



ESSAY WINNERS—Local winners of the National High School Writing contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary were the three Medford High school students pictured above. First-place winner in the local competition and recipient of a \$25 cash award was Miss DeAnne Taylor, second from left; second place winner was Miss Judy Sims (center), who received a \$15 award;

third place and a \$10 award went to Miss Shirley Hopkins, second from right. Presenting the awards above are, left, Mrs. O. C. DeBerry, president of the local VFW auxiliary, and, right, Mrs. Jack Brummond, auxiliary essay chairman. Subject of the essays this year was "Law and the Free Citizen."

Purpose of Law Is Expressed in Essay By Medford Student

(Editor's note: Following is the essay written by Miss DeAnne Taylor, who won first place in the Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary sponsored writing contest.)

By DeAnne Taylor

From the primeval swamps rose man, the bringer of law. Before human beings moved forth on the earth natural law held rule over the waters. But man, even in his primitive state, observed the infinite order found in nature and adapted to this order to his own use. Law, unwritten or written, moral or legal, has existed since man, a gregarious creature, sought the society of his kind.

The words law and free, as parts of speech, form a pair of opposites. Only in definition can the true meaning of these words be found. Since humans are not capable of reaching perfection, they must be protected from their frailties. This is law, a code protecting each from the imperfections of the other. On the other hand the word free can only imply complete release from all restrictions, hindrances, and limits that are placed on society. How then can law and the free citizen exist together?

The answer to this question lies in the wellspring of the law's authority. The source of the law is the people. However, law benefits mankind only when it evolves from the authority of all who will be governed. This does not hold true in totalitarian governments where laws are made by the few for the restriction of the many. Totalitarian practices are not law; they are injustices to the inherent freedom of man. The majority then, in a free society, have recognized the need for justice in order to protect their individual liberty from the misdeeds of the group as a whole. In such a society where the individual does not lose his freedom but maintains it under the law, it is possible for the free citizen and law to co-exist. The law is not a set of restrictions but a set of rights, written or recognized, that may not be violated.

No one man can be law unto himself in today's world. Each has obligations to his group so that the group might function for the individual. In

the United States these obligations include voting, seeking an education as a strong background, and practicing tolerance in a land that is known as the "melting pot" of the nations. The most important obligation of any United States citizen is the promotion of interest in the self-governing processes. Once the citizenry has become apathetic, soundly convinced that man made law is infallible, the day will come when the law no longer guarantees freedom but guarantees slavery. The usefulness of the law stands according to the interest of the people.

Over the centuries as man stretched his conquests across the earth, he brought with him his law. From the crude code of Hammurabi through the polished law of the Roman Empire to the legal system existing today in the United States, law had developed as did its maker, man. The law, as it stands, is still adjusting to the complexities of the age. However, without the basic tenets of the law indestructible behind the free citizen who goes forth to confront totalitarian ideals, the world and its population would slowly sink into oblivion, no better than the swampy depths from which it rose.

New Toastmaster Officers Installed

New officers for the Medford Toastmasters club were installed last week at a meeting at the Jackson hotel.

Installed were Otto H. Kanst, president; James W. Warriner, educational vice president; Floyd W. Fogelquist, executive vice president; Frank Reich, secretary-treasurer; and Jimmy Quinn, sergeant-at-arms.

Conducting the ceremonies were Larry Horton and Harry Marshall of the Jackson Toastmasters club. They emphasized the importance of Toastmaster training in every-day business and daily conversation.

Toastmaster for the meeting was Dwight Wilson, who introduced the speakers. Richard Swan spoke on "Progress or Paralysis," and Russ Mitchell discussed "Just Thought."

Speech evaluators were Dr. Ralph Hibbs and Ron Cordon. Dr. John Weisel was table topic chairman and the evaluator was Dr. Tom Upton. Fogelquist conducted the initiation of three new members. They are James Spangler, Wally Campbell and Dr. Upton.

Leaders' Group Holds GP Meeting

Grants Pass-The Josephine County 4-H Leader's association held its monthly meeting recently at the 4-H clubhouse at the Josephine county fairgrounds in Grants Pass.

Mrs. Lynn Stone, of Williams, association secretary, reported that 4-H summer school scholarship applications were mailed to members over 13 years of age. About 45 Josephine county members will attend the summer school at Oregon State college.

Mrs. Stone said the annual county 4-H cake sale will not be held this year.

