

School News

McLoughlin Junior High

The ninth grade has started practice for the annual opera. The title of the show this year is "Good News," written by Laurence Schwab and B. G. DeSilva.

Two performances of the play will be given to the public. The first will be given to the McLoughlin students April 26 at 10 a.m. The final performance will be presented Friday, April 29, at 8 p.m. in the boys' gym at McLoughlin.

Practice will run to the time of the final performance, April 29. The directors are Ray Lewis and Jack Henry. The leads in "Good News" are Tom, played by Mike Barnes, Terry Winetrot is Beef, Bill Houston plays Bob, Johnson is played by Dale Hookersmith, Brian Porter plays Kearney, Kenyon is played by Bill Piche, Ernie Clark is George, Stasi is played by Pete Hinman, Windy, by Bob Walker, Sylvester, Craig Savage; Connie, Margaret Doolen; Babe, Pan Jones; Mille, Valerie Knights; F. L. Marily Watkins; Pat, Jacques Long; and Edna, Sue White. In addition, there will be dancers and chorus members numbering about 100 students.

White City veterans were entertained by select numbers from the annual talent show sponsored by the Junior Red Cross. The acts went to White City late in March.

The McLoughlin majorettes raised money to buy new uniforms for the Pear Blossom Parade. The girls held two car washes and a cupcake sale during the ninth grade lunch hour. Profits from the three ventures were \$46. Those participating were Penny Rix, Tamara Wright, Ann Rix, Sandy Myers, Danielle Graham, Linda Mattson, and Bonnie Chandler.

Briscoe, Ashland

Students in Mrs. Doris Lassen's first grade have been studying the dairy and dairy

Grants Pass Man Killed by Log

By United Press International
Two Oregonians with the same last name met death in separate accidents in Oregon and California Tuesday.
Donald H. Schmidt, 42, Grants Pass, was killed instantly when struck by a log being unloaded at the Tunnel Creek mill pond near Wolf Creek. He was a co-operator of the mill.
Charles Schmidt, 73, St. Helena, was killed at Millbrae, Calif., when struck by a Southern Pacific freight train.

products. They made butter from sweet cream. They visited Silver Crest Dairy where they were shown how cows are milked and how milking machines work.

Mrs. Keith Mobley, SOC senior, is student teaching in Mrs. Lassen's room.

Warren Black brought two chickens to show first graders in Miss Marie Prescott's room. The children named them Whitey and Happy. Pupils are writing a story about them.

Students have written thank you letters to C. C. Hoover for trees he gave the school children. Karen Morris, Marlys Goin and Cathy Galati, from the second grade, had their pictures taken with Hoover.

The children made Easter cards for the Junior Red Cross to send to the men at the White City Detention Center.

Mrs. Claudia Yandell, SOC student, is teaching in Miss Prescott's room during the mornings.

Mrs. Phyllis Sampson's class elected Wesley Crippen, president; Debra Redding, vice president; and Marcos Witt, room representative. Officers will serve for the rest of the school year.

Benny Williams, Medford, is a new second grader and Richard Johnson, North Las Vegas, Nev., is a new first grader.

Mrs. Tommie Iba's and Mrs. Marsha Ferte's second graders entertained the school with an assembly recently.

Room 3 sang five songs about the wind and used rhythm and instruments to accompany one. Room 4 sang two songs, danced "Gustaf's Skoal," and presented a play, "Springtime in Rhyme."

New officers in Mrs. Marie Bjorlie's third grade for the last nine weeks of school are Karen Cole, president; Philip Scrimshire, vice president; Bonelle Thompson, secretary; and Terrie McDougall, room representative.

Miss Ricki Scott is student teaching in the room. Vicki Cannon was elected president in Mrs. Gloria Thorpe's room. Other officers elected were Patrick Stark, vice president, and Dan Crippen, secretary.

Chester Squire, SOC instructor, showed films of Washington, D.C., to fifth grade classes recently.

The Briscoe school chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Cecil, sang for the Ashland Rotary club recently.

Meredith Reynolds brought some interesting things to show the social studies class about her trip to New York last summer.

Miss Ching is our student teacher this term.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hado



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. (Copyright 1981—General Features Corp.)

