

PORT ORFORD HIGH SCHOOL
SCRAPBOOK

1940



1940 Port Orford High School Scrapbook

Prepared in 2024 by Port Orford-Langlois 2CJ Alumni

NOTE: Despite exhaustive efforts, a yearbook for the POHS year of 1939-40 could not be found. It is likely that one was not produced. In lieu of that, a scrapbook has been prepared from newspaper clippings, class rosters from other yearbooks, and photos submitted by relatives and descendants of the POHS Class of 1940.



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Port Orford High School was built in 1927. The gym was added to the campus in 1928. Shown above is the eastside entrance to the building.

Class Rosters for 1940*

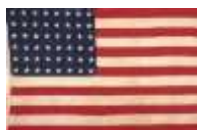
<p>Freshmen Class of 1943</p>	<p>Beck. Gene** Corbin. Alan** Hatcher. Alene Lindberg. Rachel. Grange Marsh. Barbara Mayea. Johnny** McKenzie. Robert Bobby** Welch. Fern</p>
<p>Sophomores Class of 1942</p>	<p>Armstrong. Bernard Babel. Donald** Coon. Wallace Corson. Doris Cummings. Mary Jane Duvall. Bob Ellsworth. Elton** Holcomb. Elmyra Masterson. Martha McClintock. Ruth Pattison. Esther Pattison. Louise Robinson. Wayne** Rowan. Paul Studley. Mike** Sweet. Donald** Zumwalt. Bruce**</p>
<p>Juniors Class of 1941</p>	<p>Forty. Gordon** Hibberts. Vena Hurst. June Jamieson. Cecil** Shaw. Frank Harvey** Sorenson. Tommy** Sweet. Ralph** Sweet. Sidney**</p>
<p>Seniors Class of 1940</p> <p>*Rosters are speculative and based on class lists from other years.</p> <p>**Served in the military during WWII</p>	<p>Campbell. Eileen Johnson. Loeta Kohl. Jack** Lindberg. Helen Maloy. Hewitt** KIA Mark. Irene Mather. Dorothea McClintock. Betty McKenzie. Georgina Miller. Elton** Quick. Alida Weekly. Betty White. Dorothy Zumwalt. Betty</p>

CLASS OF 1940 WHO SERVED IN WWII

JACK KOHL, NAVY

HEWITT "HUCK" MALOY, ARMY AIR FORCE, KIA

ELTON MILLER, NAVY



IN MEMORIAM



Photo by Rick Cook. Burial site, Port Orford Cemetery

HEWITT A. MALOY OREGON

SGT. 53 BOMB. SQ. AC

JANUARY 23, 1943

"BELOVED BY ALL"

Hewitt "Huck" Maloy: *"I remember him well. He was in my sister's class, and I was really fond of him. He would put my feet on his feet, facing me, and walk around with me."*

---Shirley McKenzie Van Loo, Class of 1944, *(written in 2023)*



Newspaper Clippings

Teachers Must Have Health Exams

A new law in effect this year requires complete health examination of all teachers and filing of a certificate of examination given by a doctor. No teacher who has any communicable disease will be permitted to teach.

Curry County Reporter. Aug. 30. 1939. p1

School bells rang for an enlarged attendance at both grade and high school Tuesday morning. Miss Ruth Clark and Mrs. Mary Rice returned Monday to resume their duties. Also Mrs. Dunbar, Mrs. Kathryn Smith, Mrs. Frank Paris, Mrs. Grant, and Ray Griffith have returned.

Curry County Reporter. Sept. 7. 1939. p5

Teachers to Attend Institute

Teachers of Curry county are attending institute in Coos county this year rather than at Ashland. The institute is being held Friday this week and the pupils are enjoying an extra holiday.

The program will include talks by Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, Miss Helen Heffernan of the California state department of education, U. S. Burt, head of the department of visual instruction of O.S.C., and several other outstanding educators and others whose work is closely connected with school work.

All teachers of Curry county are expected to attend the institute.

Curry County Reporter. Oct. 19. 1939. p1

Powers High school basketball team went to Port Orford Friday where both first and second teams were victorious over Port Orford. Scores for the first team were 29 to 19 and the second team score was 11 to 9. On Dec. 15, Port Orford will come to Powers for two games. Saturday, Dec. 9, Myrtle Point will play at the local gymnasium, and Friday, the 8th, the local teams go to Raverton.

