



FIRST ATOMIC BOMBS - The Atomic Energy Commission and the Defense Department have released pictures of the atomic bombs dropped over Japan which brought an end to World War II. In the upper photo is the "Little Boy" type of nuclear weapon which was dropped over Hiroshima. The bomb is 28 inches in diameter and is 120 inches long. It weighed about 9,000 pounds and had a yield equivalent of approximately 20,000 tons of high explosive. The lower photo shows the "Fat Man" type of bomb which was dropped over Nagasaki. It is 60 inches in diameter and 128 inches long. It weighed 10,000 pounds and had a yield equivalent to approximately 20,000 tons of high explosives.

(UPI Telephoto)

Pictures of Atomic Bombs Dropped On Japan Shown

Washington - (UPI) - The United States made public Tuesday pictures of the first atomic bombs exploded over Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, in 1945.

The pictures were released jointly by the Defense Department and the Atomic Energy Commission on the eve of the 19th anniversary of the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor which plunged the United States into World War II.

Dropped in 1945
The first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima Aug. 6, 1945. The second was dropped on Nagasaki three days later.

Two types of bombs were shown in the pictures—the Little Boy type dropped on Hiroshima and the Fat Boy type which hit Nagasaki.

The Little Boy weighed about 9,000 pounds. It was 28 inches in diameter and 120 inches long. The Fat Boy weighed 10,000 pounds. It was 60 inches in diameter and 128 inches long.

The two bombs killed a total of 150,000 persons.

Officials said the pictures of the bombs have been withheld until now because unfavorable diplomatic results might have been provoked by their release previously.

Reluctant Approval

A spokesman said the release was approved reluctantly by the State Department.

But the spokesman said the pictures have no military classification, and the combined decision of the State and Defense departments and the Atomic Energy Commission was that the release "concerned a matter of history, and would not be inimical to the interests of the United States."

School News

Hedrick Junior High
By Sarah Madden, Steve Root, Jane Zier, Karen Meadows, David Smith

Straight A report cards were received by three Hedrick students for the first nine weeks. They were Kathryn Foley, ninth grade; John Castorline, eighth grade; and Sarah Jo Diment, seventh grade.

On the honor roll were 32 seventh graders, 26 eighth graders, and 23 ninth graders.

"22-46-56" Admitting proportions like a "sawdust burner," Lewis Thanos claims these measurements won him the "best figure" award in the Faculty Assembly Nov. 23.

Thanos was accompanied by the "Hedrick Harmonizers," Ronald Bartlett, Carroll Graber, Otis Swisher, and John Drysdale, singing "Itsy-Bitsy, Teeny-Weeny, Yellow Polka Dot Bikini." Other awards went to Don (Donna) Ferguson prettiest legs; Ralph (Marilyn) Monroe, best walk; Robert (Bobbie) Gouley, prettiest eyes; Glenn (Glenna) Linn, prettiest hair; and Dennis (Donna) Bateman, biggest flirt.

Bruce Nelson, dean of boys, gave a humorous speech on "The Truth Will Be Way Out," and Jerome McDougall recited "A Beautiful Poem to a Honey Bee."

Women faculty members performed a potato sack chorus line to "The Syncopated Clock," followed by the "Hedrick Harmonizers" singing "My Coney Island Baby" and "Shine on Me."

A rollicking version of "The Whiffenpoof Song" was sung by the Men's Faculty Chorus directed by John Drysdale. The assembly was then concluded by McDougall in a tribute to Thanksgiving, followed by Swisher singing "Bless This House."

The Hedrick orchestra, choir, and seventh and eighth grade choruses will perform in a Christmas program in the Hedrick gym, Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 8 p.m. Highlight of the evening will be the "Nativity."

Eighth grade football team elected Doug Olson as its most valuable player.

The Hedrick gym was the scene of a wrestling match between the Trojans of South Grants Pass and the Hornets of Hedrick. The Trojans took an early lead of 18-0. The Hornets worked their way to 18-28, favor of SGP. Jeff Hardrath in the 168-pound class and Mike Mayfield in the unlimited class won their matches to tie up the score. Final totals were 28-28.

Over 300 students attended the Snowflake Dream Dance which was sponsored by the Singers Dec. 2, from 7 until 9:30 in the school cafeteria. Decorations were a myriad of snowflakes which carried out the wintry theme.

