

Hoodland Happenings

by Renee Jenkins

Thursday, Dec. 14 — Welches School Board, Welches School; 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 16 — Mt. Hood Golf Club Christmas Party, Bowman's.

Tuesday, Dec. 19 — Senior Keep Well Clinic, Women's Club 9:15 a.m.; Pittock Mansion Tour 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 20 — Bowman's Employee Christmas Party 3 p.m.; Chamber of Commerce Christmas Dinner, Chalet Swiss, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 21 — Welches School Christmas Program 7:30 p.m.

Appointments are full for the Senior Keep Well Clinic, so this is just a reminder to those who have them of the time and new location at the Women's Club.

Bowman's parking lot is the meeting place for the Pittock Mansion tour and lunch next Tuesday. If you have signed up and won't be able to go, please call B.J. duBiel at 658-4172 as soon as possible.

All members and their spouses are invited to the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Dinner next Wednesday at the Chalet Swiss. No-host cocktail hour is at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7. Please make reservations with Kurt at the Chalet Swiss by Sunday, Dec. 17.

Thursday will be a busy night with the Welches School Christmas Program.

The Fire Department responded to a first aid, public assist, propane leak

and three auto accidents last week. By the way, if tramping through the woods and dragging a tree through the snow doesn't appeal to you, the Fire Department volunteers are selling beautiful Christmas trees.

Look for an announcement in the near future from the Zigzag Aviation Advisory Board.

Merry Christmas, everyone!

Solstice coming up

The day of the short sun—the winter solstice—will occur next Thursday, Dec. 21, marking the first day of winter.

It will be the shortest day of the year, when the sun reaches the southernmost point in its journey across the sky. Winter officially begins at 9:21 p.m., according to OMST's Harry C. Kendall Planetarium.

Although it sometimes may not seem as such, the days will get longer after Dec. 21.

Twenty Nobel laureates have been associated with The National Foundation-March of Dimes, since the voluntary health organization was formed 40 years ago.



Children's play Saturday

KING ARTHUR, John Stroup, (left) and henchman Sean Fenwick cross swords in finale of "King Arthur's Calamity," offered free to children at 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., Saturday in Oddfellows Hall during a special Kids' Day. The play, written by William Brohaugh and Dennis Chaptman, is presented by the Festival Players in association with Dramatic Publishing Co. of Chicago.

Some restaurants may be exempt from OLCC quota

Some types of liquor-serving establishments would be exempt from the Oregon Liquor Control Commission's license quota under a bill proposed by the legislative Sunset Review Task Force.

The task force, which has studied the OLCC for three months, will recommend that bill and four others to the 1979 Legislature.

The bill would exempt from the license quota establishments such as restaurants that derive 50 percent or more of their gross receipts from food, or places that serve drinks from a bar not accessible to customers.

The OLCC's present quota system is one license for each 2,000 persons in the state.

According to Sen. Del Isham, D-Lincoln City, co-chairman of the task force, the real competition for licenses is among businesses that don't sell a lot of liquor, but would like to serve it as a convenience for the customer.

Another bill proposed by the task force would eliminate, in some cases, civil liability of licensed establishments or private hosts for damages caused by or suffered by patrons or guests unless gross negligence is involved.

If a person is being served for a long time and is overly intoxicated, the establishment or host could still be sued for gross negligence, Isham said.

State courts have ruled that both private hosts and public establishments are responsible for the persons they serve liquor to after those persons leave. The bill would remove that kind of

ruling if other laws are not broken.

A third bill would keep the OLCC instead of abolishing it under a sunset bill passed by the 1977 Legislature.

The task force felt the agency is serving the public interest and providing a needed function.

The agency would be reviewed again in eight years.

A fourth bill would increase the OLCC from three members to five so one person could not dominate the panel.

A fifth bill would allow licensees to be involved in political activities and make campaign contributions.

Library Notes

Sue Newland, librarian at Sandy Public Library, reports the following new titles in circulation: adult books include A Time For Truth, by William Simon; Tall Tales from the Rogue River, by Stephen Beckham; Healing with Mind Power, by Richard Shames; Lillian Hellman, by Doris Falk; and Midnight Is a Place, by Joan Aiken.

