



The Sandy high school girls trio—Daylene Dowell, senior, Susan Gantenbein, sophomore, and Nancy Drew, senior—will be performing in the school program. They'll sing "Twelve Days of Christmas." The Christmas concert, featuring the entire music department, including band, choir, soloists and ensembles, will be presented Dec. 21 at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium. (Post photo)

Christmas Worship Set By Churches

Christmas eve and Christmas day will bring worshippers to Sandy churches and chapels. Programs and special services will retell the almost two-thousand year-old story of the coming of the infant Jesus and of His parents, Mary and Joseph, the wise-men and shepherds.

Songs and sermons and meditations on the theme will be included in many of the church programs. Sunday school pageants will be staged this weekend, but some presentations were given last Sunday and earlier in the week.

Schedule of services for churches in the community is:

Immanuel Lutheran church: regular morning worship, Sunday, Dec. 24. Children's program Sunday at 7 p.m. Special service

Sandy Baptist Chapel: "If I had Only Known," topic of 11 a.m. worship Sunday, Dec. 24. Regular morning classes, "The Christmas Skeptic," play by youth of church Sunday at 7 p.m.

St. Mary Magdalene Chapel: regular service Sunday, Dec. 24. Evening service — 11:15 — at St. Luke's Episcopal church in Gresham Christmas Mass at 10 a.m. Dec. 25.

Sandy Assembly of God church: regular morning worship Sunday, Dec. 24. Children's program and Christmas cantata "The Heavens Declare," beginning at 7 p.m. Sunday.

Church of God: regular services Sunday, Dec. 24.

Church of Christ: regular services Sunday, Dec. 24, with guest minister Arlie Moore.

St. Michael's in Sandy, St. Alloysius, Estacada and St. John's, Welches: Midnight Mass and Christmas Day Masses at 8 and 9:30 a.m.

Sandy Seventh Day Adventist church: special services featuring songs, recitations and a special offering Saturday, Dec. 23.

Christian Science church: Lesson - Sermon is "Christ Jesus" with scripture readings and citations from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy at regular services Sunday, Dec. 24.

First Baptist church: regular Sunday morning services, Dec. 24. Children's Sunday school Christmas program, Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

Community Presbyterian church: regular Sunday morning services, Dec. 24. Christmas pageant Sunday at 3 p.m.

See Santa In Sandy For Gifts

Some shopping to do yet? Don't worry! You can do it right here in the Sandy area. The stores are ready for those "last minute" shoppers according to a Tuesday and Wednesday survey.

Mrs. Roxanne Burns, head clerk of Scales Dry Goods store, says they look for Saturday to be the "biggest day." "You know how those uncles pop up," she laughed. The store will be open until 8 p.m. Saturday.

As of now business is holding up and about on a par with last year. But final comparison of Sandy shopping at Scales will depend on the rest of the week, she said.

Herb Ogden of Ogden's Variety says that he's been having a run on toy models. They fit right into the finance picture of youngsters with gift exchanges in classroom Christmas parties.

Another item that's sure to please the women is kitchenware that looks like china but can double as cooking utensils, he suggests. He reports that cards and wrappings are the fastest-moving items. His store will be open until 8 p.m. Saturday also.

Olin Bignall of Sandy Rexall says he is bracing for the last two days — "they're the best." The store is open Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For last minute shoppers he cites candy as a readily available and appropriate gift. He says toys are "going real well," and mentions the store's full line of cosmetics.

Other advertisements of Sandy merchants' wares will be found elsewhere in this issue of the Sandy Post.

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Long-Time Resident Dies On Wednesday Morning

Harry Reed, barber in Sandy for more than 40 years, died Wednesday morning at his home here. Funeral arrangements are pending at the Carroll Funeral Home in Gresham.

Reed's barber shop was located next to Pullen's Grocery store on Main street.

PICTURES READY

Pictures taken of Santa Claus and Sandy youngsters Dec. 2 at the Jayettes program will be available this afternoon, Dec. 21, at the Rexall Drug store. Dec's Photos in Gresham was the photographer.