School News

Hedrick Junior High

The Medford public schools' orchestra festival was held Thursday at Hedrick Junior High school. Orchestras from each of the junior high schools, high school, and a combined grade school group, presented a series of three numbers. For the finale, all the orchestras combined played the national anthem.

Certificates of acceptance for the Annual Anthology of High School Poetry were received this week by the following Hedrick ninth graders: Tom Clark, Olivia Medicus, Deana Koelme, Virginia Gandt, Sally Sparks, and Becky Brumback. John Elmore, Carol Kenschot, Kathi Kula, Carol Longan, Veda Hunter, and Don Ottosen. Teachers are Bob Gouley and Jerry McDougall.

Poems will appear in the 1961 Anthology of the Northwest. This has been an annual publication for areas all over the United States since the founding of the association in 1937.

Hearing tests were given to students at Hedrick Junior High last week. The tests, beginning on the afternoon of April 3 and ending April 5, were conducted by the state.

The ninth grade girls' tennis team lost to the Medford HI girls' team 7-0 April 7 at the high school. Barney Riggs took his ninth grade track team to Medford High school to host North Grants Pass. The Cavies won 81-41 Thursday, April 6.

The ninth grade boys' tennis team lost to the Medford High J.V. 5-1 on April 5 at the Medford High tennis court.

Lead roles have been selected for this year's operetta, "Way Up On Old Smoky." They are Cindy, Pat Selby; Sam, Lee Wimberly; William, David Collins; Sue Ellen, Bev Bush; Frankie, Larry Vowell; Clem, Mike Mayfield; Marilyn, Ann Parsons; and Mr. Johnson, James Rowan.

Two performances will be given, a matinee on April 20, and an evening performance April 21. The operetta is under the direction of Carroll Graber, music instructor, and Jerome McDougall, speech instructor.

The Transcribers Society for the Blind, Inc., sponsored an assembly recently in the Hedrick gym. H. C. Cooper,

program director, introduced Richard Smith, who has been helped by the Society and has developed skill in music. Smith entertained by playing the piano, organ, and accordion.

Several Hedrick students attended the Junior High Y-ICA dance held Saturday, April 8.

A locker clean-out and inspection was held Friday. This helps to locate library and text books which may be missing.

A stamp exchange for seventh graders only was held after school Thursday in Dennis Bateman's room.

A special closed circuit TV demonstration will be held Thursday, April 13, in the little theater, sponsored by the science department.

A Junior Honor Society meeting was held last Thursday. Chris Rasmussen, president, presided.

Since the beginning of good weather and sunshine, softball games are being held on the athletic field during lunch periods.

Final pages for the annual have been sent to the printer. Students may expect their "Hornets" some time in May.

Two ninth graders from the Journalism class accompanied the group of eighth graders selected to go on the Oregon Historical places trip last Saturday. David Smith was the photographer, and Venita Burch, reporter.

Pacific Coast Employment Dips

San Francisco — (AP) — Instead of the usual seasonal upswing, employment on the Pacific Coast suffered a drop in February.

Employment declined by about 14,000 in Washington, Oregon, California and Alaska, while normally the number of jobs, exclusive of farm and domestic workers, increased by 6,000 during February.

The figures were reported Thursday by Max D. Kossoris, western regional director of the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. California employment dropped 6,200 or 0.1 per cent; Washington slumped 4,300 or 0.5 per cent; Oregon 2,700 or 0.6 per cent; and Alaska 500 or 1.0 per cent.

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Four Public Hearings Set by City Planners; Rezone Land

Four public hearings will be on the agenda for next month's regular city planning commission meeting on May 11. The commission called for the hearings at last week's meeting.

The hearings are:
—A request from St. Mary's High school for a use variance to erect a construction sign on school property on Black Oak dr.

—A request for a change of zone from single-family to limited commercial for property located at the intersection of Merriman and Table Rock rds.

—A request for a variance to remodel an apartment building at 912 South Oakdale ave. The building is a non-conforming use in a single-family zone.

—A request for a variance to expand the Lloyd Pest Control building at 1505 Prune st.

Cancer Society Schedules Annual Crusade Kickoff

Members of the American Cancer Society, Jackson county unit, will hold its annual Crusade Kickoff luncheon Friday, April 21, at the Rogue Valley Country club.

Guest speaker for the annual event is Dr. James Quinn, chest surgeon, who will speak on "Lung Cancer." He will illustrate his discussion with colored slides.

