

Port Orford High School
Scrapbook
1941



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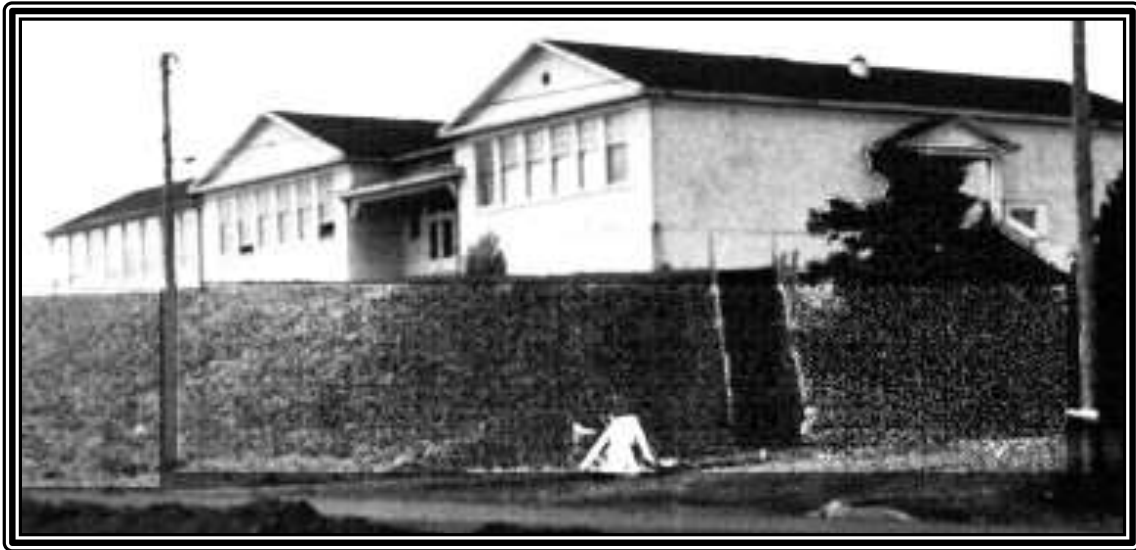
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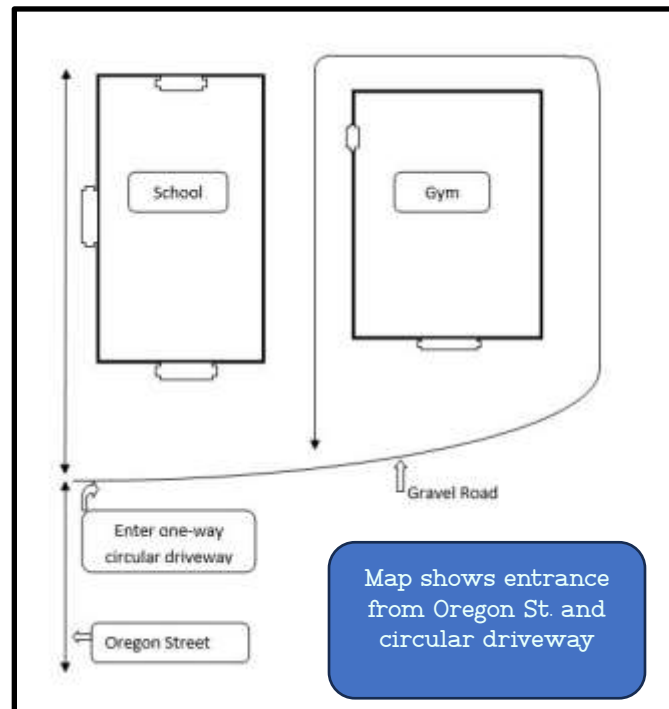
NOTE: Despite exhaustive efforts, a yearbook for the Port Orford High school year of 1940-41 could not be found. It is believed that one was not produced. In lieu of that, a scrapbook has been prepared from newspaper clippings, class rosters from other yearbooks, and photos submitted by relatives and descendants of the POHS Class of 1941.

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Port Orford High School



Class Rosters for 1941

Rosters are speculative and based on class lists from other years.

