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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

From the Superintendent's Desk!

Bids Scheduled for New Junior High



We will be receiving the proceeds from our recent bond issue during the early part of December. It is sometimes difficult to pin point the exact date. We are scheduled to receive bids on Phase I of the new junior high school on December 8. This is a large and complicated project so it will take some time to check the bids and determine how much of the total project can be built with the available funds. We will receive bids on the entire project and the Board will select the combination of

alternates that will both fit the budget and the educational needs. At later dates we will receive bids on Darnaby Phase II consisting of twelve classrooms and media center and also the gymnasium at Grove Elementary.

We are at a critical point in our construction schedule at both the high school addition and Phase I at Darnaby. The high school is practically finished but lacks some minor items. We are receiving very poor cooperation from Keith Construction Company at this point. I have informed the bonding company that we want the contractor to finish the job or for the bonding company to take over and finish the job.

We are also experiencing some delays at Darnaby. We were to have the final inspection on November 17, but as of this date the job is not finished and perhaps will not be finished until some time in January (1981 that is).

You probably think these construction reports sound like broken records, but it is the nature of the business. Our problem is that with the rapid growth of our school district we

are constantly in need of the classrooms and our growth exceeds the ability of contractors to build fast enough. It isn't that we just pick slow contractors, we just need the buildings faster than they can deliver, hence the conflict.

Congratulations to our high school. They have had many good things happen to them recently. Our band was spectacular as they won the sweepstakes honors at the Southwest Regional Contest in Commerce, Texas. I personally attended this event and can tell you that the support of the parents, the performance of the students and the leadership of Mr. Bell and his assistants was tremendous. Our girls cross-country team just won it's fifth consecutive state championship. Drive out to some of the side streets some afternoon and you'll see why they are champions. There are young ladies all over the place working very hard. Our football team won the district title with its win over Bixby and represents our first district title in over a decade.

Mrs. McKenzie, vocal music teacher at Boevers, should be congratulated in all the publicity about our hostages. It is my understanding they made national television with their rendition of the "Yellow Ribbon" theme.

An informal survey using limited resources was recently conducted at Union High School. The results were as follows: 99.9% of our students have not been suspended. 96% of our students have not been tardy to class. 98% of our students were not issued a referral for mis-conduct in school.

99% did not cause trouble on the school buses.

99.8% were not disciplined for fighting.

65% of our students are involved in activities or clubs.

73.8% of our seniors took their ACT test.

We have a lot of good things going on in our system. If you know something good — tell others, if you know something bad — tell us and give us a chance to correct it.

Wesley Jarman

'Tis the Day After Christmas

'Tis the day after Christmas and inside and out, the holiday mess lies scattered about. And ma with a wet towel atop of her head and aspirin tablets has crawled into bed. The kiddies, God bless 'em, are raising a din, with thundering drums and shrill trumpets of tin. While pa, like a schoolboy, forgetting his years, is all tangled up in the bicycle gears.

Old Duffer, the dachshund, delightfully smug, lies gnawing a carcass upon the new rug. And Muffet, the kitten despaired of a lap, on the dining room table is taking her nap. Plaid neckties and pink socks and what-nots galore await their exchange at the five-and-ten store. While tidbits and knickknacks of leftover sweets must furnish the menu for future-day eats.

'Tis the day after Christmas, and once every year folks willingly pay for their holiday cheer. With toothaches from candy and headaches from bills, they call up the doctor and order more pills.

Mama insists that what the country needs is a do-it-yourself Christmas tree. One that will gather up all the litter, take it with itself and vanish.

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Operating Funds Election Set

January 27, voters from the Union School District will go to the polls to approve school operating funds. The amount, 20 mills, is set by the Oklahoma School Code, and has been approved every year by Union voters since the levies went into effect.

The ballot will consist of:

★ **A FIVE MILL EMERGENCY LEVY** for General Fund current expense purposes: These funds help pay for salaries, daily operational expenses, and instructional supplies and materials.

