

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY TO BE HELD FRIDAY AT 7:30 P.M.

About 1500 persons are expected at the annual community Christmas party, given by the Central Point Businessmen's Organization, Friday evening, December 22, at the Legion Hall. Santa Claus will be there with a bag of candy and orange for everyone.

The program committee, consisting of Mervyn Gleason, L. B. Pierce, and Don Faber, announce that Bill Abbott will be Master of Ceremonies. Things will begin at 7:30 p.m. with J. Ed Vincent leading the group in the singing of Christmas songs with Mrs. Harley Dressler at the piano. The program will be musical numbers by groups of Harry Meyer's band and orchestra members.

This big community affair is made possible through funds donated by mills and merchants of Central Point. Committees of businessmen have been busy arranging the tree, treat, building, etc. The large tree was secured by John Wisely and his committee, and the house committee of businessmen and Legions members, headed by Les Mathes, is setting up the tree and arranging the American Legion hall to accommodate all those expected. Ladies of the Legion Auxiliary are meeting to decorate the tree.

The treat to be brought by Santa and his helpers (businessmen) has been sacked by ten Junior High girls, assisted by Don Burelson and Don Faber, officers of the Businessmen's Organization.

All are invited to come and join in the fun of the party. Whether you believe in Santa, Claus or not, come and enjoy the program!

Ladies Berean Class Enjoys Xmas Party

The Ladies Berean Bible class of the Community Bible Church met at the home of Mrs. Ted Hill for their annual Christmas party. After the routine business session, Mrs. Mead gave the Christmas story found in the second Chapter of Luke.

Following this, the new officers for ensuing year were installed by Mrs. Minnick. They were Mrs. Norma Higinbotham, president; Mrs. Louise Ayers, vice president; Mrs. Minnie Mead, secretary; Mrs. Pearl Nichols, teacher and Mrs. Polly Minnick, assistant teacher. Mrs. Minnick thanked the outgoing officers for their fine co-operation of the last year. She gave each one their choice of a Fuchsia or Amaryllis plant in appreciation. The gifts were then brought in and each one learned the identity of her secret pal.

Children's Annual Christmas Party Held at I.O.O.F.

On the evening of December 20 the Oddfellows and Rebekahs held their annual Christmas party for the children of the members. A crowd of 75 gathered around a beautiful Christmas tree.

After group singing, Mrs. Burkhard read "The Night Before Christmas", and Santa arrived with his 8 reindeer, portrayed by 8 boys with head-gear of antlers. Santa delivered generous treats to all present and then personally presented a gift from the Christmas tree to each child present. The adults also exchanged gifts.

Refreshments of turkey sandwiches, potato salad, pickles, cookies, cocoa and coffee were served.

Serious Car Accident Mars Christmas Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Erin (Monk) Clark, of Shermon St., Ashland, left last Sunday to drive to Alhambra, California to spend the holidays with her brother and family. At Lodi, California their car was hit by a train killing Mrs. Clark instantly and seriously injuring Mr. Clark. He was taken to the hospital at Lodi, but did not regain consciousness until late Monday. It is not yet known how serious his injuries are.

Mr. Clark is a brother of Mrs. Jesse Glass of this city. The funeral arrangements for Mrs. Clark will not be made until Mr. Clark's condition is determined. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clark, a brother and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Peart, a nephew, and wife left immediately on receiving the news.

Navy Mothers Hold Regular Meeting Wed.

The Central Point Navy Mothers Club held their business and social meeting at the home of Mrs. James R. Gregg on Wednesday, Dec. 13. A lovely chicken dinner was served at noon by Mrs. Gregg with other members furnishing the rest of the menu. There were 18 members present.

