

# This 'n That

(By OLD TIMER)

December 25 was fixed as the date for Christmas by Pope Julius about the year 340.

The first mention of the Christmas tree was made in 1605 at Strasbourg, Germany.

This year is a special Christmas year, for every heart will be filled with the special hope that before the next Christmas all the world will have received the most precious gift of all—the gift of "peace on Earth and Good will toward men". May God speed the day!

For the third time in the history of Rome, the temple of two-faced Janus had been closed. The god of War had not issued out of it for twelve years. The world, perhaps for the only time in history, enjoyed universal peace. When the angels announced Christ's Nativity.

Representative Vinson of Georgia, has presented a bill which would boost the presidential salary to \$100,000 a year. He says what with higher living costs and increased taxes, the president only gets about \$27,000 of his \$75,000 a year salary. There is a clause in the bill which would boost congressmen's salaries from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

Never a Christmas morning,  
Never the old year ends  
But somebody thinks of somebody,  
Old days, old times, old friends.

That fellow Schickelgruber, says Uncle Zeke, will likely forego hanging up his sock this Christmas. Dangling there over the fireplace it is apt to remind the little Corporal too much of a certain brand of neckwear the Allies have in abeyance for him.

Some one remarks that the world need is a group "of nations that don't want to fight anybody and are strong enough to subdue any nation that does want to fight somebody."

"Our strongest weapon in this war is that conviction of the dignity and brotherhood of man, which Christmas Day signifies," Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Since the Japs have lost so many bases it wouldn't be surprising if Hirohito went completely off his.

Balboa was one of the poorest prophets of all times. He proved it when he named it the "Pacific" Ocean.

The Christmas spirit is echoed in the toast of Tiny Tim—"God Bless us Everyone".

Don't forget to hang up your stocking.

## Constructions Co. Finishes Road Work

The road work, under contract to Morrison-Knudsen company of Boise, Idaho, in the Dead Indian district was finished last week and Monday of this week, most of the crew and all of the equipment except a crusher was taken out. The work on the road was the building of three miles of new road and the surfacing with six inches of gravel of fifteen more miles of the road, into the Dead Indian District. The crusher will be kept here for a time to allow the crushing of more gravel if needed.

Equipment consisting of trucks stationary engines, tractors and all of the other numerous items needed for that type of work were taken out Monday, with all of the crew departing at the same time. Most of the crews and all of the equipment were sent back to Boise, the central dispersing area for the company, and from there will be dispatched to other jobs held by the company.

Paul W. Moehlenpach, office manager for the company, is remaining in Ashland for a short time to finish up business matters in connection with the work. The work has been under way for the past month or six weeks.

## FORMAL CHRISTMAS DANCE AT THE USO

The beautiful Christmas tree at the USO added atmosphere to the Formal Dance at the clubhouse, Saturday night, The tree, which was decorated by the Servicemen's Wives Club, was furnished by city employees, Pat Dunn and Dutch Parker. The Elk's Club Orchestra, directed by I. R. Mirick, furnished music for the dance. Light refreshments of coffee and cookies were served by senior hostesses, Mrs. Clo Reed, Mrs. Ben Willard and Mrs. Alma Stennett.

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## Farm Census Takers Needed to Get Count Started

George H. Todd, assistant supervisor of the Farm Census Bureau of Eugene, was in Ashland Monday, making contacts for some 15 or more farm census enumerators. The count is to get under way on January 8th, but Mr. Todd stated he doubted if they could get started in Jackson county by that time, due to the fact that there has been so few applications for the position of enumerator.

He asked for one interested in the job to write to Carl N. Plank, 121 East Broadway, Eugene. As soon as sufficient number of applications are in for the position in Jackson county, a three-day school will be held, probably at Medford, to give instruction to the enumerators. The job of taking the count is no small one, according to Mr. Todd, and he hopes to contact a goodly number who will be interested in the position.