Freshmen:

Class of 1944

Fromm, Yvonne Eloise
 Hale, Carl Richard##
 Hale, Glen Robert##
 Hanley, Norma
 Horner, Curtis Elden
 McClintock, Estelle Irene
 McKenzie, Shirley Elizabeth
 Parman, Hazel Pauline
 Post, Twyla
 Thomas, Jacqueline Adelle

Sophomores:

Class of 1943

Beck, Gene##
 Corbin, Alan##
 Hatcher, Alene
 Lindberg, Rachel Grange
 Marsh, Barbara
 Mayea, Johnny##
 McKenzie, Robert "Bobby"##
 Welch, Fern

Juniors:

Class of 1942

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##

Seniors:

Class of 1941

Forty, Gordon##
 Glaze, Lila
 Hibberts, Vena
 Holcomb, Elmyra
 Jamieson, Cecil##
 Newman, Wayne
 Perkins, Jane
 Sorenson, Tommy##
 Sweet, Ralph##
 Sweet, Sidney##

= Military Service during World War II



NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

SCHOOL PLANS FOR OPENING ANNOUNCED

Registration. Flag Raising Ceremony to Feature First Day

The back-to-school trek of Port Orford High school and grade school students will begin next Tuesday, September 3, according to announcements yesterday by John Masterson, chairman of the grade school district board, and Dr. L. R. Pugh, chairman of the high school district board.

Opening day of school will feature two things of interest to students and teachers, according to present plans. Registration and assignment of books will be one, and a flag-raising ceremony to be conducted at the Langlois High School in the morning will be the other item of interest.

Students upon entering the high school next Tuesday will find it a changed place in some respects. Facilities for two new classes have been installed for domestic science and manual training students.

IMPROVEMENTS MADE IN BUILDING

One of the rooms formerly used for the typing classes has been made into the home economics room, while a portion of the hall has been made into a typing room.

New showers and toilets have been installed under the stage next to the gymnasium in order to provide facilities for basketball and football players and for the various gym classes.

Improvements at the grade school include the strengthening of supports for beams in the hallways and long rooms of the building. Both busses have been reconditioned and one of them has been overhauled in preparation for the school year.

Teachers will arrive by the end of this week and will start preparations for classes Tuesday.

Teacher changes made this year are as follows: Miss Effie Sweet and Mrs. Donna McKenzie Churchill will be new instructors in the grade school. Mrs. Maloy will teach this year at the high school in place of Mrs. Eleanor Bailey who resigned last spring.

Port Orford Post. Aug 30. 1940. p1

(Text retyped for clarity)

FIRST DAY REGISTRATION TOTALS 211

Open House to be Held Soon to Show Off Recent Improvements

First day registration in the Port Orford public schools was 211, according to announcements of principals. A total of 156 were counted on the first day at the grade school, and 55 appeared on the first day at the high school.

The number will be further increased in a few days when other students are expected from vacations or from the state fair which is in progress this week at Salem.

An unusually large number of freshmen students registered at the high school, according to Miss Ruth Clark, principal. Twenty first year students began their high school studies.

Alice Mulloy, a graduate of the University of Oregon, will have charge of the domestic science class at the high school. This and the manual training class under the direction of Ray Griffith are new this year. Equipment for them was installed this summer.

Bus schedules this year will be about the same as last year, according to the principals.

Open house will be held at the high school at the beginning of the 3rd week of school in order to show townspeople the improvements made last summer in plan and facilities, according to L. A. Pugh, chairman of the board. Full details of the open house will be announced in next week's Post.

Port Orford Post. Sept. 6. 1940. p1

(Text retyped for clarity)



HIGH SCHOOL TO HAVE OPEN HOUSE SOON

Open house at Port Orford high school will be held next Monday afternoon between 1 and 3 o'clock, according to plans announced yesterday by L. R. Pugh, chairman of the school board.

Purpose of the open house is to give Port Orford parents and citizens a chance to see the improvements, changes made in the high school plant since last year.

Visitors are welcome to visit the high school any time, Dr. Pugh observed, but a special attempt will be made Monday to show people the progress made within the last year. William Longstaff, janitor, will be available Monday as a guide to show visitors a round.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS MADE DURING SUMMER

Visitors will find two new departments installed in the high school, these being the domestic science and the manual training departments, with complete new equipment installed to make them modern.