The program will begin with registration and coffee at 10:30 a.m., and at 10:50 Dr. Earl Lawson will report on the "History and Basic Purpose of the American Cancer Society."

Dr. Buck to Speak
Dr. Robert Buck will discuss the "Role of the County Unit in the Cancer Program," and Reese Alexander, crusade chairman, will speak on the "Jackson County Crusade Program—Past and Present," and the responsibility of the local volunteer.

A question and answer period will follow prior to the luncheon.

Hostesses include Mrs. Robert DeLorme, Mrs. Robert Lockwood, Mrs. Ralph Odell, Mrs. S. L. Stark, Mrs. John Jensen, Mrs. Russell Renner, Mrs. E. C. Nave, Mrs. James Sullivan, Mrs. David Shaffer, Mrs. Herman Steeck, Mrs. N. H. Gladfelter and Mrs. Kenneth Peterson.

President of the county unit is Dr. Orval Eaton. Mrs. Mahr Reymers is executive secretary.

Volunteers have been invited to attend the luncheon, and have been asked to make reservations by April 19, by calling the Cancer Society office, SPRING 3-5856 or MURDOCK 2-6551.

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The building is on property recently annexed to the city and is now a non-conforming use in a single-family zone.

At last week's meeting, the commission recommended approval of a request from Thomas Cordona to rezone approximately one-half acre of property located on the southeast corner of 10th st. and Siskiyou blvd. from single-family to multiple-family.

According to a report submitted to the commission, Cordona proposes to erect a 26-unit apartment building on this and adjacent property which is already properly zoned.

The commission also recommended approval of a request from the Rogue Valley Country club for a variance to expand its operations on country club property. The expansion will include a swimming pool, tennis courts and an addition to the pro shop.

The commission stipulated that any future addition to country club buildings and facilities must be approved by the commission.

A request to operate an office equipment business as a home occupation at 2318 Capital ave., received a favorable recommendation from the commission. It was pointed out that no goods, wares or merchandise will be displayed on the premises and that there will be no one employed other than the occupant.

Gets Tentative Approval

The commission gave tentative approval to the 12-lot Ekholm Village subdivision which is proposed for development west of Corona ave., and north of Morrow rd. The commission made approval contingent upon the condition that the developer provide for sidewalks on the one street, Stockholm ave., that will be built in the subdivision.

In other business, City Manager Robert A. Duff asked the commission if it had any objection to a proposed annexation to the city of a strip of property located north of Dakota ave., east of Plum st.,

west of Chestnut st., and south of the existing city limits.

Duff noted that the commission had given conditional approval to the annexation in April, 1958. The conditions of annexation have recently been met, he said, and if the commission has no objection, the proposal will be sent to the city council for its consideration. The commission had no objections.

Three Arrested For Possession

Three youths, two of them from Oregon and the other from California, were lodged in the county jail Thursday night on charges of possession of stolen property. They were apprehended by Medford police.

Arrested were James Russell La Spina, 24, Santa Cruz, Calif., Joseph Robert Manning, 19, Forest Grove, and James Andrew Manning, 21, Portland. The youths did not admit the auto theft, but did agree to waive extradition to California, police said.

The car the three youths were operating was reported stolen from Santa Cruz. Medford police were making a routine check of the car and the youths about 6:30 o'clock Thursday, when it was discovered that the car was apparently stolen.

COMPLETES TRAINING

Carl D. Williams Jr., Yreka, and Robert C. Young, Medford, both apprentice petty officers, first class, USN, were graduated recently from nine weeks of recruit training at the Naval Training center, San Diego.

Williams is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williams, 421 Herzog blvd., Yreka, and Young is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clair Young, 727 Alder st., Medford.

Apprentice petty officers are chosen from the ranks of seaman recruits to assist company commanders.

Reservists, Guard Reminded of Leaves

Seattle, Wash.—With summer vacation schedules now in the process of being drafted by most employers, reservists and National Guardsmen have been reminded that they must formally request leaves of absence from employers for summer camp training in order to avail themselves of reemployment protection afforded by federal statutes. Employers must grant leave for such training duty.

The reminder came from Forrest E. Richter, Seattle, area representative of the bureau of veterans reemployment rights, U. S. department of labor, who said the request provision is part of new amendments to the Universal Military Training and Service act.

Richter also called attention to the fact the law now prohibits employers from requiring employees to take their vacations coincident with summer encampment. Employers are required to re-employ an individual with such seniority, status, pay and vacation as he would have had if he had not been absent for training purposes, Richter said.

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