



MILLS SCHOOL PTA will be host at the school's annual carnival in the gymnasium and basement at the school Friday, November 20, at 7 p.m. All new booths will contain carnival fun. There will be boxing matches and numerous prizes will be given away. A snack bar will be open for the hungry. These members of the committee on arrangements include, left to right, Mary Uerlings, Inez Habinck, Pat Bridge, Pauline Kane, general chairman, Doris Moore and Adell Davis.

Lighter Teaching Loads Urged In High Schools

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Ability grouping of the top 50 per cent of students and lighter teaching loads were urged in the public high schools here in a searching curriculum study Thursday night.

The 700-page report delved into curriculum for students of college potential in the Portland high schools. Its recommendations reached right up into future college programs and teacher education.

The study was the first of its kind at such length on the public high school level. It was financed by \$110,000 from the Ford Foundation's Fund for the Advancement of Education and \$30,000 from the Portland School District.

Nine Oregon college presidents who served on its advisory board labeled it "one of the most comprehensive, most carefully planned and potentially significant" developments in public education.

Ability grouping of students in the top 50 per cent, it said, would be a radical expansion of the present practice of allowing the top 15 or 20 per cent to meet in homogeneous classes.

The college professors who helped prepare it said they were appalled by the work load of the average high school teacher. Average college teaching loads, they said, range from 10 to 12 classroom hours a day compared to five or six classes each day for five days a week.

Unless the high school teaching load is reduced now "the recommendations presented in the curriculum study will remain pious expressions . . ." it said.

It urged that to do this "break the curriculum loose from the straitjacket" created by the state Board of Education unit credit definitions and get flexible period schedules.

A lack of suitable high school text books was described as another urgent need by Dr. Albert R. Kitzhaber of the University of Kansas, who headed the study. He said means must be found to

interest qualified persons in a major textbook writing program.

Master teacher position with salaries equal to those of vice-principals, who now get \$750 to \$2,500 more, also were suggested.

The study by subject-matter teachers instead of education colleges and education colleges said strengthen the teacher's knowledge of basic subjects. It urged extensive summer school and for selected teachers a full year's post graduate work with expenses and salaries paid.

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It urged stronger programs in foreign languages, English, science, mathematics and speech for high school students.

"It should be stressed," the report said, "that most of the weaknesses pointed out are those of American secondary education generally and are not peculiar to Oregon."

the Portland schools."

Cooperating colleges and universities in the study initiated by the Portland School District are Lewis and Clark, Oregon State, Portland State, Reed, University of Oregon, University of Portland, Linfield and Willamette.

Thor Missile Undergoes Test

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—An intermediate range Thor, like the missile which will attempt to boost a satellite into orbit around the sun next month, was launched on a full-range test flight Thursday.

There was no official announcement on the result of the test, in which the Thor was to drop a simulated warhead off the island of Antigua, 1,500 miles away.

TEACH THEM RESPECT

OAKLAND, Calif. (UPI)—A group of angry housewives got this response from Alameda County Supervisor Emanuel Razo to their petition for action against an invasion of black flies: "We can't legislate against flies. They don't respect our laws."

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Printer Hurt In Strike Line

PORTLAND (AP)—There was a picket-line traffic incident Thursday afternoon at the Oregonian plant where the Oregonian and the Oregon Journal are publishing their joint edition.

A linotype operator, Ira A. Connell, 35, Portland, said he suffered a leg injury as a car luffered with newspapers pulled out of a truck entrance.

Police identified the driver of the car as Virgil Dittrich, 27, a Beaverton newspaper dealer.

Traffic patrolman Dean Rich said that Connell and Dittrich's car brushed. Connell complained of a leg injury and was taken to a Portland hospital. He was released two hours later.

Meanwhile, the combined newspaper published its largest edition to date on Thursday night and Friday morning. It contained 48 pages.

Federal Mediator Elmer Williams said there have been no meetings scheduled in the immediate future between management of the two newspapers and the striking Stereotypers Union.

The stereotypers walked off the job Nov. 11. Other unions are re-striking the Stereotypers' picket lines.

The paper is being published by supervisory personnel and non-union workers.

Gun Accident; Mother Killed

CEDAR GROVE, W.Va. (AP)—Ronald Gorsky, 16, was preparing to go hunting Thursday. State police said his shotgun went off accidentally and his mother fell dead.

Mabel Gorsky, 45, died a few seconds after a full charge from the 12-gauge shotgun hit her in the neck.

RICE—NO CASH
HANAMAKI, Japan (UPI)—Agriculture students at the high school in this northern Japanese city can pay their tuition next year with two bales of rice instead of cash.

OPER ASSUMPTION
LOS VEGOS, Nev. (UPI)—Al Headley was granted a divorce from his wife, Bonnie, on the assumption she left him. Headley said he hasn't seen her for 29 years.

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