

Elections for princesses were held during class assemblies earlier in the week.

All three classes are engaged in money-making activities in downtown Medford and the chairmen of each class urge everyone to donate to the March of Dimes campaign through the high school projects.

The Future Teachers of America club held a short business meeting Tuesday night, discussing the dance scheduled next month.

Refreshments were served and the "Strollers," a vocal quartet consisting of John Frohnmayer, Keith Berg, Ray Konopasek, and Paul Moore, entertained.

Last Monday the aerial darts intramurals, a game similar to badminton, started.

Girls interested are still being urged to sign up. Patricia Mounts, Girls Athletic association advisor, reported Tuesday.

Crater High School

By LaVonne LaFever
The March of Dimes class competition is in full swing at Crater High school.

Monday, Jan. 11, an assembly was held where each class had a limited time to place rows of coins across the gym floor.

The sophomores led the drive with 32 rows, the seniors had 23 rows, the freshmen, 9 rows, and the juniors had 8 1/2 rows.

Other methods used by the various classes to support the March of Dimes are foodsales, car washes, and a mile of dimes drive.

The School College Ability Tests (SCAT), were given to all interested seniors Tuesday, Jan. 12.

The purpose is to show scholastic ability comparing each student with their class and on a national scale, and to predict success in college, although this is not always a positive answer.

The test is on a verbal and quantitative basis. They will determine comprehension and vocabulary, and mathematical reasoning.

Bill Anhorn and Charles Warren passed the Navy ROTC test given at Southern Oregon college in Ashland recently. They will go to Portland to be interviewed and take another exam in February.

Alice Thompson ranked 1st in the Betty Crocker Mental

Maturity test and was named Homemaker of Tomorrow for Crater. She received a pin and the right to go on to state finals.

John Caster took first place in the district public speaking contest for FFA and will now go on to sectional.

Patti Straus was Chosen Girl of the Month for December.

Hedrick Junior High

The Future Homemakers of America have postponed their dinner until Jan. 28 because of the conflict in time between the dinner and the Globetrotters who will be here Jan. 21.

New students at Hedrick are Virginia Radke, ninth grade, and James Moyer, eighth grade.

On Jan. 14, Hedrick Junior High school became a member of the National Junior Honor society with 35 students honored at the first initiation. The induction ceremony was held on the stage and was part of an assembly. The assembly consisted of an after dinner speech by Louis Hunt, an oration by Sue Jahn and the initiation ceremony.

Mrs. Anne Leonard gave the purposes and qualifications of the National Junior Honor society. The initiation ceremony was conducted by Elaine Jennings, president of Torch Honor, Medford High school. Torch Honor students assisting her were Dick Peterson, Rosalind Randles, Marcia Williams and Bob Hamilton.

Congratulations to the seventh and eighth grade wrestling

Illinois Valley FFA Wins Contest

Cave Junction-Illinois Valley Future Farmers of America chapter won the parliamentary procedure contest and Crater high school chapter the public speaking in competition at the Illinois Valley school Thursday.

John Caster, Crater chapter, took first place with his speech on "Concrete Monsters." Leon Small, Phoenix, placed second with his talk on "Farm Progress, past, present and future." Neal Patrick, Eagle Point, placed third with a talk on vertical integration.

Phoenix also placed second in the parliamentary procedure contest and Crater third. The first and second place winners of each district will compete at the sectional contest at Harrisburg, Ore., Thursday, Feb. 18. Winners of the sectional contest will compete in the state contest.

ling teams for their win over McLoughlin wrestling teams. Unfortunately the ninth grade team did not do as well.

The Hedrick band held a dance Jan. 15, with the theme "Journey to Jazzland" in the cafeteria. Chairmen of the committees were Garner Hupert, chaperones; Warren Olson, entertainment; Sue Sneed, decorations; Janice Johnson, serving; Sue Jahn, refreshments; Fred Haupert, cleanup; Bob Edwards, records; Vicki Toenniges, advertisement; Rilla Den Herter, tickets.

Pilot Rock Woman Enters Innocent Plea

Pendleton - (UPI) - Mrs. Edna Mathilda Carrothers, 44, Pilot Rock, has pleaded innocent to a charge of larceny of public money.

Big Logging Ends In Tillamook Burn

Salem - (UPI) - The state board of forestry said Saturday that sale of 15 million board feet of snags marked the end of big-time logging in the Tillamook Burn, one of the largest salvage projects in the nation.

The snags, in the Kilch river watershed, went to Diamond Lumber company, to be processed in the firm's Tillamook plants.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur was born on a military reservation in Little Rock, Ark. The site is now known as MacArthur Park.

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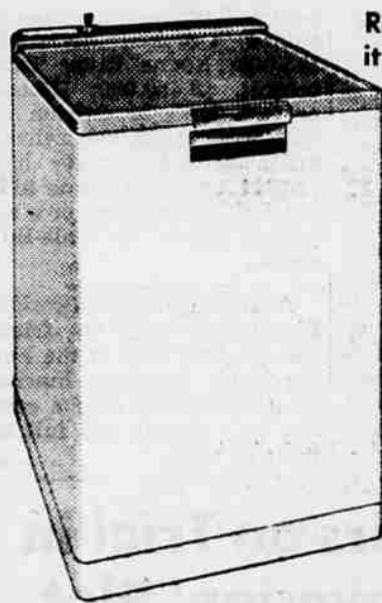
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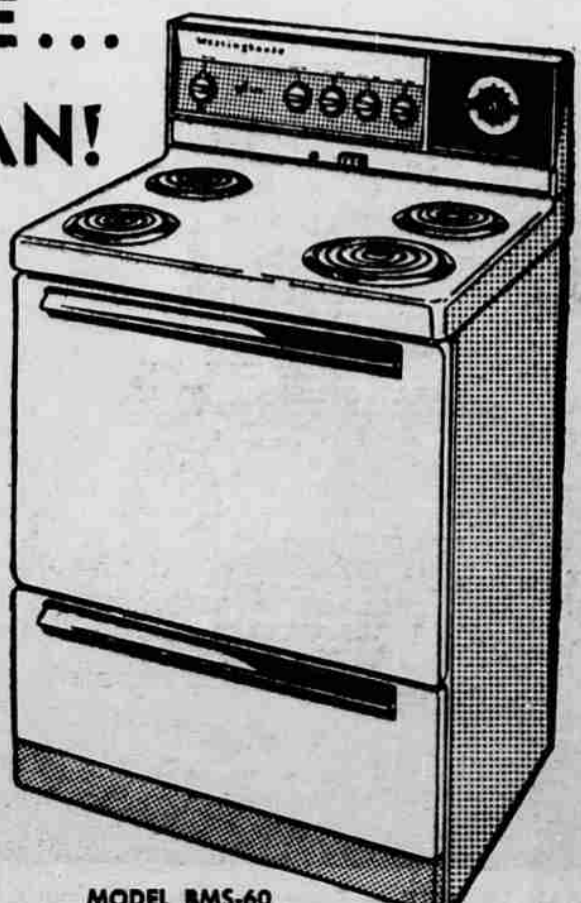
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