

SCHOOL NEWS

Medford High School

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Last Monday and Tuesday, interviews for the American Field Service program were held in the dean of girls office. Twelve juniors were interviewed by members of the AFC committee. This program promotes better understanding between countries by an exchange of students.

On Dec. 11, at 2 p.m. in the Medford High auditorium, MHS's senior symphony band and senior choir will present their annual benefit program. The staff of radio station KMED will sponsor the program. The profits will go toward the band's trip to San Francisco, Dec. 31, for the Shrine All-Star game. Tickets for the benefit will be available in early December.

Clay Varney and Ken Durkee, who were injured in an auto accident last spring, are now patients at the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland. The boys have said that they would welcome letters or visitors from the Medford area. Their address is: Varney and Durkee, room 457, Good Samaritan hospital, 1015 SW 22nd ave., Portland 10.

A new "workshop" for teachers has been installed on the second floor of Medford High. Room 14 has been made into a workshop to give the teachers a place to do typing and mimeographing.

The workshop has a mimeograph machine, typewriters, and shelves for materials. Across from the workshop a new social studies classroom has been built. This room will store materials for social studies courses. It also includes a typewriter and shelf-desk.

About 220 of last year's sophomores ordered rings last spring. The rings have arrived and are now being sold at the ticket office at noon.

Rings may be ordered now by those juniors who did not do so last year. Orders must be placed before this Friday. Prices of the rings range from \$13.30 to \$31 for the girls, and \$14.30 to \$36.50 for the boys.

The first make-up list for the year was issued last Thursday. Every student was asked to check the list to see if his name was on it. A special make-up room was open last Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. All time must be made up, and all library fines paid before the end of the nine weeks or all nine weeks exam grades will automatically become F's. Nine weeks tests will be given next week.

Tennis intramurals, sponsored by the Girls Athletic association, will be held after school during the months of October and November.

Girls who wish to participate may sign up in the girls' gym. A sub-district conference will be held in November. Last Tuesday evening the Future Teachers of America held its initiation ceremony. President Nancy Hinman welcomed the new members. Following the ceremony a business meeting was held and plans were discussed for the FTA state convention. It was decided that the club will send four voting delegates. Three officers and Marsha Watson will be the delegates. John Mast, the club advisor, is arranging for cars to transport members to La Grande

for the convention Nov. 11 and 12. Carol Wiegand was elected to fill the office of librarian, recently vacated.

The International Relations League of MHS has invited IRL clubs from neighboring cities to meet here in Medford Dec. 10 for a conference. Clubs from Riddle, Roseburg, Klamath Falls, Grants Pass, Myrtle Creek, Myrtle Point, Lakeview, North Bend and Coos Bay have been invited. Observers from Ashland and Central Point may also attend.

A model United Nations assembly will be held with members of the various clubs participating. Lunch will be served and the visiting clubs will leave for home about 2 or 3 p.m.

Construction and layout for the boys' gym to be placed on the south side of the school between the music building and shop was started last week. With the addition of this new building, the old boys' gym will house facilities for the new girls' gym and the former girls' gym will be converted into an audio-visual center.

The new project which will consist of four new classrooms, a training room, a coaches' office and a storage room is expected to be finished sometime in February.

The Chess club, now in its second year, is holding a chess tournament. Participants play after school hours. During the year there will be five tournaments and an all-school tournament is scheduled during the Christmas season.

Half of the Future Homemakers of America went on a field trip to Mon Desir last Monday. The hosts showed the girls unusual methods of preparing food. The remaining girls will attend at a later date.

On November 5, the FHA will attend a district meeting at Rogue River. Medford's responsibility is to select a candidate for the office of district chairman.

Crater High School

By LYNN MALOT
The freshman class has been busy with the elections of class officers, representatives, and yell leaders.

Elections for class officers went as follows: president, Vern Swanson; vice-president, Ray White; secretary, Dianne Shelton; and treasurer, Judy Post.

Elected as representatives to the student council were Ann Bowling, Elizabeth Pierce, John Bush, Mike Rickard, Greg Appen, and Jackie McConnell.

The freshman yell leaders are Queen Lorraine Hixson; squad, Sue Kelly, Toni Morrow, Ann Bowling, and Gloria Thompson.

The FFA sponsored its annual Western Day and Barn Dance Friday. Everyone was supposed to dress in western style. A prize was given to the best-dressed couple. The winners were given free tickets to the dance.