A short business meeting was called at 2:00. Plans for the year's work was completed and the nominating committee made its report for the officers for the coming year. There were no nominations from the floor and the report was accepted. The new officers are as follows: Com., Mrs. M. A. Adams; 1st Vice Com., Hester Culbertson; 2nd Vice Com., Mrs. L. D. Booth; Finance Officer, Mrs. E. S. Taylor; Adjutant, Mrs. Eva Campbell; Chaplain, Mrs. W. J. Gebhard; 1st & 2nd color bearers, Mrs. Jake Myers & Mrs. Guy Quackenbush; 1st & 2nd Matron-at-arms, Mrs. Harry Copinger and Mrs. Frank Richardson; judge advocate, Mrs. John Cash and trustee, Mrs. Roy Gish.

It was voted to hold the drawing on the Navy Mother's linen chest on Monday at 7:30 at Paulsen's Thrift Market in Central Point.

Meeting was adjourned and a Christmas tree was lighted and everyone received a lovely gift by drawing numbers for presents that had been placed on the tree. Roll was called and a short program was given by each member giving a scripture verse or poem concerning Christmas.

A grand day was enjoyed by everyone with many well wishes as there will not be another meeting until January 10 at the home of Mrs. W. J. Gebhard.

Mrs. Thelma Howard Wins Linen Chest

The Central Point Navy Mothers displayed their linen chest for the last time Monday evening at Paulsen's Thrift Market in Central Point and the drawing of the winning number was at 7:30.

The number drawn was 65 and the linen chest went to Mrs. Thelma Howard of Manns Beauty Salon in Medford.

The Navy Mothers Club wish to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Paulsen and Mr. and Mrs. Setness of Setness Variety Store for the space given to display their linen chest. They would also like to thank the public in general for their splendid cooperation.

Since this money is spent by the Navy Mothers for welfare for our soldiers and sailors it is hoped you will each feel you have had a part in their work.

OPEN HOUSE FOR TEEN-AGERS

All teen-agers of the community are invited to the open house which Wisely's Confections is holding Sunday, December 24. They are asked to call between the hours of 2-5 p.m. Although parents and others may look in, this is to be a strictly teen-agers affair.

Annual Christmas Party Held at E. Faber Home

The Ruth Esther Wesleyan Service guild of First Methodist church in Medford met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Faber, Central Point, on Tuesday, December 19, for their Christmas party. Forty guests gathered at 7:45 to enjoy a delicious turkey and baked ham dinner, served buffet style.

The house was beautifully decorated to carry out the holiday theme in color, with green and white predominating. The ornamented and lighted tree with the many colorful Christmas packages underneath impressed everyone immediately with the Christmas spirit of giving. The mantel over the fireplace portrayed the winter scene, with the lighted church that rang out the Christmas carol in chimes, while the angels descended and appeared with the lighted Madonna, which was reflected in a large mirror outlined in the silver.

The table was spread with a "glitter cloth" of white with green chintz border. A beautiful holly wreath, a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Smith of Gold Hill, graced the center of the table, in which were placed bubble lights, which encircled a huge twisted red lighted candle.

The program consisted of group singing of Christmas carols led by Mrs. C. R. Adamson, minister of music at the first Methodist church. The Christmas story and Scripture were read by Mrs. Bernice Kuntzman. Regular business was conducted, and letters from absent members were read by Mrs. Marjorie Hopkins, president.

During the program a long distance phone call was received from Mrs. Ruth Meeker, from New York City. Mrs. Meeker organized the Wesleyan Service Guild in 1943 when she traveled here from New York as Division Secretary for the church, and the Guild was named in her honor, "The Ruth Esther Wesleyan Service Guild". Mrs. Meeker is also editor of the "Methodist Woman" a monthly magazine of the church.

This Christmas party is held annually at the Faber home, and this is the first time that Mrs. Meeker has been absent. Before dismissing, each member drew a "secret pal" name, these being elderly members and shut-ins of the church.

Everyone voted it a most perfect and enjoyable evening, thanks to the gracious host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Faber.

Grange Notes

Central Point Grange enjoyed a pleasant meeting Friday evening. After the business session an interesting program was given including pictures of the Holy Land by Dr. and Mrs. B. R. Elliott; groups singing, a Juvenile Grange play; reading by Mrs. John Catey with Santa Claus and gifts for everyone. Refreshments of fruit cake, home made candy and coffee were served.

