



"—AND RISING"—Afternoon downpour Wednesday sent flow of water under doors of Wing C's east entrance at Bend High School. Mike Murphy, with yardstick, made like the weatherman. Students hopeful of early start for Christmas vacation were disappointed. Water receded after storm, and classes were in session as usual this morning.

Prineville firemen winding up busy toy repair program

Special to The Bulletin

PRINEVILLE — The Santa Claus workshop, operated each year by the City of Prineville fire department, is booming and humming with activity like it has never seen before, according to the firemen.

Volunteers of the fire department have worked each evening for some time getting used toys, trucks and bikes ready for distribution among less fortunate families, and this year were gratified to discover they had at least twice as many items to clean, paint and repair as ever before.

The workshop being somewhat overworked, they are inviting other men who would like to help out in the toy workshop to stop in at the fire hall, any evening this week and lend a hand with paint brush, paste or screwdriver.

An open house will be held Thursday evening at the firehall, after 7 p.m., when the public is invited to stop by and see this mass-scale operation in full swing.

In addition to the scores of used items that have been donated, the fire department has received a great many new toys donated by

individuals and organizations. Among the local groups who agreed to give new toys to needy children this year in place of the usual gift exchange are the Rebekahs, the VFW auxiliary, the Pythian Sisters, the Prineville Extension Unit and the Rotana club.

Local businesses have assisted in the project, in dry-cleaning, steam-cleaning bikes, and in custom-painting of trucks, wagons and bikes. Cloth for doll clothes has been donated. To outfit the scores of dolls, the advance home economics class at Crook county high school has worked on large-scale doll wardrobes.

When all the work is completed, firemen will coordinate the distribution of the toys, to the Elks lodge, the Rotana club, the VFW and the American Legion. The gifts for the children will be added to food baskets prepared by the organizations, and there will be a widespread distribution of Christmas cheer on Christmas Eve. Families who will receive these gifts are scattered over a wide area, the firemen say, ranging as far east as Mitchell, and in a wide radius around Prineville.

TELEVISION IN REVIEW

TV on marriage-saving kick on Wednesday night

By Fred Danzig
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NEW YORK (UPI)—TV went on a marriage-saving kick Wednesday night.

On "Wagon Train," it was wagonmaster Chris Hale who served as the marriage counselor. He whispered a few pertinent comments into the ear of guest star Bette Davis and helped her to realize that the marriages of her three children were all about to break up because of her presence and interference.

"Battle of Hearts," on CBS-TV "Armstrong Circle Theater," was one "actual" that steered clear of extremes and averages and sought mature treatment of its story. The script, by Alvin Boretz, showed the uglier side of the marriage relationship between George and Lela Davis — no relation to Bette — who, after a dozen years, had just about had it with each other. Their young son, of course, was the chief victim of their constant battles.

The script made Mrs. Davis' decision to seek professional help entirely natural. It also treated the ups and downs of the meetings with a laudable natural feeling. Mr. Davis, however, resisted the idea of family counseling. I thought this aspect of the script—the man's negative attitude—gave the hour additional dramatic values and another degree of honesty. Just think how maudlin things would have been if they had started practicing together in the counselor's office. There was none of that in this show.

Arthur Hill, as the thin-skinned hubby, got his performance into focus during the second act and did a fine job the rest of the way. Consistently effective were Lydia Bruce as Mrs. Davis, Clarice Blackburn as the sensitive, experienced caseworker, and Luke Halpin as the boy.

While most of the story was completely credible, I thought the one big clunker was in the handling of an abortive vacation plan Davis cooked up. Otherwise, things held together in an absorbing fashion.

"The Bettina May Story" on

NBC-TV's "Wagon Train" was a better-than-average hour.

As Miss Davis butted into the affairs of her married children, it was obvious that her take-charge attitude was causing divorce talk among the couples. For a while, it seemed the only happy ending would be a scene in which the westward-bound hubbies and wives decided to leave the train and take up residence in Reno.

But good old John McIntire brought Miss Davis around. In fact, he turned her around and headed her eastward at the final scene. Miss Davis realized that she had to let her kids lead their own lives.

I doubt if Miss Davis could regard her role as a challenge. It was the sort of character she could handle with her eyes shut — and wouldn't that be out of the Bette Davis character?

One line in the script stopped me cold, so out-of-joint did it seem. That was when Chris Hale, the dusty, 19th century wagonmaster, spoke of something "bugging the kids." Crazy, dad.

Anyhow, the two programs showed how much progress we have made in the matter of marriage counseling. And it was nice to see that, in a pinch, the wagonmaster can serve as a caseworker. Ah, but can our caseworkers serve as wagonmasters?

