

SCHOOL NEWS



Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

Happy Clams Have Nothing To Worry About—or With

There may be a shred of truth to the saying, "happy as a clam on an incoming tide," for these lowly creatures must greet the rising water with a little of what would appear like joyfulness.

For they have been silently waiting for the tide. On the mudflat or ocean edge this bivalve must remain quiet, its headless "neck" pulled in and its "mind" a complete blank.

Then, natural forces take over. Gravitational pull and release exert their influence on the ocean waters; unmeasured multi-tons of water inundate the mudflats or the beaches. The incoming water alerts the sluggish senses of the waiting clams. As the water deepens, each bivalve gladly extends its long tube-like "neck," sucking in the water along with oxygen and food. It must be times like this that become a period of "joyfulness."

Clamps Valves Together

On the mudflat the clam clamps its two valves tightly together, like the jaws of a vise. Regardless of how hard it may try, the clam cannot entirely close off its soft body even when the two valves of its shell are clamped together. This opening allows the siphon, or what is often called the "neck," to protrude.

This long neck, which is thrust up to the opening of the burrow, contains a U-shaped tube. Sea water comes in one end, through the gills of the animal and up and out the other end. Small bits of food and living organisms also come in and are sorted out and digested.

Our clams have a relative, the so-called "giant clam" of East Indian waters, that may weigh several hundred pounds. Stories are told of divers accidentally stepping into the open valves of this large mollusk, or placing a hand in between the two shells. When the valves clamp together, the luckless diver drowns unless help is at hand. These huge mollusks, largest in the world, are erroneously called "man-eaters."

Our clams, as well as the relatives in other oceans, are marine creatures; all have heavy, ridged shells. Some varieties remain buried in the bottom for their entire lives, extending the long siphon, or "neck," which becomes their only connection with the outside world.

Perhaps, as the saying indicates, they are "happy" while they wait for the tide to come in—they have nothing to do but wait; nothing to worry about, or to worry with; not even anything to be thankful for, or any past to regret.

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Forgetful Yawn Results in Fine

Atlanta, Ga.—The prisoner told police he was drinking because he had a toothache, but was fined \$50 anyway for drunken driving and possession of illegal whiskey.

One forgetful yawn and police learned he hadn't a tooth in his mouth.

The chances of surviving a wound during the Civil War were 7 to 1. In the Korean War, they were 50 to 1.

Medford High School

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A snow party has been planned by the Girls Athletic association for Saturday, Feb. 6, in the Siskiyou. The girls will leave at 10 a.m., bringing a lunch with them, and plan to be home by 4. Only 17 girls had signed up for the trip.

In order that no qualified person who wishes to work on the yearbook staff will be overlooked, interested sophomores and juniors were asked to see Elizabeth Settle, Crafer advisor.

They will be screened before final staff positions are announced.

Seniors can learn the results from their Kuder test taken last fall during their senior interview, Alex McDonald, boys' dean, has reported.

The Kuder test is based upon the individual's interest, not ability or talent. The 10 areas of interest are outdoor, mechanical, computational, scientific, persuasive, artistic, literary, musical, social service, and clerical. This test is to help the student determine what field of work he wants.

Members of MHS football team received letters at the annual banquet recently at the Chuck Wagon restaurant. Of the 57 letter winners, 19 were seniors, 30 juniors, 4 sophomores; and four managers.

Seniors included Jerry Anderson, Skip Bennett, Keith Berg, Reggie Breeze, Don Cranston, Booth Deakins, Lowell Dean, Cal Dean, Ken Durkee, John Frohnmayer, Leonard Griggs, Dennis Jensen, Lynn Knight, Ray Kono-

pasek, Reinhart Kostlin, Bert Lindemann, George Lindemann, Pat McLaughlin, and Gordon Pathmann.

The juniors were Jim Barry, Kent Blew, Bruce Earl, Al Funston, John Hamlin, Larry Hammack, Bill Hobbs, Chuck Holt, Mike Hood, Phil Humphries, John James, Mike Monroe, Warren Parke, Terry O'Sullivan, John Pierce, Bob Quinney, Dick Ragsdale, Jim Schmidt, Dan Sieg, Jim Stever, Bob Rix, Chuck Shaw, Don Tichenor, John Tichenor, Jerry Winetrot, and Ed McGinty.