Mr. William Howes installed the Pomona Grange officers, Central Point officers and other subordinate officers at the Central Point Hall Sunday afternoon before an attendance of over a hundred, John Gray retiring Pomona Master president over the meeting.

The Women's Relief Corps wrapped gifts at Camp White Tuesday in connection with the Navy Mothers. Both organizations gave gifts to a group of Camp White Veterans.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hedgepath are expecting their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nabb, and baby, Judy on Friday of this week, to spend the holidays. Their son, Lewis, wife and three children, Lewis Jr., Edna Kay and Brent expect to arrive early Christmas morning for a few days visit.

Phelps Cafe Opens After Remodeling

Phelps Cafe is again open after extensive remodeling. The dining room, with the interior all re-finished in knotty cedar, is now one room, large enough to accommodate parties up to 40 persons. The grocery and gasoline lines have been eliminated.

Phelps Cafe, operated for several years by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Phelps, assisted by members of their family, has already enjoyed several large parties since their re-opening and is looking forward to many more during the holidays. They are closed on Tuesdays.

If you are anxious for good home-cooked food—a steak, fried sea food, salad—next time drive out Blackwell Hill to Phelps and you'll not be disappointed.

The Christmas party of the Sewing Club was held at the home of Mrs. C. W. Anborn last Thursday evening. "Popsicles" for the year were revealed and names were drawn for the next year.

Regular Session Held By Myers-Holland Post Dec. 14th

The Myers-Holland Post No. 129, the American Legion, met in regular session, the evening of Dec. 14, and voted to sponsor the local drive of the National American Legion's annual "Tide of Toys" program, for the children of Europe and the Philippine Islands as well as to Porto Rico.

Bing Crosby has accepted the Honorary Chairman of this program and below is his proclamation to all the people in the United States.

This drive will start in the Central Point area next Tuesday, Dec. 26, and all those who would care to contribute to this national program, will find boxes and barrels placed in the stores of Central Point. Due to the long distance these toys will travel it is requested that no fragile or broken toys be accepted.

It is hoped that the citizens of this area will give their wholehearted co-operation to this program—civil, church, veteran's organizations and the schools are invited to participate in this worth while project.

All toys should bear a tag with the donors name and address, as almost all the gifts will be acknowledged by the children who receive them.

The 1949 drive received over three million toys, which were distributed to the children of Europe, many of whom had never before had a Christmas. This year's goal is ten million toys.

The Myers-Holland Post No. 129 urgently requests the co-operation of all citizens of Central Point and vicinity to help them meet their quota.

More information will be given in next week's edition of this paper, but watch for the barrels in the stores.

A CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION BY BING CROSBY Honorary Chairman of American Legion's "Tide of Toys"

Many thanks, men, for the signal honor you have given me—Honorary chairman of your second "Tide of Toys", the tremendous program you began last year, which sent 3 million toys to the unlucky kids of other countries. But don't get any ideas that I'm just going to be a figurehead and let you fellows do the work.

Just call me "Old Spearhead", because I have already hit the deck and gone into action to advance your efforts. I have roped in my whole family, all my friends in the broadcasting and recording racket, and my sponsor for plenty of free time. We have already recorded a flock of new Christmas music to spread the good tidings. They have already mugged me in Santa's whiskers.

You Legionnaires have cast me in the role of "Poppa Santa Claus", and that's a part any man should be proud to play.

Along with yourselves and your neighbors you are going to let me be Santa Claus! I mean you are going to let me be part of filling that old soot-covered sack with five million, or eight million, or fifteen million dolls and trains and blocks and toy airplanes and autos and all the wonderful things that make the magic world of childhood.

You are going to let me be one of the guys who actually makes the smiles light up and the squeals ring out and the pure rapture bloom on the faces of kids who have a hard time believing in anything good.

And I want to tell you how I will work for your "Tide of Toys" as I never worked for anything before. You learned last year that a lot of the kids in Europe you sent toys to had never had a toy in their lives.

