

Christmas Program Slated for Tuesday

"The Christmas Story" will be presented on December 20, to the student body. At this time the orchestra and chorus, under the direction of Mr. Bernard Windt, will offer their annual Christmas program. In addition, the brass ensemble will play Christmas carols, along with the traditional and lesser known Christmas music.

Program to Include:

The program will consist of the following: Hymn of Praise by the orchestra and Rise Up Shepherds and Follow, with the mixed chorus. Listen to the Angels Shouting, sung by the girls chorus, with Joan Forrest as the featured soloist. The orchestra will then play Windsor Melody and The Christmas Story which will be performed by both choruses with Mike Rountree, who will narrate this year's event. The Prophecy includes, How Brightly Shines the Morning Star; Lo, How a Rose Ere Blooming; O, Come, Immanuel, O Come, The Nativity; Who's Knocking There; and O Holy Night, will be performed by Carol Dodge, Sue Mittag, Mariana Parker, Mike Rush, and Norman Wilson; along with Flocks Were Sleeping.

To conclude The Gloria, Christians Awake, *Alhulula*, and Glory, *Alleluia, Amen*.

Orchestra Students Given

Twenty-one students compose the orchestra: Carol Bjork, Judy Bjorlie, Russell Blair, Lee Bounds, Richard Byrns, Linda

Decker, Joy Farenhurst, Forrest Farmer, Dinne Fiegth, Carolyn Harmon, Susan Harmon, Joy Hinkson, Frances Holmes, Leona Martin, Fred Neumann, Paul Dennis Retter, Susan Rude, Dana Smith, Linda Smith, and Sue Thompson.

Girls' Chorus Members

Girls' chorus numbers 24 members. Those who belong are: Lee Bounds, Lo Ann Byrd, Julia Byrd, Betty Carlos, Barbara Clinton, Bonnie Clinton, Carol Dodge, Jean Forrest, Dorothy Gardner, Beverly Hartford, Linda Hughes, Nancy Luak, Elsie McDougall, Sue Mittag, Martha Nickodemus, Marion Parker, Marsha Pruitt, Donna Revel, Martha Schweibert, Marilyn Self, Alice Von Kuhlmann, Linda Weber, Betty Wheeler, and Nila Zickelsose.

Mixed Chorus

Twenty-one students, also, compose the mixed chorus. They include: Joan Bobbett, Gary Bowles, Richard Bushnell, Bonnie Davis, Patty Delap, Dan Dixon, Mike Hicks, Nancy Lindsay, Rita Mackay, Aleta Marion, Dan Parker, Linda Price, Mike Rush, Flora Savage, James Schweitzer, Linda Setchell, Ellen Shaw, Mary Spayde, Diane Taylor, Charlene Weir, and Norman Wilson.

Brass ensemble members are: Dan Cabalas, Rich Hester, Ross Johnston, Bud Llinger, Dan Parker, and Galen Robertson.

Grading System To Be Tested

A grading program, used in most colleges, will be inaugurated at Ashland High next year, according to Mr. Gaylord Smith, Ashland Senior High School Principal. Presently used is a grading system of 1-2-3-4-5, which will be replaced by A-B-C-D-F, already effective in the grade schools, beginning in the fourth grade on up.

It was decided that this uniformity in Ashland's schools would be the best policy to use in order to prevent any confusion concerning grades.

FTA HEARS SPOKESMEN

Twenty-one members of the Future Teachers of America had the privilege last week to listen to Dr. Betty Dunlap. Dr. Dunlap spoke to the club about the qualities students should possess if they wish to go into the teaching field. She also said that teaching was not an easy field to work in and that students should take a self-inventory before considering it. Dr. Dunlap also said that Southern Oregon College is choosing teachers very carefully. The students who listened to Dr. Dunlap felt her talk was both interesting and humorous.



Exchange Student Speaks About Trip

Deanne Taylor, a senior at Medford High School, spoke to the student body on November 22, about her summer in West Berlin as an exchange student.

While in West Berlin, Deanne visited East Berlin, which is behind the Iron Curtain. She spent June, July, and August with a family much like her own.

Medford now has two exchange students attending their school from Japan and England. They have also been fortunate enough to have one of their students go abroad every year since they started the exchange program.

Ashland High is now planning to start a foreign exchange program in our school. We must decide definitely by February and it is almost definite that we will enter into the program.

Next year we plan to have a foreign student attending our school. A possible home has already been found.

Conference Held

Sponsored by the AAUW and the Rotary Club, the Family Life Conference will be held at Southern Oregon College, April 1, 1961.

Activities will include an address by a guest speaker on a given topic followed by group discussions, a luncheon, student panels, and refreshments.