To indicate the magnitude of the task, Mr. Todd pointed out that in the last farm census, in 1940, there were 2,792 farms listed in Jackson county, with an acreage of 316,395. Value of the farms at that time was \$16,995,945, and the value of farm implements was set at \$13,362,864. There were 668 farm tractors listed and \$1,639,577 worth of livestock. Total values of dairy products in the 1940 census was given as \$529,806 and the total value of all farm crops harvested was \$2,678,527.

In commenting on the census this year, Mr. Todd stated that only four items on the entire census will be tabulated, they being the number of farms and the acreages, with the other two items to be selected by the county agent, with which the census bureau works in close harmony. All other information is dispatched to Washington, where nation and state wide tabulations are made of the various items listed in the questionnaires.

**Enumerators Needed**  
In speaking of the need for enumerators in this county, Mr. Todd stated that they would prefer to have farmers who could put in several hours a day at the task. They understood the language of the farm and make excellent enumerators. Any one, however, who has sufficient education to understand the questions may apply, and he urges all who would care to work at the job to apply right away. He estimates that it will require about two months to complete all the work. Requirements set forth are that the enumerator must have a car. The Bureau of Census certifies the ration board for gasoline. A certificate of Availability from the war Manpower commission is required and the age limit is set at 18 to 65. Men or women are eligible.

The other counties making up this district are about ready to start the census by January 8, as they have all the enumerators needed, leaving only Jackson county to start late.

## MRS. ANNA KROEGER THANKS DONORS

To you folks who have made it possible that 109 Christmas boxes have been completed ready to be shipped to Portland by the American Legion and Auxiliary, there distributed so that the servicemen and women in Oregon hospitals shall receive a Christmas gift box.

"Hats Off", to you business men and to the Ashland Community for the splendid way you so willingly, so cooperatively assisted—gave gifts, Christmas boxes, currency, checks and the subscription to the Esquire magazine.

Space does not allow for names of donors. In fairness to you all I take this way to thank you "personally", for your letters of thanks, encouragement, your appreciation of my part of the supervision of this worthwhile campaign.

May you have as Merry Christmas as is possible.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Jackson left Thursday for Portland where they will spend the Christmas holidays with their son.



WE HOPE old Santa will not forget you this Christmas of 1944, but that he will cram that stocking so full it can hold no more.

Good cheer, good fellowship, and Merry Christmas to you all!



## High School Teams to Play Two Games

Ashland high school has two basket ball games for this week, the team playing at Duinsumir last night, Wednesday evening, and the Weed high school coming to Ashland for a game Saturday night.

Last Friday night, three basket ball games were played on the local gym floor at the Junior high school. The main game of the evening was with the visiting team from Marshfield, the game by a score of 40 to 39. The game was exciting throughout, with first one team and then the other, being in the lead. Both teams seemed to be able to sink the ball into the hoop at will, but neither could tighten the defense so that they could maintain the lead. The game saw-sawed back and forth until the final seconds when Marshfield was awarded a free throw which put them in the lead one point to cinch the game.

Prior to the main game were two preliminaries, when the Junior high team took the short end of a score of 24-16 with the Alumni. The Ashland second string took on the Marshfield reserves for the second game of the evening, the local lads eking out a narrow win to the tune of 34-33. Both preliminaries were good games, with plenty of excitement and thrills throughout.

## J. H. Hardy Elected Head of Local Masons

Thursday evening December 14 at the regular meeting of the Ashland Lodge no. 23 of the Ancient Free and Accepted Mason, was held the election of Officers for the coming year. Those elected and appointed to offices are: Joseph H. Hardy, Worshipful Master; J. Ray Clary, Senior Warden; Andrew E. Stevens, Junior Warden; George W. Dunn, Treasurer; Rufus E. Detrick, Secretary; William H. Parker, Senior Deacon; Frank H. Barthouse, Junior Deacon; Frank Culp, Senior Steward; Stephen J. Zarka, Junior Steward; Rev. A. H. McDonnell, Chaplain; M. Patrick Dunn, Marshall; William J. Wallace, Tyler. The Ashland lodge has had a most successful year under Worshipful Master M. P. Dunn.