FIRE LOSS

Damage amounting to some \$300 was done by fire to a unit at the Hoodview Trailer Park in Gresham last Wednesday. The unit was owned by Ray Lins.

Sandy High School Music Department To Give Christmas Concert Tonight

Musie of the Christmas season will be sounded by the Sandy high choir and band in concert tonight, Thursday, at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium.

The presentation, under the direction of William Covert, will feature the entire music department, including ensembles and soloists.

The choir will enter with the "Story of Christmas," "March of the Little Tin Soldiers," "Theme from the Nutcracker Suite," and "High school Cadets." The intermediate band will play a prelude of carols.

"Twelve Days of Christmas" will be presented by the girls' trio — Daylene Dowell, Nancy Drew and Susan Gantenbein. Cheryl Phillips and Linda Kennedy will duet on "Winter Wonderland."

The girls sextet will present "O Come, O Come Emanuel," and the mixed ensemble "Silver Bells." A mixed quartet—Carl Amstead, Alan Olson, Nancy Drew and Doris Fields—will sing "White Christmas."

The choir will enter with the professional "Angels We Have Heard on High." Other carols to be sung are: "Christ is Born," "Carol of the Bells," "Fum, Fum, Fum," "Song of Judea" and "O Tannenbaum."

The audience will join the music department in "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and "The First Noel."

The choir will conclude the program with "Silent Night" and the recessional — "Joy to the World."

Yuletide Lights Flicker In Sandy, on Highway

Christmas lights flicker in and around Sandy and up the highway this year as residents aim for one of the brightest Christmases ever.

Their handiwork featuring colored bulbs, statuary, trees and greens will go under the careful scrutiny of the judges Saturday evening, Dec. 23.

Here in Sandy the Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the "light up" program. Along the highway from Alder Creek to Government Camp, the Hoodland Assn. is encouraging creation of the holiday atmosphere.

Neither contest is conducted as a money-making project and no entrance fee nor registration is required.

In Sandy prizes will be awarded in three separate categories: 1—residential, 2—business and 3—churches and schools. First prize is \$5, second \$3, and third is \$2 for each division. Prizes will be mailed to winners Dec. 25.

The Hoodland Assn., according to R. G. Strubel, secretary, will give awards for first, second and third places.

Judges will rate displays on originality and artistic presentation as well as lighting.

Postmaster Knows All Santa's Problems

If there's one man who even has an inkling of how Santa must feel at this very minute, it's John Metzger, Sandy Postmaster.

He, like St. Nick, is over his head in packages, letters and cards. And, the post office should be just about as clean as Santa's sack Saturday — or "as clean as they can get it," Metzger says.

The postmaster reports that the outgoing mail has been heavier than any of his seven Christmases in office. He was appointed in 1954 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, after taking the civil service examination and topping 14 other applicants. Rep. Walter Norblad recommended him.

Takes Exam

The examination was held twice and it was on the second time around that then-accountant Metzger became interested. He was working for Crown Zellerbach and operating a small accounting office of his own at the time.

When he stepped into office, Sandy was barely a second-class office, occupying quarters where the dress shop is now. But it will "definitely make first class soon," predicts Metzger. "It's banging on the door now." The Sandy office is the sectional center of the mountain area, he added. The new post office home on Main street was dedicated in August of 1959.

But serving as financial and administrative head of a post office is a far cry from a Brooklyn boy's dream of becoming a doctor. Born and schooled in New York, he had several athletic scholarships to colleges — but he wanted the University of Vermont. "Most of its graduates went to Johns Hopkins, my goal," he explained.

He Enters College

However, the year he entered college was 1941. It was only about five months after the outbreak of the war that he joined up, serving three and a half years in the South Pacific.

When he was released — age 21 — his doctor dream faded and he attended Woodbury college in Los Angeles as an accounting major.

It was also at the time he chose a wife — Miss Velma Louise Anderson of Ventura Calif. And soon after that, in 1947, he chose a home, Sandy.

He came here with his father-in-law who wanted to buy a farm in the area — one of his favorite fishing haunts. He bought the farm and the family came up to become a part of the community.

