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## "Professor, How Could You?"



The junior class of Illinois Valley High school will present "Professor, How Could You?" Dec. 17. Here (l.-r.) Dick Masters, Bill Smith and Mae Bowerman rehearse an act for the Wednesday night performance.

## Juniors Present Hilarious Comedy, "Professor, How Could You?", 17th

Stellar roles in the junior class play at the high school next Wednesday Dec. 17 will be filled by Mae Bowerman and Dick Masters, as a hot-tempered college student and an intellectual young history professor, respectively.

"Professor, How Could You?", a three-act comedy, will be presented at 8 p.m. in the Illinois Valley high school gym, rather than in the Kerby auditorium where past plays have been produced, Robert Farrand, director of the play, announced.

The plot evolves when the unattached (and uninterested) professor is told the coveted position as dean of the history department is his—if he will marry. Uproarious situations arise in the race to either marry him or get him married.

The play has been in rehearsal for only four or five weeks, Farrand said, but will be "ready" by Wednesday. A sneak preview will be given students Tuesday Dec. 16 at 2 p.m.

Cast of characters includes: Mae Bowerman as Vickie Randolph; Dick Masters, as Keats Perry; Mary Taylor, Grandma Perry; Don Warren, Grandpa Perry; Christine Duncan, Valerie Whitman; Roberta England, "Tootsie" Bean; Ko Krauss, "Butcher Boy" Bean; Joan Yandell, Priscilla Marley; Bill Smith, John Appleby; and Joe Spalinger, "Boggins".

Ron Terrel is stage manager.

## Snows and Poor Market Slow Logging Industry

Snow and rain in the hills has slowed down logging activity although some outfits working lower down were reportedly still operating this week.

A combination of poor lumber market and the need for maintenance and repair is expected to shut down some Valley mills this week. Cabax Mill will close down temporarily for repair and a pond cleaning today (Friday). S.H. & W. was also reportedly to be among those taking a breather and Rough and Ready Mill will close for the Christmas holidays, starting about the 20th.

## CORRECTION

The NEWS last week unintentionally inserted the name of "Mrs. Carlson" in place of Mrs. Isabelle Small who is defendant in a writ of mandamus suit now in the preliminary stages in circuit court. Mrs. Small was the only woman who should have been mentioned in the story.

## WEATHER

The weather as reported by the Illinois Valley Ranger Station for the period Dec. 1 through 7 is as follows:

	Temp.	Humidity			
Dec.	High	Low	High	Low	Rain
1	42	38	98	95	1.85
2	43	38	97	86	.85
3	46	36	96	68	None
4	45	34	97	77	1.34
5	40	35	98	68	1.50
6	52	35	94	80	1.37
7	44	40	97	86	2.09
	Total Rainfall: 9.00				

## 2 Games with Ashland Start IV Hoop Season

Friday's Game There, Home Game Saturday; Coach Names Starters

The IV Cougar's basketball season officially gets underway this week in the first two scheduled clashes, both of them with Ashland high school Friday there and at the IV gym Saturday night. The junior varsity game will start at 6:45, the varsity squads meeting at 8:15.

Half-time activities Saturday night will include the presentation of the shotgun or mixmaster and steam iron, and the drawing of \$200 worth of bonds sold to finance the football field lights.

According to coach Wes Peters the Cougar hoop squad remains an unknown quantity until the weekend tests with Ashland. Peters scrimmaged the Cougars with Grants Pass Friday and has continued concentrating on additional scrimmaging in preparation for the Ashland games.

In two previous years Illinois Valley lost all four games played with Ashland which has played but one game this year—a 47-43 loss at the hands of Willamette high school.

Possible starters named by Peters are Orlen Pickle at center, Bob Jones and Mel Barton at forward, and Warren Cook and Ron Terrel, guards.

Cougar student fans were given a basketball briefing Wednesday in a regular I V H S assembly. Coach Peters and his 10-man squad instructed students on rules, spectator courtesy to officials and players and various types of basketball strategy. Principal Don Barnes spoke briefly on student spectator courtesy to other spectators.

## Bids Called Soon For Ft. Vannoy Furnace

Bids will be called soon for the selling of Ft. Vannoy school furnace and radiators, according to L. C. Moffitt, County Superintendent, as a result of action taken at the Dec. 8 meeting of the county school board.

It was also decided to send the seventh and eighth grades of the Sunny Valley school to Wolf Creek which will add 20 students to the Wolf Creek school and necessitate hiring another teacher to accommodate the increase.

The Ft. Vannoy school recently had a new heating system installed. The furnace now for sale is a wood-burning, steam furnace.

Installation of flush toilets in both the Central school and the New Hope school recently eliminated the last of the outdoor toilets within the county district grade schools, it was reported.

Whether you're buying or selling, NEWS want ads work for you.

## Last 1952 NEWS Issue To Publish Dec. 23

The NEWS is giving notice this week that its final issue this month dated December 26 will actually be published Tuesday, Dec. 23 to allow the publishers and employees to enjoy the Christmas holiday.

