

SCHOOL NEWS

Crater High School

By Lynn Malot
Crater high is operating with full strength now that the first few hectic days have passed. Not just the new freshmen, but the whole student body was confused over the new bell schedules. School takes up at 8:45 instead of 9. There are six classes, all 56 minutes in length. The lunch hour is shortened some 20 minutes. The afternoon classes begin at 12:15 instead of 12:40. Activity period is seventh period instead of fifth.

All students are supposed to either attend a meeting or an activity, or clear the school grounds and halls in five minutes. The buses don't leave until 3:45, and those students riding buses must check into some classroom to study. No one is to be roaming the halls. So far the new schedule has worked out fine.

Five new members have been admitted to the faculty this year. Three are graduates from Southern Oregon college and are former SOC football players. They are Troy Bellah, teaching general math and algebra; Jim Tachini, teaching English I and II; and Phil Sword, teaching general and physical science. All three are also assisting varsity football coaches.

New to the Art department is "Tex" Porter, teaching agriculture and mechanical drawing. Back teaching junior English is Jim Backen. Backen taught at Crater two years before he took a leave of absence for a year of study at the University of Oregon.

The first after-game dance after the Crater-Eagle Point football game was a big hit. The dance was sponsored by the student council to honor the freshmen. All freshmen were admitted free, but they had to wear green beanies to make sure everyone knew they were freshmen. Phil Holman, KBOY radio announcer was master of ceremonies for the dance, which was something new to an after-game dance.

Seen running around the halls on the day of a game is the yell squad dressed in their new uniforms. The outfits consist of black and white culottes, black knit, long sleeved sweater with a boat-neck line. The emblems on the sweaters are large white comets surrounded by black flames. To top the outfits off, are black and white plaid belts with black tassels. The boys wear black trousers and black sweaters with Comets on the back.

Queen Becky Ferrell and her squad, Jolene Greene, Lea Taberna, Jerry Wick, Sharon Thompson, Jon Mooster, and Bill Schwab are working hard to promote more school spirit.

The 1960 Constellation has been distributed during the noon hours to those students who have not yet received theirs. A few are left and may be purchased for \$3.

The staff also has been chosen for the 1961 Constellation. Editor is Barbara Pfaff. Assistant editors are Patti McCue and Charlotte Bush. Business manager is Sharon Thompson and her assistant is Janet Hobbs. Candy manager is Sharon Pestka and her assistants are Connie Mitchell and Sharon Walters. The rest of the staff organization is made up of the year book journalism class.

Girls League representatives were elected this week to represent their class on the executive council. They are Senior Sally Bailey; Junior Judy Whaley; Sophomore Karen Aldridge; and Freshman Jo McRae.

Jewett School

Mrs. Ethel Morrison, Reporter
First grades have been stressing school ground and bus safety.

The Metropolitan Readiness tests were given last week. Mothers will meet with first grade teachers and general information will be given regarding the work covered. This will be followed by a question period.

The second grades are studying the life cycle of the monarch butterfly with actual specimens for observation. They will also see the "Monarch Butterfly" film.

The third grade moved into their new rooms although they were not quite completed. The

children are elated at getting to take Bible Study this year.

Enrollment is up at Jewett school this year. Completion of eight new classrooms brought the enrollment on this site up from 310 last May to 511 at present.

The school now houses six classes each of first, second, and third grades, and one fourth grade class. The playground has been enlarged and equipment relocated. Over 300 pupils are now served hot lunches in the cafeteria daily.

St. Mary's School

Barbara Lewis Reporter
In preparation for the Banzan game a pep rally was held after school Friday. A new yell was introduced by the cheerleaders and the team was presented by Coach McKibbin. Father Carl Mal, pastor, and Father John Ikg, athletic director, addressed the student body.

Elections for minor offices were held last week by both clubs and classes. Seniors elected are Bryan Von Buskirk, vice president; Mary Pat Naumes, secretary; and Mike Lewis, treasurer. Junior choices are Doug Snider, vice president; Marilyn Gulden, secretary; and Dave Lowry, treasurer. Those holding offices in sophomore-A rooms are Kathie Hout, vice president; Linda Lewis, secretary; and Peter Naumes, treasurer. Sophomore-B officers are Jim Calhoun, vice president; Barbara Lewis, secretary; and Laura Batzer, treasurer. Presidents of these organizations were elected last spring.

