

### Art Festival Planned

Plans are nearly completed for the University of Oregon's Festival of Arts, scheduled for January 6-March 10.

The theme of the festival this year, "East Meets West," will

center around the Murray Warner Collection of Oriental Art, permanently housed in the Museum of Fine Arts.

An extensive program of special exhibits, lectures, dance events, movies, music and drama has been arranged by the committee under the direction of Wallace S. Baldinger, chairman.

Three collections from Japan

will be making their first appearance in this country. One is an exhibit of secret relics of Japanese Christian art and another is a showing of contemporary Japanese oil paintings by members of Kodokai, an association of artists in Japan. A showing of Japanese ink painting and calligraphy also will be featured.

The festival will open January

### Response Called "Magnificent" In Mentally Ill Gift Drive

"The whole community can be proud of the magnificent response in the gift collection project for

the mentally ill and mentally retarded." Those were the words of Supt. of schools D. D. Williams, local chairman of the project, after the last box had been loaded aboard a truck, bound for Salem.

Royal Ives, a state employee brought a ton and a half truck to Curry county Wednesday morning. He had it almost two thirds full after stops at Gold Beach and Brookings, with gifts for the mental institutions in the state. Williams said that the response was beyond his expectations, and said that he sincerely appreciated all that the many organizations and individuals did in the drive for gifts.

Mrs. Dr. E. W. Minty was the county chairman, and Gold Beach too went overboard in the collection of gifts. Ives will take the truck load directly to Salem, where they will be unpacked and distributed to those in the institutions for Christmas.

### Lumber Price Drop is Slower

Crow's Lumber Price Index for the two week period ending December 13th shows a continued downtrend in the price structure of all western lumber products. The industry average for all 75 items composing the index showed an average decline of \$.72 per M over two weeks ago, and \$.74 over the past twelve months.

The drop in green Fir prices in the two week period has been slight, and confined mostly to lower grade boards and dimension lumber. The fact that dozens of small mills in Oregon and Washington have closed down temporarily has made lumber a little harder to buy, and accounts in part for the slower rate of decline. Most of these mills say they will open up after the holidays if the demand warrants it.

Dry Fir prices have fallen at the same rate as green Fir, with the lower grades again leading the decline. Pine boards are steady now, but the better grades, selects, mouldings and shop, are losing ground.

### Bond Sale Is Still High

A report from the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, received here shows that sales of F and H Bonds in the county in November were \$11,541, bringing the total this year to \$297,857. Sales here through November of 1955 were \$159,132.

Sales of these popular United States Treasury Department securities in Oregon were higher last month than in any November since 1946. Oregonians bought \$2,937,310 worth of them, and have purchased \$38,433,816 worth so far this year, a higher total in eleven months than we have had in any other full year since the war, except for 1955.

The state Savings Bond office reports that Umatilla and Wheeler counties completed their 1956 sales quotas at the end of November, joining Curry and Jefferson counties, which had made theirs earlier. Umatilla was the first of the state's twelve largest counties to achieve this distinction.

### Gamers Bakery Sold to Becks

Michael and Fred Beck, owners of Beck's Morning Fresh Bakeries in Medford and Boise, Idaho, and George E. Hoover of North Bend, have announced the purchase of Gamer's Bakery in North Bend from George Schotte and Carl Rowan of Butte, Montana.

Hoover, manager of Gamer's for the past five years and an employee for 10 years, will manage the local operation.

The new owners will take over the North Bend operation Saturday, December 15, and will expand in the near future to produce all Morning Fresh products now baked in Medford and Boise. Over 46 varieties of breads and rolls and 28 varieties of pastries are distributed under the Morning Fresh label.

In addition to distributing breads and pastries in North Bend, Coos Bay, Bandon, Coquille, Florence, Reedsport and Brookings, the coast plant will also supply Roseburg and vicinity.

The Beck operations in Medford cover nine counties in Oregon and California.

### Drama Group Travels

A group of Drama Club members were very successful in putting on a performance at Arcata last Friday and Saturday. The students were accompanied by director, Miss Lester, and Mr. and Mrs. John Peffley.

### STAR OF THE SEA CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine of Star of the Sea church is sponsoring its annual Christmas party on Saturday morning, 22 December, for the more than sixty five elementary school children who attend the weekly religious instruction classes. In charge of the party in which candy, gifts, and entertainment will be furnished are Mesdames: Marian Hanscom, Dorothy Elmgren, Eleanor Koehler, and Alcie Rosen.

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