The road in front of the school and the grounds around it and the gymnasium have been graded and worked over until they are level and smooth.

A new exit from the girls' basement has been constructed. A new typing room has been built out of a part of the main hall. New rest rooms and showers have been installed under the stage, in the gymnasium building.

Port Orford Post. Sept. 13. 1940. p1

LOCAL GIRLS BEST COQUILLE

The Port Orford girls team was the winner by 153 points over the Coquille girls team in a bowling match at the Pot o' Gold recreational center Monday night.

The local girls scored 15 points to 11 for the visitors. Thursday night the Port Orford team traveled to Coquille for a return engagement.

Playing for Port Orford were Alma Leith, Jane Perkins, Maxine Thorp, Pat Harry and Leah Spoon.

On the Coquille team were Marvine McClellan, Marvin Myers, Fairey Cardwell, Mazine Stephenson and Nadine Bailey.

(Text retyped for clarity)

POT O' GOLD
RECREATIONAL CENTER
Port Orford, Ore.

Port Orford Post. Sept. 27. 1940. p8



Play Will Be Given Here

For the benefit of the Port Orford High School student body funds, the play, "Uncle Cy Hits a New High" will be presented next Tuesday at the high school gym by the Junior Women's club of Bandon at 8 o'clock.

The play was presented in Bandon last Thursday with marked success with the entire cast giving an excellent account of itself.

Mrs. Vera Brown is cast as a sprightly aunt, Mrs. Ernest Panter is cast as a French maid, and Mrs. Raymond Wilson gives a brilliant interpretation of a lady looking for a title. Eva Garten and Captain Melvin Alvey are cast as a seasick passenger and an attentive steward, respectively.

(Retyped for clarity)

Port Orford Post. Oct. 4. 1940. p1

Bandon Team Wins 2 From Orford In Friday's Contests

BANDON, Dec. 7. -- Special ---Bandon High School basketball teams made it four in a row over Curry County squads Friday night. Bandon "A" quintet downed Port Orford High "A" squad 25-15. The host "B" squad nipped the Port Orford seconds 25-18. 25-8. Only fly in the ointment for a crowd that filled the Bandon gym to overflowing was a 43-34 defeat administered the Bandon faculty team by Hansen's Contractors, Marshfield independent quintet. Tuesday night, Bandon defeated Langlois High "A" and "B" teams 31-18 and 23-11, respectively. Return engagements are booked at Langlois Tuesday night, Dec. 10...

Coos Bay Times. Dec. 7. 1940. p2

Ophir, Langlois and Gold Beach will participate in a girl's volleyball league. The winning school will receive a cup. After the meeting the Port Orford home economics department served refreshments.

Curry County Reporter. Nov. 28. 1940. p4



PORT ORFORD TO MEET POWERS IN FIRST GAME

First game of the season for the Port Orford High School basketball team will pit the local cagers against the Powers team this Friday evening at the high school gym. Played as a preliminary to the high school game will be a game between the local freshmen and the grade school team. First game will start at 7:00 p.m.

This will be the first chance for the local basketeers to try out their basket making talents on a rival team this year. While play probably will reveal a number of ragged edges, these undoubtedly will be smoothed out before many games are played.

Port Orford Post Nov. 29. 1940. p4

PORT ORFORD TO PLAY BANDON TONIGHT

The "A" and "B" teams from Port Orford high school will invade Bandon this Friday, December 6. The "B" game will start at 7:00 p. m., the "A" game following. Admission will be adults, 25c; students with partial student body tickets, 15c; and children, 10c.

Port Orford Post. Dec. 6. 1940. p1

SEMESTER ENDS FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS

Today marks the end of another semester for all Port Orford high school and grade school students. Semester examinations for all but a lucky few were given both yesterday and today. Exemptions, from exams, according to Miss Ruth Clark, principal of the high school, are fewer this year.

Port Orford Post, Jan. 7, 1941. p1

The Langlois high school basketball team has a game scheduled to play Port Orford Tuesday night on their home floor.