Louise F. — No matter how hard it is, I want to keep Joey in school.

Mrs. W. B. — He should go to work, not she. She has a new baby.

Louise F. — Such a wonderful son as Joey deserves whatever chance I can give him for a good education. Even though my own life is a mess, I'll work my fingers to the bone to give Joey, and now the newborn one, a real start.

He's 15 and his father is dead. My present husband deserted me when I became pregnant a year ago. He's out West, living with another woman. He says her husband is a gangster and won't let my husband leave her! Figure that out. Anyway, all during my pregnancy I held a job cleaning out rooms in a settlement house. But in the ninth month, Joey took my place by getting up at 4 a.m. and working until it was time for school.

His teachers think a lot of him too. They've recommended him for the "Higher Horizons" program next term.

Mrs. W. B. — I'm Louise's aunt. I know the whole sorry story but I live in Brooklyn, too far away to help her. It's true Joey is a fine boy, but he certainly isn't college material and, in her desperate circumstances, Louise should not be putting ideas in his head and making him promise she can't possibly keep. I used to take care of Joey for her while she held a full-

time job — before her marriage to this scamp. Joey's teacher told me he had a low I.Q. But Louise won't believe it. She thinks he's a genius. Soon he'll be old enough to make some real money, so Louise won't have to work so hard. Now she leaves her infant daughter with the janitor's wife, to hold on to that cleaning position. She makes Joey stick to his books, though, instead of a good part-time job.

The Council, leaving to the welfare authorities their unpleasant task of untangling Louise's marital and dependency problems, we hall her for her faith in Joey and her high hopes for his progress. While her aunt's advice is practical and expedient, it is defeatist and crushing for this optimistic mother. We trust that the social agency will help her find other ways of navigating, than by torpedoing Joey's education.

The "Higher Horizons" project, to which Joey has been referred, is an exciting program of the N.Y.C. Board of Education, for bringing out the most in children who have the least, that is, teen-agers deemed underprivileged. Through individual tutoring, psychological counseling, and "enrichment trips" to concerts, museums, factories, and theaters, all sorts of "miracles" have come about. I.Q.'s have leaped upward, potential delinquents have swung to the straight and narrow, poor students have turned into bookworms. Joey, too, will have a chance to "beat the rap" of circumstances.

Louise prefers to cling to a belief that things will improve without the necessity for Joey to leave school. Perhaps her husband can be brought to book — "extradited" for the Other Woman and Husband! Also, Joey's program can be arranged to include time for a week end job, without impinging on his class attendance or homework hours.

We can understand why Joey was recommended for the special program. He had the one asset considered paramount for its success: a devoted parent. This fine parent-child relationship can make up for several of the handicaps in his life. The community and Louise's family must help overcome the others.

Instead of throwing cold water on Louise's dream of a better life for Joey, this aunt should cross the river from Brooklyn once in a while and help bathe the new baby.

The paper contained a story of a Medford building contractor who recently shot what may be the world's largest polar bear. Snowden Chambers, head of a division of the USDA, wrote Mayor John W. Snider of Medford that the story may be of interest to Medford's Italian friends.

Chambers said he had read of the kill in the Washington (D.C.) Evening Star. The story apparently has received widespread national publicity.

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by Alice Brooks

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The reasons for increasing such levy are: The needs for the necessary expenditures: District #81 has a tax base so the total budget must be submitted to the vote of the people.

The amount of tax, in excess of the 5% limitation, proposed to be levied for said fiscal year is \$108,153.70.

Dated this 10th day of April, 1981.
Attest:
Arlene Edmondson
District Clerk
Duane Burton
Chairman Board of Directors

Probate No. 10833
NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR JACKSON COUNTY
In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN SPARKS, also known as John M. Sparks, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given that Mattie M. Sparks, administratrix of the above estate, has filed in the above entitled court and cause her Final Account and Report and said court has fixed May 1, 1981, at the hour of 9 o'clock a.m. in the Courtroom of said Court at the Court House in Medford, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections thereto and for the settlement thereof.
Dated this 20th day of March, 1981.
Mattie M. Sparks
Administratrix
Farrell & Blackhurst
Attorneys for Administratrix

The Medical Roundup

by Walter Alvarado
Emeritus Consultant in Medicine
Mayo Clinic
Emeritus Professor of Medicine
Mayo Clinic
(Register and Tribune Syndicate, 1981)

New Way of Handling Psychopathic Criminals

In a recent column, I mentioned a wonderful "Medical Facility" they have built in California to try to find out how many criminals are psychotic or epileptic; how many are incurable, and how many can be rehabilitated with the help of good psychiatrists, good social workers, and good trade schools.