Coos Bay Times. Dec. 7. 1939. p10



NYA WORK MAY BE INCREASED HERE

Supervisor to Be in County
January 8 and 9

Henry J. Lecocq, area supervisor for the NYA will be in Gold Beach Monday, January 8, at the court house and in Port Orford Tuesday, January 9, at the city hall. The purpose of his trip is to register all young people interested in being placed on NYA projects.

The purpose of NYA is to aid the youth while attending school to earn up to \$15 a month. Projects will be set up so that the youth can earn and learn at the same time.

Mr. Lecocq will be glad to consult with any adults who are interested in securing projects in this area. The tools and equipment must be furnished locally but the wage is paid by the federal government. The program prepares those of limited financial means to secure training for future employment.

Some of the projects now in operation in Coos and Curry Counties are sponsored by Curry County agricultural agent, city of Port Orford, the public library at Gold Beach, city engineer's office at Marshfield, Coos County school superintendent, Coos County agricultural agent, home demonstration agent, Bandon public school, WPA adult education, city of North Bend recreation park at North Bend, public library at Myrtle Point, Coos County highway shops and many others.

All youth between the ages of 18 and 24 are eligible to register. It is also necessary that they be registered with the Oregon state employment service and there will be a representative of the Marshfield office present on those dates.

(Text retyped for clarity)

Curry County Reporter. Dec. 28. 1939. p1



Port Orford will bring two teams to Powers Friday of this week for their return game with the locals.

Coos Bay Times. Dec. 14. 1939. p7

DRIVING SCHOOL AT LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL

A seven weeks course in learning to drive an automobile will be offered students of the Port Orford High School beginning Thursday, Jan. 11 it was announced today by Earl Snell, secretary of state who sponsors these schools as a part of his statewide program in traffic safety.

Classes will be held each Thursday afternoon during the seven weeks of the course, students 15 years of age or older being eligible to enroll. Registrations may be left at the Port Orford High School. Pupils must furnish their own cars and driver's licenses are not required. Cars must be driven to and from the school by licensed operators, however.

Instruction is given in the proper methods of starting the motor and use of the clutch, shifting gears, turning and backing, parallel parking, stopping and starting on hills, and driving in traffic. At the first session the instructor discusses rules and regulations pertaining to the operation of motor vehicles in Oregon, but all subsequent classes find the students at the wheels of their cars, actually going through the maneuvers as they are explained.

The instructor is on the grounds at all times during the classes and between sessions students are urged to practice what they were taught at the preceding class. The schools are based on the theory that drivers who learn to operation their cars under the eye of competent instructors become better and therefore safer drivers than those who pick it up by the hit-or-miss manner, Snell declared.

Parents are invited to attend the classes at any time.

Curry County Reporter. Jan. 5. 1940. p1

The high school basketball strings and the girls volleyball team journeyed to Riverton Friday night where they defeated their opponents in all three games

Curry County Reporter. Jan. 25. 1940. p1

BASKETBALL NEWS OF THE PAST WEEK

OPHIR TRAMPLES ORFORD CAGERS

Running rough shod over a scrappy little Pirate squad, A "tall fir" gang of Ophir High School basketball players defeated the Port Orford High team by a score of 26 to 16 at Ophir Gym Friday night.

The Ophir team, averaging over six feet in height, led the scoring all the way through, and except for their poor shooting would have run the score way up. The Port Orford lads were unable to get the ball through the network of arms spread out above them often enough to get the ball in the air in the general direction of the basket, therefore the lost score on their part.

The scores at the end of the periods were as follows: At the end of the first period 4-7 with Ophir leading. At the half 5-13, at the third quarter 7-19, and the final score 16-26.

Two preliminaries were played, one in which the Ophir Grade School girls decimated the Port Orford Grade School girls in basketball and the other between the two grade school boys teams in which the Port Orford youngsters took easily by a lopsided score.

In the main game Bob Adams was high scorer for Ophir with 12 points. Maloy and Jamieson of Port Orford were tied with 6 each. Miller of Port Orford, usually high scorer, was outstanding in ball handling but was unable to get the ball through the hoop.

Ophir made 8 field goals to Port Orford's 6.

Ophir sank 10 foul shots to Port Orford's 4. Ophir made nearly half their points via the free throw route.

Most winded individual, the referee.