Entertainment was furnished by the Shadows, Imperials and the Bill Hannaford quartet.

Refreshments were served throughout the evening.

The art display case has been filled with paper mache animals made by Miss Cath-



By Lynn M. Watkins

Small Worlds Around Us

The Great American Eagle Screams Faintly Now

At least there is some little satisfaction in having lived at a time when the American bald eagle was an occasional visitor in the sky.

A never-to-be-forgotten thrill was the first shrill scream, coming from out of the blue sky, and knowing that this wild call came from the great bird soaring on stiffened pinions far above our earthbound feet.

The American bald eagle, majestic in his wildness and his freedom, master of the airways, supreme up there in the clear atmosphere, is the symbol of a great nation. Just seeing the majestic birds up there gave us a feeling of freedom and mastery of wide spaces; a living creature, untamed, unconfined, unshackled.

Later, a rather intimate familiarity with the bald eagle and his home life became possible. In frequent trips affield the great bulky nests were counted, and their locations carefully recorded for future observation.

Young bald eagles, still chained by immaturity to the nesting platform, became willing subjects for photographic film.

A certain quality of mild disappointment was felt when we realized this majestic bird made no attempt to protect its eggs or young. A visit to the top of the eagle's nest always frightened the parent birds away, and regardless of the time we spent on the platform and the screams of the baby eagles, the parents never came back to dispute our presence.

Within a relatively short radius of home we catalogued 17 eagles' nests. And each year all but one of the nests produced at least one eaglet. These nests protected the young and they left, able to take care of themselves; capable of taking their places in the clear sky.

Few Nests Left
And all this was just a few short years ago. Today all but one of the nests are gone, and no new ones have been constructed. Hurricanes have blown down some nesting trees. Wild bush fires, some deliberately manmade, have destroyed others.

Men and boys with rifles, ignorant or thoughtless of the significance of this majestic bird, have shot down this living symbol of the independence of a great nation.

Expanding home and industrial development have destroyed what few nests were left.

Perhaps already too late, the governor of the great state of Florida has proclaimed "Bald Eagle Week," in an attempt to save what few eagles are still struggling for a little place in the sun.

The symbol of American freedom and independence screams faintly now. Too soon the echo will have completely faded away, and another American bird will have passed from the earthly scene.

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Fire in Mattress Almost Disastrous

Los Angeles - (UPI) - It was only a minor fire in a mattress, but for an elderly couple who didn't believe in banks it almost proved disastrous.

When firemen answered the call Tuesday at the home of Leslie Smoot, 73, and his wife, Rose, 60, they found the couple excitedly trying to collect their life savings of \$8,260 in bills and silver stowed in the mattress, in the pillow cases, in shoes and jars throughout the bedroom.

Firemen quickly doused the flames started by a short in a heating pad. The couple, operators of a small cafe, explained they were distrustful of banks since losing their savings during the depression of the 1930s.

Added Mrs. Smoot, "Will you give me a ride—I'm going to the bank to deposit this money."

erine Fonken's seventh grade art classes.

Now being displayed in the home economics display case are gifts that the girls can make and give as Christmas presents. Gift suggestions are skirts, canned foods, and cupcakes.

A color scheme combining all hues will be the result of the redecoration given the Hedrick library. Pastel shades of rose, yellow, and turquoise are being used. Mrs. Mildred Rogers said that this will help show our bulletin boards to better advantage.



WON CONTEST - The Disabled American Veterans sponsored talent show will be held at Medford High school auditorium at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9. Auditions were held earlier at the theater at the Veterans administration domiciliary at White City. Last year's winner, Bonnie Goehring, Eagle Point, is shown above. (Knackstedt Photo)

Kennedy Leases Virginia Estate

Washington - (UPI) - President-elect John F. Kennedy has leased a country estate near Middleburg Va., as a week end retreat where his wife can ride horseback and his children can romp after he enters the White House. The country home—which Kennedy is leasing for one year—is located in the heart of Virginia's hunt country, where riding to the hounds is a principal sport. Jacqueline Kennedy is an excellent horsewoman. Kennedy said he was not sure of the retreat's precise location. Presumably the leasing arrangements were handled by an aide.

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