



By Lynn M. Watkins

Small Worlds Around Us

He Really Moves; Sea Robin Walks, Swims, Almost Flies

Nature can be excused somewhat for her experimental venture into the ridiculous by playfully creating such a monstrosity as a "sea robin," but there seems little reason why she should have overdone it by making so many varieties of them.

But she did, and there are as many as 10 or 12 of the little creatures in the warmer parts of the world's oceans. They bear such descriptive names as Carolina, soldier, spotted, southern, crimson, and slender, as well as some named after the man who first classified them.

One that comes closest to the real name of "robin," called the "rosy," is actually colored like the beloved bird called the "robin red breast." The sea robins are a little bird-like in shape. All live much of their lives right at the bottom of the sea. They pull themselves along slowly, with the three digit-like "fingers" that are attached to the underside of the body. The fish hooks these finger-like feet into the sand, then drags itself along.

Small They are small fish, the largest species seldom reaching much over a foot in length. Most are only a third as large. It's a good thing, too, for were they larger they probably would scare the other fish half to death. They are all reddish colored with a wide, triangular-shaped body.

One cannot help but wonder why Nature designed this fish as she did, and how she intended it to perform. The sea robin can walk, swim or almost fly. The little fellow can do a little of each, and with its wide body can come to rest at any level in the water and remain suspended there.

The body is developed into wing-like projections. These fins are nearly as large as a genuine robin's. The creature seems actually to fly gracefully through the water. It swims more easily than it walks.

The so-called "feet" are fin spines. They are more finger-like than feet-like. The tips of the walking "fingers" are bent downward at the tips. These fingers come in pretty handy for probing around in the mud in search of sea worms on which the sea robin feeds.

Comes To Point

The face of this little aquatic "bird" with the red breast comes to a point, somewhat like that of a fox or a dog. On the sea robin's homely face is always what seems like a very disgruntled expression. Two very bright, bead-like eyes add to the illusion of intelligence.

On the top of the body is a high dorsal fin; the body itself is plated with armor-like bone. Usually the body is speckled with blotches, as if the little fellow were afflicted with a case of acne. To add to its usual ridiculousness, the sea robin at rest on the ocean's bottom always is tilted upward. The little thing usually rests on its finger-like feet that are mounted far forward on the underside of the body, giving it an upward slant as if it were about to be launched into space.

With its unusual appearance it is only natural to suppose that this strange little sea creature is always at "tilt"; always trying to make up its feeble mind whether to walk, swim or fly.

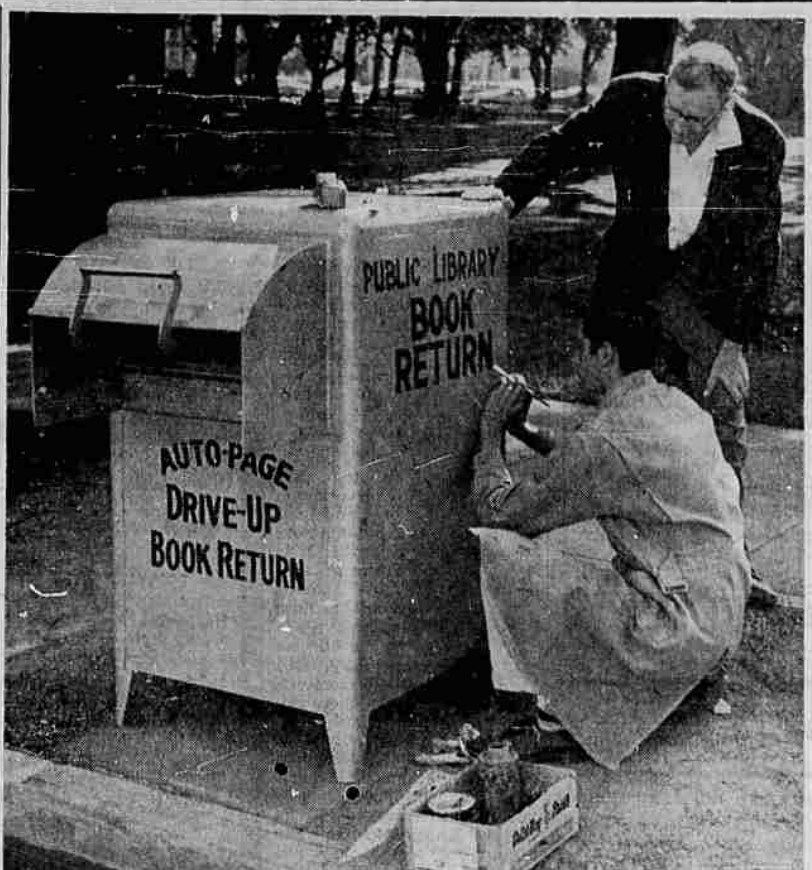
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1,271 Enroll at Southern Oregon

