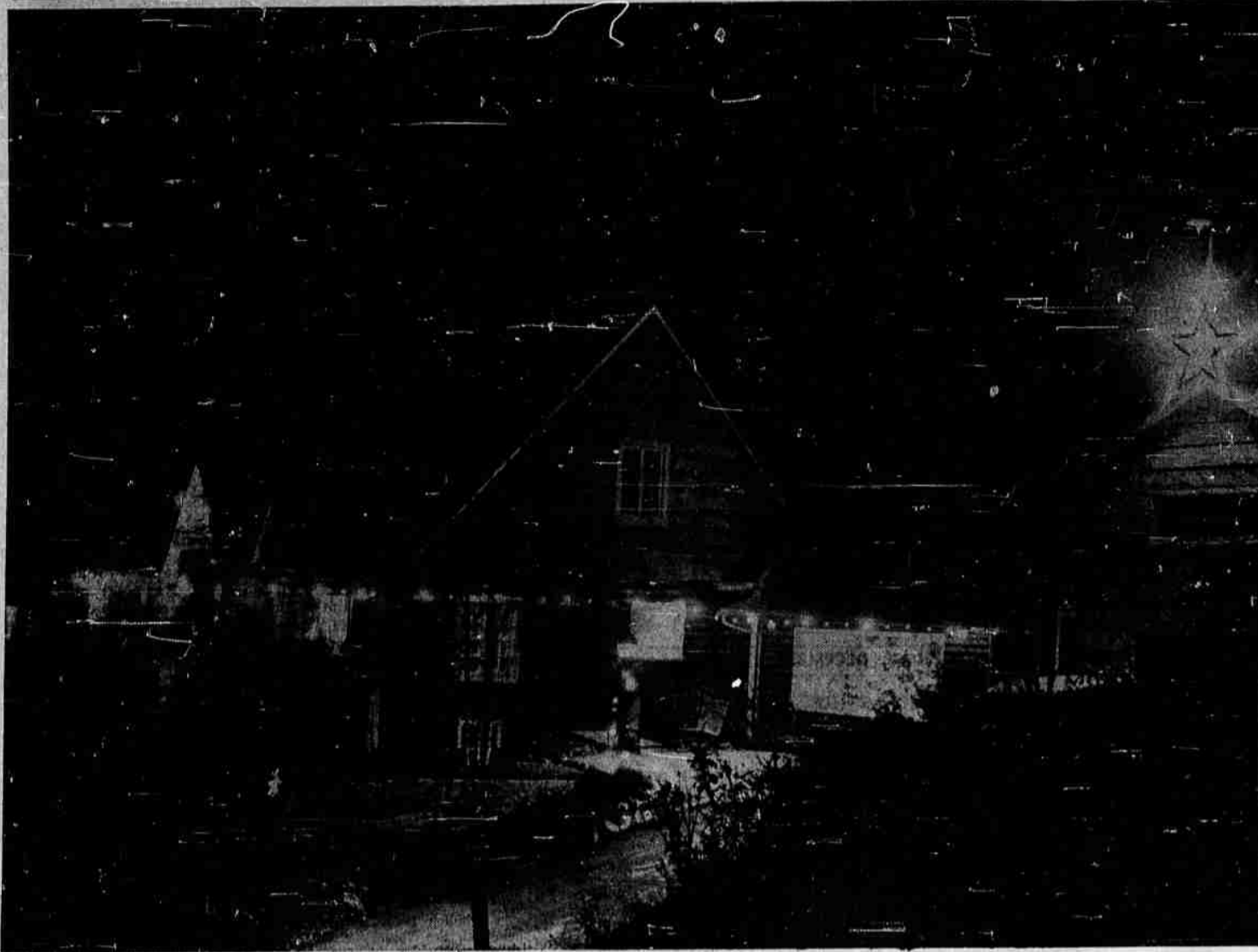




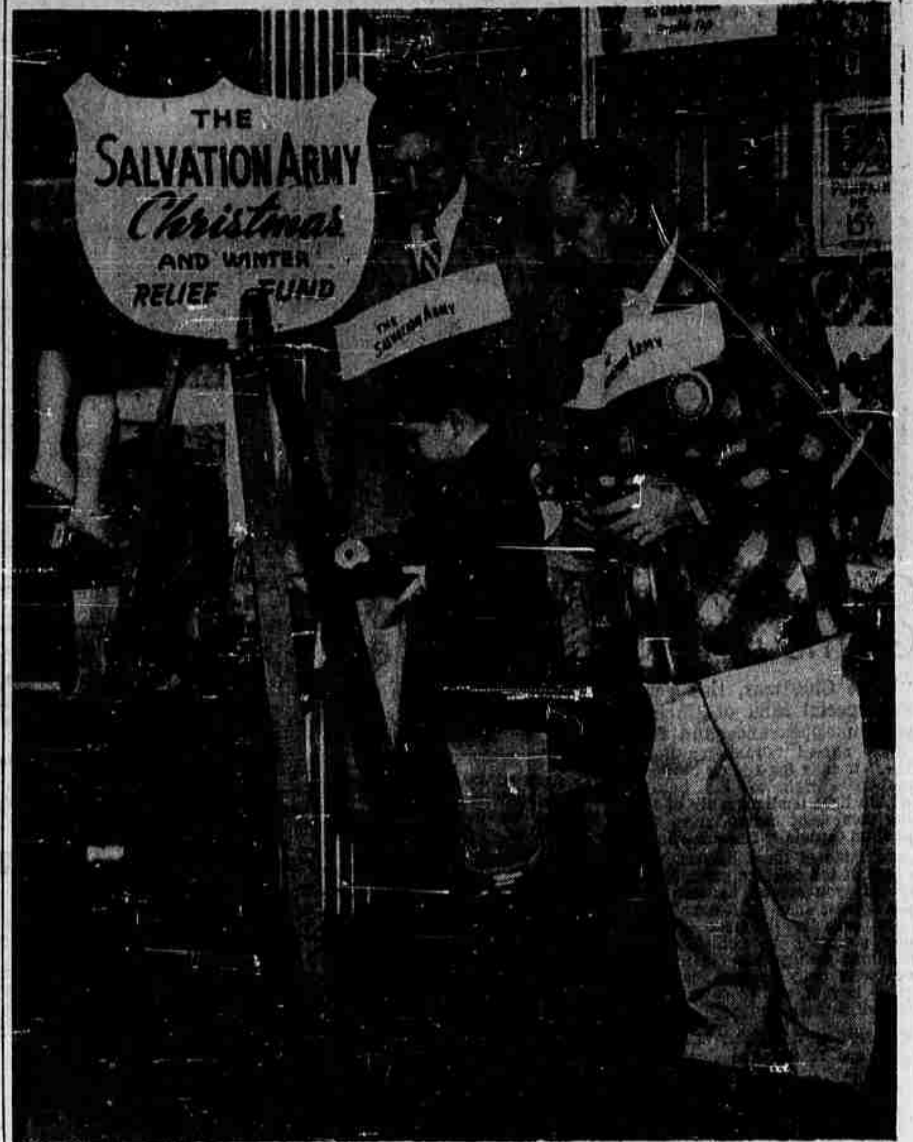
LET THE LAND KEEP CHRISTMAS...



