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OFFICE HELP

Some of the students have given up their study hall period to work in the office. They learn to do many things that will help them in their future jobs. Some of the things are: filing, answering the telephone, running errands, learning the operation of the ditto machine finding misplaced articles, and locating people. All of this proves very interesting.

Mrs. Dodd, the office secretary is also the instructor. She teaches us these things and gives us many more hints on office work.

The office girls are: Ellen Cornett, Pat Doyle, Jackie Thomson, Carol Dowdy, and Clyde Murray.

No special courses are needed to work in the office. The girls must take typing help put on things that need to be typed. They are enjoying this and are learning a lot.

VENTRILLOQUIST

On Wednesday, February 17, Douglas High, had its second school assembly.

Mr. Bussett, a ventriloquist, provided a very entertaining program that lasted about an hour. The two puppets, Hector and Zeke, were very comical and looked like they were actually talking, not Mr. Bussett. Zeke was supposed to be a dumb country boy and Hector a smart city boy that knew all the answers. At the last of the program Hector and Zeke sang a duet, "Dogs in the Window," which was very comical.

The program was enjoyed by all and the student body will be looking forward to more school assemblies.

FLAG RAISING

February 7 to 14 was National Scout Week. The Boy Scouts wore their uniforms to school and other places. They also helped in the flag raising of Douglas High School. The flag that is being used has been given to Douglas High by Mrs. Dean Collins in memory of her husband, Dean Collins.

Allen Roberts called the students to attention. Alex Freedman, George Good and Jim Bellwere flag bearers. Carl Martin played the bugle and George Brown and Arlie Husbands were guards. Margaret is the girl who raised the flag. She is the girl who named our school.

BASKETBALL QUEEN

The first queen to be crowned at Douglas High was basketball queen Faye Coplin.

Faye was crowned by Brent Strickland, basketball captain for the night, at the dance held after the game with Glide. Her four attendants and escorts were: Ellen Cornett, Johnny Roberts; Sandra McCullough, Jerry Cain; Marilyn Hauneser, Brent Strickland; and Helen McGuire, Ted Vale. The queen's escort was Jim Miller. The first dance was for the queen and princesses with their escorts.

Jack Foster's band provided the music for the evening. The dance was well attended and enjoyed by teachers as well as students.

JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

The Douglas Junior High team won their 8th game of the season and their 6th league game by defeating Camas Valley 41-23 at the Looking-Glass Gym on Feb. 24, 1954.

Terry Counts lead all scorers with 18 followed by Larry Bissonette with 12.

MURALS

Each day when we arrive at school, we are greeted by a colorful scene which at first glance conveys little meaning. This is the mural at the end of the walk in front of the school. If you have paused long enough to study it and the two more we have here at school, you may have been puzzled as to the meanings. In this article, one idea of the meanings is going to be presented.

The main part of the first mural seems to be the tree in the center, perhaps the Tree of Life. Under the tree are four human figures; colored to apparently indicate the four races of man.

Flying around and above the tree are several white birds; perhaps the Doves of Peace.

In a line across the top are the symbols of the leading religions. The meanings of these will be explained in a later issue upon receiving information from the state library.

The theme is expressed by the immortal words of Thomas Paine written on the left side; "The world is my country, all mankind are my brethren."

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The second mural decorating our school being on the west side of the wall, usually escapes our notice. This one has as the center of interest two huge hands clasped in front of a globe. The hands are made of four colors, perhaps to again represent the four races of man.

On the left are ten squares; each framing symbolic figures:

A letter "a" which might represent the alphabet.

A balance scales, perhaps meaning science or justice.

The snake around a staff, the medical symbol.

A quill, the sign of penmanship and writing. This has an important meaning, for it is the first means of permanent communication. Without this the human race could not have gone as far as it has.

The number three in the upper left hand corner might mean mathematics.

The wheel, which probably indicates a symbol of progress.

A key, which could be translated as a symbol which would open the way to knowledge and life.

The eye might be a religious sign representing the Someone who is constantly watching over us. It could also mean the freedom to see and inquire; the right to education.

The right angle is a square typifying carpentry, drafting, geometry and building in general; perhaps the building of life, character, or personality.

Down in one of the bottom squares, an inspiring word is spelled out in Morse code. There is a letter on each line, thus:

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Besides the meaning of the word, the significance of a universal language is important.

"Reason and free inquiry are the only effectual agents against error" by Thomas Jefferson is the bit of prose decorating the right hand side of the mural; this seems to be the theme of the painting.

The artist probably wanted this scene to illustrate the democratic concept of education.

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The third mural, too, is rarely seen; it is on the south side of the cafetorium.

Here a multicolored hand is planting a tree. Below the tree are several bombs, the symbol of war. The tree symbolizes the healing powers of natural growth.

The theme of this one is that labor will easily overcome the destruction of war. This is adequately expressed in the words of W. E. Channing on the right side of the mural: (Cont. on page 7)

MURALS

"Labor is discovered to be the end conqueror; enriching and building up nations more surely than the proudest battles."

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These murals are made from small bits of tile imbedded in the cement while it is still wet. Making pictures in this way is called mosaic work.

They were designed by a graduate art student from the University of Oregon and an art teacher from Springfield, Oregon.

The meanings are more or less symbolic and can be interpreted in any number of ways. The ideas here are just one interpretation. The meanings are nevertheless very important and much can be acquired by thinking about them.

OPINIONS

--Wendell Wagler

Since the symbols in the above article have no set meanings, you are invited to submit your ideas to the paper. Perhaps you have a personal interpretation which is not the same as the one here; we would like to hear about it. Some comments have been made about whether the murals are suitable for school. We would like to know what you think about this.

SOPHOMORE PARTY

A party was held during sixth period Feb. 12 in the library, for the sophomore class, who raised the largest amount of money in the fall drive. The hour was spent in eating refreshments of sandwiches, cake, cookies, and kool-aid, and dancing to phonograph records provided by Jackie Thompson, Wenda Stacy, and George Brosi.

ANSWER TO WHOSE WHO

Boy.....Ronald Luchen
Girl.....Barbara Brooks

LIBRARY CLUB

A meeting of all Douglas County librarians and student assistants is being held March 6, at 10:00 a. m. at the Roseburg Senior High School.

The meeting is to be held so that the student library assistants may get together for an exchange of ideas.

Miss Eleanor Ahlers, Assistant professor of Library Science from the University of Oregon, and Miss Agnes Shields, Oregon State Library School Specialist will also be there.

The program includes: panel discussion, election of officers, demonstrations, and entertainment.

One candidate will be elected from each school. Mrs. Du Bose chose four students from the sophomore class, and members of the Library Club at Douglas were to vote for the candidate they wanted. The four candidates were: Shirley Shepherd, Wendell Wagler, Bobbie Jean Peters, and Helen Leulture. Shirley Shepherd was the final one chosen to represent Douglas for the position of Secretary-treasurer. There will four other students from different schools that she will have to compete against. Lela Cannon is on the Panel Discussion. She will talk about Fines and Penalties.

DOUGLAS VS. MYRTLE CREEK

The Douglas Varsity, on Feb. 22 1954, won their third and last game of the season by defeating Myrtle Creek 48-46 at Myrtle Creek. It was a very close game with Douglas leading most of the way. With about 20 seconds to go Bob Gilman made two free throws to tie up the game at 46-46. Then with one second, Brent Strickland made two free throws to win the game.

Douglas was led to victory by Brent Strickland who played a very fine game both on offense and on defense, while making 26 points.