★ **A FIVE MILL BUILDING FUND LEVY** for construction, repairs and remodeling of buildings as well as for purchasing furniture.

★ **A TEN MILL LOCAL SUPPORT LEVY** for General Fund current expenses. These funds are used for the same purposes as the Five Mill Emergency Levy.

The rapid growth of the Union School District makes continued approval of this levy, in addition to approval of annual bond issues, of critical importance.

Also on the ballot will be the Zone One board member post.

Girls Cross-Country State Champs

The Girls Cross-Country Team captured its fifth consecutive state championship on November 8 at Oral Roberts University.

The Redskins coached by Jim Bradshaw have dominated girls cross-country in the 3A class since 1975. This year Lori Bushyhead was the individual winner and established a new state record time for the girls two mile run. Other team members included: Lynette Schnack, Cindy Hickman, Julie Schock and Rachell Williams.

The five consecutive championships is an unprecedented feat and is indicative of the hard work the girls and Coach Bradshaw have been involved in to bring these honors to Union.

Indian Culture & Giving Classroom Themes

Thanksgiving and studies of Indian culture dominated themes in many Union classrooms this November.

Roy Clark fourth graders entertained two residents of the Tulsa Christian Home for a Thanksgiving luncheon. Children decorated the cafeteria and made place mats for their guests.

Two years ago, students adopted residents of the home as grandparents. Each month the children and their teachers visit the Tulsa Christian Home sharing artwork, letters, cards and singing.

Fifth graders studying about our country and its advancements, invited Suzanne Tips to sing "Songs Of The Pioneers As They Settled Our Country". Ms. Tips is a member of the Community Resource Center Arts and Humanities Council.

The Theater of Tulsa presented "The Story of Oklahoma" for third and fourth graders.

Also, the third annual canned food drive for Project-Get-Together was held at Roy Clark Elementary. All students and teachers participated.

First graders at Briarglen took a guided tour through the ancient and modern day villages and museum at Tsa-La-Gi, Tahlequah.

Concluding their unit on Indian cultures, myths and customs was a Thanksgiving Feast. First graders prepared the food themselves. The meal consisted of hamburger stew, crackers, pumpkin bread and carrot sticks. The children came to the feast dressed as Indians and Pilgrims in costumes they designed and made.

At Peters Elementary, third graders presented a Thanksgiving Program for parents at the November P.T.A. Meeting.

A Christmas Wish

I am thinking of you today because it is Christmas and I wish you happiness, and tomorrow because it will be the day after Christmas, I shall still wish you happiness and so on through the year. I may not be able to tell you about it every day, because I may be far away; or because both of us may be very busy; or because I cannot even afford to pay the postage on so many letters, or find time to write them, but that makes no difference, the thought and the wish will be here just the same. Whatever joy or success comes to you will make me glad without pretense, and in plain words, goodwill to you is what I mean, in the spirit of Christmas.

— Henry van Dyke

Bad Weather Could Close Schools

Bad weather is just around the corner and parents are concerned with the question, "Will school be dismissed?"

Union school dismissal procedures will be consistent each time a winter storm attacks the Tulsa area. If severe weather strikes our area during the day or early evening, school dismissal will be announced during the 10:00 p.m. news on Channels 2, 6, or 8. If bad weather develops during the night, Union school closings will be announced by 6:00 a.m. on radio stations KVOO, KRMG, KELI and KWEN.

"ARE WE GUILTY"

by Edna T. Casity

When evening pulls her curtain down
And pins it with a star,
May God give us peace of mind
No matter where we are.

Think of what you did today
Did you remember to be kind,
To that person who looked so sad
Understanding trying to find?

Just a friendly word and a smile
Would have changed his day,
Alas, it could come your time
And you'll walk the same pathway.

When we pray to the Heavenly Father,
Do we pray for just me and mine?
Or do we always pray for others,
Who deliverance are trying to find?