Think of it! Never had a toy in their lives until you Legionnaires asked America's kids to give you toys for overseas from under their Christmas trees—until you asked America's stores to give you toys for overseas from their Christmas inventories.

You got three million toys in a few weeks from our wonderful American people. They must have been waiting to be asked. And now you are going to do it again.

Right after Christmas you have leg work to do. Again, you are going to let us all be Santa Claus. You are going to start out from your thousands of Legion Posts to make even a bigger "Tide of Toys". You are going to your newspapers and your schools and your children and your neighbors and their children.

Well, I promise you this. I am going into those homes and schools on the radio waves ahead of you and spread the word. I'll tell them you're coming. I'll do a little "pan-handling" myself.

This is a pleasure—let's join up and go!

Miss Barbara Bateman is home from Reed College, in Portland, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bateman.

First National Bank Offers New Program

All regular personal checking account customers of the Central Point branch of the First National Bank of Portland are being offered checks imprinted free with their individual name and address, it was announced today by branch manager C. Isaacs.

With the announcement of the new program being met with enthusiastic response by First National customers, Isaacs stated that "the imprinting of the individual customer's name and address free of charge on regular personal checks is an improvement that will benefit everyone coming in contact with them. The increased ease of identification and additional speed of handling will be appreciated by businessmen and customers alike." This new service is available immediately and initial supply of checks will consist of four books of 2 checks each. A reorder blank is attached to the back of the book to insure a continuous supply of checks.

Civil Defense To Be Set Up By V.F.W.

With world affairs in the mixed-up mess that they are, everything has been rushed in setting up civil defense agencies in the county and state. Although it is not known where the bombing and such might be, preparations are going ahead for an all-out program of civil defense.

V. F. W. Post No. 4316, with Shirley Kelly as commander, has been appointed by Mayor A. M. Setness as the civil defense agency for Central Point to set up the local defense program under the county and state agencies. Ben Stafford is director of the Jackson County Civil Defense Agency.

Announcements will be made in the future, of the plans to be set up here in Central Point, for the schools and town.

NOTICE

From the office of C. A. Meyer, grade school principal, is this announcement of the holiday vacation: the first and second grades will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m. Friday, while the others will be out at 2:30 p.m. School will be resumed on January 2.

Churches

- COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH**
Rolf H. Hansen, Pastor
9:45 a.m. Sunday School.
11:00 A.M.—Worship.
8:45 p.m. Young People's & children's meetings
7:45 p.m. Evangelistic Service.
Monday:
7:45 p.m. Men's Prayer Meeting
Wednesday:
7:45 p.m. Mid-week prayer meeting.
- CHURCH OF CHRIST**
L. H. Camp, Minister
9:45 Bible School for all ages.
11:00 Morning Worship. Communion and Sermon.
7:00 Youth Groups.
8:00 Evening Service.
3:00 Wednesday, Mid-week Service.
2:30 P.M.—Sunday KWIN.
- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
Rev. N. K. Tully, D. D., Pastor
Central Point, Oregon
Church School at 9:45 a.m. with classes for all ages; followed by public worship at 11:00 a.m. Sermon by the Pastor, "The First Christmas Tree". Bible Fellowship on Thursday night at 7:30, taking the fourth chapter of The Acts, "The First Imprisonment of Peter and John".
- SUNSHINE GOSPEL MISSION**
Located on Mace Road opposite Elk Lumber Company
Rev. & Mrs. J. O. Morgan—Pastors
Sunday School—9:45 A.M. Surprise contest for children.
Morning Worship—11 A.M.
Young Peoples' Service—7:00 P.M.
Evangelistic Service—8:00 P.M.
Wednesday night Service—(Young Peoples)—8:00 P.M.
Holy Ghost Rally Saturday—8:00 P.M.
You are cordially invited to attend all these services.
- PILGRIM HOLINESS CHURCH**
Stanley Weber, Pastor
Sunday School, convenes at 9:45, and there is a class to suit every boy and girl and every age.
Morning Worship, 11:00
Young Peoples' Hour, 6:45 p.m.
Evangelistic Service, 7:30 p.m.
Mid-week Prayer meet, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday.
Morning Prayer meet, 10:30, Friday.
- PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF GOD**
5th & Pine Streets
H. H. Trautman, Pastor
Sunday School—9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship—11 a.m.
Evangelical Services—7:45 p.m.
Mid-week service Wednesday night at 7:45 p.m.