Nominees for the "Chapter Sweetheart" were Jerri Wick, Sharon Trautman, Sue Higinbotham, and Bernadine Sharp. The ag boys voted in their classes after each girl had given a campaign speech.

The "Sweetheart" was announced at the dance, and given a white FFA jacket with her name on it.

Music was provided by the Bill Hannaford band, and entertainment by the Shadows, who put on a 30-minute

show. Box lunches were sold to the highest bidder.

The Crater Future Farmers chapter was one of the two FFA chapters in Oregon to receive a national rating at the national FFA convention in Kansas City last week. President Don Denning and Treasurer Jim Frink represented the chapter at the convention.

Four award classifications are made each year. The award a chapter receives is based on its year's activities. Of 9,000 chapters in the nation approximately 40 receive a gold rating, 40 a silver rating and 60 a bronze rating or honorable mention.

The Crater chapter was awarded a silver rating for last year's activities. This makes the third consecutive year the chapter has won a national rating. It received a bronze in 1958 and a gold in 1959.

Tryouts for the fall play, "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine" were held Thursday and Friday. The play is under the direction of Bill Russell who is also doing the casting. Russell said that 31 students tried out for the 14 roles in the play. The casting has not yet been affirmed and there are still two male parts open. The performance date of the play is Dec. 2 and 3.

Senior princess Becky Ferrell was crowned queen of Homecoming during the halftime of the Crater-Yreka game. Her escort was Dave White. Student Body President Dave Foote did the crowning.

The seniors won the \$5 cash prize for having the best decorated convertible in the noise parade, and they also won the competition yell. Becky also won the car blanket in a contest sponsored by the Comets.

The Girls Athletic association played its traditional "Broom Hockey" game in the gym seventh period Thursday.

The competition was keen between the junior and senior girls. The teams were dressed in many different ways, shapes and forms, making for a comical game. "Broom Hockey" is played with small brooms and a rubber ball, and the rules are much like that of regular field hockey. The admittance price was a dime and many turned out to see the spectacular game. It ended in a tie, 1-1.

Hedrick Junior High

By Sarah Madden, Steve Root, Venita Burch, John Hughes, and Janet Howard
Chris Bartels was elected president of the Future Homemakers of America at a meeting Oct. 18. Other officers include Jane Stinson, vice president; Christy Finch, secretary; Lynn Loros, treasurer; Julie Miller, parliamentarian; Mary Beth Lockington, historian; Sarah Madden, reporter; and Pat Selby, song leader. Advisors are Mrs. Dorothy Sneed and Miss Phyllis Black.

To observe United Nations Week, Oct. 23-29, the library displayed book covers from books about places all over the world. In the center of the display, rows of small flags, one from every member of the United Nations, were placed. The inside case held dolls dressed in costumes from different countries of the world. These were brought to school by students.

Foreign language teachers

The Hive has posted the ground clean-up schedule for this year. Seventh grade homemakers will be responsible through January. Eighth will be scheduled later.

"Aunt Jemima" of General Mills, Inc., will highlight a pancake feed to be held at Hedrick Oct. 28. Aunt Jemima hotcakes, and sausage, coffee, and orange juice will be served. The event is being sponsored by the Medford Lions club and proceeds will be for youth activities. She will also appear at a special assembly at Hedrick Friday morning.

Varied expressions were seen on faces of Hedrick students as they received their pictures last week. Two small pictures of each student will be kept on file for office records. Individual pictures of

ninth graders will be used for Hedrick's new memory book with the seventh and eighth graders appearing in group pictures taken by home rooms.

An ice cream feed will be the prize given to the home room with 100 per cent PTA membership.

The seventh grade girls are playing in a volley-tennis tournament. This game is a combination of volleyball and tennis and is being played on the tennis courts. The winning team from each PE class will play after school for the championship during the week of Oct. 24 through 28.

Tom Colley's seventh grade geography class has put up a special display in one of the hall showcases on "Soils of Medford."

Linda Wilkes and Don Thompson, Hedrick students on the Medford High swimming team, attended a dual meet in Sweet Home last Friday. Linda Wilkes placed third in the 50-yard breast stroke, second in the 100-yard free style, and first in the freestyle relay. Don Thompson won three seconds—the 100-yard breast stroke, 100-yard back stroke and 228 yard individual medley.

The Hedrick band played its first concert Thursday evening, Oct. 20, for the candidates fair sponsored by the League of Women Voters held in the gym.

Members of the dance band and "Hungry Five" provided additional entertainment throughout the evening.