Serves Society

Metzger serves his profession as past president of the Clackamas County Post Masters and current first vice - president of the state chapter of the national

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A CHRISTMAS WISH

from all of us at the Sandy Post

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| Lee Irwin | Walter Taylor | Rodger Eddy |
| Elaine Popelka | Dorothy Gillard | Joanne Dunn |
| Elizabeth Hartman | Lorraine Levan | Norman Fox |
| Nell Howe | Dorothy Devecka | Joe Kiefer |
| Gracie Shaver | Lillian Ten Eyck | Mrs. J. Dollowitch |
| Mrs. J. A. Haggstrom | Mrs. G. W. Bartholomew | Mrs. Louise Mayer |
| Mrs. John Olds | Mrs. Erna Metzler | Mrs. H. H. Watkins |

Mail Goes Out But Not From Post

"What time does the mail go out?" Well, frankly, we at the Sandy Post have no idea, but the Sandy Post Office may be able to help.

We've been receiving quite a number of these calls and we'll either have to get a mail schedule from Postmaster John Metzger, or 2 — change our name.

But, as a service to patrons — of both the Sandy Post and the Sandy Post Office — our phone number is MU 7-2781 and the post office is MU 7-4311.

Storm Plays Havoc Here; Winds Reach 85 M.P.H.

Storms — wind, rain and snow — played havoc with Sandy and mountain environs this week. Lights and phones were out up and down the mountain and in and around Sandy.

It stormed nearly all week, with winds up to 85 miles an hour lashing the area Saturday and Sunday. Trees toppled and splintered on the road up the mountainside, some falling across homes. The Christmas tree in front of the Sandy City

hall was among the casualties, but was soon righted. Wires twisted loose under the weight of trees and the ferocity of the wind.

Bad Near Rhododendron

One Portland General Electric official said it was a "real smear" around Rhododendron. One crew had to cut their way through a dozen downed trees near Rhododendron to get in to a trouble spot.

Portland General Electric crews first went out at 8:30 p.m. Saturday and were still tying up loose ends Tuesday afternoon. Telephone crews were also out.

Ten PGE crews from Sandy and Gresham were joined by two from Salem, brought up because of the extensive storm damage. It was reported that one crew was out 27 hours straight.

PGE even was forced to hire some private crews to help restore service.

Most Troubles O.K.

Long distance lines between Portland and Government Camp went out at 2 a.m. Sunday. Crews reported five major breaks in the cable.

Timberline Lodge's road to Government Camp was closed until Monday morning. Forty guests, trapped there for the weekend, were able to get down the mountain only then.

Timberline had about eight feet of snow Monday, a gain of three feet for the weekend. Snows were also heavy at Government Camp.

Sandy Man Charged With Auto Theft

A Sandy man is lodged in the Oregon City jail with bail set at \$1500. Bruce Lamar Colwell, 29, laborer, was arrested Saturday night by Sgt. Tom Cutsforth of the Clackamas County Sheriff's office on a charge of larceny of an auto.

The charge arises from a robbery and auto theft reported by Merrill Bartruff, operator of the bar at Zig Zag Inn. Approximately \$110 was taken from the till.

Colwell himself summoned the police to Brightwood where he told a story with subsequent variations of robbery, abduction and car theft, committed by three men at the Inn, according to Sgt. Cutsforth.

Merrill's car, a 1957 Cadillac sedan, was found near Brightwood, wrecked. Besides the cash, Colwell's tabs to the Inn were missing from the till.



Ho! Ho! Old Father Christmas himself, or so it appears, as genial Al Gantenbein of Gantenbein's Kelso store, makes like a wild-eyed last-minute Christmas shopper. "Father Christmas" will also be at the controls of his model railroad which traverses his store and which will be in operation this weekend. (Post photo)



Postmaster John Metzger can finally see the end of the post office's contribution to a Merry Christmas in Sandy. The mounds of packages and letters will be distributed by Dec. 23 and then he and his staff can settle down to enjoy the holidays. (Post photo)