



DEMONSTRATION SET—The Umbach Aircraft Corporation, Hagerstown, Md., will demonstrate its plane, shown above, at Medford municipal airport at 9 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, weather permitting, according to Everett L. Robertson, Phoenix, area representative. This will be the first flight demonstration in this area of the craft, which is capable of vertical take-offs and landings and can cruise about 100 miles per hour.

Phoenix Grade School

The students in Mrs. Jane Germer's first grade class have been learning about plants in winter. We have made pussy willows for our first signs of spring.

We have a new student in our room, Lori Ann Weddle, from Yreka, Calif.

In phonics, we have been matching letters and beginning sounds to pictures and words.

Mrs. Annie Gerison's first grade celebrated Lincoln's birthday by writing a story about him, and making a drawing of a log cabin.

We have made drawings of pussy willows which were brought to school by Ronnie Caster. We had two films Thursday, entitled "Winter Animals" and "Winter on the Farm." The pupils learned about the winter habits and food of the racoon, badger, skunk, rabbits, fox and deer.

This week the children in Mrs. Alice Swingle's first grade read about "Uncle Fred's Farm." We looked at pictures and read stories about what animals we would see on the farm. We drew a big picture of a farm for our bulletin board.

We have looked for signs of spring. Children brought pussy willows and forsythia to school.

We have a Valentine party. We decorated our room with flowers and monkeys made out of hearts. The room mothers, Mrs. Charles Walley and Mrs. Darrel Paxon, brought cupcakes and punch.

The students in Mrs. Nadine Ramirez's room are reading in new books now. They have built the "Spring Street Neighborhood." They used various sized boxes for buildings. Mr. Tony's Peanut Stand is the most popular. The students are learning about traffic by running toy cars on the streets of the neighborhood.

The moon and man-made satellites have been the objects of study and interest in Mrs. Fern Walker's second grade. The children saw a movie about the moon, which showed photographs of the hills and craters on it.

The children in Mrs. Fern Walker's room saw a movie about the parts of the body. They showed what an important job the muscles do. One of the children brought a plastic model of the human body to school. We have been discussing the need for different kinds of food in order to build the body properly.

Lee Sparks brought a cocoon for the science table in Mrs. Gertrude Wooten's second grade room. We hope to see a moth come out of the cocoon. We check it every day. We have a bulletin board in our room with pictures of "Our New First Family."

Through the courtesy of Vera Barlow, Mrs. Aleen Besonette's third grade students were able to look at water from an irrigation ditch. With the microscope, students observed several specimens of uni-cellular life.

We have a new student, Larry Edwards, in our room.

Mrs. Lucille Scott's third graders have been studying clothing. We brought scraps of all kinds of materials to put on a bulletin board, and later we will dress paper dolls for a fashion show. Debbie Jo Marsh brought some Japanese silk cloths her uncle got when he was in the Air Force.

Signs of spring are here. We have pussy willows in our room, and the boys are bringing marbles to school.

Mrs. Martha Brown's third grade had 24 visitors recently. Mrs. Scott's third grade came to see our art gallery. They enjoyed our display of clothing.

Mrs. Shirley Kanno's fourth graders are learning

about the Highland Indians of Peru in social studies. We arranged a bulletin board picture display of Peruvian Indians, and saw filmstrips about Peru. We also heard a program on the Inca Indians on the standard school broadcast.

In Wallace Eri's room, Larry Ray and his committee are working on a chart showing the advancement of transportation. Six weeks test period will be March 2 and 3, completing 24 weeks of school. Karen Kelley has transferred to California.

In Mrs. Agnes Rupp's fifth grade room, the Valentine party was held Friday, Feb. 10. The entertainment com-

mittee presented a short play entitled, "February, the Birthday Month."

The girls are practicing volleyball in preparation for the intramural games to be held at a later date.

Valentine decorations in Mrs. Kathryn Stancliffe's room were in pink and white, and were made by the decorating committee with Sharon Scott serving as chairman. We had our Valentine party Friday afternoon. Our program consisted of two special music numbers by Darcy Dill and John Barklow. Bruce Cox read several articles about Abraham Lincoln.

A center of interest in our room are old, pretty Valen-

tines brought by our teacher.