Ashland - A total of 1,271 students have enrolled in Southern Oregon college for the fall term, the college announced Friday.

Registration will continue through Oct. 8, officials said, and additional students are expected to enroll this week.

This year's total so far compares with 1,179 on a comparable date last year, and with last year's total registration of 1,250.



BOOK DROP - A drive-up book drop installed yesterday in front of the Public Library of Medford and Jackson County, will enable library patrons to return library books without getting out of their car. Above, Sign Painter Bill Henderson, an employee of Dic Walsh Sign company, puts the finishing touches on the lettering as Librarian Omar Bacon looks on. The first that it will be available 24 hours a day and that it will be much handier to use, should save a number of overdue charges, patrons, according to Bacon. A spring-loaded false bottom in the box, that raises when empty, keeps books from being damaged by too great a fall.

The Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, three editors and a women's editor. Each article is a summary of an actual case history. The Council reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Cynthia R. - I can't send mother to a home. Enid J. - There is a limit to devotion to a parent.

Cynthia R. - I am a single woman in my 30s, living with my aged, widowed mother. My brother and his wife seem to think it's my duty to look after her, but sometimes I feel I can't bear it any more. Mother has been a nag and a tyrant all her life. I credit her with ruining my taste for marriage. She nagged my father to the point where he developed a serious nervous condition and wound up his life in a mental hospital. I'm afraid the same thing will happen to me.

My friend, Enid, tells me I should find a home for mother and put her in it, whether she likes it or not. Yet I cannot find it in me to do that. I try very hard to be good and patient, but sometimes the very sound of mother's voice or of her footsteps around the house makes me want to scream.

Enid J. - If Cynthia's mother is half as awful as she says she is, I think she should get out of this situation before it is too late. I have told her that many times. She not only ignores me, but goes on doubling her efforts for her mother.

As far as I can see, Mrs. R. is quite capable of getting her own supper, but I have often seen Cynthia hurry home to make supper for her when she is dying to go out with a group of the girls from the office.

I think there is a limit to everything—even devotion to one's parents. I love my parents, but if I felt they had ruined my life the way Cynthia feels, I would have no hesitation about breaking off all connection with them. Sometimes I think Cynthia doesn't want to be free.

The Council: Enid may have hit the nail on the head when she suggests that Cynthia may not want to be free. We get the impression that she is hugging her chains to her as closely as possible.

We do not mean that the elderly woman in this case must be shunted aside. It is entirely possible that she isn't nearly as bad as Cynthia believes. But the fact is that Cynthia sees her mother as a torturer and lives with her in the kind of relationship that excludes all pleasure from her own life. Yet she refuses to modify her life in any way.

Cynthia should recognize that there are no perfect parents. All contribute some good and some less good elements

to their children's lives. But at adulthood, each person must assume responsibility for shaping his own life. The person who endlessly blames his parents for all that is lacking in his life has never ceased to be a child and remains emotionally dependent upon the very parent he vilifies.

Cynthia and her mother are now living in a poisoned atmosphere. The more dutiful Cynthia is in word and deed the more her pent-up hostility grows. Undoubtedly her mother is aware of it and it does her little good.