Curry County Reporter, Jan. 16, 1941. p1

Gold Beach won an easy game from Port Orford Tuesday by a wide margin. Port Orford stands at the bottom of the county conference this season.

Curry County Reporter, Feb. 29, 1941. p1



School Play Is Feb. 14

Port Orford High School will present a three-act comedy, "Sunshine Twins", at the gymnasium Friday, February 14, at 8 p. m.

The play is written by Dana Thomas, successful playwright of a number of high school plays, among them, "Almost Eighteen", which the local high school presented last year.

The play is rich in comedy and hilarious situations and is guaranteed to make you forget the War!

Elmyra Holcomb and Wayne Newman contribute to the comedy in their roles as Ma and Pa Robinson.

Eugene Beck as Glen Robinson, a young man whose economic and political ideas are not yet formed, has a strong part in the acting. Ruth McClintock as Norma Robinson, is the would-be actress. Betty Cummings plays the part of Mrs. Ellis who owns a green-house.

The rich capitalist who becomes involved in the twins' schemes is played by Bruce Zumwalt. Derts Corson and Sidney Sweet play the parts of Bebe and Leo, a spoiled young married woman and her hen-pecked husband.

Barbara Marsh is the actress. Last but not least, are the youngsters who have the leading roles, the Sunshine Twins, who keep things moving, Patricia Johnson and Donald Sweet.

Press comment from Duluth, Minnesota, where the premiere showing of the play took place, rates the comedy one of the cleverest offerings ever presented there.

The play is under the direction of Miss Ruth Clark. Stage Managers are Gordon Forty, Don Babel and Don Mills.

Port Orford Post, Feb. 7, 1941. p1

HIGH SCHOOL PLAY GIVES AUDIENCE PLENTY OF LAUGHS

Laughter was the order of the evening at the high school gymnasium Friday night when the Port Orford high school student body presented the three-act comedy, "The Sunshine Twins", before a full house.

Although long in length, requiring nearly two and a half hours the play did not drag, and members of the cast were so nearly letter perfect in their parts that the whole thing went off without a hitch.

Comments were heard about town of the exceptionally fine performances turned in by Wayne Newman, as the harassed father, and Eugene Beck, as the young man whose political and economic ideas were on the radical side.

Other members of the cast whose ability made the comedy such a success were Pat Johnson and Donald Sweet, as the inimitable Sunshine Twins, Elmyra Holcomb, Ruth McClintock, Betty Cummings, Bruce Zumwalt, Doris Corson, Sidney Sweet, and Barbara Marsh.

Miss Ruth Clark, director of the play, was presented with a book by the cast in appreciation of her help and patience.

Stage managers were Gordon Forty, Don Babel and Don Mills.

Port Orford Post, Feb. 21, 1941. pl



The first declamation contest to be held in the Curry county high schools for many years will be presented at Port Orford, April 7. The three types of talks will be humorous, serious, and dramatic.

Curry County Reporter, Mar. 6, 1941. pl

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BUILD TENNIS COURT

According to Miss Ruth Clark, principal of the high school, a new lawn tennis court just south of the school building will be finished in a week or two.

The boys are doing the work themselves under the supervision of Ray Griffith, high school teacher.

Port Orford Post, Mar. 7, 1941. pl

HIGH SCHOOL PLAY CAST ARE GUESTS AT DINNER

Members of the cast of the Port Orford high school play "The Sunshine Twins" which was presented last month, were honored February 27 with a dinner given by Nat Perkins.

Guests were as follows: Wayne Newman, Eugene Beck, Pat Johnson, Donald Sweet, Elmyra Holcomb, Ruth McClintock, Betty Cummings, Bruce Zumwalt, Doris Corson, Sidney Sweet, Barbara Marsh, Gordon Forty, Don Babel, Don Mills, Miss Ruth Clark, director, and Mrs. Mary Rice.

Port Orford Post, Mar. 7, 1941. pl

SCHOOLS VIE FOR SPEECH HONORS TONIGHT

Entrants from Langlois, Port Orford, Ophir and Gold Beach high schools will take part in the county declamatory contest to be held at the Langlois gymnasium tonight at eight o'clock.

