

# Show Set For Yuletide In Eugene

Public Yuletide festivities have been popular in U. S. cities for some time now, and Eugene appears to be no exception. Community Christmas spirit had been informally planned for years but it was not until 1945 that an attempt was made to organize it.

That year some Eugeneans started the idea of having some kind of "community Christmas" that would consist of a public gathering around a large tree at the train depot with group singing.

The program also included a lighted tree moving down Williamette Street followed by a chorus of school children singing carols.

This year the official city Christmas program will be presented Sunday when the University Choral Union sings "The Messiah" in McArthur Court. This has been substituted for the outdoor singing plan of 1945 because of the threat of poor weather.

New permanent electrically-lighted lines of garlands now brighten Willamette and neighboring downtown streets. The large cross on Skinner's Butte will again be lighted as will the tree at the Southern Pacific Depot.

Contributions for decorations are made through the Merchant's Division of the Chamber of Commerce.

## University Says Building Sale Good Bargain

The University received \$200 in the sale of the Extension Building and considered it a bargain, E. W. Martin, director of University family housing, said this week.

"If we hadn't sold it to be wrecked for that amount, we might have had to tear it down ourselves. The labor costs would have been around \$1500, so we actually saved about \$1700 on the deal," Martin said.

The Extension Building is being removed, along with six houses, to make room for the new Science Building to be constructed on University street.

Usable materials, acoustical tile, plate glass, and equipment was salvaged from the building before it was turned over to wreckers.

One family moved out of the house they had occupied for fifteen years Thursday morning. They had been unable to find housing until that time. The University family housing office moved two University couples into other quarters.

## Onthank Gets Committee Job

Karl W. Onthank, director of the University Graduate Placement Service, has agreed to serve as vice-chairman of a committee on arrangement of a Pacific Northwest and Canadian summer conference on guidance and counseling.

The conference, sponsored by the Edward W. Hazen Foundation, will be held on Vancouver Island, British Columbia. Attending will be faculty advisers, administrative officers, and YMCA and religious workers. Approximately half will be from the United States.

Chairmanships of three former guidance conferences have been held by Onthank, in 1939, 1941, and 1945.

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## Dear Santa Claus...



ONLY 15 SHOPPING DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS, and it looks like Santa will have several stockings to fill at the Alpha Delta Pi house. Margaret Reid (left) and Connie Reece are shown hanging theirs up in front of the fireplace. (Emerald Photo by Gene Rose.)

## Paramount Star Alan Ladd To Pick PiKA 'Dreamgirl'

Alan Ladd, Paramount Pictures star, will choose the Dreamgirl of PiKA from these five Dreamgirl finalists, Joan Gary, Wilma Hamilton, Beverly Krueger, Dolly Withington, and Molly Muntzel. Selection will be made on personality and beauty.

The announcement of Miss Dreamgirl of 1949 will be made Dec. 10 at the Pi Kappa Alpha chapter house. This will climax a month of activities, in which three eliminations were made by

## Rules Group Meets Dec. 8

The newly appointed faculty committee for the study of academic regulations will begin a survey of existing problems at a meeting tomorrow.

Appointed by President Harry K. Newburn at the request of the faculty, the committee will study academic regulations with the view to recommending advisable changes to the faculty.

Regulations will probably be simplified, Chairman C. F. Weigle said. Work will continue through winter and spring terms. The committee's study will be based on the report made to the faculty and the president by the University Academic Requirements Committee, which presented the problems that exist in the enforcement of academic regulations.

Included among points suggested for study are minimum hours required after receiving the Junior Certificate, minimum grade point average, group requirements, foreign languages and science requirements, adding and dropping courses after the deadline, and minimum registration.

Committee members are Weigle, chairman; P. E. Eisner, K. J. O'Connell, E. S. Wengert, W. J. Dixon, A. H. Kunz, Robert Leeper, R. D. Clark, and John Stehn.

vote of the members.

Friday night over station KASH, Mimi and Bob will interview the five finalists. A banquet will be held before the Dreamgirl dance Saturday night when Miss Jo Ann Amorde of Miss Oregon fame and Honorary Dreamgirl, will make the announcement of Ladd's choice of Dreamgirl of 1949. At this time, a diamond watch will be presented to the queen, and loving cups will be bestowed upon her court.

A rotating cup on display at the Co-op will go to the winner's living organization.

