

Nativity Scene Attracts Crowds At Vet Hospital

A full life-size Christmas nativity scene covering an acre of ground at the Veterans Administration hospital, is drawing the attention of hundreds of people this week.

The project is principally the work of patients of the occupational therapy shops and can be seen directly opposite the administration building while driving through the hospital grounds. A stable has been built to represent the birthplace of Christ, with the Star of Bethlehem marking the place. In the stable are the Three Wise Men of the Orient and the shepherds who have come to present gifts and to worship of the manger where Christ child lay. Mary and Joseph are also near the cradle. The camels used by the Wise Men on their long journey are tethered outside the stable, while the other stock is under the shelter. Sheep are roaming about the field nearby.

The scene is floodlighted at night from 6 until 9 p. m., when shepherds may be seen tending the sheep. The public is invited to view the scene and is requested to observe carefully the traffic rules of the hospital grounds when driving through. Any who wish more time to enjoy the scene and to listen to Christmas music being played are requested to park their cars instead of holding up traffic. Camera enthusiasts will be permitted to take pictures whenever they wish.

Presents By Carload Roll In For Joe Stalin

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are unveiling two huge statues to him, in Bratislava and Prague. They are having special holidays in his honor. The highest mountain in Czechoslovakia, 8,737-foot Mount Gerlachovka, is being renamed "Mount Stalin." A delegation of 17 persons, including 10 young wives, including Ana Pauker, has left Bucharest, Romania, to deliver carloads of presents to Moscow.

Bulgaria also sent carloads. Among the gifts was a set of 100-100 vovlun select—idwile in signatures of hundreds of thousands of Bulgarians.

Hungary sent four big trucks packed with gifts. Also for his birthday Stalin is getting a report on Hungarian scientists' plans to grow a new species of rice suited to a dry, sandy soil.

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Rent Control Remains In Effect In Roseburg

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was read requesting the installation of street lights for the area. A map of the proposed installations was presented, and the issue was referred to the council's street and light committee for a report.

John Fett, representing the Chamber of Commerce, asked the council what action had been taken on the plans for airport improvements. Mayor Albert G. Fiegel said the council was holding up the matter for further study on bonding requirements. He said the council did not wish to act hastily and jeopardize the city's credit, until a complete study of the overall city requirements could be completed.

An ordinance amending the city charter by changing the boundaries to include the recently annexed areas of West Roseburg, Sleepy Hollow-Miller's addition, Sundale Village, Taylor's addition and Beulah's addition was read for the first and second time.

The city attorney was instructed to prepare necessary papers for the vacation of Claire street. Bonds permits and waiver of bonds were approved for Harold E. White, who plans to open his Furniture Shop at 1031 Wharton ave., for Fred Lumm, who plans to open a cylinder head and block repair shop at 420 S. Stephens, and C. Alufson, for a shoe repair business at 420 S. Stephens.

Rent Control Debated

The subject of rent control occupied most of the meeting. The council listened without comment until everyone in the audience had an opportunity to present his side of the argument.

First called to speak were the proponents of decontrolling rents. Their principal argument was that owners of rental properties which are under control were being discriminated against, in contrast to landlords whose properties are not under control. They argued generally that they were not permitted a fair return from their property on a low rental basis. Some stated, however, that while they favored lifting of controls, they did not plan any increase of rent for their tenants.

The principal argument voiced against lifting of controls at this time was that the average worker could not afford to pay higher rents. They argued that the only reason rent decontrol was desired was to permit the charging of higher fees for rental property.

The question as to whether the housing problem was still critical was also a point for dispute. The landlords claimed the housing situation had eased sufficiently so that the problem was no longer acute. The opponents of decontrol claimed that the fact uncontrolled rents are as high as they are is evidence that the situation is still critical, and that these rents will drop when the demand decreases.

It was brought out that only about 30 per cent (unofficial figures) of rental property is under control. All property under control was not under control prior to June 1947 and was not under control. It was also brought out that, during the period of the real estate boom and easy sale of property, a considerable number of rental units were taken off the market through sales to people who have since

"Messiah" Will Be Offered Tonight At Junior High

Handel's Christmas oratorio, "Messiah," will be presented in free public performance tonight by the Roseburg Choral society, under the direction of Charles A. Ricketts, at the junior high school auditorium at 8:15 p. m.

This will mark the second public appearance of the choral society since the group first organized in the fall of 1948. A radio show during last year's Christmas season and a spring concert this year comprise other efforts of the singers.

Clad in white robes, used especially for this occasion, the 50-voice choir will present seven of the more familiar choruses contained in Handel's work. Nine soloists are also included on the program. Accompanying the group are Martha Jane Phipps, pianist, and Esther Geddes, organist.

The change of time from 8 p. m. to 8:15 was noted at the final rehearsal Monday night. The News-Review has previously announced the time erroneously as 8 p. m.