Representing Port Orford in the first contest held in many years are Patricia Johnson and Fern Welch.

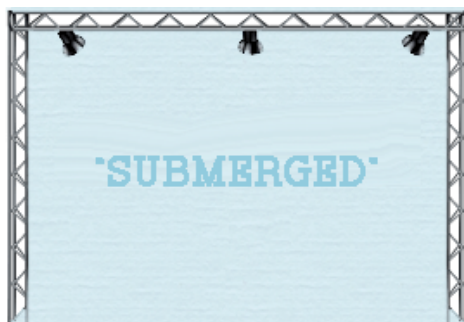
The contest has three divisions, humorous, serious, and oratorical. Judges have not been announced.

Port Orford Post. Apr. 4. 1941. p1

TENNIS COURT IS COMPLETED

The tennis court at the high school has been completed and the public is invited to play there. It was announced this week. Arrangements for instruction or opposition may be made with Ray Griffith, high school instructor.

Port Orford Post. Apr. 18. 1941. p1



THREE ONE-ACT PLAYS WILL HAVE SHOWING TUES. AT HIGH SCHOOL

The public will have an opportunity to see three one-act plays to be given Tuesday night by the Port Orford high school student body and help in deciding which play shall be presented by the school for the county one-act play contest.

Twenty-two students take part in the three plays, the titles of which are "One Happy Family", "Grandmother Nick", and "Submerged". The county contest will be April 18 at Ophir.

A small admission charge of ten cents for children and twenty-five cents for adults will be made Tuesday night.

Port Orford Post. Apr. 11. 1941. p1

SUBMERGED IS PLAY SELECTED FOR COUNTY CONTEST

Port Orford high school will defend its one-act play championship title Friday night at the fifth annual county play contest at Ophir. The local school has won first place for the four years the contest has been held.

"Submerged", a drama of the seas by Cottman and Heath, in which 20 men are trapped in a wrecked submarine and rescue is possible only through the heroism of one of the men, was selected as this year's contest play Tuesday night. The other plays, "One Happy Family" and "Grandmother Nick" were presented at the same time for consideration of the judges.

Appearing in the cast of "Submerged" are Don Sweet, Bruce Zumwalt, Sidney Sweet, Wayne Newman, Gordon Forty and Eugene Beck. Judges were F. B. Tichenor, Mrs. L. R. Pugh, Mrs. Dora Grant and Bernard Mather.

Port Orford Post. Apr. 18. 1941. p1

1941 PLAY DAY IS ATTENDED BY MANY GIRLS

One hundred girls, representing all high schools in the county, were guests of the local high school last Friday for the annual county Play Day.

Tournaments in archery, ping pong and badminton were played off by school teams and individuals during the day. Gold Beach finished high with a total of four first places.

Results were as follows: Archery—Gold Beach first with an accumulative score of 688; Port Orford second with 524. Individual awards went to Iris Owen, Gold Beach, first, scoring 317; Doris Corson, Port Orford, second, scoring 272.

Ping Pong—Singles, Gold Beach first, Pat Johnson, Port Orford, second; doubles, Mary Jane Rowan and Barbara Marsh first, Langlois team second.

Badminton—Singles, Gold Beach first, Ophir second; doubles, Twyla Post and Ruth McClintock, Port Orford, first, Brookings second.

Also held Friday at the local high school was the county typing contest, both awards being taken by Port Orford students. In typing I, Jewel Johnston won with 48 words and six errors. Don Sweet placed first in typing II with 70 words and 9 errors.

In the tennis matches held by the boys in Gold Beach Friday, the singles were taken by Port Orford and the doubles by Gold Beach. Gordon Forty defeated Don Buffington, Gold Beach, 6-4, 6-4, and Don Sweet won from Ulbrecht six games to two. In the doubles match, Ulbrecht and Kramer of Gold Beach won from Don Sweet and Bruce Zumwalt of Port Orford, 6-2, 6-4.

GOLD BEACH WINS FIRST PLACE IN PLAY CONTEST

For the first time in five years the local high school took second instead of first place in the annual high school one-act play contest held this year at Ophir, Friday, April 18.