The Pop club minor officers also were elected recently. New electees are Jennifer Espey, vice president, and Barbara Lewis, secretary-treasurer. Helping to lead National Honor Society this year will be Fred Burich, vice president; Anne Manno, secretary; and Karen Crevier, treasurer.

This school year St. Mary's library has received a large selection of science books from the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The books are in a "traveling library" where usually 50 books at a time are loaned to the school for circulation among the students.

The books remain at the school for two months before being sent on in exchange for another set. However, St. Mary's has been allowed, along with a few other selected schools throughout the country, to keep more than 200 of the science and math books for one year. The books cover a wide range, including elementary and advanced technical works taking in most of today's scientific fields as well as biographies of men of science.

At the student council workshop Sept. 19 at Ashland's Britt hall, St. Mary's was elected to furnish the secretary of the Regional Five workshop for next year's session. Some of the workshop activities in which the 10 delegates from St. Mary's participated were problems of school and student participation, parliamentary procedure, club projects and activities, school and community relations, money problems, and student-faculty relations.

McLoughlin Junior High

Edited by Ernie Clark
The completion of fall registration shows that McLoughlin is one of the largest junior high schools in the state. This year's enrollment totals 1,150 students. There was an increase of 88 students over last year.

Nine new teachers have been added to the faculty this year. Arvin Reynolds, Gordon Bradshaw and Vern Craft are teaching English. The math department added Jack Pope and Donald McCoy.

Miss Sandra Laing and Bill Esselstyn are new physical education teachers. Miss Virginia Dericksen is teaching seventh grade vocal music. Monte Kounz is teaching in the science department.

Majorities were chosen this week by Miss Sandra Laing and Ron Rice. The "A" band majorities are Bonnie Chandler, Danielle Graham, Linda Mattson, Sandra Myers, Ann Rix, Penny Rix and Tamara Wright. The "B" band majorities are Judy Kief, Rhoda Serr, Arlene Denbart, Paula Dorff, Gloria Lane, Susan Mercer, Kitty Tingleaf, Sandra Calkins, Kathy Dorsey,

Cheryl Smith and Connie Stal-cop.

Taking Art? Then go to the girls gym. Since the arts and crafts room in the new shop is not complete, William Stoughton and Jack Teeters are conducting art classes in the girls gym. Art students should be settled in their new quarters by Oct. 20.

The school received a par-

Diary of a Bird Watcher



SUMMER
There are different ways of measuring the seasons. Most people talk about "fall" any time after the first of September, but others tell us that technically it began with the equinox last Thursday. If I were to judge the changing of the seasons by the birds on our home place, I would say that fall came on Sept. 14. On that day four different kinds of birds showed up that hadn't been around all summer: white-crowned sparrow, golden-crowned sparrow, song sparrow and rufous-sided towhee. The first two species come in from points farther north, the golden-crowns probably from as far as Canada. The other two are residents in this vicinity but didn't happen to nest around our place.

Even before this, though, the fall migration was going on. As early as the 20th of August we had a black-throated gray warbler on the place, which must have been a migrant. Birds are always on the move. Hardly any two weeks do you see the same varieties in a given place.

Summer is a great time for the moving about of people. This year I had four weeks in Colorado at a kind of school. I had a little time for bird watching, but I found that in that area on the east slope of the Rocky Mts., the bird life is mostly western. There were a few species more or less peculiar to that area such as the gray-headed junco and broad-tailed hummingbird, but the common kinds around the camp where I was were lesser goldfinches, white-breasted nuthatches, doves and others just like we have here. The nuthatches sounded different, though. No doubt they were a separate subspecies.