The program follows:

PART I

Overture—"Overture" "Every Valley"
"Comfort Ye My People" "Every Valley"
Wendell A. Johnson, tenor
"And the Glory of the Lord"
"The Lord Hath Done Great Things for Us"
"Behold a Virgin Shall Conceive"
"O Thou that Tellest Good Tidings to Zion"
"Behold" "Behold" "The People that Walked in Darkness"
"For Unto Us a Child is Born"
"There Were Shepherds" "And Lo! The Angel Said Unto Them"
"There Was with the Angel"
Helen Bamford, soprano
"Gloria in God"
"Rejoice Great O Daughter of Zion"
Helen Bamford, soprano
"Then Shall the Blind be Seen"
"He Shall Feed His Flock"
"Come Unto Him, All Ye That Labor"
"Behold the Lamb of God"
"Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs"
"Thy Rebuke" "Behold, and See"
"He Was Cut Off Out of the Land"
"But Thou Didst Not Leave His Soul in Hell"
"Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates"
"Hallelujah"
A silver offering will be accepted to defray expenses.

occupied the homes.

City Attorney Paul Geddes stated, in response to a question from Councilman George West, that he knew of no way of returning rent control, once the area had been decontrolled.

While the names of all the speakers were not obtained, the principal proponents of decontrol included Oscar Berry, Earl Wiley, representing the Douglas County Realty board; Mr. Huston, Lee Zenor, J. M. Weatherford, Mr. Caulfield, William Orring, representing the Chamber of Commerce; F. C. Frear, Carlos Page, John Fett, Harry Pargeter and Mr. Ritter.

Opponents included Dick Gilman, Robert Willhite, representing the telephone employees; Helen Bowles, representing the culinary workers; Leonard McIntyre, representing IWA, CIO; Marvin Mayo, Teamsters' union; Claud Reeder, IWA, CIO; Vincent Whitbeck, painters' union; Ted Pressig, Lumber and Sawmill Workers, AFL; Tom Hart, Millwrights and Carpenters union, and others as individuals.

Since that time the administration has proposed the Brannan plan for agriculture. If adopted, it would let farm products sell for what the market would pay. Then the government would pay a subsidy to the farmers, to give them what it considered a fair price. Price supports now are maintained through government loans and purchases that keep price-depressing surpluses out of the markets.

Mr. Truman has bumped into real trouble here. Even the author of the new plan, Secretary of Agriculture Brannan, and Senator Anderson (D-NM), former agriculture secretary by Mr. Truman's appointment, are split on the proposition.

Education—The states now finance education. The Senate has passed Mr. Truman's bill proposing a \$300,000,000 federal appropriation to help the states. This is tied up tight in the House, in a religious controversy.

Battle Plans Shaping Over Truman Program

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spending, to thwart any tax boosts. There may be actual cuts in excises.

It is expected that Mr. Truman will start a new drive for his controversial domestic program in the state of the union message to Congress January 4 or 5. The program attained only limited objectives in the first session of the Democratic-controlled 81st Congress.

Defeat in Congress again faces the President on some major segments of his "fair deal." Aware of this, some of his closest followers already are talking of lifting the issues off Capitol Hill and putting them squarely before the voters next November when all the 435 House seats and one-third of the 96 Senate seats are to be voted on.

Republicans are arriving early for the session and are issuing almost daily blasts at the "fair deal"—as leading to Socialism. Meanwhile, Vice-President Barkley and others, in speeches over the country, are challenging the GOP to come up with something better than the "fair deal."

No one can say for sure what will happen in the crucial second session of the 81st Congress that convenes January 3. But this is about the picture as it looks now.

Social Security—Right here is where the President can hope for a show-down. Claims of credit will be divided; many Republicans joined with Democrats in supporting the 1949 expansion of this government program, when it passed the House.

The House bill will come to a showdown in the Senate early in the session, and many school observers believe it will pass there. This legislation would blanket 11,000,000 more working persons under old age insurance, for a total of 46,000,000; boost benefits to 80 percent; create a new insurance benefit for persons who become totally and permanently disabled; and increase payroll taxes more than 30 percent in the next 20 years.

Health insurance—This program is doomed in the 81st Congress. Some lawmakers who follow Mr. Truman on other aspects of his program have balked at the idea of the government levying new payroll taxes to pay the doctor, hospital and drug bills of the citizens. However, legislation might emerge, designed to provide large government help for the schooling of more doctors and the building of more medical facilities.

Housing—The first session of the 81st Congress earlier this year overrode opposition shouts of "socialism" and approved a multi-billion dollar bill for the construction of publicly-owned housing for low income people throughout the nation.

Mr. Truman, in the state of the union message, may ask for another housing program—this time to aid middle-income families.

The President also is expected to ask for a continuation of rent control beyond the June 30 expiration. It is just about a toss-up now whether Congress will renew this law.

Fare—Many Republicans feel that their greatest hope for the future lies with the farm vote. Mr. Truman got a huge number of ballots in the rural areas in 1948, in old Republican strongholds.

The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office Roseburg, Oregon

Mostly cloudy with few showers today and Wednesday. Slightly warmer.