The Port Orford High School presented "Submerged" which the judges said, apologetically, lacked "oomph", (possibly due to the fact that the six men who had been in the wrecked sunken submarine for three days were in a dazed condition).

First place went to Gold Beach whose production "Marriage Proposal", a Russian farce by Tchekoff, was expertly directed and staged. It was a performance worthy of any Little Theatre or University Dramatic club. It is reported that Mr. Chambreau, dramatic instructor at the Gold Beach Art Center, aided materially in the selection, production and setting of this difficult play. A huge bizarre, emblematic back-drop was used in this play suggestive of the American-Russian home. The dramatic technique was almost perfect and showed weeks of intensive training. The judges' only criticism of this play was that it was difficult to be heard. Three characters made up the cast.

The Langlois High School play, second in order of evening performance, was a light comedy with seven characters.

Ophir High School presented a farce, "Comin' Round the Mountain", which, considering the small enrollment of the high school, was well cast. There were seven in this play.

Brookings High School pleased the audience greatly with their farce, "Nobody Home", which included seven characters.

Clarence Young in presenting the cup, changed the ruling in regard to permanent possession of the cup from three years to two years.

Judges were Wayne Smith, principal of Bandon Grade School; Mrs. Greame of the Bandon Grade School, and Miss Eva Gadowa, physical education instructor at Bandon high school.

A large crowd attended the plays.

Port Orford Post, Apr. 18, 1941, p1

Port Orford Post, Apr. 25, 1941, p1

GBHS and POHS Meet in Tennis

Gold Beach and Port Orford high schools held a tennis meet at Gold Beach May 5. Gold Beach won three singles and one doubles match and Port Orford won one doubles.

Players for Gold Beach were Jim Ulbricht, Owen Stafford and Bill Turner, singles, Owen Stafford and Pete Buffington, Bill Turner and Jim Ulbricht, doubles. For Port Orford, Don Sweet, Gordon Forty and Alan Corbin, singles, Gordon Forty and Bruce Zumwalt, Don Sweet and Alan Corbin.

Curry County Reporter, May 16, 1941, p1

9 in High School Class Graduating From Port Orford

PORT ORFORD, May 22.—(Special)—Nine high school students are graduating this year from the Port Orford High school. The service will be held Thursday night at the high school gymnasium. The speaker will be George Turnbull of the school of journalism at University of Oregon.

The stage will be decorated by Nat Perking depicting an outdoor scene, rustic and woodsy. Special music has been planned by the high school girls glee club, and a solo by Mrs. Arthur Sweet. In the absence of Mr. Pugh, chairman of the board, diplomas will be presented by Lewis Knapp.

Names of the graduates are: Gordon Forty, Cecil Jamison, Wayne Newmaum, Thomas Sorenson, Ralph Sweet, Elmyra Holcomb, June Hunt, Jane Perkins and Lila Glaz.

Coos Bay Times, May 22, 1941, p12

Ten Seniors Will Receive Diplomas

Commencement Exercises
Are Scheduled For
Thursday Night, May 22

Ten graduating seniors of the Port Orford high school will receive diplomas at Commencement exercises Thursday night in the high school gymnasium. Speaker for the occasion will be Dean J. R. Jewell of the University of Oregon school of education. The topic of his address has not been announced.

Diplomas will be presented by Louis Knapp who will act as chairman in place of Dr. L. R. Pugh. A program of music will be given by the girls' glee club and Mrs. Docia Sweet, soloist.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICES WILL BE SUNDAY

Miss Ruth Clark, principal, has announced that stage decorating will again be done by N. W. Perkins who has received many favorable comments on his stage decorations for commencements in other years.

Baccalaureate services will be held Sunday night at the Community Church with Rev. Turner MacDonald as speaker.

Both commencement and baccalaureate will begin at eight o'clock.

Port Orford Post, May 16, 1941,
p1



PHOTOGRAPHS

Port Orford Elementary School



Port Orford 7th and 8th grades, 1941



Port Orford Elementary School 1941

Port Orford High School



Photo shows east side entrance to Port Orford High School.



Gordon Forty



Cecil Jamieson



Elmyra Holcomb



Ralph Sweet



Lila Glaze



Sidney Sweet



June Hurst



Wayne Newman



Jane Perkins

Senior Class 1941
Port Orford High School.