PORT ORFORD TAKES LANGLOIS IN CLOSE CONTEST

The Port Orford Pirates, that sometimes "on and off" basketball team was "on" last Wednesday night when

they engaged Langlois High in a conference game at the Langlois gym. Both teams were evenly matched and gave the spectators as thrilling a game as has been seen for some time. Both teams played good basketball and there was not much fouling on either side. This was rather unusual as the tendency at the conference season in Curry County has been towards the rougher style of playing.

The preliminary between the two second strings was won by Langlois by a score of 20-9. At first it looked as if it might be a close game but the Langlois B squad proved too much for the junior Pirates.

In the main event, Port Orford drew first blood with a nifty one-handed shot from the double lines by Forty. From there on it was anybody's game. The end of the first quarter ended with Port Orford ahead 9-7. Langlois started clicking in the second quarter and that period ended 12-16 with Langlois on the long end. Port Orford drew up even with the Panthers in the third period which ended 22-22. During the last quarter, both teams tied at 24-24 and 26-26, but in the closing seconds Port Orford sank a field goal and a free throw to put them ahead 29-26 which was the score at the end of the game.

Miller of Port Orford was high point man as usual with 11 points. Crew, who is Langlois' main threat, was held down to only 9 points, but Casey of the same team got away with 12 tallies.

PIANO RECITAL

Next Thursday evening at 8 p.m. sharp, Cliff Fernald will present some of his piano students in a recital at the high school.

The recital is the first of two to be given this school year.

The following students will participate: Misses Joan and Adelle Thomas, Miss Ann Sweet, Miss Patricia Zumwalt, and Mr. Donald Sweet, with Masters Mark and Paul Fernald of the younger generation.

Those interested in music are invited to attend.

Port Orford Post. Feb. 2. 1940. pl.

(Retyped for clarity).



The local high school teams played at Brookings Friday night where they defeated the Brookings first, and second teams. The county conference standing for Port Orford is at present .800, Ophir being the only school ahead of them.

Curry County Reporter. Feb. 8. 1940. p1

Final plans for the Artists and Models Ball were completed Tuesday evening at a meeting of the dance committee headed by Mrs. Lloyd Hickok.

The ball will be held March 23 in the high school gym. Since promotion efforts have been made toward bringing people from Marshfield and Eureka, an overflow crowd is expected and will dance on the tennis court—weather permitting.

A large outside orchestra has been signed and a grand time is assured. Tickets will go on sale next week.

This is to be an all day celebration with open house and class demonstrations at the art center and plays by the dramatic classes.

Tell your friends in neighboring communities to set this date aside. Remember, all day March 23!

Curry County Reporter. Feb. 22. 1940. p4-

NOTE: The ball was held in Gold Beach. and Port Orford students were invited.

In the president's cup tourney, Gardiner took third with a 38-25 win over Brookings; Lookingglass won fourth by beating Talent 17-14; and Kerby captured fifth place with a 20-19 decision over Port Orford.

Coos Bay Times. Mar. 29. 1940. p5

The three act play "Almost Eighteen" given by the local high school last Friday was attended by a large crowd from various parts of the county.

Port Orford Post. Mar. 14. 1940. p5

Port Orford

Dial phones were installed the latter part of the week making Port Orford the first in the county to have them.

Curry County Reporter. Feb. 15. 1940. p1



Ending second in the county basketball tournament, the local boys left for the Ashland tournament on Wednesday. Those going were Elton Miller, Gordon Forty, Cecil Jamieson, Hewitt Maloy, Ralph Sweet, Bobby McKenzie, Sidney Sweet, Coach Ray Griffith, and team manager Donald Sweet.

Curry County Reporter. Feb. 29. 1940. p5



Play Day Held At Port Orford

Port Orford Wins Typing Gold Beach Leads Archery Competition Light

The second Curry county play day for high schools was held April 19 at Port Orford with typing and archery contests between schools, and badminton, table tennis, volleyball and baseball games during the day. Lunch was served by the Port Orford high school girls at noon.

Port Orford won both the speed and accuracy awards in first year typing.

Gold Beach won both boys and girls archery contests. In the boys contest only Gold Beach and Port Orford entered teams. In the girls contest teams were entered by Gold Beach, Port Orford and Ophir. Langlois has not yet gone in for archery competition and Brookings has an epidemic of measles which prevented sending a team.