The Channel Swim: "The Untouchables" now is expected to be dropped from ABC-TV's 1962-63 schedule. One report says the series no longer suits the image that the network is seeking to project.

CBS-TV is ready to slide a dramatic anthology series, "True," into its lineup for 1962-63. Producer Jack (Dragnet) Webb would appear in a number of the full-hour episodes.

Walt Disney is preparing a two-hour NBC-TV special dealing with the life of Beethoven. "Masterpiece," a dramatization of the trial of the Dutch painter-forger, Hans Van Meegeren, will be presented on NBC-TV's "Show of the Week" Sunday, Feb. 4.

Hoover critical of U.S. support against Katanga

NEW YORK (UPI) — Former President Herbert Hoover, 87, has added his voice to criticism of U.S. support of the United Nations' Katanga operation. He charged that American resources are being used to kill people seeking to be free from Communist domination.

Hoover issued a statement here Wednesday endorsing Democratic Sen. Thomas J. Dodd's sharp criticism of the Kennedy administration's role in the Congo crisis. The Connecticut senator, who returned from Katanga Tuesday, labeled the U. N. operation "naked aggression" and called for a Senate investigation.

Several congressmen and other political leaders, Republican and Democrat, have condemned U.S. financial and logistical support of U. N. efforts to put down secessionist activities of Katanga President Moise Tshombe.

However, Hoover is the highest of former or present office holders to oppose the Kennedy administration's Congo policy. Hoover said that he supported Dodd's recommendations and report because they "have special value as they are based upon the personal on-the-spot investigation of an eminent American."

"I welcome President Kennedy's efforts to secure a cease-fire and a peaceful solution, and all the American people will hope for his success," Hoover said.

"But despite the President's efforts, hostilities against Katanga continue. It is a sad day for the American people when American resources are being applied to the killing of people who are seeking for independence and self-government free from Communist domination."

Truckers join in campaign for safer driving

More than 10,000 truck drivers representing the organized motor transport industry in Oregon are urging motorists to join with them in giving "the greatest gift of all — a safe holiday trip."

According to Wilfred Jossy, president of Bend-Portland Truck Service, member company of the Oregon Trucking Association, Inc., are sponsoring the special holiday safe driving campaign.

"The association," said Wilfred Jossy, "is alerting all professional drivers to the need for extra driving care during this holiday season. More hours of darkness, icy and snowy roads, crowds of driving shoppers and shopping drivers, plus the three-day opportunity for highway travel, all add up to making the Christmas and New Year's holidays a hazardous one for all highway users."

"The professional truck drivers in Oregon are pledging themselves to exercise extraordinary care during this time of the year. They will be 'driving defensively' — which means not only operating their own vehicles with extreme care but also maintaining a close watch on the driving of others."

FIRST DAY OF WINTER
NEW YORK (UPI)—The American Museum-Hayden Planetarium reminds everyone that winter starts today. It begins officially at 9:20 p.m., EST, when the sun will reach its most southerly position over the earth.

Schools closed at Philomath

CORVALLIS (UPI)— All Philomath schools were to be closed Thursday afternoon because of the number of absences, School Supt. Henry Pete said.

The school board ordered the schools closed when 269 students failed to show up for classes Wednesday out of an enrollment of 1,074. Eight teachers were absent. Flu was blamed for illnesses that kept pupils and teachers away.

Alsea schools were closed Wednesday when 95 out of 222 students were absent.

MILL CITY (UPI) — Annual Christmas programs at Gates and Mill City grade schools Wednesday night and Thursday nights were cancelled because of widespread flu among students.

FOR SAFER DRIVING

LONDON (UPI) — The British National Milk Publicity Committee has come up with an appropriate holiday slogan:

"Drive safely on milk."

It was day two will never forget

LONG BEACH, Calif. (UPI)— It started out just like any other work day for a woman who works in a canery. But Wednesday was a day two persons will never forget.

Isabel Ramirez, 27, said it was the best Christmas present a person could receive. She saved the life of a drowning man, Ausencio Vigil, 26, Wilmington, Calif.

Vigil was one of three persons in a car which plunged through a guard rail of the Henry Ford Drawbridge into Cerritos Channel. Two men were killed. They were Felix Colon, 21, and Andreas Vargas, 47, both of San Pedro, Calif.

Miss Ramirez jumped into the channel to rescue Vigil when she saw him float to the surface. She said there were many onlookers, including scores of men, but nobody offered to help.



THIS IS A CLASSROOM?—Odd appearing, yes, but this is a new laboratory-classroom used in modern methods of teaching foreign languages. Three Grand Rapids, Mich., high schools boast these installations. Language lessons on tape are monitored to individual students or groups of students. Sponsors claim two advantages: each student is able to progress according to his ability and is prodded to think in the language.

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