News and advertising for this Christmas Greeting issue should be submitted no later than Saturday evening, Dec. 20. The absolute news deadline is Monday noon, Dec. 22.

## Explorer Scouts To Organize Here

Lions to Sponsor Group for Boys 14 Up

An Explorer Scout group sponsored by the Illinois Valley Lions club is being organized in the Valley.

Fred McMullin, Jr., field scout executive of the Crater Lake Area council, met with the Lions club Tuesday night at the regular Lions meeting and outlined the Explorers' program and the responsibilities of a sponsoring organization.

Explorers are Scouts of 14 years and older and the program is designed to keep the interest of the older boys by means of segregating them from their juniors.

Named on a special Lions committee to select a leader, help organize and to work with the leader were: Guy Stem, Laurence Cushing, Abner Castleberry and Orville Meredith.

Also at the Tuesday night Lions meeting Abner Castleberry was named by President Hal Moore Jr. as program chairman. Dave Wilson will serve on the program committee.

## Latest on Irrigation Project Received By NEWS from Reclamation Engineer

The most recent information available on the proposed Illinois Valley Irrigation project was given the news this week in a release from Lee McAllister, area planning engineer for the bureau of reclamation in Salem.

Although this latest release contains no new startling developments it is printed in full below due to natural interest in the project on the part of Valley residents. It read:

"Bureau of Reclamation investigations in the Illinois Valley during this year will bring into focus a plan for irrigation of some 22,600 acres. Of this acreage, 5,400 would be provided supplemental supplies and 17,200 would come in as new lands requiring a full water supply.

The general outline of these plans were formulated some years ago and included in the unpublished Rogue River Basin Project Report prepared in February 1950. Present studies will be based in large part upon the work already accomplished and obviating the need for many studies which must be included in a new investigation.

Mr. Lee McAllister, Engineer

## Weekend Winds Play Havoc with Valley Phone System, Power Lines

### City to Pay Off \$2080 Bond Debt

The City of Cave Junction will pay off water bonds number three and four and all interest owed on other bonds sometime this month by decision of the city council Monday night. The total payment will be \$2,080.

The council also decided to move the city headquarters to the old postoffice building owned by Clem Arnold. The recorder's office is expected to be open for business in its new quarters by Jan. 1. Arnold promised to have his building redecorated by that time.

Standing water left by the weekend rainstorm posed a problem in Cave Junction this week. Mayor Salvage and Councilmen Goff and Sherier surveyed the most serious situations Tuesday deciding to install a culvert on Kerby Ave. and to gravel Kerby, Palmer, Shumaker and Sawyer avenues as soon as possible.

A special meeting was announced by the council for Monday night, December 22 to which the planning commission has been invited to discuss street and lighting problems. Since Monday night's meeting Mayor Salvage was presented a petition urging better street lighting in Cave Junction.

## Kerby Christmas Program Friday

Kerby Grade school students will get into the spirit of Christmas Friday Dec. 19 when they decorate the school tree and bring cans of food for less fortunate classmates at a school program in the auditorium at 1:15.

A group of 270 carolers will perform at the program in specially prepared yuletide costumes just completed by mothers of the participants in grades one through four.

Students are busy preparing hundreds of ornaments to be used in the trimming of the tree which will be done at the program under the direction of Mrs. Katherine Erickson.

"White Gifts" in the form of canned food will be the individual gifts brought by students which will be prepared into baskets to be given less privileged students. Parents and residents have been invited to Friday's festivities.

## SPECIAL PRACTICE SESSION

An extra practice session for the Community Chorus group has been called for Sunday night, Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Earl Spencer home on Caves Highway just past the Proctor residence.

The regular Monday night practice will be held as usual. The group will sing for the Illinois Valley Grange Christmas program next Thursday, and again for the public over the weekend, exact time to be announced next week.

## Portland Man Named Manager Of Valley Bank

E. Allen Tegarden Replaces Late S. Clifford Sparks

A Portland man, E. Allen Tegarden, was named manager of the Bank of Illinois Valley Monday to succeed the late Clifford Sparks founder and first president who died Nov. 13.

At the annual board of directors meeting in January, one of the bank directors will be selected to hold the official title of president. Mrs. Clifford Sparks will remain cashier and will assist Mr. Tegarden in the loan department.

Tegarden came to Cave Junction from the First National Bank of Portland's home bank, where he served as auditor in the auditing department.

Mrs. Tegarden and two-month-old daughter will remain in Portland until housing is found in Cave Junction. Mr. Tegarden is temporarily residing at the George Martin home.

The new manager started in the banking business as cashier of the Marsing State Bank, Marsing, Ida. after serving three and one-half years in the navy during World War II.

From Marsing he was called out of the naval reserve for 15-months active duty in the Korean theatre. After his Korean service Tegarden went to work for the First National Bank of Portland. He was born and raised in Idaho, and attended the University of Idaho.