Archery scores were as follows:

Gold Beach boys—Thornton, 308; Schneidau, 222; C. Briggs, 172; total, 702.

Port Orford boys—L. Sorenson, 214; C. Jamieson, 201; E. Miller, 160; total, 575.

Gold Beach girls—Bessie Costelloe, 299; Rose Gardner, 295; Marjorie Sutton, 274; total, 868.

Port Orford girls—Irene Markle, 281; Betty Zumwalt, 264; Doris Corson, 244; total, 789.

The report of scores of the Ophir girls was incomplete.

Curry County Reporter. Apr. 25. 1940. p4

The Langlois high school was invited to Port Orford last Friday to attend girls play day and the county typing contest. Many different games were played and lunch was served at noon to all. Everyone had a nice time.

Curry County Reporter. Apr. 25. 1940. p4

Port Orford First In Play Contest

Port Orford took first, Brookings second and Gold Beach third in the Curry county high schools one act play contest at Brookings last Friday night. Wallace Bullard of Gold Beach was chosen as the outstanding boy, and Alida Quick of Port Orford as the outstanding girl in the contest.

The Battle Rock cup was presented by the Curry County Bank. Judges were from Del Norte county.

Curry County Reporter. May 2. 1940. p1



H.S. Track Meet Saturday

The Curry county high school track meet will be held in Gold Beach this year for the first time in three years. Last year and the year before the meet was held in Port Orford.

For the first time in many years all events in the meet will be standard, and the 120 yard high hurdles will be run for the first time.

This year competition will be among boys teams only. Due to lack of interest in the county there will be no girls events this year.

The new track at the Gold Beach high school grounds will be used for the first time. Work on the track has been done by WPA crews, and in the past week the high school boys have put in a lot of time helping in order to get the track ready by Saturday.

New pole vaulting and jumping pits have been dug, new standards and hurdles have been made.

Ribbons for each place winner in each event and for the officials have been printed at the Reporter office. The winning team will take home the county cup which was won last year by Gold Beach and the previous two years by Brookings.

The meet will start at 1:30 p.m. at the high school athletic field just south of the new high school building.

Curry County Reporter. May 9. 1940. pl



LARGEST CLASS GRADUATES

The 1940 graduating class of Port Orford High School, consisting of 14 students, is the largest to graduate from the school. Eleven girls and three boys will receive their diplomas at the commencement program held Thursday night at the high school gym.

The stage will be again superbly decorated by Nat Perkins, who is to be remembered for his past masterpieces. Professor John L. Casteel, dean of Division of Speech from the University of Oregon, will be the speaker for the evening.

One student, Betty Zumwalt, was awarded a scholarship to Oregon State College, which she plans to attend next year.

The graduates are: Loeta Johnson, Alida Quick, Helen Lindberg, Irene Mark, Hewitt Maloy, Georgina McKenzie, Dorothea Mather, Elton Miller, Betty McClintock, Betty Zumwalt, Eileen Campbell, Dorothy White, Betty Weekly and Jack Kohl.

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Port Orford Post. May 17. 1940. pl



Port Orford **Summer** of 1940

PORT ORFORD GOES TO TOWN

A series of celebrations is scheduled for Port Orford this summer, all under the auspices of the city council and there will be no private promoters, and the lion's share of the gate receipts will go as prize money and purses to attract outstanding sporting events, while the balance will pay the advertising costs. Thus, the city will be clear of any expense upon the taxpayers and all the celebrations stand on their own.

Posters have gone up from Eugene to Ashland and from Taft to Crescent City. The radio stations at Marshfield and Eureka are announcing it.

The first big celebration will occur on June first and will include five headline boxing bouts, fighting in an open-air arena with full flood lighting.

Mayor Gable announced yesterday the signing of the headliners who will battle for ten rounds for the featherweight championship of the northwest. The Portland Italian Al Spina is the title holder and will meet one of the toughest little men on the coast today in Mark Diaz of Los Angeles who is well-known as the Filipino Bolo puncher and ring mate of the great Filipino middleweight champion of the world, Cefrino Garcia.

Diaz has wanted to meet Spina for years. The match was in the making in Hollywood but Spina hurt his hand and had to lay off. Diaz has now come North and the match is signed and sealed for Port Orford on June first. "From all advance information," the mayor said, "this will be a battle that will attract fight fans all the way from Portland and will be some battle for ten rounds. It will be the first time for headline professional boxing bouts in Curry County, and southwestern Oregon will go to town on June first in a way that the people will long remember."