God deliver us from all selfishness
And help us to understand,
That it isn't just me, that's troubled
It could be also my fellowman.

As we travel life's pathway
There are many hills and bumps
Step cautiously my friend
We only pass this way once.

Scholarships Available for College Bound Students

With today's rising costs, almost every student who desires to attend a form of higher education needs some type of financial assistance. There are many options available for interested students.

Unfortunately, high school guidance officers do not receive a large number of scholarship information requests from students. For example, Union High School has received only six inquiries this year. According to U.H.S. counselor Joan Stuckey, "All college scholarship applications have eligibility criteria which eliminate many students from consideration. However, a student who does not qualify for a scholarship at a large university may be eligible and receive a scholarship from a smaller one."

During the first months of school, Union High School invites college representatives to talk with students who are planning to attend college. Each representative informs students about financial aid and scholarships at his particular college or university and how to apply for them.

UHS Band Southwest Regional Champs

The "Renegade Regiment" otherwise known as the Union High School Marching Band captured the grand championship title in the Southwestern Regional competition held at East Texas State University on November 11.

The 148-member band under the direction of Ray Bell, placed first in best flags competition, best rifles, best percussion, best general effects and best marching.

Defeating 15 bands from two states and capturing five of eight categories at the Texas contest is the second championship in three weeks for the "Renegade Regiment". Earlier, the band won the Oklahoma Bandmasters Association trophy in Norman.

Assistant band director is Ted Auwen. Doug Henderson is color guard instructor and Russ McKinnor is percussion instructor.

Scholarships are based on talent and/or academic ability and do not have to be repaid. The procedure to apply for scholarships is similar for most colleges. A prospective freshman must have applied, been accepted by the college, submit a scholarship application and ACT scores by March 1st. One scholarship application form is used for several academic scholarships. If a student wants a scholarship from a particular department, the student should write to the chairman of that department at the college he wishes to attend.

Another form of assistance available is financial aid grants. These grants are awarded according to need, not outstanding achievement. Grants, like scholarships, do not need repayment. Financial need is defined as the difference between the cost of education and the amount the family can contribute. The first step in this procedure, is to determine financial need and how much aid the student requires. A national need analysis agency and the financial aid office of the educational institution which the student wishes to attend establishes the student financial need. Students may obtain forms from the high school counselor's offices. Parents need to complete their 1980 income tax return form after January 1, 1981 because of information requests on the need analysis application.

January 15, 1981, Union High School will host a financial aid night. Financial Aid Directors from Tulsa University, Tulsa Junior College, Oklahoma State University, and the University of Oklahoma will meet with students and parents to inform them of federally funded financial aid programs, answer questions and explain about scholarship procedures.

DECA Attends Conference

The Union High School DECA Chapter attended the 1980 Central State University Mini-Conference at Edmond. This November conference gave DECA Students across Oklahoma an opportunity to participate in activities and events, that will prepare them for competition at the 1981 State Leadership Conference.

Students were tested in the areas of Human Relations, Mathematics in Merchandising, and Operations and Management.

The U.H.S. DECA Chapter received the third place award for being the Mini-Conference Chapter of the Year. Students who received trophies are: Roger Orr - top eight participant in the state, won medallion in the area of Operations; Diana Veliz - received a third place trophy for Mathematics in Merchandising; Jeff Riley, third place trophy in the Over-all Series Events and Chad Robinson, Vice-President of U.H.S. DECA accepted the third place trophy for Union DECA.

Students Sing for Special Citizens

Students from Peters Elementary provided special Christmas music at the Target Store, 71st and Memorial on December 2. The store opened its doors from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. specifically for senior citizens and handicapped persons to conduct holiday shopping. A free breakfast was served to shoppers with Christmas Carols sung by fifth and sixth grade students.

Union High School DECA and VICA students provided special assistance for those citizens who participated.