We shall not tell Cynthia exactly what to do because we think the answer lies in her own mind and feelings rather than in some outside influence. When she decides she wants happiness rather than misery she'll find her own solution.

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National Employ Handicapped Week Oct. 2-8

Editor's Note: The week of Oct. 2 through 8 has been proclaimed as National Employ the Physically Handicapped week by President John F. Kennedy. The week is a reminder to the nation of the strength of our nation is based on ability, on justice, on strength and understanding. We may further add to these by utilizing the abilities of our nation's handicapped.

Not Job Handicapped

We must always remember that when properly placed, the handicapped are not job handicapped. The handicapped are not looking for charity nor to receive extra special job consideration; but they do feel they should be given equal consideration with the non-handicapped to compete for work without discrimination.

This group does not ask for special consideration but for equal consideration. It has been proven by the handicapped now employed that their attendance records, equal and exceed average work performance; their record of performance awards equal and exceed the average; and their safety record exceeds the average safety record. What more can be expected of an individual or group?

When a vacancy occurs look to ability, not disability. Contact the state employment agency and hire a handicapped person—it's good business.

New Cafeteria at CP Junior High To Open on Monday

Central Point-New and expanded dining facilities are set to open tomorrow at the Central Point Elementary and Junior High school, according to Principal George Johns.

Some 800 students can be served in the large cafeteria, and meals will be prepared in a "completely modern" kitchen, Johns added. Construction delays in the kitchen are blamed for the late opening of the facilities.

Seating facilities, metal, fold-away tables which can be moved to enlarge the usable floor area for other activities, will serve more than 200 students at one time.

The new cafeteria is located in the old junior high library. Cooking facilities and storage were arranged by remodeling the stage area that existed at one end of the library. This area is centrally located for the students' convenience.

Prices for the meals will remain at 25 cents, Johns said.

Apprenticeship Classes To Start

Apprenticeship classes sponsored by the Medford public schools adult education department will begin this week under the direction of Lindsay Vinsel, director.

The courses consist of 144 hours of related theory, and are held during a 36-week period. Only apprentices indentured to the trades by their respective apprenticeship committees are eligible to attend, according to Vinsel. The classes are held in cooperation with the state apprenticeship bureau.

The courses will be held in the Medford High school. Courses, their instructors, and meeting times and places include inside-wireman, Richard Buswell, Tuesdays, 7 p.m., room 24; carpentry, Vern Voss, Tuesdays, 7 p.m., room 35; sheetmetal, Lavern Johnson, Monday, 7 p.m., room 34; plumber, John Bennett, Wednesday, 7 p.m., room 24; bricklayer, James Stevens, Thursday, 7:30 p.m., room 13; Monday, 7 p.m., room 35; and power lineman, Bill Rose, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., room 13.

16 Influenza Cases Reported in County

Influenza struck eight persons in Shady Cove, five in Medford, two in Ashland, and one in Phoenix last week, according to the Jackson county health department.

Ashland High School

Sept. 13 was election day for class officers of Ashland High school.

The senior class elected Sid DeBoer, president; Forrest Farmer, vice president; Judy Johnson, secretary; and Lynn Garrett, treasurer.

The junior class officers are Rick Callahan, president; Peg Parsons, vice president; Nita Zickfoose, secretary; and Judy Eberhart, treasurer.

Carol Byork is the sophomore class with Craig Pennington, vice president; Carol Ann James, secretary; and Howard Johnson, treasurer.

During the summer, Judy Bird and Linda Webber, sophomores, were selected for the majorette squad. Judy Goble, Lynn Garrett and Kathy Grimm, old members of the organization, worked with the new girls on routines and techniques.

Majorettes perform at all home football games, both pregame and half-time performing with the Ashland High school marching band which is under the direction of Raoul Maddox.

The senior play, "Down to Earth," by Bettye Knapp, will be presented the first part of November. Tryouts will be held this week. The cast will be chosen from the senior class.

The physical education classes of Ashland High have added archery, field hockey, golf, and bowling. Also upper classmen may take PE this year.