In this remarkable institution in Vacaville, all the factors in regard to a prisoner are studied. The man's court record is read; and probation officers and the man's family and even acquaintances are interviewed so as to get their impressions and suggestions in regard to him. A psychiatrist interviews the man. He is studied to see if, possibly, he has some manual skill or ability that he could develop. Perhaps he could be prepared to go back into the world, not as a professional and confirmed and life-long thief, but as a skilled worker.

During the interviews, the prisoner can talk out many of his pent-up anxieties, his tensions and his hostilities against society. Each man is given gymnasium training which helps him to use up excessive energy. A man can have religious counseling if he desires it. If he needs medical care or a surgical operation, he can have it. Occasionally a man will be angry with society until a bad squint or an ugly nose is straightened. His teeth will be taken care of. Today, more and more, penologists are facing a fact that should have been obvious long ago—that many habitual criminals are a bit psychotic. Many come from psychotic families. If a man is psychotic, it may be hopeless ever to expect him to fit into an honorable position in the community. He just cannot. Probably, in most cases, the psychosis is so inborn that no experienced psychiatrist would expect anyone to cure him.

Commonest Disease
The overwhelming majority of the 1,400 inmates at Vacaville are mentally disturbed, and about 300 are decidedly psychotic. Schizophrenia, of course, is the commonest disease, and in many of these cases it is severe. Other persons are depressed and apprehensive and apathetic. In the order of greatest frequency, these men have committed offenses involving stealing, sex, forgery, homicide, and the use of narcotics.

I am sure that all of the men who commit crimes of great violence should have electroencephalograms made, because in these cases many of the records show an epileptic pattern.
Then an anti-convulsive drug may greatly quiet the man's violent and angry nature. Some of the psychotic offenders, with the help of treatment, become better able to handle their problems. The men with the worst psychoses may have to be committed to a state hospital for the criminally insane. Some of the offenders, when studied, are found to be mentally deficient, and this is why they got into

trouble with the law; they didn't know any better; they were naughty children in grown-up bodies.

The most important point which judges and juries now so greatly need to recognize is that among these offenders careful study by experts shows that the overwhelming majority have long-standing behavior patterns of the obsessive-compulsive type (like the insane), characterized by sexual offenses, drug addiction, and other deviations contrary to social standards. Some men are compelled by uncontrollable urges to do wrong things, such as setting fires. Obviously, such persons should not be given "30 days," they should be cared for for life or until they show signs of having calmed down and achieved sanity.

Tranquilizers Help
Many of the patients at Vacaville have been helped with tranquilizers. Many are enrolling in classes in which they will be given the education which they failed to get in their youth. Some are being trained in vocational shops of several kinds. There they will be prepared to work at a trade. Some of the men take correspondence courses. Many develop habits of work and of using their time which they never had before. Many had drifted into a life of crime because they had no idea of using their leisure time constructively. Sports are encouraged because they do much for the men. There is a library in the building, and a librarian who will help the men to select good or useful books.

It is greatly to be hoped that hard-headed business men and other citizens soon will come to see that the programs which California is developing in Vacaville and Chino are bound to pay big dividends in the rehabilitation of

men. Instead of spending their lives robbing and cheating and injuring their fellows, those who are sane enough will go back into the community to be good and useful citizens.

Have spots before your eyes? If they float, there's probably no cause for worry; but if you see a fuzzy spot that remains stationary you should have an ophthalmologist examine you. To recognize dangerous symptoms, read Dr. Alvarez' booklet, "How to Safeguard Your Vision." To obtain it send 25 cents and a large, stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request to Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, Dept. MMT, The Register and Tribune Syndicate, Box 957, Des Moines, Iowa.



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