Sophomores were Paul Bauer, George Clearwater, Monte Jones, and Mike McCullough.

Managers receiving letters were Dick Gordon, Jim Casad, Fred Lorish and Jim Burke.

Dick Peterson and Larry Lea, seniors, headed the committee of Torch Honor members who decorated the show case last week.

All applications for Oregon college scholarships must be turned in to Elsie Butler, scholarship adviser, by Feb. 15. This should be done in order for her to have ample time to send them to the colleges.

Plans for the annual Roman banquet are under way, according to Edna Stewart, Latin club adviser, with the date set for April 9 at Ping's. The program will include a "Vestle Virgnes" ceremony, and each class will put on a skit or enact a story.

Medford's High latest contention is that not only does MHS have superior athletic teams, but superior cooks.

Mavis Strom, senior, was chosen as the best cherry pie baker in Jackson county recently at Eugene. She was one of nine county winners chosen from 28 candidates. A

girl from Banks High school was chosen state winner.

Feb. 8 is the deadline for seniors to be measured for caps and gowns.

Naomi Van Dyke, senior counselor, announced that only about half of the seniors have been measured. The fee of \$3.75 should be paid at the time of measurement, she added.

For the second time in three years the class of '60 won the Teen-Age Program drive. This year, as seniors, the class collected \$1,100. The juniors were second with \$953 and the sophomores, \$746.

Karen Morlan, senior candidate, was crowned queen of TAP. Her princesses were Marty Wyatt, junior; and Sandra Bates, sophomore.

Fund raising for TAP did not end with the crowning of Queen Karen. Jan. 25, a fashion show was held at the Rogue Valley Country club. MHS models for the event were Rosiland Randles, Judy Bash, Karen Morlan, Dalene Clemens, Pam Gilkenson, and Kathy Urdel. The Lanz fashions were from Jean Hart's, Medford, and a Lanz dress was given away.

Kingston trio records, candied apples, and cupcakes were sold on the last Saturday of money gathering.

Significant leaders of the TAP drive at MHS were County Chairman Ros Randles; Seniors Dean, Goddard and Paul Moore; Juniors Susie Thompson and Rita Johnson; and Sophomores Lois Stedman and John Alansky.

The MHS charter members of Quill and Scroll, an honorary journalism society, have received pins and membership cards. Another list will be sent in to the headquarters as soon as others apply. This can still be done by seeing Vern Wolthoff, Room 246.

Al Watson, Jerry Gastineau,

Jim Wilson, Lauren Stayton, and Dave Misk all moved into the semi-final round of the chess tournament last week. Lauren has already played his semi-final round and has advanced into the finals.

Members of the cast, business staff, and production crews are all involved in preparations for "Pygmalion," the senior class play.

The cast is attempting English accents. Those ranging from the "cockney" to the "stilted English" are being used.

Members of the costume committee also are busy. The

group, headed by Penny Lynn, includes designers and constructors of the 13 costumes for all of the female roles.

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week the book room is open from 8 a.m. to noon. This gives each student an opportunity to have his books recovered, if necessary. This announcement was made recently so as to also let students obtain text books for the next semester.

Report cards were issued recently, marking the end of the first semester.

The first and second quarter grades and the semester

test grades were included on the card. These are averaged to determine the first semester grade for the student's permanent record.

"Moonlight Moods" was the theme of the dance held after the Ashland game last Saturday night. The Strollers provided special music for the dance, sponsored by the Future Teachers of America club.

Salem - (UPI) - The general public has been invited to the home of Gov. and Mrs. Mark Hatfield at a 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. open house Feb. 14.