Wallace Iverson from Iverson's Printing shop spoke to the journalism class Sept. 15. Iverson briefed the students on the fundamentals of preparing a newspaper and answered any questions that the students had.

Iverson's shop puts out the school papers for Medford, Phoenix, Talent, Crater and other Rogue valley schools, as well as for Ashland. Iverson attended Medford High and was editor of their school paper.

The Sadie Hawkins dance will be held Friday, Nov. 11, in the school cafeteria from 8 to 11 p.m.

The dance will be sponsored by the junior class for the purpose of raising money for the Junior-Senior prom.

St. Mary's High School

Patricia O'Hara, Reporter

The Durocher Chapter of the National Honor Society met Monday afternoon under the direction of President Ann Bennett.

Plans were made concerning the induction ceremony Oct. 8. Co-chairman of this event will be Mary Pat Naumes and Anne Manno.

Members also decided to sponsor again the Student Teacher Day, a program, where NHS members taught particular high school subject for a day. This year, the activity will be expanded to include teaching in the grade school.

The first general meeting of the Sodality was called to order by Sodality Prefect Dolores Cooper Friday, Sept. 23. Plans concerning a carnival to be given by the Sodality were discussed. Each unit of the student spiritual group will take charge of a booth. The date scheduled for this project is Oct. 19 in St. Mary's gym.

The Freshmen Welcome Day sponsored by the sophomore class was held last Friday. The freshmen were attracted in their ordinary school clothes - turned inside out. Numbers, hung around their necks, distinguished one group of freshmen from another.

Both Freshmen classes met previously to compose songs to "honor" the sophomores. Following school tradition, the freshmen were formally welcomed by the student body at a social hour at the close of the school day.

Although none of the five semi-finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Test in the Medford area is from St. Mary's, the statistics were encouraging. Nine out of 44 members of the senior class scored above the 90th percentile. They were Anne Bennett, Fred Burich, Tom Depner, Dick Evans, Dan Jacobson, Mary Robinson, Florian Shasky, David Rouhier and Bryan Von Buskirk.

CP Junior High School

Our school started Sept. 12 with an enrollment of 823 pupils in grades three through eight. This is 95 pupils less than last year's registration of 918.

We have two new teachers in junior high, Mrs. Shore in the eighth math department, and Mr. Barnhart in eighth social science department.

Individual pictures for the school were taken Sept. 15. The pictures are used for the pupils student body cards, the school annual, and pupils permanent files which are kept in the office.

During a pep assembly Sept. 16, all junior high teachers were introduced. Also introduced were the new student body officers as follows: President, Dean McCalvy; vice president, Bob Bray; secretary, Suzanne Flynn; troop leader, Judy Armstrong; sergeant-at-arms, Pat Kohn; cheerleaders, Cheryl Hammill, Margaret Ayers, Eddie Applegate, and Elaine Wright.

This year we are going to have an up-to-date cafeteria which will be in operation Monday, Oct. 3. This has replaced what was formerly the assembly hall and the library. Service in the new location will be much faster and all pupils will be able to eat as soon as they pick up their tray.

A new library room has been added onto the main building on the west side. This department under the supervision of our librarian, Mrs. Helen Caster, will be greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Caster and a group of pupils have been working all week unpacking books and placing them on shelves. We hope the library will open next week.

Our first football game of the season was Sept. 29, when we played South Grants Pass.

Evans Valley School

A pet show, featuring several kittens, chickens, dogs, lizards, pigeons, parakeets, rabbits, and a baby pig was put on by the second-third grade class of Evans Valley school in the afternoon Sept. 29.

The project was initiated through a discussion and story about National Dog Week. Following this discussion, the children wrote stories about their pets, and drew pictures of them.

The entire school student body and several parents visited the show. The large variety of breeds represented proved of great interest, although no attempt was made to judge the animals on any basis.

All pets were required to be in boxes or cages, and the children were required to accept responsibility for the care of the animals. The event was unmarred by a single mishap.

