



GRIM SIGHT—Miners just up from Hoden Mine No. 22 at Hoden, W. Va., with grim news that 18 of their fellow workers died, meet a grim sight. Stretchers piled before the mine entrance turn the miners away from their normal path from the mine. (UPI Telephoto)

Regional Director of NLRB to Rule On Vote Legality

The regional director of the National Labor Relations board will rule on the legality of the election held for the retail grocery clerks soon, an NLRB spokesman from the sub-regional office in Portland said today.

Such a ruling is expected from Thomas P. Graham, director of the Seattle, Wash., regional office the first of next week, it was reported. This pertains to the election held Feb. 24 for retail grocery clerks of Ashland, Medford, and Grants Pass when they voted 96-79 to join the Retail Clerks Union, instead of being affiliated with Teamsters Local 932, with headquarters in Medford.

Meanwhile an election on the same issue is scheduled for Klamath Falls the first part of May, the spokesman said.

An NLRB investigator has been investigating charges made by the Teamsters during the last few days, it was reported.

Charges made by the Teamsters are that the election was held at polling places other than those designated in the consent of election, regular part-time employees were informed erroneously by employers that they were not eligible to vote, were told not to vote and their names were not included in the list of eligible voters; pamphlets published by the Retail Clerks union were displayed by various persons at the polling places during the election, voting was not conducted at all of the polling places specified at the time provided, and one of the employers, Safeway Stores, Inc. required some of their employees to take withdrawal cards from the Teamsters union just prior to the election.

Sideline Scientists Receive Honors

Bloomfield Hills, Mich. — (Science Service) — Twenty-one business and professional men, who are scientists in their spare time, are being honored at an exhibit at the Cranbrook Institute of Science, and their contributions to scientific knowledge are acknowledged in displays.

They include a fruit and vegetable specialist who collected needed specimens in Middle America and the West Indies ranging from sea cows to wasp's nests, an insurance inspector who studied old river channels and terraces, an electronics engineer and an industrial accountant who collaborated on mineral collections, a retired business man who instructed in gem cutting, a quality engineer who added new records in fern collection, a broker who classified squirrels of the world, a surveyor who collected moths and butterflies, a corporation executive who organized bird surveys, and a practicing dentist who walked 1,921 miles photographing Michigan birds.

Blazing Cat Causes Damage to House

Waykesha, Wis. — A fire started by a cat caused much confusion.

Authorities said someone tied a paper sack to a cat and set the sack afire.

Firemen rushed to the scene and extinguished the blaze but two rooms were badly damaged.

One fireman was injured — he lost his helmet and boiling tar dropped on his bald head.

School News

Medford High School
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Bands from Medford High school, Hedrick Junior High school, and McLoughlin Junior High school participated in an all-band concert Thursday at Hedrick. This was the first all-high school band festival of its kind.

Featured soloist for the event was MHS Junior Linda Hess. She played the saxophone to the music, "Carnival of Venice." Also featured were a trombone trio composed of Joe Beatty, Harold Bailey, and Harold Young, all MHS musicians. The band accompanied them in the selection, "Slippery Gentlemen."

Participating in the festival also was the Senior Symphony band from Medford High. This band is composed of selected band members who have been chosen through audition. It is generally for seniors and qualified lower classmen.

I. A. Mirick, Medford instrumental music supervisor, was in charge of the program with Band Directors E. Ron Rice, Al Huntmann, and Ron Bartlett assisting.

A special mathematics test was given to interested juniors and seniors Thursday afternoon.

The three students making the highest scores will have their tests sent to the Mathematical Association of America. These students were Fred Drysdale, junior; and John Shaw and Matte Rode, seniors.

De Anne Taylor, junior, was elected president of the MHS Future Homemakers of American club recently.

Other officers elected were Linda Bateman, vice president; De Anna Kunkel, secretary; Laura Rupert, treasurer; Anita Ritchey, social chairman; and Wylajo Mills, degree chairman. The parliamentarian and historian will be elected from the junior highs next year.

The degree chairman keeps track of points earned by members toward their junior homemaker degrees.

Students planning to attend the state basketball tournament were reminded by a bulletin last week that their behavior will be one of the deciding factors in judging Medford for a good sportsmanship trophy.

At the tourney in Eugene March 15-19, students are not to plan to stay overnight without an adult chaperone. The office announced that the hotels and motels will not provide housing for unaccompanied student groups.

Medford played its first game Wednesday evening. Student season tickets cost \$4.50 and adult season tickets are \$10.

MHS spectators will be allotted a special seating section and everyone is urged to arrive at least an hour before each game.

Several faculty members are staying in Eugene, and will assist local students with problems at the tournament.