New easy and juvenile books include: The Bears' Counting Book, by Robin Wild; The Foolish Giant, by Bruce Coville; Don't Forget to Come Back, by Robb Harris; My Trip to Alpha I, by Alfred Slofe; Invite a Bird to Dinner, by Beverly Crook; and Conquista by Clyde R. Bulla.

Young titles recently added include Summer of the Seals, by John Waters; It's Not the End of the World, by Judy Blume; and The Marvelous Mongolian, by James Aldridge.

School menus

Sandy

Monday, Dec. 18
Burrito
Buttered corn
Carrot sticks
Sliced peaches
Milk

Tuesday, Dec. 19

Vegetable beef
soup
Chicken salad
sandwich
Mixed fruit
Christmas cake
Milk

Wednesday, Dec. 20

Hot dog on a bun
Mustard
French fries
and catsup
Fruit salad
Candy cane
Milk

Thursday, Dec. 21

CHRISTMAS VACATION

Welches

Monday, Dec. 18

Spaghetti with
meat sauce
Cole slaw
Garlic bread
Tangerine
Milk

Tuesday, Dec. 19

Tuna salad
Buttered corn
Cheese sticks
Cinnamon toast
Half banana
Milk

Wednesday, Dec. 20

Sloppy Joe
French fries
and catsup
Crisp carrots-
celery
Maple bar
Milk

Thursday, Dec. 21

Taco
Green beans
Cookies

Fruit Jell-O
Choice of milk

Friday, Dec. 22

CHRISTMAS VACATION

Cottrell

Monday, Dec. 18

Tuna noodle
casserole
Egg salad
sandwich
Buttered mixed
vegetables
Lettuce with
dressing
Fruit cup
Milk

Tuesday, Dec. 19

Beef stew
Cheese sandwich
Crunchy celery
sticks
Frosted grahams
Apple wedge
Milk

Wednesday, Dec. 20

Sloppy Joes
French fries
Carrot sticks
Buttered spinach
Peaches
Milk

Thursday, Dec. 21

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Turkey
Mashed potatoes
Gravy
Buttered green
beans
Hot rolls
with butter
Fruit salad
Cranberries
Cherry tarts
with topping
Milk

Friday, Dec. 22

Creamed chicken on
hot biscuits
Buttered corn
Lettuce with
dressing
Cucumber wheels
Dixie cups
Choice of milk

Ashes can be recycled

Ashes that have accumulated from home fireplaces and wood stoves

may be used in gardens, flower beds and compost piles, according to Ray McNeilan, Oregon State University home gardening agent.

"Prior to World War II, farmers in the U.S. used wood ashes for fertilizer on a large scale," McNeilan noted.

Wood ashes contain significant amounts of calcium and potassium and are highly recommended on acid soils that are low in potassium.

Acid soils, which are common in western Oregon, have a pH below 7.0, McNeilan said. Most vegetables grow best on a slightly acid soil with a pH between 6.0 to 6.8. Soils with a pH below 6.0 are candidates for wood ashes.

As a rule, hardwoods yield more ash per pound of wood, and their ash contains higher percentages of nutrients than softwoods. No matter what type of wood is burned, however, studies at OSU indicate an application rate of 10 to 15 pounds per thousand square feet of garden plot is best.

There is one important exception to using wood ashes to fertilize garden soil, according to McNeilan. Ashes should not be applied to gardens with high levels of potassium. A soil test will show how much potassium is present. Information about soil testing can be obtained from county extension offices, he said.

In the case of flower beds, one-half to one pound of ash per year is recommended for each shrub and rose bush. This applies to acid soils that are low in potassium. Ashes should not be used around plants that prefer acid soil, such as blueberries, rhododendrons and azaleas.

In the compost pile, wood ashes help create a condition that promotes the composting process as well as adding plant nutrients. Scatter a few ashes on each layer of compost material as the pile is built up.

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