Highest temp. for any Dec. 70
Lowest temp. for any Dec. 5
Highest temp. yesterday 55
Lowest temp. last 24 hrs. 31
Precipitation last 24 hrs. 0
Precipitation from Dec. 1 2.96
Precipitation from Sept. 1 10.60
Deficiency from Dec. 1 .07

Milk Strike Threat Faces Douglas Area

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force demands for an increase.

"Douglas county milk producers should be able to produce at the same price as other producers throughout the state," Feldkamp said.

He said local dairymen were first advised of the price dispute about a week ago and that efforts were made to have arbitration from the state milk control board. However, the board has not acted, and Feldkamp termed this a "falling down on the job" by not backing up their recent milk price ruling, a ruling with which we (county dairymen) are trying to abide."

Feldkamp claimed the price of milk to individual consumers would be increased by one cent a quart if the producers' demands are met.

One Dairy Not Involved

Not affected by the disagreement is Melrose dairy, Feldkamp classed this dairy as a producer-distributor, a combination of the two groups involved in the dispute. According to Binder, Melrose dairy has only one producer and he is being paid the price which other county producers are asking. However, he said the case with Melrose is a different one, because that dairy is producing a richer grade of milk and charging their customers a higher price.

Binder said milk was not purchased today by the three dairies. An exception to this was noted in the case of Grants Pass producers who were not advised of local producers' actions, he said.

"No more milk from Douglas

Denfeld Bitter In Spurning Lesser Job

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representatives of other North Atlantic pact nations.

"My views on cobined strategy, and particularly on naval participation in any arrangements whereby the countries concerned should be defended in the event of an emergency, might reopen the recent controversy to the embarrassment of my colleagues, my superiors and our government."

Retirement Pondered

Although the tone of Denfeld's letter suggested he will retire from the navy, the admiral reserved his decision on that question.

He said he is considering whether to ask for retirement—a privilege accorded by law to naval officers who have served 40 years or more.

"I decide to remain on active duty," he continued, "I shall be glad, of course, to serve in any assignment that you may choose in which the handicaps imposed by recent events will not be present."

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naval operations last October 27, at the request of Matthews.

Previously, he had joined other high navy officers in testifying before the House Armed Services committee. The admirals said publicly that the Navy was not being admitted to full partnership in the defense department and that its offensive power was being scuttled.

Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) of the House committee told reporters at the time that Denfeld had

been made to "walk the plank" as a reprisal for his testimony. Matthews denied it, however, contending he told Denfeld of his lost confidence in him before the latter's testimony.

Carolers to Practice—All persons interested in joining with the American Legion auxiliary carol singers to sing carols Friday night, Dec. 23, are requested to attend a practice Wednesday night at 8 o'clock at the Legion hall, 118 S. Kane street.

GIFTS that are "DIFFERENT"

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county or other southern Oregon grade A milk producers will be delivered unless the price demand is met," Binder said.

The News-Review was advised late this morning that Umpqua dairy will continue to make milk deliveries during the dispute. Herb Sullivan, co-owner, said he was advised by telephone that a Grants Pass Producer will deliver "200 cans a day, until further notice."

From Mexico comes colorful pottery, including the celebrated piggy banks. It's a good time to start saving for next Yule. Italy contributes some queer little characters of carved wood. All good neighbors, especially at Christmas.

For the youngster who has a yen for hoarding various and sundry bits of rocks, why not an ultra-violet mineral light? Helps identify such important minerals as uranium, for budding atomic scientists. For father, too. This is the atomic age, so what could be more

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Greeting cards are still many and varied. See the Cheery Cherubs and the comic pop-ups, the exquisite Etchingtons and the had-made specials.

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The wearer of the loud shirt is Jim Adcox, whose job at Trowbridge Electric can best be described as "storekeeper." Since Trowbridge Electric maintains one of the largest supplies of electrical necessities in Southern Oregon you can see that Jim has his hands full keeping inventory, maintaining stock control and simply knowing where every gadget and electrical gimmick is placed. Does a fine job, too, Jim is at present building a home for he and his wife on Lookingglass Route. Like most fellows at Trowbridge Electric, Jim is a veteran of the late global fracas.

DO YOU KNOW THIS MAN

← ?

27 German Prisoners Granted Freedom
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cells was a symbol of the holiday season—a scrubby little Christmas tree.

Stacked around it were heaps of presents sent by friends or relatives to prisoners who will not be released this year.

One prisoner praised Colonel Graham, saying:

"He is one of the finest officers I've ever seen. We have received good treatment ever since he came to Landsberg last June. Even in the German army it would take you some time to find an officer as good as he is."

At that point, a railway guard jokingly told one of the men "You'd better be glad you were in there the last four years. It's been tough outside."

Replied the former prisoner: "It was tough in there too."

Another prisoner commented: "From now on nobody will be able to talk me into anything, regardless of who is in control in Germany, I'm going home and lead a quiet life."

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