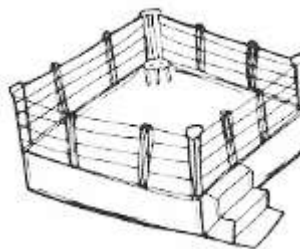
The six round semi-final lightweight boxers are Jimmy Davis of Vancouver and Johnny O'Connell of Portland. Jimmy Davis is one of the best prospects developed in years in the Northwest and will have one of the toughest fights in his career in O'Connell.

In addition to the boxing bouts which will start at 8:30 p.m. and at popular prices, there will be log contests and baseball at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon and the dedication of the new Tichenor Park, one of the nicest city parks along the coast. At six o'clock, free clam chowder will be served by the City of Port Orford. Twelve gallons of clams, ten pounds of butter, twelve pounds of bacon, one hundred pounds of potatoes, fifteen pounds of onions and seventy-five gallons of milk will go into this chowder which will be prepared by Otto Heckel of Langlois, famous for clam chowder and a former chef for the Pullman Company.

Mayor Gable has announced that preparations are also being made for a celebration about a month later which will include a jalopy race with all cars 1931 models or older and twelve tentative entrants are already on the books.

The third celebration which will be out around Labor Day will include a midget automobile race on a half mile track which has already been surveyed at Port Orford and five wrestling bouts are also on Port Orford's elaborate summer program.

Mayor Gable has appointed a Boxing Commission to serve for one year and supervise the bouts and the wrestling events. The boxing ring is being constructed in the baseball park on the highway next to the grade school. Port Orford is going to town.



**PORT ORFORD GOES
TO TOWN**

JUNE 1

**10-Round Boxing Bout
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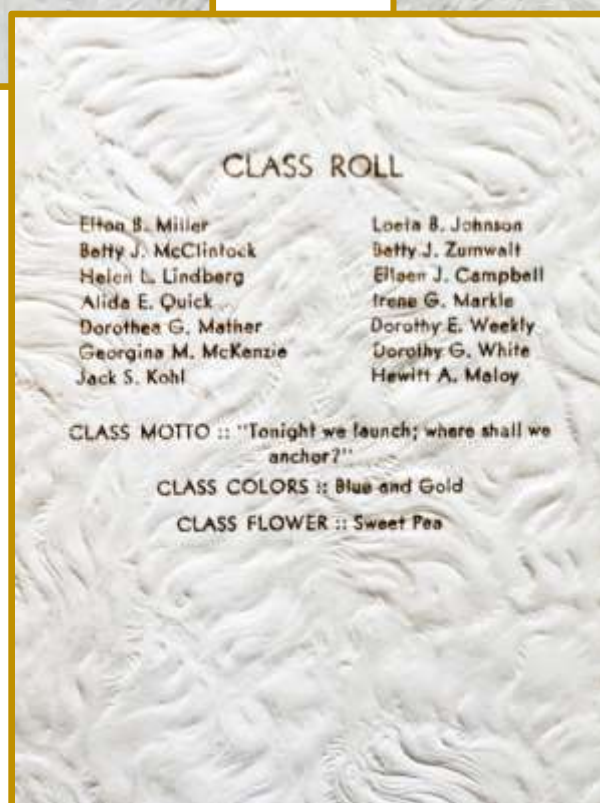


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Photographs



Port Orford High School Principals Ruth Clark.

In 1922, Ruth Clark from Montana was hired by the board of directors of Port Orford School District #1 for what would become a 20-year career. For the first 12 years of her employment she boarded at the Knapp Hotel. Her teaching specialties were Latin and mathematics, and for at least one season she coached the high school boys' basketball team.



A blue arrow points to Port Orford High School on the hill overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

Port Orford's Iconic Natural Landmarks



Humbug Mountain. 1940 image. *Photo Credit – Port Orford Historical Photos website*



Battle Rock. 1940 image. *Photo Credit – Port Orford Historical Photos website*

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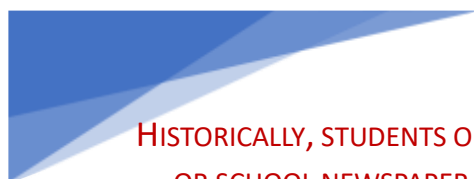
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