Madeline Manning Mims and Principal Rick DeHaan are shown jogging the first lap with Roy Clark Students.

Annual Jog-A-Thon Held at Roy Clark Elementary

The annual Jog/Walk-A-Thon at Roy Clark Elementary November 7th held as a fund-raising project collected over \$400 for school equipment.

This year's guest of honor was Madeline Manning Mims, four time Olympian. Mrs. Mims received a Gold Medal in the 1968 Olympic Games at Mexico City and a Silver Medal at the 1972 Games in Munich, Germany. In the 1976 Games at Montreal she was again a competitor and captain of the track team. During the 1980 Moscow Olympic Trials she became a four time Olympic Trials Champion in the 800 meters and again elected captain of the track team.

During a general assembly, Mrs. Mims told students of the hard work and dedication involved in becoming an outstanding athlete. Mrs. Mims encouraged all students to take advantage and develop their special talents. "It is better to try and fail, than never to have tried at all!", she said.

Mrs. Mims ran the first lap with students.

Do you know a handicapped child in your neighborhood who may not be receiving special services? Call 664-9400 — Elaine Minson, Director, Special Services.

Board Seat Vacancy Set for Vote

The Union School Board consists of five members representing five areas of the district. Current members are: Darwin Maxey, Zone 1 (1981); Louise Grissom, Zone 2 (1982); Richard Tallman, Zone 3 (1983); Alison Moore, Zone 4 (1984); and Vaughn Brower, Zone 5 (1985). Each member serves for five years with one seat coming up for election each year. This year the Zone 1 seat will be on the ballot.

Qualifications for school board members are that they have lived in the Union School District at least six months before the date of filing for office, and that they be a resident of the zone they file to represent. All registered voters in the district may vote on the candidate, even though they live in other zones.

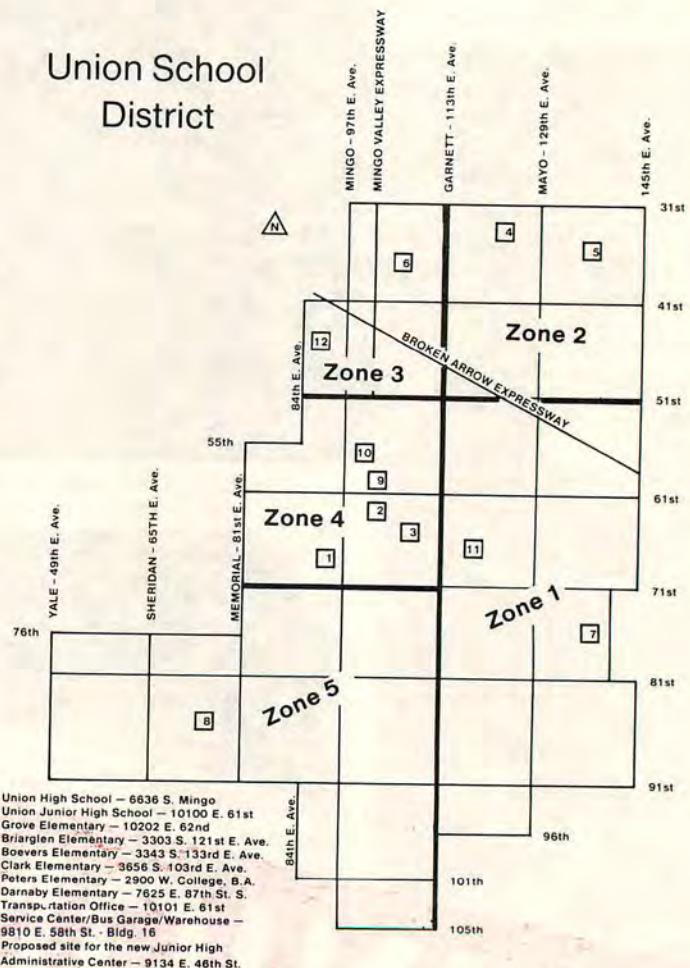
NOTIFICATION OF CANDIDACY

Notification and declaration as a candidate for the board seat must be made with the County Election Board between 8:00 a.m. on Monday, January 12 and 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 1981.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter registration books will be open through January 16, 1981. Union district residents not currently registered to vote may do so before that date at the Tulsa County Election Board Office. Polling places will be Briarglen Elementary School, 3303 S. 121st East Ave., and Betheny Freewill Baptist Church, 7401 S. Memorial.