## University Radio Division Slates Complete Schedule of Activities

The radio division of the University winds up its activities for the fall with a full schedule of KOAC programs for the week. The last show from the campus will be a rebroadcast of the "Messiah," Dec. 12.

Music featured the night hour on Dec. 5, as the Music School and the Hawaiian Club provided the opening and the closing numbers for the broadcast. Professor C. P. Schleicher of the political science department spoke on European trends on the "World in Review" program.

Barbara Detrick, soprano, and Phillip Green, baritone, presented a musical program. Miss Detrick sang Straus' "My Hero," and Green sang "Song of the Open

## New Twists Revolutionize Annual Christmas Buying

By Sister Mary Gilbert

Christmas shoppers, Utopia's coming nearer.

Before you decide to defer living just because you've deferred rushing, consider pending legislation. Three proposals aim to make Christmas shopping America's famous rest cure.

"Televised shopping" they call the first plan in University circles. It provides for installing TV sets in every classroom during final week. As you study the fascinating little lines of a blue book with one eye, the other roves over a screen test.

A little practice will enable you to balance an equation with one hand and point to your choice of Christmas gifts with the other. Professors maintain that it will reduce the monotony of the answers.

### SHOP NIGHTS WITH TV

Or if you like to shop nights, you can have TV in your room as you whip a term paper into shape. Besides saving time this gives you a plausible excuse for having made a poor choice.

"I wasn't rational," you may ex-

plain sweetly. "I was working on a term paper."

The CSA (Christmas Shopping Authority) has a different system. Registration in January of all prospective Christmas shoppers would be compulsory.

Printed forms would be sent to each applicant in February. These forms would include such pertinent data as whether or not the individual smokes, wears polka-dot ties, hates cats, prefers cologne, approves the Marshall Plan, believes in Santa Claus and the welfare state, plays golf, and reads T. S. Eliot.

### FILE TO BE KEPT

By appropriating a few billion in federal funds, advocates of this plan hope that a complete file on all Christmas shoppers can be maintained in Washington.

All the buyer has to do is drop a card to his congressman, stating the name and address of the person for whom he wishes to purchase a gift. This activates the legislative machinery, and before you know it—it's December!

Critics of the CSA object on purely ethical grounds. They point out that it is unfair to expect Aunt Ella to accept with glee in December what obviously would have pleased her in February.

### STATISTICS HAVE ANSWER

Statisticians have an answer, though. They say that the incidence of non-variable data susceptible to numerical subdivisions by exact criteria introduces relevant principles of classification and that the probability curve shows a 50-50 chance that Aunt Ella may slip on a banana peel before Christmas comes.

The Santa Claus Act is the third proposal. It's so old it has whiskers. But citizens from New York to Oregon get starry-eyed when you mention it.

They groan and grumble about high prices and big crowds and aching feet and lack of time. They swear that the holiday spirit is crass commercialism and that Scrooge was the world's most shrewd observer.

But they'll vote for the Santa Claus Act every time. They know it and you know it.

Yes, Christmas shoppers, Utopia's coming nearer.

## Noted Physicist Plans Star Lecture

K. O. Wright, astrophysicist on the staff of the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory, Victoria, B. C. will present an illustrated lecture, "Stars—Giants and Dwarfs," Dec. 12.

Sponsored by Sigma Xi, national science honor society, Wright will speak in room 207 Chapman Hall at 8 p.m. The lecture is open to the public.

Wright, who is a graduate of the University of Toronto with his Ph. D. from Michigan, has taken much interest in popularizing astronomy. Recently he concluded a two-year term as President of the Victoria Centre, Royal Astronomical Society of Canada.

His lecture will cover the field of modern astronomy dealing with the luminosities and dimensions of stars.

## Like Mice? Pets Given

By Arlette Morrison

If you'd like to go game hunting in the wilds of Deady Hall, you might come back with a "genetics mouse" for a pet. Doves of the little fawn-colored critters are running around loose over there.

I. I. Wright, Physical Plant superintendent, is the man to consult if you long for a little furry friend. He acquired a "genetics mouse" second-hand.

When the biology department gets through breeding and cross-breeding the animals they apparently just turn them loose.

One little red-eyed mouse climbed onto the coat of a painter who was painting the rat-cages. The workman brought him to Wright, who deposited his new pet in a wastebasket.

The wastebasket had to be moved onto the desk to save the mouse from the physical plant dog.

What do "genetics mice" eat? This one seemed to be surviving temporarily on an occasional scrap of waste-paper.