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McLoughlin Jr. High

Edited by Barbara Edmonds

McLoughlin Junior High is in the process of electing school leaders for the 1960-61 school year. The election of class officers was completed last week and the results of the elections are:

Ninth grade: president, Ron Edmonds; vice president, Jim Allen; secretary, Martha Bulard; and treasurer, Sue Elmgren.

Eighth grade: president, Jim Harbison; vice president, Kathy Mitchell; secretary, Sharon Huggah; and treasurer, Virginia Stewart.

Seventh grade: president, Dick Howsley; vice president, John Ingram; secretary, Teresa Gardner; and treasurer, Ross Dickenson.

The ninth grade yell leader tryouts were held Wednesday, Sept. 28, on the tennis courts at McLoughlin. Girls elected were yell queen, Leslie Stanley, and yell leaders, Pam Jones, Sue White, Nickie Ober, and Barbara Champion. The alternate yell leader is Cheryl Vessey.

The eighth grade held their yell queen tryouts Friday, Sept. 30, at the Mac tennis courts. Paula Lowery was elected yell queen, and Toni Einhouse, Fredaanna Wilkins and Janet Kolkemo are the yell leaders.

The McLoughlin boosters, under the direction of Miss Sandra Laing, also elected officers last week. Election results were: president, Mary Cheney; vice president, Moie Noble; secretary, Chris Helman, and treasurer, Alice Gallegly.

Student body elections will be held the week of Oct. 3. An assembly is planned Wednesday to present the candidates to the student body. Candidates for the class officers are president, Ernie Clark, Brian Porter, Margaret Doolen, and Sharon Hansey; vice president, Peter Hinman, Susan Kagy and Cliff Roberts; secretary, Betty Lou Hatch and Nancy Elstrom; treasurer, Karen Huggah and Day Lynch.

The general student body election will be held Friday, Oct. 7. Leonard Brunette's history classes will supervise the elections.

The Future Homemakers of America met Monday, Sept. 26, with their advisor, Mrs. Mary McKenna. A nominating committee was appointed and elections will be held at the next meeting.

McLoughlin Junior High, for the first time in its history, will have an annual. Mr. Janzen was named advisor with Monte Kounz in charge of photography.

EXPERT PAPERHANGING SP 2-7897

Adult Courses Are Available in City

Several types of courses are available for enrollment this week in the adult education program Medford, according to Lindsay Vinsel, director.

Courses and their meeting nights include creative writing, Tuesday; intermediate Spanish, Thursday; business machines, Thursday; beginning bookkeeping, Thursday; beginning typing, Thursday; Bishop Clothing I, Monday; Bishop Clothing II, Monday; millinery, Tuesday, knitting, Wednesday; and audio-visual aids, Tuesday.

Also open for registration are the electronic and auto mechanic curriculums, which meet Monday through Friday from 5:50 to 10:20 p.m.

Registration may be made at the individual class meetings in the Medford High school at 7 p.m. Additional information may be obtained by telephoning the adult education office, SP 3-7220.

Personal pictures were taken Thursday, Sept. 29. They will be received in approximately three weeks. Students are under no obligation to purchase the pictures.

The Bulldogs and Klamath Falls met in a deadlock Saturday, Sept. 24. The score was 6 to 6. Mike Barnes made Mac's only touchdown. The Bulldogs met with the Ashland Grizzlies on our field, Friday, Sept. 30, at 3:30 p.m.

The eighth grade team started their five game football season by playing Ashland Oct. 1 at 1:30 p.m.

Jewett School Gets Merit Certificate

Central Point - Jewett Elementary school has received a certificate of exceptional merit, and has been placed on the National School Safety Honor Roll of the National Safety Council, William Brewster, school principal, has announced.

Regarding the award, Brewster said: "We are proud of our safety education program and are pleased that the National Safety Council has recognized our efforts."

"As long as accidents are the first ranking cause of death among school-age children," he said, "all of us on the staff of Jewett Elementary school will continue our organized safety program to teach the young people of our community to protect themselves and their fellow students."

The committee which reviewed the work of the school was comprised of Brewster, Frances Tonn, safety education supervisor, and Mary Colley.

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