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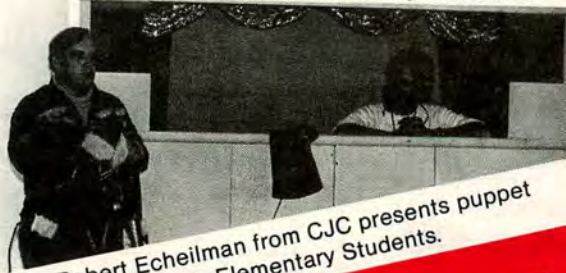
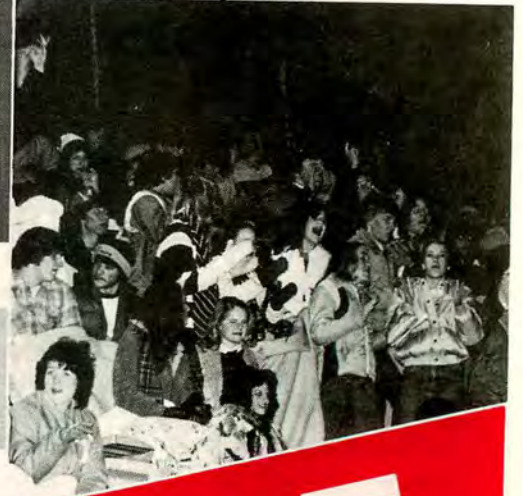
Madeline Manning Mims
speaks to Clark Elementary



Clark Elementary Jog-A-Thon



Theater of Tulsa presents "The Story
of Oklahoma to Clark Elementary Students.



Robert Echeilman from CJC presents puppet
play to Peters Elementary Students.

UNION PRIDE

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
				1 Holiday Vacation	2 Holiday Vacation	3
4	5 Return to School ★★★★ Basketball 7th Gr Boys vs Bixby There, 6:45 7th Gr Girls vs Bixby There, 5:30	6 Briarglen-Skate World 4:00 - 6:00 ★★★★ Clark-Skate World 4:00 - 6:00	7	8 Basketball 7th Gr Boys vs Sand Springs Boyd - Here, 6:45 7th Gr Girls vs Sand Springs Boyd - Here, 5:30 8th Gr Girls vs Sand Springs Boyd - Here, 8:00	9 Briarglen-P.T.A. Popcorn sale ★★★★ High School-Debate Tournament at Durant ★★★★ Second Quarter Ends	10 High School Debate Tourn. at Durant ★★★★ High School All District Band Tryouts
	UNION HIGH SCHOOL ROUND BALL CLASSIC, JANUARY 5 — 10			UNION HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT, JANUARY 8 — 10		
11	12 Basketball Union Jr High vs Jenks There 7th Gr Boys vs Jenks Here, 6:45 7th Gr Girls vs Jenks Here, 5:30 8th Gr Girls vs Jenks Here, 8:00 ★★★★ Third Quarter Begins	13 Boevers-P.T.A., 7:30 ★★★★ Basketball Union vs Pryor, There ★★★★ Wrestling Union vs Owasso, Here	14 Grade Cards Go Home ★★★★ Union P.T.A. Council Meeting	15 Basketball Union Jr High vs Broken Arrow Sequoyah - There 8th Gr Girls vs Broken Arrow Sequoyah - There, 4:30 ★★★★ High School-Financial Aid meeting for Seniors 7:30 p.m. - Commons area	16 Basketball Union vs Bixby Here ★★★★ Wrestling Union vs Bixby There	17 Basketball Union vs Monte Casino There
18	19 Basketball Union Jr High vs Bixby - Here 7th Gr Boys vs Sapulpa There, 6:45 7th Gr Girls vs Sapulpa There, 5:30 8th Gr Girls vs Sapulpa There, 8:00 ★★★★ Briarglen P.T.A. Executive Board Meeting - 1:00 p.m.	20 Wrestling Union vs Tahlequah - Here	21	22 Wrestling Union vs Broken Arrow - Here ★★★★ Basketball Union Jr High vs Broken Arrow Haskell - Here 8th Gr Girls vs Broken Arrow Haskell - Here, 4:30	23 Basketball Union vs Owasso - Here ★★★★ High School-Debate at Washington	24 Basketball Union vs Rogers-Here ★★★★ High School Debate at Washington
25	26 Basketball 7th Gr Boys vs Sand Springs Central - Here, 6:45 7th Gr Girls vs Sand Springs Central - Here 5:30 8th Gr Girls vs Sand Springs Central - Here 8:00	27 Basketball Union vs Cascia Hall - Here Union Jr High vs Sapulpa There	28	29 Basketball Union vs Sand Springs Boyd - There	30 Basketball Union vs Bishop Kelly There ★★★★ Grove-"Eagle Day" Wrestling, Union High School — Yukon Tournament January 30 — 31	31