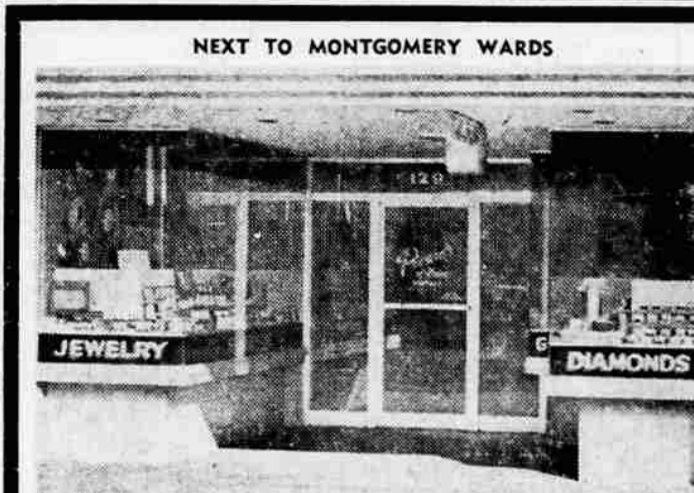
Judge Gets Apology For 'Honest Mistake'

Des Moines—The judge asked the man who had pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated for his license number.

The man said he didn't remember but the car was just outside. He looked out the window and began reading off a number as the judge took it down.

Suddenly the judge reared back, stared at what he'd written and declared, "why, that's my number."

The man apologized and the judge said he was certain it was an honest mistake.



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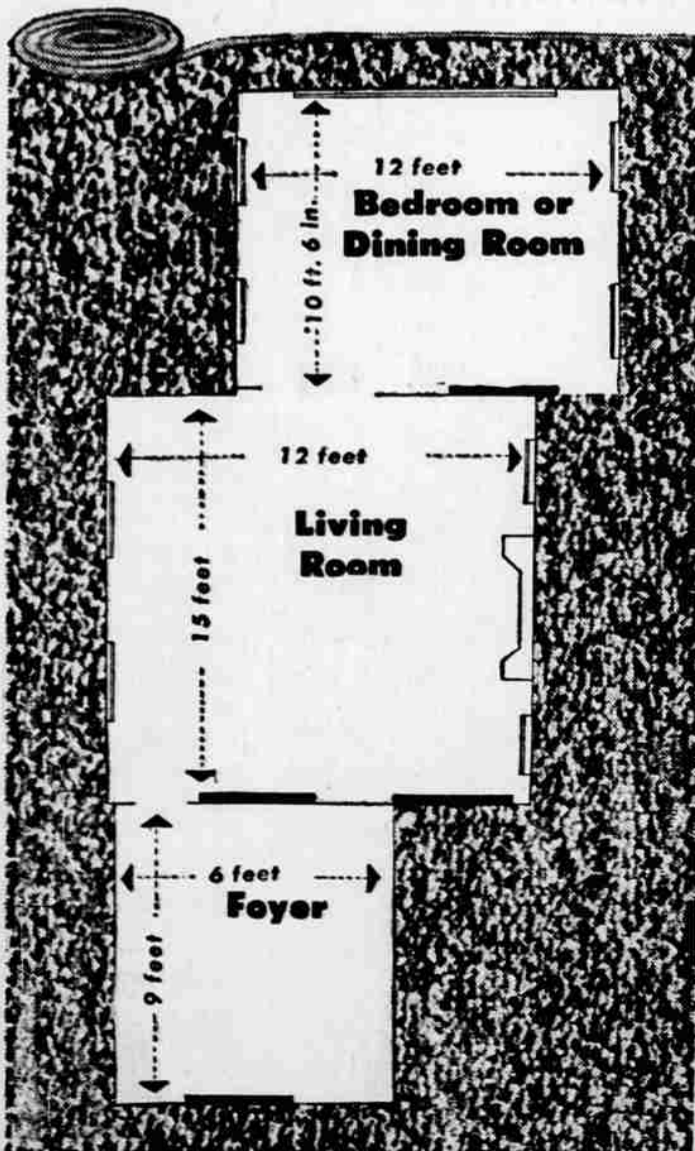


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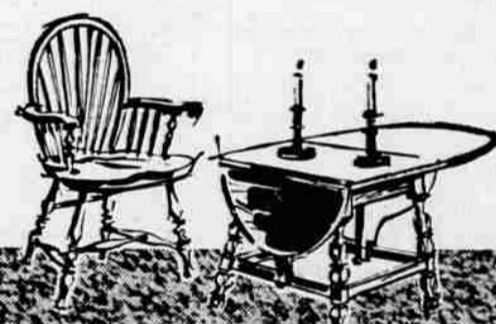
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