

It's Important To Know How To Take A Test

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 It's just as important to know how to take a test as it is to know how to prepare for it. Bring plenty of paper to the test. If you use a fountain pen, bring a bottle of ink, too. Always bring two ballpoint pens, or if you use pencils, bring at least two well-sharpened ones. You can write faster with ballpoints than with fountain pens and there's not much chance of smearing or blotting the ink. You should get there on time but not early. One or two pan-

icky students running around before the test can make everybody nervous. If you have a few butterflies in your stomach, don't worry about them; they'll go away when the test starts.

When you get the test, read the instructions very carefully. A minute spent reading instructions can save you a lot of time and trouble. (For instance, there may be 10 questions on the test, but the instructions may tell you to do only seven.)

Then read over the entire test. Look for ambiguous questions and clear them up with the teacher. Figure out approx-

imately how much time you can afford to spend on each question. Stick to your time budget as closely as possible.

Answer the questions you know best first. Don't waste time sweating over something you don't know. Finish the test, then come back to ones you couldn't figure out immediately.

One very important rule: Think before you start writing. If the questions are essay type, make a mental outline of your answer before you begin to write. Be sure you know exactly what you want to say—that way you won't ramble off the point in your answer. Some students prefer to begin each essay answer with a written outline of what their answer will cover. Beginning each answer with an outline is a highly recommended practice — if you're sure that your answer is the correct one. Remember that an outline lays everything out in its bare bones — if you're wrong, your teacher is bound to catch you. On the other hand, an out-

line will help make each answer clear and precise, and every teacher appreciates clarity and precision. He will have a natural tendency to raise your grade for clearly-written answers.

If it's a multiple-choice test, answer all the ones you're sure of first—these are your strong-response answers. Then work on the ones you're not so sure of. On a weak response question—when you're in doubt — your first choice will usually be the best one. The longer you ponder, the more possibilities you'll think of and the more confused you'll get. For the same reason, never change an answer on a multiple-choice test unless you're really positive your first answer was wrong. On a weak response question, trust your first response.

Take all the time allotted. You don't get any points for being the first one to finish.

When your teacher returns the test, see what you did wrong and find out what the right answers were. They may come up again on a later test. You should also make a note on the type of test your teacher gave and what kind of questions he asked. You will have a better idea of what to expect the next time around.

(Next: Some tips for test-taking.)

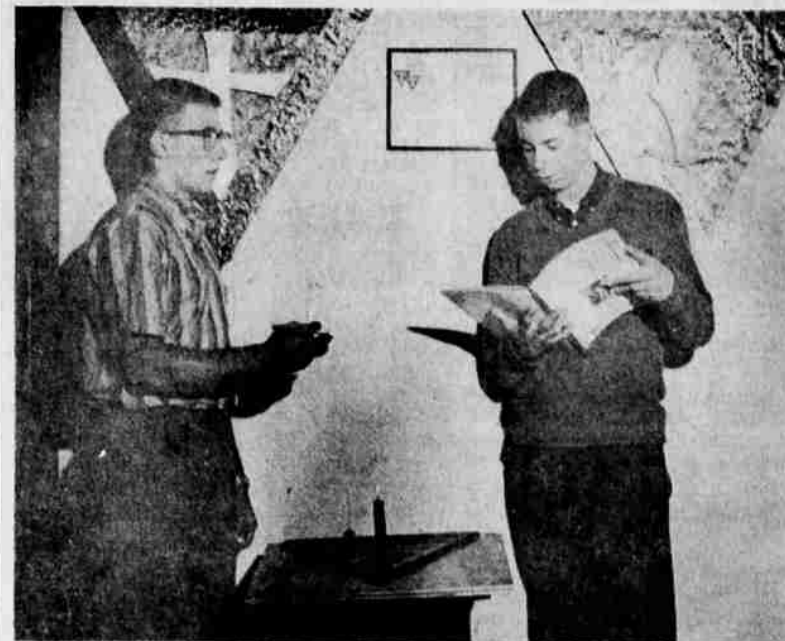
Paisley School Holds Carnival

PAISLEY — Paisley High School held its annual school carnival in the gymnasium on Friday evening, Oct. 25. An innovation was palm reading by Mrs. Esther Koch, one of the high school teachers.

High point of the evening was the presentation of the carnival queen, Ruth Fuller, with her princesses, Penny Schmidt, Edna Vernon and Cathy Donley.

A woman's electronic wristwatch was awarded to Mrs. Florence Balgey, and Leon Efrid received the man's electronic watch.

Dan Thompson and Janice Foster were co-chairmen for the event.



INDUCTION CEREMONIES — Members of six Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y clubs held a ceremony of induction and rededication at the First Presbyterian Church. Brad Finch (left), Hi-Y Council chaplain, and Mike Veatch, council president, presided over the induction ceremonies which saw new members received into the National Hi-Y Fellowship. The Rev. Robert Groves delivered the challenge speech and refreshments followed the ceremonies.