REDSKIN TALK**Gym Facilities Utilized to the Fullest**

by Gil Cloud,
Director of Athletics



As the winter sports season draws near the students, athletes and coaches are preparing for what they hope will be an outstanding year.

During the winter months, activity in our gyms is almost constant throughout each day. In order to use these facilities and maximize the usage, planning is of the upmost importance.

Elementary gyms are used for physical education each day from

8:30 to 3:00 p.m. At 3:00 p.m. all three gymnasiums are used by the junior high basketball teams. At 5:30, elementary wrestlers and basketballers are scheduled until 9:00 p.m.

The junior high and senior high gyms are used from 7:30 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. for physical education and athletics. This, of course, is scheduled around the games and matches.

The facilities are utilized to the fullest each day for the benefit of students in our school system.

During the winter season we host two outstanding tournaments. The Union Wrestling Classic is the premier wrestling tournament in Oklahoma held in December. The tournament starts on December 11 at 7:00 p.m. with sessions at 12:30 and 6:30 p.m.; on Friday December 12 and Saturday December 13. This is the fourth year for the Classic. The field of 15 outstanding teams means the competition will be of the highest quality.

This year we will begin our own basketball tournament, the Redskin Roundball Classic. Seven boys and seven girls teams will round out the field. The boys teams include: Owasso, Skiatook, Sand Springs, Union, Holland Hall, Pryor and Claremore. The girls teams are: Owasso, Skiatook, Stillwater, Union, Holland Hall, Pryor and Claremore. Sessions will be held each night beginning January 5 and continuing through Saturday, January 10. An all-tournament team will be selected. Halftime performances every night as well as a free-throw contest will highlight the week long activity. Each year this tournament will grow in prestige and will become an outstanding addition to our tournament program.

COMMENT

The athletic programs in our schools are an important part of the total education environment. But more important, it is the end result that benefits the students that participate.

As the rising cost of equipment, officials and workers threatens the existence of high school athletics, we must evaluate the true value of these activities to the public school system. It is a fact that as activity programs such as speech/debate, vocal music, band and athletics decline, so does the effectiveness of the school system to educate the student body.

The high school athletic program may be the last true amateur program in our country today. Obviously, the pros are more interested in money; and colleges have created horrendous problems for their programs as more and more are placed on probation for cheating.

It is important that we support high school athletics every opportunity that we have. It is an investment in kids. Our money couldn't be spent in a better way.



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