An object of discussion in the typing class was an old typewriter loaned to the school by Mrs. T. Hassman. The typewriter was manufactured before the turn of the century and is still in working condition. No ribbon is used and when a key is depressed, an inked roller turns and prints the letter. The typewriter was purchased in Sweden and has both the Swedish and English alphabets on the keys.

Newly elected officers of the Stinger club are Martha Dixon, president; Vicki Hall, vice president; Sue Root, secretary-treasurer; Sandra Joyce, sergeant-at-arms; Lee Ann Riggs, historian; Paula Potts, reporter; Kathy Dougherty, eighth grade leader; and Martha Anderson, seventh grade leader.

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Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

She Made a 'Fraidy-cat' Out of Her Cat

A lady of my acquaintance claimed it was easy to stop cats from preying on birds; at least her method had been successful in her own yard.

And strangely enough, the birds have apparently learned, too, for now they accept the cat's presence, seeming to know the animal will not attack them.

The lady explains she has "trained her cat" and, she says, the training is easy and permanent. She discovered the secret by applying an old, childish expression to cat-behavior. She often wondered just why, or how, the expression originated, when children at play, when trying to encourage or ridicule a timid child, always called the scared one, a "fraidy-cat."

She reasoned that, at some time or other, someone noticed that a cat could be afraid, too, and they applied it to anyone who was afraid. So, she reasoned it would be worth trying to make her cat afraid. The cat, of course, being possessed of considerable intelligence, probably would stay afraid. So she tried to devise a method of creating fear in the cat. She tried several ways, with little success, always being careful not to hurt the animal.

When she finally discovered the correct technique, she was surprised to find how very simple it was, and in the case of her animal, it works to perfection. The lady, with a long stick, placed a bird cage containing her parakeet, on the lawn. After liberating the cat she hid herself in a nearby bush about a stick's-length away.

The cat saw the bird. Immediately her predatory instincts became aroused. Settling down on her stomach she began the silent stalk, her tail-tip twitching with nervous jerks. Just before the cat, whose entire attention was focused on the caged bird, settled herself for the final spring, the lady brought the stick down sharply, just in front of the animal's head. The cat jumped a foot into

the air, turned tail and ran, half scared to death. Three or four times this performance was repeated. Then the lady secured a much larger stick, put a generous amount of food on the feeding station, and hid herself again in the nearby bushes, but

close enough to reach the bird-feeder with the stick. Once again the cat began the careful stalk toward the nervous birds. Again, and with all her strength, the lady hit the ground with the stick, a few inches in front of the animal. The bird flew and so did the cat.

It only had to be repeated half a dozen times before the cat had learned her lesson. The cat still wants to eat birds, but she's "afraid." That, says the lady, very satisfied with herself, is the reason her cat will not eat a bird; she is a "fraidy-cat."

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CHECKS INSTRUMENTS—Project Mercury Astronaut Virgil I. Grissom checks his instrument panel prior to a training "flight" on the human centrifuge at the Aviation Medical Acceleration Laboratory at Johnsville, Pa., designed to provide the astronauts with acceleration experience in preparation for Redstone-boosted manned space flight. Project Mercury is the initial U.S. manned space flight program being conducted by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to investigate man's capabilities in the space environment. (UPI Telephoto)

Billboard Measure Arguments Given At Chamber Event

Ashland—Arguments for and against the controversial billboard control measure appearing on the November ballot were presented at the weekly Ashland Chamber of Commerce meeting Tuesday at the Mark Antony hotel.

Mrs. Marjorie Wade and Jack Edson presented opposite views of the issue. Edson, Medford architect and member of the Oregon Highway Protection committee, spoke in favor of the proposal. Mrs. Wade spoke against the measure. She and her husband are owners of the Par-A-Dise motel, Talent.

The billboard measure, No. 15 on the ballot, would prohibit certain advertising signs within 600 feet of interstate highways and throughways. It would particularly apply to Highway 30 east of Portland and Highway 99 running the length of the state. The measure, if passed, would regulate the controversial billboard control measure appearing on the November ballot were presented at the weekly Ashland Chamber of Commerce meeting Tuesday at the Mark Antony hotel.

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 10926
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR JACKSON COUNTY
In the Matter of the Estate of BYRON N. ELLIS, deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above court has appointed Ivra Ellis, the undersigned, executrix of the estate of BYRON N. ELLIS, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same with proper vouchers within six months from this date at the offices of Frohnmayer, Lowry, Hogan & Deatherage, Cooley Theatre Building, Medford, Oregon. Dated and first published this 26th day of October, 1960.
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