FABERS HONORS EMPLOYEES AT CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Don and Everett Fabers honored their employees and families at a huge Christmas party Sunday evening, December 17. The room next to Faber's Market became a Christmas setting, with decorated trees and Christmas greens.

Following the singing of carols by the group, led by Mrs. Darrell Huson, and accompanied by Miss Pat Faber on the organ, Charles Bennett entertained with a series of his magician's tricks. Dr. J. Scott Heatherington gave his version of "The Night Before Christmas" and "Little Red Riding Hood". With the arrival of Santa Claus, everyone received sacks of candy and presents from under the huge tree. Ray Anders took pictures of the entire group and of many of the family groups.

To complete the evening, the nearly 75 persons present enjoyed a Smorgasbord supper, served from a table arranged with a Christmas scene and candles.

Job's Daughters Activities

On Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 27, special practice for the installation of new officers will be held at the Masonic temple. The officers will begin practicing promptly at 1 o'clock and the choir at 1:30 p.m. Mrs. D. J. Allred states that everyone must be there.

Thursday evening, Dec. 28, at the Rogue Valley Country Club, Bethel No. 38, Job's Daughters will hold a banquet honoring the Honored Queen, Laurel Jewett. Following the banquet, at 8:30 p.m. in the Central Point Masonic temple, will be the installation of new officers. Miss Caroline Freeland is honored queen-elect.

The Frank Hamiltons Honored at Party Sat.

Employees of the State Forestry Patrol, Midway road, honored the Frank Hamiltons at a dinner at the Phelps Cafe Saturday evening. The group later enjoyed dancing at the Red Barn.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton were presented a table lamp and the ladies remembered Mrs. Hamilton with a shower of handkerchiefs. A guest was Lloyd Morris, for many years one of this group.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton and children—Bobby, Larry, Billy and Regina—are leaving for Salem where he will be district supervisor for the Southern Oregon district, State Forestry.

Extension Unit Holds Meeting Wednesday

The use of the oven to prepare an entire meal was demonstrated at the December meeting of the Central Point Home Extension Unit Wednesday, Dec. 20, at the home of Mrs. K. C. Wernmark. The hostess, and Mrs. J. S. Lyliard were the leaders for the lesson. The traditional Christmas gift exchange was held before lunch was served.

The promptness award went to Mrs. Fanny Snook and the Azalea House surprise package, a decorative Christmas swag, was won by Mrs. Glenn Clymer, a guest from Eagle Point. Other guests were Miss Crete Carnall, also of Eagle Point, and Mrs. Lloyd Hanner of Central Point. A quilting bee was planned to help toward Azalea house funds.

After the business meeting Mrs. Gladys Muse conducted a survey to determine topic preferences of members for the County Committee to consider for next year's program.

The Christmas box for a needy family was started. All members who were unable to attend the meeting are urged to bring their contribution to Mrs. Wernmark's home by December 24. The children in the family range in ages from two to thirteen so clothing and toys as well as a food gift will be welcome.

The January meeting to be held at Mrs. E. E. Reames' residence on Crater Lake Highway will be a lesson on the latest methods of mending and patching.

CARD OF THANKS

Our heartfelt thanks to all who extended sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. Also for the beautiful service, floral offerings and other kindnesses we are deeply grateful.

Mrs. Frank Miller
Mr. Orth Miller and family

We Wish You

Merry Christmas

IN THE FULLEST MEASURE AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Open House to Teen Agers Sunday, December 24

2:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

John & Eva Wisely
Central Point