One of my pleasantest birding experiences came on a stop-over in Green River, Wyo., with my friends the Fred Flochers, formerly of Ashland. We got up early in the morning and they took me up on a high prairie where we saw Brewer's sparrows, sage thrashers and one sage grouse. One bird I enjoyed seeing again nests on the high cliffs of the Garden of the Gods at Colorado Springs. It is the white-throated swift. This is reported to be the fastest bird in North America, and I believe it. I was fascinated to watch them in flight, streaking by. They have a very streamlined body and long, narrow wings. Seeing them interested me even more than the unusual scenery.

The summer was a hot one here, although the worst heat came while I was away. It isn't any wonder that birds are attracted to this irrigated valley and enjoy the spray when we run sprinklers on our lawns. We have had more Brewer's blackbirds than usual around our place. They have consistently outnumbered the robins.

The hunting season on doves begins early around here. The only thing wrong with this is that doves have several broods and often have young in the nest when the hunting season starts. I have always defended hunters, because I think it is a legitimate sport, but it doesn't seem humane to shoot parent birds when they have young in the nest. People sometimes ask me, "Where is a good place to find birds?" They are where you find them and you must look many different places; but I did find one very favorable spot a few days ago. It is the picnic spot, where the spring is, on the north side of Roxy Ann. At this season there is so little water available that many birds come there through the day to quench their thirst.

J. H. and I visited this spot Monday and, waiting just a short time, we saw several interesting birds, including the first pygmy owl and evening grosbeaks we had seen this year. A little later I took my wife and her mother for a picnic lunch at that very same spot and then we saw several more different kinds, for a total of 17 species seen in that one area in less than two hours.

Monday was a good day for birds. Our morning trip to some of the ponds and Roxy Ann, the noon picnic and a little looking on the home place netted a total of 57 species for the day. We live in a fine valley for seeing birds and I have a lot of fun doing it.

From now on we will have even more around the home place because I have started throwing out chick scratch and a few sunflower seeds at 5 p.m. each day, and they already have learned to watch for it. T. M.



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The ninth grade football season got under way Sept. 5 with an average of 40 boys turning out for practice every night. The Bulldog's first game is Sept. 24 at Klamath Falls. The head coach, Ralph (Cy) Perkins and his assistants, Ed Doran and Vern Craft, anticipate a successful season.

Thursday, Sept. 29th, is the date set for personal pictures to be taken. Some time during the day each student will have

The Bull pups, our seventh grade team also turned out 45 players on the first night. Jack Burg and Bill Esselstyn will coach the team.

Griffin Creek School

By Carol Stuart and Paula Minear
Enrollment at Griffin Creek is now 258. We have two new teachers this year. Miss Pat Leek teaches art, music and penmanship. Howard Lindstrom is the arithmetic teacher.

Student body elections were held Sept. 21. Those elected were president, Dale Fowler; vice president, Larry Mitchell; secretary, Pat Eastwood; treasurer, Zella Mason; yell

leaders, Linda Youmans, Pat Eastwood, Linda Eckel, Marilyn Stokes, Carolyn Giles and Joan Johnson. Zella Mason was elected Yell Queen.

Chorus try outs were held

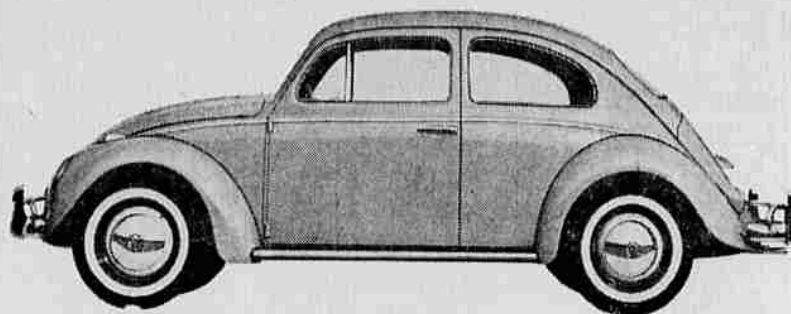
the second week of school. Miss Leek reports there will be about 40 in the chorus this year. Band and stringed instruments lesson have start-

ed with 20 reporting for band and 5 for the stringed instruments.

Physical examination for

boys who are going out for football were given by Dr. Case. The first football game will be Oct. 6 when the Grif-fins meet Jacksonville there.

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