The Christmas party and dinner gave grand entertainment Monday evening December 18th, at the Legion Hall for Ashland Post number 14 of American Legion and its Auxiliary which held a Christmas party and an elaborate covered dish dinner with 140 in attendance. The delicious food which furnished a varied and an attractive menu, was enjoyed immensely.

After the dinner hour the gifts were taken from the mammoth Christmas tree, were given out with a musical exchange which caused a great deal of excitement and hilarious fun.

The sing song musical hour was enjoyed by young and old. Mrs. R. L. Burdick, pianist, played during the exchange and musical hour. Everyone present had a very enjoyable time.

Buy bonds to buy bombs to bomb bums.

## Postal Telegraph Closes Local Office

Closed for business last week end was the Postal Telegraph company office one of the pioneer institutions of Ashland. The closing came about as a result of the consolidation of the Western Union and the Postal Telegraph companies some months ago. The new combine will be known as the Western Union system.

The local office has functioned as relay office between Portland and San Francisco, for many years it provided a 24-hour a day service to Ashland. The equipment has been disconnected and under the new setup will function through the Grants Pass office.

The 24-hour a day service will be discontinued hereafter, although telegraph service on a continuous basis will be available through the Western Union office at the Southern Pacific station, which plans to handle emergency telegraph business after the uptown office is closed at the end of the day.

The Postal Telegraph company built its lines through Southern Oregon in 1886, bringing a through connection to Portland from San Francisco.

H. L. Bennet, one of the three operators at the Postal office stated he was not certain where he would be transferred, but would remain with the Western Union. R. W. Penzer has been assigned to the Redding California office and R. L. Lowe the third member of the local staff, will be assigned to the Winnemucca, Nevada, office following a month's vacation.

## TAX PAYMENTS BREAK RECORD

Tax collections for 1944-45 total \$1,020,939.28. This is about 80 per cent of the total tax levy of \$1,325,351.33 according to a report from the tax collection department of the sheriff's office.

The amount does not include delinquent payments for this year. The collection is the largest in the history of the county.

Payments for the full year ended November 15, with a three per cent discount allowance. Tax payers took advantage of this, which accounts in part for the large amount paid.

Practically all the large corporations in the county made full year payments, as did the majority of the individuals.—Medford News.

## PUBLISHES BOOKLET

Mrs. Pearl Riggs Crouch of Ashland, has published a small booklet entitled "A Guest of Oregon," which is now on sale in several Ashland stores. The small book tells of her arrival in Southern Oregon, is plentifully supplied with pictures of Ashland and Southern Oregon.

George Perry, a student at the University of Oregon, came the past week end to visit during the Christmas holidays with his grandmother Mrs. B. H. Perry at 53 Alida Street. The young man's parents live at Sacramento, but he will remain in Ashland during the holiday period.

BUY BONDS

## Ashland Churches Plan to Have Christmas Programs

### ALASKA CYPRESS GROVE LOCATED IN APPLEGATE

According to Lee Port of the Star Ranger station, one of the few stands of Alaska cypress trees is located on the northwest side of Whiskey Peak in the Upper Applegate near the California state line.

The trees have limbs like the weeping willow, give forth a faint but distinctive odor, and are a lighter color than cedar.

The grove covers about 200 acres at an elevation of 5200 to 5500 feet. A few grow along the Whiskey Peak and across the state line.

Attorney Kenneth G. Denman of Medford discovered the grove while on a hunting trip. He learned it was first reported by John Winningham a prospector.

It is thought probable the trees were sown by the winds and wandering birds years ago. Medford News.

## Ashland Schools to Close for Vacation

All of Ashland schools will close this Friday, December 22nd, for the annual Christmas vacation. School will open again on Monday morning January 8 at the usual time, Theo J. Norby, city superintendent stated this week.