Members of the Future Business Leaders of America club left school at 6:30 p.m. Saturday for the bowling and skating party in Grants Pass. Students went by school bus.

Margie Childers, junior, has been chosen to represent MHS in the United Nations Pilgrimage contest in the Jackson - Josephine county competition in Grants Pass either March 19 or 28. The delegate chosen from this group will be given a trip to New York this summer. The contest is sponsored by the Odd Fellows' and the Rebekahs' lodges.

Members of the Candy Strippers met March 7 at Rogue Valley hospital. Alternates were appointed for girls who could not work at the hospital, and girls who had worked at least 20 or 40 hours received special hour stripes.

March 11 was the deadline for registration of sophomores and juniors. Registration handbooks were distributed Feb. 17, and students were requested to prepare the schedules with their counselors and parents before the Friday deadline.

Sophomore class officers met with the representative from the Crow company of Portland last week to begin their search for their class ring choice. They will meet with other representatives in the next few weeks to decide which style and price the class will like. The class as a whole is to vote on the samples before ordering.

Thespians and prospective club members were reminded to turn in their merit points for participation in dramatic activities by March 25. This is essential for the initiation to be held in May.

Health Careers day, sponsored by the Oregon Health Careers council, will be held in Portland April 9 on the Oregon medical school campus. MHS students who wish to attend are asked to fill out an application from Juanita Anderson, at MHS, signifying which group they wish to attend and the means of transportation.

Cracks in Ocean Floor Continuous

New York, (Science Service)—Deep cracks in the beds of the Atlantic and Indian Oceans have been found to be continuous formations joined south of the tip of Africa.

The discovery, made by Columbia University's research vessel Vema, may help determine the origin of the major surface features of the earth and changes that have taken place in its geological history.

A few years ago, existence of a 45,000-mile undersea crack in the earth's crust was confirmed. It was inferred from topographic and earthquake data that this crack was continuous.

The Vema, now on a 12-month scientific cruise that will include circumnavigation of the Antarctic continent, had as a major objective the examination of this crack, or Mid-Ocean Ridge.

Six crossings of the ridge in the Indian Ocean revealed that the crack was continuous and that it followed a world-wide active earthquake zone along its entire length. The crack was also found to be about a mile deep and from one to five miles wide at the bottom and from four to 20 miles wide at the top.

Tall Lawyer Learns To Ignore Wisecracks

Parma, O. — People are always commenting on Dick Proctor's height — 6 feet 9 inches — and, Proctor, a lawyer, shrugs off most of the wisecracks.

One he remembers was: "I'll bet you have snow on your shoulders six months of the year."

Proctor says: "It was not a great line, but I liked it."

Decisions Participants Favor Extending NATO Cooperation

The expansion of cultural, political and economic cooperation under NATO was approved by 89 per cent of the nationwide participants in "Great Decisions... 1960," who were included in an informal opinion summary completed last week by the Foreign Policy Association, national sponsor of the annual world affairs study program.

This is the second national summary of views voluntarily reported to the association by group members taking part in the current program throughout the country.

These summaries are made available as soon as information is received from a representative number of hundreds of participating communities.

About 4,100 participants in 23 states comprised the group expressing opinions on the topic, "Divided Europe—Cooperation or Crisis?" They represent only a portion of the more than 250,000 Americans estimated to be active in "Great Decisions" this year.

Among those included in this summary are citizens from the states of Oregon, Idaho, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Wyoming, Colorado and Vermont; and the cities of Miami and St. Petersburg, Fla.; Chattanooga, Tenn.; Louisville, Ky.; Detroit, Mich.; Albuquerque, N.M.; Mobile, Ala.; and Chicago, Ill.

Belief Evidenced

A belief in the importance of NATO was evidenced by the affirmation of many related propositions. It was agreed by 87 per cent that we should consult regularly with NATO Allies on the development of common policies and strategies, and 77 per cent felt we should consult with the NATO Allies before adopting or announcing important shifts in U.S. policies.

Seventy-eight per cent favored supporting the Atlantic Congress proposal to call a conference of leading citizens from both sides of the Atlantic to discuss and recommend steps for greater unity in the Atlantic community, 82 per cent were for actively encouraging further political and economic integration in Western Europe; and, on the subject of Germany, 75 per cent felt the United States should continue to insist on free elections as the only basis for German reunification.

"Great Decisions" study groups discussed the problems of "Divided Europe" in thousands of homes, schools and other meeting places. Participants included in the Foreign Policy Association tabulations urged greater military contribution from our NATO Allies (72 per cent), but did not seem willing to have them armed with certain nuclear weapons. Only 29 per cent agreed that we should seek to "improve NATO's capacity (in Europe) for all-out nuclear retaliation."

Twin Boys Also Scholastic Twins

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