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ELABORATE CHRISTMAS decorations at the Earl W. Wiley home at 809 South Kane St. just grew, the Wileys state, like Topsy, little by little.



THE LITTLE BOY dropping his contribution into the Salvation Army pot on Jackson street needed a little help to reach it. He got it from Rotarians Jack McGuire and Arlo Jacklin, pot-oversers for the time being.



JOAN KEEL blithely arranges front door decorations at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Keel of 218 Court street, with whom she lives.

It's Christmas!

By LORRAINE KESNER

"Deck the halls with boughs of holly, 'tis the season to be jolly."

In the days when those words were written, "halls" probably meant great stone-faced castle walls, crying for a need to be given warmth and spirit through the cold winter holiday season. Today, "halls" are more apt to mean a cozy living room, with a family gathered around the fire and the Christmas tree, exchanging presents and greeting friends.

The same spirit is there, nonetheless, and Douglas County residents are joining together to make it "a season to be jolly."

Decorations are going "outside" more and more as evidenced by the increasing number of homes displaying colored lights and Christmas scenes. Up and down the streets of the towns, one sees scenes of the Nativity, or of Old St. Nick and his eight reindeer, lighting upon rooftops everywhere. Here and there choir boys, dressed in festive robes, greet passers-by in perpetual carol.

The Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce, eager to see that Roseburg has its share of Christmas spirit, has seven projects in full swing. The oldest, the placing of the cross on Mt. Nebo, was begun in 1947. Since then "Operation Tree Lift," "Hello Santa," "Operation Christmas Cheer" and others have been developed.

A home lighting contest has garnered new interest each year and promises to be bigger and better this year. Jaycees award two trophies: one for over \$75 decorated homes and one for under \$75 decorated homes. A sweepstakes award is made on an overall judging basis.

Another project is the juvenile shopping tour, which permits underprivileged children to visit the stores in town, shopping for Christmas gifts for their families and friends. Here the blessing of giving rather than getting is illustrated.

And now in its second year is

Christmas Tree Lane, located at the south entrance drive of the Veterans Hospital. Merchants have an opportunity to sponsor a tree which the Jaycees decorate a week before Christmas. The trees are lighted each night until the New Year, and while it cannot be said it is as glamorous as Hollywood's Christmas Tree Lane, there is little doubt the feeling involved is as sincere.

As a wind up, the Jaycees collect discarded Christmas trees at the end of the season and burn them, thus preventing a serious fire hazard to home owners who retain Christmas trees in backyards until they dry out.

Others in the community, too, have the Christmas spirit, and churches and schools, private organizations, sororities and clubs all join in bringing joy to each other in the exchange of gifts and cards.

Broadcasting stations, with sensitive instruments tuned to cities of the nation and the world, pick up broadcasts of choirs, soloists, and instrumentalists who bring the Christmas message.

The Salvation Army, in its never-ending fight against poverty and hunger, places its Christmas kettles on the streets, collecting money which will go into Christmas baskets of food and clothing for the needy. This year, fraternal organizations are competing against each other to determine which can raise the greater amount of money. A central file of names, set up by the Jaycees, is maintained in an effort to reach the greatest number of families possible and to avoid duplication.

Once again the Eagles, and Moose Lodges in Roseburg and the Winston-Dillard Fire Dept. have collected broken and discarded toys to repair and distribute to underprivileged children. Santa's helpers have been pounding and painting for a month in a race against time, always working with the vision of some child in mind who might NOT receive a gift from Santa.



ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR BOYS sing Holy Night. The picture is a reprint—the little boys are young men now.



"SANTY, YOU AREN'T SPOOFING me, are you?" Little Melody Wilson thinks he might be, then again he mightn't. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wilson of Riddle and she visited Santa at J. C. Penney's. (All pictures on this page by Paul Jenkins)



FORTUNATELY Santa has lots of help selecting presents. His willing assistants crowded the aisles of Pay Less Drug in the picture above.



"IF I PRESS HERE maybe she'll sing," says Janet Anderson hopefully as she holds a doll in Bessie's Doll & Toy shop. Maybe she does at that.



STORES AND WINDOWS were full of pretty and fanciful Christmas decorations. Those shown above are from Umpqua Florists.