## O'Brien Storm Toll Described

Mrs. Helen Bottel (Leave News at O'Brien Store)

O'BRIEN—Dateline Tuesday: No electricity out here for three days. We're batheless, hungry, and cold, being dependent on power for almost all our comforts. A falling limb knocked our husband loop-legged, and a falling tree barely missed our house—it smashed the coffee shop sign across the street. Shingles blew off our roof like feathers, and the drip-drip of water into strategically arranged buckets is fine accompaniment to the hiss of Coleman lanterns. Pieces of the Bank of America sign near the Inspection Station were last seen going northeast at about 75 miles per hour, while the big roller-bearing tables in the Station isles followed, with our husband hanging on to one in a losing tug-of-war against the wind. Smog, frozen water pipes, wind storms! As of this week we've (temporarily) stopped being boosters for the great northwest. But we'll recover our enthusiasm with the advent of the power company's repair crew.

The sudden death of Mrs. Louise Gatzka, mother of Mrs. Russell Bechtel of Siskiyou Mountain Camp brought sadness and shock to the Bechtel home last Monday. Mrs. Gatzka had been visiting her daughter and son-in-law when she was stricken with a heart attack Saturday evening and was rushed to Josephine General hospital, with Dr. Charles Versteeg in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Bechtel left Tuesday for the funeral which will be held at Mrs. Gatzka's home in Washington.

Mrs. Marie Archer, whose husband, Dan Archer, teaches at Kerby, has been elected secretary of the Theatre Guild at Southern Oregon College of Education at Ashland. Mrs. Archer is completing a teacher's training course at the college.

The O'Brien Home Economics unit Christmas party will be held at Mrs. Gordon Steven's home on Dec. 17 at 1 p.m. Members will bring potluck dessert and exchange presents, costing under \$1 for adults and \$.35 for children.

The O'Brien school PTA's Christmas program will begin at 1 p.m. Dec. 23 with songs and plays by the children, and Santa Claus will

## Power Restored As Late As Tuesday Noon; Some Phone Lines Still Down

Saturday night's not-so-balmly breezes left no doubts in the Valley that winter had set in, as gales reported to be around 60-miles-per-hour raised havoc with power and telephone lines, blowing down timber and otherwise destroying property.

Winds which residents agree did not quite reach the force of those in 1951 blacked out the Valley Saturday night at about 8:30 and although most of Cave Junction had power by 1 a.m. Sunday, some Valley homes were without power until Tuesday.

Power and telephone company officials both reported nearly all damage was the result of trees blowing across lines or against poles.

Nine Redwoods Telephone Co. lines were knocked out Saturday night as were both Bell Telephone Co. toll lines to Grants Pass and Medford as well as other long distance lines owned by Bell.

Carl Morgan reported all Redwoods Telephone Co. service should be restored by about Friday. Three Cave Junction lines and one in the Holland area were still down Wednesday evening. The weekend gales knocked the whole Holland-Bridgeview-Taklima area's communications out.

Lines missed by numerous falling trees remained operating by better Saturday night.

Among the many roofs and buildings damaged by winds or fallen trees was the LaVern Sauer barn, an old Valley landmark. The barn was destroyed.

Gas and kerosene lanterns and stoves came into vogue Monday and Tuesday with Selma power not being restored until nearly 10 p.m. Monday and at O'Brien not until around noon Tuesday.

A small section of homes on the northwest corner of Cave Junction was also powerless until about Tuesday noon. For further details of regional storm damage see the O'Brien column, and also the Kerby and Holland columns.

COPCO's Grants Pass manager Wm. Moyer reported about 30 men worked over the weekend and the first part of the week restoring juice to cold and hungry Valleyites. Frank Boardman, COPCO superintendent of the Grants Pass district, personally directed repair operations in the Valley Saturday night and Sunday.

Soggy blankets of rain accompanied the winds with over two inches reported for Sunday, Dec. 7 making a total of nine inches of rainfall in the Valley for the week ending Dec. 7.

In the snow department the Illinois Valley Ranger Station reports 12 inches of snow at the nine mile post of the old Oregon Mtn. road, and 74 inches at Ramsey Mine on the Althouse Creek. These figures are unusually high for so early in the season, commented Ranger Bowerman.

Local forests suffered heavily from blow-down, but not quite as severely as in the 1951 "Big Blow" according to Bowerman.

## Lions to Sponsor Kid's Show, 24th

The Illinois Valley Lions club will sponsor a kids' movie Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 24, to be shown at the Ivy Theatre.

Although the main feature was not known this week, the show will be an hour and one-half matinee starting at 2 p.m. and will include a couple of cartoons.

Also announced this week is the usual Friday and Saturday afternoon appearances of Santa on Cave Junction's streets.

be on hand to deliver Christmas stockings to each child.

The first "Kids' Night" at O'Brien school went over with a bang last Friday when John Grubb showed sound movies to a capacity crowd of children and adults. After the show, the Shamrock club took over and square dancing ended the evening.

One of the great question-marks of the age: Why do power failures always happen when you've just defrosted the refrigerator, frozen a large supply of meat and vegetables, and are expecting overnight guests?