

FILLING FOR CHRISTMAS BASKETS



Mt. Angel—Members of the Catholic Daughters of America of Mt. Angel collected a variety of food and clothing for Christmas baskets at a party Monday. Inspecting the supply are Mrs. L. A. LeDoux, Oregon state regent, C.D.A.; Miss Eustelle Bauman, grand regent, C.D.A.; and Rev. Cyril Lebold, O.S.B., pastor of St. Mary's parish, who will distribute the baskets. Mrs. Alois Keber, relief for peace chairman, and Mrs. J. A. Kaiser, also assisted.

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Yule Log Gifts by Boys At MacLaren Traditional

By NANCY ASHBAUGH  
What is rapidly becoming a tradition and a part of pre-Christmas festivities at MacLaren School for Boys is the distribution of uniquely designed yule logs to persons across the state who are friends of the school.

The yule log is fashioned of feathery Christmas greens, studded with frosted pine cones and centered with crimson and snow white candles, all dusted slightly with silver and white, and smelling pungently of the forests.

Approximately 20 boys at the school make these mantel decorations or table centerpieces. They are personally delivered by C. Stewart Clark, chief of field services, or members of his staff to more than 70 persons, including 39 juvenile judges, members of the State Board of Control, the mayor and council members of Woodburn to name a few.

There will be one presented to Governor Patterson at his offices on December 21, Monday, at 2 p.m. This will be personally presented by three of the boys from the craft class at the school.

Other yule logs have been mailed to Dr. Martha Elliott of the children's bureau, to Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay, and to John Schapps, western secretary of the national parole and probation association at San Francisco.

Former Governor Douglas McKay surprised and pleased the boys one year when they arrive with this seasonal token to find that Governor McKay had saved his yule log gift of the previous year and already had it in prominent display on his desk, according to Stewart Clark.

Christmas festivities at MacLaren will begin on Sunday, December 20 with an open house and the school Christmas program. This is also parents' visiting day. After the program at 2 p.m., refreshments will be served to parents at the cottages.

On Monday, December 21, an intramural wrestling program is scheduled from 7 until 9 p.m. to which all interested persons are invited. At 8 p.m. on Tuesday, December 22, the school Christmas program will be presented again for neighbors, friends and all interested persons.

Authorities at the school are hoping that many persons will take advantage of this opportunity to visit the school and emphasize the fact that anyone is cordially invited to attend.

On Wednesday, December 23, those boys who have earned the privilege of going home for Christmas will leave for home and that evening the Hollywood Lions club of Salem will present a program for the boys remaining at the school.

Christmas dinner will be served at 1 p.m. on Christmas day and turkey, and all the trimmings will be featured on

the menu. Some eight 25-pound turkeys are on hand for the occasion. In the afternoon a film is scheduled for the boys' entertainment.

On Sunday, December 27, regular chapel services will be held for both Catholic and Protestant boys. The Protestant group will have a special service under the direction of the

Youth for Christ organization. On Tuesday following Christmas a basket ball game will be the feature highlight winding up the full week of holiday activity for the school.

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Atty. Gen. Thornton Not Too Popular With GOP Colleagues

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR. (Associated Press Correspondent)

Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton, the first democrat to hold this office in 58 years and the only democrat now in high office in Oregon, isn't very popular right now with his republican colleagues.

That's because of two recent Thornton opinions dealing with the state's penal system.

The first one held that the prison must stop its 30-year-old practice of letting convicts harvest crops on private property. This will make it necessary for the state institutions to buy all their fruits and vegetables on the open market, at much higher prices.

The second opinion said that the Board of Control can't buy a site for the new state reformatory. This means a delay until 1955 in this long-awaited project.

The three Board of Control members, all republicans didn't like either one of these opinions. And some republican politicians are saying that Thornton is giving them a ready-made political issue for next year—that the democrats have put a road block ahead of republican plans for rehabilitation of convicts.

These three board members—Gov. Paul L. Patterson, Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry and State Treasurer Sig Unander—believe that Thornton's opinions in these cases are wrong. But they will accept his advice. The republican state offi-

cialists think Thornton is too strict in interpreting the laws. They believe the convicts could do their fruit and vegetable picking, and that the reformatory could be built, because the law doesn't say they can't be done. Thornton says these practices would be illegal because the law doesn't say they can be done.

"I know these opinions are unpopular," Thornton said, "and I'm just as anxious as anybody to get jobs for the convicts, and to build the intermediate institution.

"But my job is to give advice right down the middle, regardless of how I feel or anybody else feels, and regardless of the politics that might be involved. I have to interpret the laws in accord with the constitutions and court decisions of the United States and the state of Oregon."

His opinion on the reformatory, he says, follows to the letter the principle laid down by the state Supreme Court early this year in a case in which it threw out the crop-dusting law because the legislature delegated law-making powers to the department of agriculture. Similarly, Thornton ruled the legislature couldn't delegate power to the Board of Control, without spelling it out in the law.

The law gave the legislature the \$1,250,000 to build the reformatory, but it didn't men-

tion that the state should buy a site for it.

Thornton says "I don't play politics in writing opinions."

His two chief deputies, E. G. Foxley and Catherine G. Barsch, are republicans whom he kept on the job. Thornton says the democrats are giving him a good cussing out for keeping them on.

Thornton says the policies in making opinion haven't been changed since he took office.

Thornton is the legal advisor for state officials, and they could ignore his advice, if they wished. But this is rarely done. This makes his opinions have almost the same importance as court decisions.

If his advice were ignored, then a court case might result. Thornton then would have to defend the state officials involved, and defend a position opposite to which he took in an opinion.

Some people wonder why the Board of Control asked Thornton for the opinions in the first place. They point out that if the prison had continued its fruit picking practice and if the board had bought the reformatory site, it is doubtful that anybody would have brought a suit to attack it.

But the board said it felt that it should be on strong legal ground before proceeding.

PUSAN MAYOR RE-ELECTED

Pusan, Korean (AP)—Mayor Soo Yung Soo resigned last Friday because he was mayor when a multi-million dollar fire swept through this port city last month. Wednesday the city council re-elected Soo. The action had been expected.

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