

TREE CONTEST CLOSES SOON

Numerous Preparations Are Already Completed for Decoration Race

Ingenious lighting effects for the outdoor Christmas illumination contest, sponsored by the Salem Advertising club, are taking form in the yards and about the homes of many Salem residents. In a number of instances the colored lights on shrubs, trees and houses are already speaking their messages of yuletide cheer.

Entries for the contest must be in the hands of the committee by Wednesday night. They should be mailed to post office box 160, Salem, Ore., and should be post-marked before midnight December 18. Thirty-nine district and city-wide prizes are offered for the best displays.

Winners in four districts will be picked in three divisions: The best decorated yard, the best decorated windows, and the best decorated entrance. A prize of \$25 is offered for the best general decoration in the city. The displays will be judged the night of Sunday, December 22, but it is expected that the decorations will remain in place throughout the holiday week. A route will be picked by the Ad club in order that the general public may make its annual pilgrimage to these shrines of Christmas cheerfulness and brilliance.

District number 1 is north of Court and west of Capitol street; district 2 is north of Court and east of Capitol street; district 3 is south of Court and west of Twelfth street and district 4 is south of Court and east of Twelfth street.

RADIO SAFETY PAIR ARE BUSY PERSONS

ST. LOUIS.—(AP)—Safety Town, with juvenile citizens scattered in 45 states and six foreign countries probably is one of the largest communities in all radioland.

At any rate its present population of nearly 500,000 is far greater than its founder, Safety Sam and the Careful Twins, ever dreamed it would be.

Safety Town's boosters, who range from three to 15 years in age, have been recruited through a ten-minute-a-day broadcast by KMOX. They are organized as the Careful Children's club.

When they started preaching the gospel of safety about three years ago, Safety Sam and the Careful Twins figured they might get 50,000 members for the club if their technique was successful. The kids surprised them.

Every week the roster has grown by the hundreds. Requests for the club's membership button, pledge card and song still pour in with every mail. Each night the Careful Twins, known as Handy Andy and Ready Eddy, have some new stunt to bring home the idea of eliminating carelessness and accidents. Sometimes they read letters from members telling how they have helped the safety cause. Again they present playlets.

Always the club's slogan "One thought for safety is worth a thousand regrets," is emphasized. Handy Andy and Ready Eddy, who are W. F. Yorger and H. J. Brammeyer of the St. Louis Safety council, know a thousand ways to put it across.

In their membership pledge the children promise not to take chances, not to steal rides on automobiles or street cars, not to play in streets, always to look carefully before crossing an intersection, not to fool with fire-arms, matches or stoves, not to touch dangling wires or take medicine from a bottle without a label, and to stay in shallow water until they learn how to swim.

TREES ARE MUZZLED ON MICHIGAN DUNES

EAST LANSING, Mich.—(AP)—West Michigan again looks to the tree to stop the advance of the shifting sands from the shoreline of Lake Michigan.

Eleven years ago Michigan State college sponsored a reforestation program to plant 500,000 trees along the lake front frontage to keep back the sands from the dunes which had covered farm property, churches and parts of villages.

Today the college contemplates a similar program extending from the Indiana line to the tip of the upper peninsula on the west. More

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NINE DEAD WHEN CRACK TRAIN IS DERAILED



Nine persons were killed and more than two score others were injured when eight coaches of a Pennsylvania Railroad Norfolk to New York excursion train jumped the track at Oakley, Va., December 1st. The cars were piled up in a tangled mass.

than 1,000,000 acres will be affected. The main purpose a decade ago was one of economic consideration. The farms had to be saved from the advancing sands. Today the interest is mostly that of beautification. Resort owners anxious for the tourist trade look to the tree to add beauty to the lake shore by stopping the march of the lake sands.

Sand dunes along Lake Michigan are not more than 300 or 400 feet wide but may extend more than a mile in length. Trees serve as a windbreak. Their leaves form a humus over the soil which keeps it compact, and the roots bind the sand more closely together. Farm land is enriched by the addition of organic matter.

Englewood
A combined program, including a Christmas play, will be given the Friday before Christmas. A room will furnish part of the entertainment.