Kenneth Ellis

Photographs

Photo credit: Peggy Alessio, from the photo album of Ralph Sweet



POHS Class of 1941 as 8th Graders in 1937. Front row. L-R: Tommy Sorenson. Dorothy Wagner. Georgina McKenzie. Martha Bumpers. Sydney Sweet. Gordon Forty. Bud Cos. Back Row. LL-R: Cecil Jamieson. Earl Quigley. Phyllis Sutton. Helen Mae Vorhees. Jene Hurst. Howard Watson. Ralph Sweet. Georgina McKenzie graduated from high school early with the class of 1940.
Photo Credit: Mary Wahl, daughter of Georgina McKenzie Wahl

1941 Port Orford High School Student Body



Photo credit: Peggy Alessio from the photo album of Ralph Sweet.

Senior Prom



Photo credit: Peggy Alessio from the photo album of Ralph Sweet.

Men, L-R: Gordon Forty, Cecil Jamieson, Ralph Sweet, Tommy Sorenson. Women, L-R: Lila Glaze, June Hurst, Elmira Holcomb, Jane Perkins.

POHS Senior Class 1941



Photo Credit: Peggy Alessio from the photo album of Ralph Sweet.

Back Row, L-R: Wayne Newman, Ralph Sweet, Cecil Jamieson, Gordon Forty, and Sid Sweet. Front Row, Lo-R: Jane Perkins, Lila Glaze, Elmyra Holcomb, and June Hurst.

1941 Port Orford High School Drama Club.



(Photo Credit: Dolores Marsh Mayea and daughter Julie Mayea Kelleher)

Back Row, L-R: Barbara Marsh, Bruce Zumwalt, Wayne Newman, Ruth Clark (principal and drama coach) Elmyra Holcomb, Sid Sweet, and unidentified. Seated, L-R: unidentified, Ruth McClintock, Pat Johnson, Don Sweet, Doris Carson. Name of the play, *The Sunshine Twins*.

1941 POHS Boys' Basketball Team



Photo credit: Peggy Alessio from the photo album of Ralph Sweet.

Back row, L-R: Don Babel, Lyle Gardner, Ray Griffith, Sid Sweet, Glen Hale, front row, L-R: Bobby McKenzie, Gordon Forty, Alan Corbin, Ralph Sweet, and Bruce Zumwalt.

1941 POHS Boys' Basketball Team in Warm-Ups



Photo credit: Peggy Alessio from the photo album of Ralph Sweet.

Back Row, L-R: Don Babel, Lyle Gardner, Ray Griffith, Sid Sweet, Glen Hale, Bobby McKenzie, Gordon Forty, Alan Corbin, Ralph Sweet, and Bruce Zumwalt.

POHS Class of 1941 Who Served During WWII



Gordon Forty: Army
(Photo Credit, Jerry Forty.)



Cecil Jamieson: Coast Guard



Ralph "Art" Sweet: Navy
(Photo Credit, Peggy Alessio)



Sidney Sweet: Navy
(Photo Credit, Peggy Alessio)



Thomas "Tommy" Sorenson suspended his studies at Port Orford HS and joined the Navy in December of 1940.

Four More Sent From Coos Area Into U.S. Navy

Four men were dispatched the past weekend from local naval recruiting headquarters, all volunteers. Thomas Philip Sorenson, Port Orford, went out Sunday night. Howard Dale Chambers, Bandon, was sent to Portland Saturday night. The Friday night dispatch included Eugene Morrow and Clinton Dean Watkins, both of Marshfield.

Coos Bay Times, Dec. 22, 1941, p4



Gordon Forty stationed in Naples, Italy.
Photo Credit, Jerry Forty

PORT ORFORD, Dec. 8.—(Special)—Thomas Philip Sorenson, F. C. 3 c U.S. navy, spent a two-day leave visiting his father Dennis Sorenson and the R. G. McKenzie family. Sorenson entered the service Dec. 22, 1942, and has taken part in nine major battles. He will now be sent to school at San Diego.

Coos Bay Times, Dec. 8, 1944, p8