

# Medford High Host to Annual Solo, Ensemble Competition

Medford High school was host last Saturday to the annual solo and ensemble contest held by the Southern Oregon Music Educators association. Seven hundred students from 25 schools in the southern Oregon district took part.

Lynn Sjolund, high school vocal instructor, was chairman, assisted by Jerry Dyrud, vocal supervisor of the Medford school system; I. A. Mirick, instrumental supervisor; John Drysdale and Mrs. Virginia Westerfield, members of the high school music staff; and a large committee of student helpers.

Solo and small ensemble contests have grown to such proportions that two woodwind judges worked simultaneously all day in two different places to take care of the increased participation.

**Adjudicators Listed**

Adjudicators were Mrs. Virginia Elliott, Linfield college, vocal and piano; Dr. William Sweetman, music supervisor for Salem schools, strings and junior division brass; Ira Lee, University of Oregon music school, brass; Carl Gutmann, Hillsboro, and Delbert Chiburg, Salem, woodwinds.

Student soloists and small instrumental and vocal ensembles were judged on the basis of musical standard.

## New Research on Tree Growth Set At Oregon State

Corvallis - New basic research on tree growth has been started by the Oregon State college school of forestry under a \$35,000 grant from the National Science Foundation.

Tree seedlings will be grown in two indoor chambers where light, moisture, and temperature can be carefully and constantly controlled. The two chambers, which look something like walk-in deep freezers, have complex heating and cooling devices, thermostats, and rows of fluorescent lights to stimulate sunlight.

Temperatures can be shifted from freezing to 100 degrees, length of the light day can be regulated, and soil moisture checked.

**New Understanding**

The growth chamber findings will provide new understanding of the factors affecting survival and growth of young trees. It also will help answer questions as to how much of the variation in growth behavior of Douglas fir from different regions is a result of genetic differences or simply response to environment.

Douglas fir seedlings, raised from seed gathered from Canada to Mexico and the Pacific Coast into Montana, will be grown. One chamber will simulate environmental conditions found at the northern end of the Douglas fir range and the other will simulate weather at the southern end.

Dr. W. K. Ferrell, associate professor of forest management, is project leader. Working with him is Dr. Helge Irgens-Moller, forest geneticist. Irgens-Moller is collecting Douglas fir seed from various sites for use in forest genetics tree improvement studies.

Irgens-Moller also will carry out studies on differences in day and night temperature response by the seedlings.

## Portland Business Tops Billion Mark

Portland - (UPI) - Portland business went back to a billion dollar pace in March with bank clearings totaling \$1,004,152,812, according to figures released by the Portland Clearing House Association.

Building permits exceeded \$5 million in proposed construction during the month.

The city's bank clearing total for the month showed a gain of better than 9 per cent compared with clearings of \$918,788,677 for the same month in 1959.

Multnomah county outside the city limits showed a drop in permits as a result of a slowdown in residential construction.

Awards ratings were "I" for superior performance; "II" for excellent, and "III" for good.

Medford High and junior high schools earned a total of 46 I ratings; 29 II ratings and three III ratings. Medford entries were coached by Sjolund, Mirick, Drysdale, Mrs. Westerfield, Elmer Ayres, Al Huntmann, Ron Bartlett, Steve Whipple and E. Ron Rice.

Winners from McLoughlin Junior High school included: Laura Beth Buonocore, piano; Ernest Jones, tuba; Gene King, bass; I. Georgia

Mitchell, clarinet, I; Nancy Housel, alto sax, I; clarinet quartet, I; alto saxophone trio, I; Catherine Watson, French horn, II; string quartet, I; violin duet, I; Terry Bowles, cornet, II; clarinet and flute duet, II; A. J. Beardsley, bassoon, II; Roma Simms, clarinet, III; clarinet trio, III.

**Hedrick Winners**

Hedrick Junior High school winners were:

Doris Young, sousaphone; Ron Ingram, cornet, I; Ricky Taylor, Melvin Taylor and Bob Edwards, saxophone;

Mary Stong, oboe, I; Phil Frohnmayer, alto sax, I; Karen Ruhl, clarinet, I; Vicki Toenniges, tenor sax, I; string sextet, I; cornet trio, I; brass sextet, I; cornet trio No. 2, I; cornet trio No. 3, I; trombone quartet, I; saxophone quartet, I; flute trio, I; Paul Goodwin, bass, II; DeWayne Gier, flute, II; Sue John, flute, II; Janice Johnson, flute, I; string quartet No. 1, II; clarinet quartet, II; flute trio, II; tenor sax duet, II; clarinet quartet No. 1, I; clarinet quartet No. 2, II; and saxophone quartet, III.

Medford High school vocal winners were:

Sharon Smith, soprano, I; Julie Gandt, soprano, I; Linda Smith, mezzo, I; David Lundquist, baritone, I; John Lacy, tenor, I; girls nonette, I; boys octet, I; Diana Hunter, soprano, II; Linda Jo Waltermire, soprano, II; Jean Banks, soprano, II; Claudia Owen, soprano, II; Merrie Marsh, mezzo, II; and Karen Christenson, alto, III.

**Instrumental Winners**

Instrumental winners from senior high school were:

Walter Ayres, violin, I; Bill Hannaford, trombone, I; Robert Bailey, sousaphone, I; John Lacy, baritone horn, I; Julie Fought, alto sax, I; Linda Hess, alto sax, I; string sextet, I; violin duet, I; saxophone quartet, I; saxophone quintet, I; clarinet quartet No. 2, I; brass sextet No. 2, I; brass sextet No. 3, I; Robert Heidi, cornet, II; cornet trio No. 1, II; trombone quartet, II; brass sextet No. 1, II; cornet trio No. 2, II; clarinet quartet No. 1, II; flute quartet, II.

St. Mary's High school choralettes won a I rating.

## Future Business Leaders to Meet

Corvallis - Business students from Medford High school will take part April 8 and 9 in state Future Business Leaders of America meetings at Oregon State college. Thirty-four Oregon high schools now have FBLA chapters and all are expected to be represented at the state conference. Curtis Kinney is ad-

viser for the Medford chapter. Highlights of this year's business fields, a spelling bee and speech contest, and presentation of a \$100 college scholarship to an outstanding Oregon high school senior.

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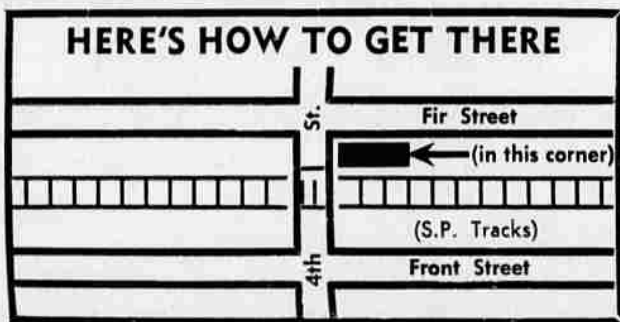


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