Stars for penmanship were given by Mrs. Clara Pomeroy, writing supervisor to fourth, fifth and sixth grades. These children are in Miss Erma Sadders, Miss Genevieve Anderson, and Miss Mildred Severson's rooms.

Girls in fourth and fifth grades had a candy sale. The money was used to repair a victrola and buy records.

Mrs. Sadie Grant's beginning class is working on a Christmas toy project. They are making sheep, chickens, hobby-horses, kites, hot dish mats, and picture frames.

The 5 B class under Mrs. Bancroft is studying lumbering in the western United States. The pupils are building a sand table project showing the lumbering industry from the time the loggers notched the trees for felling, to shipping the finished lumber to a foreign country from one of the seaports.

The upper grades finished the study of Mexico with a set of lantern slides of that country. The teaching staff of Englewood is 100 percent in membership in the National Educational association. The state association, and the local association all have taken one or more classes in extension work from the University of Oregon.

There have been 335 pupils enrolled. Thirteen have been transferred, 29 came from other school systems; 38 were never in school and 37 came from other buildings in the city, making a turnover in the student body of 34.3 per cent.

The second hand book exchange sold a little more than \$40 worth of books.

Highland
Fourth, fifth and sixth grade teachers at Highland school enjoyed an instructive fourth grade reading lesson presented to them Tuesday by Miss Colman.

The true spirit of Christmas

Give Gifts that GROW!



What finer, more distinctive gifts than living, growing things, which will bring more beauty and pleasure into the daily lives of loved ones and friends?
Trees, plants, shrubs and hardy flowers are growing in favor each year as Christmas gifts because they are so universally admired and desired.

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prevades every room. The Christmas donation to the less fortunate, are pouring in and each gift is deposited in the box with a happy smile on the face of the giver. The true Christmas story is the theme around which this month's work is correlated and every child at the close of school, December 20, will have had some little part in the festival season.

There will be a program for parents and friends Thursday at 1:30 o'clock, put on by grades one, two and three. And on Friday, December 20, at 2:30 o'clock the fourth, fifth and sixth grades will entertain in the same manner.

First and fifth grade physical examinations have been completed. Wonderful interest in this examination was shown by parents, many spoke of their appreciation of the opportunity to have this done.

This poem, "Safety" was written and illustrated by Jerry Rankin, 6A pupil of Highland school, and is a parody on "Ten Little Grasshoppers."

Ten little picknickers, tho't it was a woodbine;
One touched poison ivy, then there were nine.
Nine little boys at play, "hitching on a freight;"
One slipped beneath the wheels, then there were eight.

Eight on a ladder, Climbing up toward heaven;
One fell off of it, then there were seven.

Seven playing "Zulu," running round with sticks;
One fell on his spear, then there were six.

Six little school boys, on a pier to dive;
One hit a sunken pier, then there were five.

Five rushed across the street, to the candy store;
One didn't see the car, then there were four.

Four tried to get a kite, lodged in a tree;
One touched a light wire, then there were three.

Three playing with matches, a thing they should not do;
One set his clothes afire, then there were two.

Two little meddlers, playing with a gun;
One pulled the trigger, then there was one.

One little lonesome chap, sitting on a stone;
Didn't have a single playmate, he was all alone.

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MANIA FOR COMMON STOCK NOT GENERAL

NEW YORK.—(AP)—Darwin P. Kingsley, president of the New York Life Insurance company, disclosed his investment policy toward common stocks during the last ten months by saying:

"Despite the market deflation, the value of this company's real estate remains intact, the value of its mortgage loans is undiminished and its bonds and preferred stocks maintain their value without important fluctuations."

In the first 10 months of the year, he said, the company invested \$54,758,110 in railroad, municipal, public utility and industrial bonds, also in bonds of the United States and Canada. More than \$13,000,000 was invested in preferred stocks and guaranteed issues.

Mortgage loans, the other important outlet for the company's investment funds, absorbed \$59,980,085, during this period when the general public would look at nothing but common stocks.

A total of 3,158 mortgage loans were contracted in 269 cities scattered through 38 states and the Dominion of Canada.