Debaters Journey To Forest Grove

Glen Tabor was awarded a second place in men's oratory at the Pacific University Forensics Tournament, held December 2 and 3 at Forest Grove, Oregon. Those attending from Ashland were: Jerry Burns, Judy Eberhart, Bill Lawrence, Jim Lewis, Linda Lewis, Karen Schopf, and Glen Tabor.

Judy Eberhart and Karen Schopf entered extemporaneous speaking and women's oratory. Jerry Burns, Jim Lewis, Bill Lawrence, and Glen Tabor also entered men's extemporaneous speaking and oratory. Linda Lewis competed in women's oratory and serious interpretive reading. Making semi-finals in one event were: Judy Eberhart, Jerry Burns, Linda Lewis and Glen Tabor. Jerry, Linda and Glen competed in finals also. Three debate teams, consisting of Judy Eberhart and Karen Schopf, Jerry Burns and Linda Lewis, and Jim Lewis and Bill Lawrence entered debate and won 9 out of 12 debates.

Officers Elected For Ski Club

Two main purposes of the Ski Club's first meetings were: to welcome new members and to organize the group.

Bob Hegdahl was elected president; Don Ross, vice-president; Joan Drager, secretary; and Dan Parker, treasurer. Working with the members is the club's advisor, Mr. Ronald Apodaca.

Future trips to Shasta, Klamath and Crater Lake and Mount Hood were discussed. Because of the great expenditures involved in the trips the club planned several ways of raising money. Also, in order to encourage members to attend meetings regularly, it was agreed to fine absentees five cents unless they have an excusable explanation for not attending.

Audience Deems Play Success

Despite the fact that a floodlight burst before the performance began, the Senior Play, *Down to Earth*, by Bettye Knapp, was deemed successful by the audience. The play raised a total of \$133 profit for the senior class to help pay for expenses of Senior Week in the spring. Approximately two hundred fifty persons attended the night performance.

Comments about the play offered by some cast members:

"I believe that this play was one of the best dramatic presentations in the hallowed history of AHS, and I believe that all the guys and also the junior girls received a visitation of the arts."

"I thought this play was one of the most humorous Ashland High has ever presented. It really had possibilities as a comedy (with a little romance mixed in) if we did it justice. But some of the most humorous parts were slightly hard to catch unless the audience listened closely. I hope we did as good a job in presenting the play as it deserves."

"From my newly-acquired point of view by flying around the chandelier, I firmly believe that the cast was outstanding from every point of view, in-

Man-- Like a Holiday

Like Dad, 'twas the night before Christmas.

When all through the past; not a hop cat was stirring, not even a tad.

Our stockings were hung by the chimney with care, they'd been worn for six months and needed the air. We cloths were nestled all snug in our beds, while visions of chorus girls danced in our heads.

And Mama in her nightgown and I in my bed, had just settled down after we had been fed.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, Mama sprang from her bed to see what was the matter.

Under my best I flew like a flash; I was afraid that someone was wanting my cash.

The moon on the crest of the new fallen snow made us realize that it was thirty below.

When what should appear to my wondering eyes, but all of my friends with a keg full of --- (milk).

cluding the overhead view."

"I liked being in the play, but there are parts of it that were a bit embarrassing for Ruthe (a character). If you wanted to see a good play and get some hearty laughs, you got them in *Down to Earth* — it was way out!"

OSC FROSH TERMED 'BEST EVER,' OREGON HIGH SCHOOLS LAUDED

By Dan Wick

This year's freshman class enrolled at Oregon State College gives every indication of being the "best prepared" in OSC history, President A. L. Strand says, and he gives some credit to Sputnik but most to Oregon high schools "that have made giant gains in the past three years."

Dr. Strand terms the upgrading in high school training "the most important thing that has happened in education in my 18 years as president of Oregon State."

As evidence of improved preparation, Dr. Strand points to the record scores made by freshmen on the mathematics placement examination; to increases in the number of students in the science honors program; to decreases in the number of remedial courses; and to school of engineering figures that show a very high capability for an entering group.

George Gleason, dean of engineering, says there isn't much question that the "quality" of new freshmen is going up. The drop-out of students from engineering courses is far smaller than usual, he noted, indicating

Continued on Page 4

Coming Up

- December
- 20—Annual Christmas Prog.
- 22—Christmas Ball
- January
- 3—Nat'l. School Assembly BASKETBALL
- December
- 15—Douglas at Douglas
- 17—Douglas at Douglas
- 29—Grants Pass at Ashland
- 30—Medford at Medford
- January
- 5—Klamath Falls at Ashland
- 7—Crater at Central Point
- 14—Grants Pass at G. Pass
- 20—Medford at Ashland
- 21—Klamath Falls at K. Falls

Ashland High School

ROGUE NEWS