Merchants Credit Service Holds Annual Dinner Meet

Herb Barnes, Seattle, vice president of the 10th District of the International Consumers Credit Assoc. since May, 1958, was guest speaker Monday, Oct. 28, during the 31st annual dinner meeting of the Klamath Falls Merchants Credit Service, Inc. Some 140 persons were present for the dinner, program and annual business meeting in the Winema Hotel.

Among them were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rhyne and Cecil Dennis of the Alturas Credit Bureau.

Dinner arrangements were made by Mrs. Vincent R. (Hap) Lawler and Mrs. Peter A. (Vi) Bonjorno, managers of the Klamath Falls Merchants Credit Service.

During the business meeting three new members, Bob Mason, U.S. National Bank, James Bocchi, First Federal Savings and Loan Assoc., and Jack C. Morgan, Klamath Falls Herald and News, were elected to two-year terms on the seven-man board of directors. Officers will be named from the board at the next directors meeting.

Sandra Ruonich, talented young Klamath Falls girl, presented several piano and vocal numbers. Barbara Poulshock was at the piano for the voice numbers.

John Reed and Sidney Moon of Pacific Power and Light offered a light skit, "The Neophyte Collector," and a color film, "A Credit To You," was operated by Eugene Bailey of Underwood's Camera Shop.

Barnes, introduced by H. B. Dexter, president of the local service, spoke on the need for close association between the credit bureau and the merchants, the part the service plays in stabilizing the economic levels of the buying public and other information pertinent to the use of credit.

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CUB SCOUT OUTING — All members of the family were invited to the recent outing planned by Siskiyou County Cub Scouts at the Pluto Lava Caves near Grenada. The sack supper at the mouth of the caves, pictured here, was well received after moms and dads joined the young scouts for a hike into the black caverns. An evening campfire and candlelight Bobcat ceremony concluded the activities for some 400 persons who participated in the fall outdoor and underground roundup.

Family Outing Near Grenada Opens New Year For Siskiyou Cub Scouts

GRENADA—Cub Scouting is a family affair and the new Cub Scout year was launched recently in Siskiyou County with a mass family outing at the Pluto Lava Caves near Grenada.

Games, a picnic, cave exploration, and a Bobcat ceremony within one of the caves provided a memorable Cub Scout fall roundup for more than 400 participants.

Nearly every community in Siskiyou County was represented by a contingent of Cub Scouts, leaders, and parents, as well as brothers and sisters in a full scale age range.

Those who traveled the farthest were the Happy Camp Cubs, who live in the northwestern part of the county, nearly 100 miles from the

roundup site.

Pluto Lava Caves, about 10 miles east of Grenada, are located in a barren scrub juniper area and are not particularly well known outside the county. Les Fasig, scout executive for the Shasta Silvertip District (Siskiyou County) who arranged the roundup, marked the route to the caves with cardboard signs for the occasion.

The caves were formed hundreds of years ago when the molten center of a lava flow found a drainage outlet. During centuries of erosive forces, huge boulders fell from the ceiling of these lava tubes making the floor of the caves a massive jumble of rocks.

One of these caves extends three miles underground, but even the most agile Cub Scout seemed content with a half mile scramble into the cave depths. Some of the accompanying mothers would have been content with much less.

There are no developed paths in the caves and stygian blackness exists a short distance from the cave mouth, so everyone was dependent on everyone else for guidance and help from flashlights.

Fasig halted the tour where the cave begins to narrow and tried to get everyone to turn their flashlights off to get the experience of total darkness. But the spelunking boys of 8 to 11 just couldn't resist the desire to know how the next

person looked in the dark.

Sack suppers at the mouth of the caves followed the cave expedition, and this was followed by an evening campfire in a natural amphitheater in the depths of one of the caves. New Cub Scouts were inducted into scouting with a candlelight Bobcat ceremony.

Surrounded by ample opportunities for bumps and broken limbs, the majority of the roundup participants trudged back to cars with only aching muscles as their outing aftermath. Miscellaneous scrapes and bruises were all minor.

"It was neat," was the summation offered by one Cub Scout.

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Road Bids Date Set

SALEM (UPI)—Bids for highway projects expected to total \$12.2 million will be opened Nov. 19 by the State Highway Department.

The projects, by county, include:

Benton and Linn — Willamette River bridge section, Corvallis-Lebanon highway at Harrison St., Corvallis.

Deschutes — Horse Ridge summit section of the Central Oregon Highway, about 17 miles east of Bend, 2.45 miles of grading.

Bend traffic signals, East Third St. at Franklin St.

Douglas — Southberlin - Winchester section of Pacific Highway, 7.32 miles of grading, paving, nine structures and signing.

Roseburg traffic signals at intersection of Harvard Blvd. and West Belongs St.

Gilliam — Thirtymile Creek-Dyer Creek section of John Day Highway, about six miles south of Condon, 4.15 miles of grading and paving.

Jackson — Siskiyou Station-Siskiyou summit section of Pacific Highway, about eight miles south of Ashland, 2.22 miles of grading.

Lake — Dry Creek Road-California state line section, about 17 miles southwest of Lakeview, 4.28 miles of stone base and paving.

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