PORTUGUESE TOLD TO DRINK MORE WINE

LISBON.—(AP)—Jugo-Slavia, Mexico, Norway, Russia and Switzerland have started crusades against liquor, but Portuguese authorities encourage an opposite policy.

Although the Portuguese people are proverbially sober and the price of wine ridiculously low, the dwindling of foreign markets for wines have created a difficult situation.

The Portuguese are urged therefore, to drink more wine and less beer in the interests of the national industry.

A sharp fight is being waged between wine interests and brewers. The latter lowered the price of beer in order to raise the consumption of the frothy beverage. Wine growers at Oporto have retaliated by lowering their prices.

The government is inclined to throw the weight of its influence on the side of the wine merchants. So a new tax on beer will be levied and its sale restricted to certain hours of the day.

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP)—For the second time in two consecutive years an Oklahoma 4-H dairy judging team will represent the United States in the International Dairy Judging contests in England.

Last summer Oklahoma's first national championship team won the international cup that had been in the possession of an English team.

The new champions, who will defend the world's championship cup next summer, are James Childers, Hillsdale; Halley Kennedy, Ardmore; and Howard Nelson, Duncan.

They won the national championship and the right to represent the United States by scoring 4,663 out of a possible 4,800 points in the contest at the National Dairy show in St. Louis.

Twenty-seven state teams were entered. Nebraska placing second with 3,897 points and Minnesota third with 3,868.

Childers, who was high individual in the contest, owns a cow that produced 498.30 pounds of butterfat in 9 months 15 days.

Kennedy paid his way through high school by feeding and milking cows and now owns three dairy animals.

Nelson was the first 4-H club member from Oklahoma to exhibit at the National Dairy show.

Leslie Junior High Events

Banquet Held for Football Boys; Students Gathering-Donations for Needy; Several New Clubs Formed

For the first time in the history of football at Leslie junior high school, the football team was banqueted at the close of the season. When six of the teachers prepared and served a dinner Thursday night. The affair was held in the school cafeteria and every member of the team voted it the biggest event of the year.

A makeshift football field, with players lined ready to kick off and with blue and gold streams running from the doll players to each guest, formed the center piece for the banquet table. School songs and speeches from each member of the squad present were part of the festivities.

The football players present were: Bill Judson, Donald Maestrett, Carl Mason, Sam Earle, Burrell Eckstein, Andrew Halvorsen, Fred Hertzog, Max Burns, Henry Hockspeler, Marvin Flagg, Bob Cannon, Ed Speight, Arnot Grimes, Bill Bush, Bob French, Gordon King, Wayne Kimple, Raymond Elliott, Harold Hastings and Elmer Kessel. Mrs. LaMoine R. Clark, principal of the school, and Gurnee Fleisher, athletic coach, were special guests at the banquet.

Teachers who prepared the banquet were: Madeline K. Hanna, Gertrude E. Anderson, Mrs. Ida M. Andrews, Hazel Archibald, head of the school domestic science department, Vivian F. Carr and Amy E. Martin.

Every room at Leslie has secured a large box and in it are being placed student donations which will be given to the poor and needy of the city at Christmas time. To interest students in bringing food and clothing for this purpose, Miss Bertha Magnus has written a short skit which members of her class will enact in each room early next week.

The Leslie Broadcaster, student newspaper of which Nina Taylor is editor and which is published every six weeks, was circulated

SPRING VALLEY, December 14.—Mr. and Mrs. James A. French and son Harold were Thursday evening visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Crawford. They enjoyed hearing the lecture given by Captain Salisbury over the radio, on his trip around the world.

among the students this week for the second time this year. The girls in Miss Anna Miles' sewing classes are making animals and dolls. Some of the animals being made are elephants, dogs, ducks and cats. The animals are made from gingham, or percale and must be stuffed with cotton.

There has been many new clubs formed at Leslie junior high school in the last week. Among them are: the Dramatic club, the Archery club, Model Airplane club, the Collector's club. The collectors club collects stamps, coins and a number of different articles. Organizations have not been completed.

On December 10, the work of the physical education department was on exhibit. There were ho-

lasses in each class to explain the charts and each exhibit. On different boxes, courts were marked off, little celluloid dolls dressed in gym suits represented the players of different games, such as volleyball. There were many posters and slogans also.

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