Mrs. Stancliffe was an honored guest at the opening of the new First National Bank of Phoenix Feb. 10. She had formerly been mayor of Phoenix.

In Lloyd Hale's sixth grade class we have been studying about conservation, and how the surface of the earth changes. Our geography travels have taken us to South America and we note with great interest how Simon Bolivar is called the "George Washington of South America."

With the help of Mrs. DeVore, students in Mrs. Gladys Sloan's sixth grade are making a big mural of life in the

Drinkers Are Costing Economy Billion Yearly

New York—The National Council on Alcoholism has launched a drive to tell more people about the evils of drinking.

A non-profit health agency

Central American countries. John Dube and Stephen Lewis drew a large map for the center. Some of the students are making volcano pictures, several prepared a panel discussion on the Republic of Panama and the Panama Canal.

The girls have played the boys several games of volleyball. Intramural games for the fifth and sixth grades will begin soon.

specializing in research, education and information regarding the disease of alcoholism, the NCA hopes eventually to have an affiliate with an alcoholism information center in every community of 25,000 population and over. It now has 64 full affiliates in major communities throughout the country.

Sparkling the drive is R. Brinkley Smithers, NCA president, who estimates the United States has more than 6 million alcoholics, the greatest number of any nation in the western world.

"The most recent estimates, both governmental and private, show alcoholism costing this nation some 36 million

work days per year," Smithers said. "The 2 million alcoholics in industry are costing our economy at least a billion dollars per year."

Half Men
"In addition there are millions of abnormally heavy drinkers who drag through millions of unproductive hang-over days as 'half men'—a term applied to them by the Yale Center of Alcohol Studies."

"From these latter millions come tomorrow's full-blown alcoholics."

The NCA centers last year received more than 50,000 inquiries related to problem drinking. Some were from alcoholics themselves; others

came from members of their immediate families who sought help for their loved ones.

NCA was founded 17 years ago by Mrs. Marty Mann, a recovered alcoholic and a career woman in the advertising and public relations fields. For the first few years, it was part of the Yale Center of Alcohol Studies, becoming a national voluntary agency in 1949.

"NCA is not a 'dry' or 'wet' organization," according to Mrs. Mann. "We are not interested in social drinking, but seek only to help those afflicted with the disease of alcoholism."



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NATIONAL F.F.A.

The Future Farmers of America is a national organization made up of boys studying vocational agriculture in high school. There are approximately 9,000 high schools in the United States with F.F.A. chapters. The National Future Farmers association is governed by National student officers, who are elected each year at the National F.F.A. Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. The state associations are governed by student officers who are elected each year at the respective conventions. Oregon will hold its convention at Salem in March. Dennis Wood of Malilla will preside over the State Convention. Dennis won the National Public Speaking contest at Kansas City last October. One of the state officers who will be active at the state convention is State Reporter David Foote of the Crater Chapter. There are 89 F.F.A. Chapters in Oregon. The three F.F.A. Chapters in Jackson County are Eagle Point, Phoenix and Crater. These chapters and five other Rogue Valley Chapters make up the Rogue-Umpqua F.F.A. District. The Rogue-Umpqua District is headed by State Reporter David Foote of Crater and is advised by District adviser Jack Dube of Phoenix.

THE CRATER F.F.A.

The Crater F.F.A. Chapter with an active membership of 128 is one of the largest Chapters in Oregon. The Crater chapter carries on its activities under the leadership of its officers and is advised by two advisors. The Crater chapter is one of the two Oregon Chapters to receive the honor of a National Emblem Chapter for its activities. The Crater chapter has received a national emblem award each year for the last 3 years. The Crater F.F.A. divides its activities among supervised farming at the boys home, community service, technical agricultural methods and leadership.

A few of the activities the Crater chapter participate in are:

Publishes a news letter containing technical agriculture to 150 farmers each month.

Conduct 3 to 4 radio programs each week on two radio stations.

Supervised farming. In this field the Chapter has been awarded three District Better Farming winners and has had nine state better farmers in the last four years.

In Leadership the Chapter has had 2 state public speaking winners, the parliamentary teams have placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the state contests.

The chapter puts on a banquet each April for 400 parents and members of the community.

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