In a limited survey, it was learned that most of the teachers plan to remain in Ashland for the vacation this year, as travel conditions make it too difficult for getting around much. Some of them are reported to be planning to leave for a few days after Christmas, but not very far away.

The annual Christmas teachers party was held last night, Wednesday at the Junior high school building, at which all teachers, and school employees and their families took part. Dinner was held at 6 o'clock, and this was followed by an evening of entertainment and visiting. The party is an annual affair and is sponsored by the Ashland PTA.

## Schools Present Evening of Music

The sixth annual presentation of an Evening of Christmas Music was held Tuesday evening at the Junior high auditorium, with a large number of friends and parents of the school witnessing the presentation.

The first number on the program was a Christmas Rhapsody given by the high school band under the direction of I. A. Mirick, band director. Following this an hour and a half of singing by the combined choirs of the junior and senior high schools, the Junior high triple trio, boys quartet the high school girls sextette was enjoyed. Two soloists were presented, being Joyce Mattson and Susanne LaMarre. All of the singing was directed by Miss Nora Lund, high school music director.

The auditorium and stage was tastefully and appropriately decorated in the Christmas motif and was done under the direction of Mrs. B. R. Walsh, art director.

That the program was thoroughly enjoyed by the large audience was well attested by the applause given each presentation.

## Joan Millard Heads SOCE Association

Southern Oregon College of Education, Ashland, December 13 The chapter of Future Teachers of America of the Southern Oregon College of Education held a meeting for initiating new members December 5. At a candle-light ritual the following were initiated: Joan Millard, Medford; Hazel Parman, Myrtle Point; Doris Church, Camas Valley; Rachel Parkhurst, Roseburg; Geneva Moore, Rogue River. Old members present were Berthel Nelson, Fannette Hodges, Betty Lou McCollm, Geneva Coulter and Miss Florence Allen, FTA faculty sponsor.

After initiation ceremony a business meeting was held, during which the following officers for current year were elected: Geneva Coulter, Ashland, president; Hazel Parman, vice-president; Rachel Parkhurst, secretary-treasurer.

Refreshments of doughnuts and cocoa were served.

Inasmuch as Christmas Eve this year falls on Sunday, a survey of the churches of Ashland indicate that most of them are planning some kind of Christmas programs for the evening. Many are planning on singing carols throughout town for the evening, followed by plays, songs and other appropriate Christmas observances in each Church during the evening.

The Full Gospel Temple plans to have their program on Friday evening and there will be a special Christmas program presented by the Young people of the Church. The Christmas play entitled "The Star-lit Path", has been prepared under the direction of Mrs. Gordon Lindsay and Miss Jane Pollard. This will be a beautiful Christmas pageant. There also will be a variety of Christmas recitations and songs rendered by various classes of the Sunday school. The program begins at 7:45 P. M. All are invited.

At the Baptist Church, the Rev. Gordon Griffin announces that there will be a Christmas pageant presented by the members of the church and the Young Peoples groups. This will be held at 7:30.

At the Neighborhood Congregational church the choir, the young peoples Sunday school class and the Pilgrim Fellowship group will combine to have a candle lighting service. This will be held at 5 o'clock.

Rev. George Shuman announces that at the Sunday morning service at 11 a.m. the church will observe the Birth of Christ with anthems, by special choir singing and in the evening there will be a pageant presented at 5 o'clock by the Sunday School. Following the pageant, a party will be held for the young folks.

At the church of Christ, a program by the Bible school is planned with several numbers and recitations by the younger members of the classes. This will be followed by a pageant, "The Christ Child". Music will be provided by the choir and orchestra. This program is planned for 7:30.

The Christmas program by the Methodist Sunday school children will be given at 9:45 next Sunday morning, during the regular Sunday school hour. A program consisting of the following songs, readings and drills will be offered. "My First Piece", Gregg Monroe. "A Child Gave Christmas", Nancy Bissell. "My Bell", Ardith Chapman. "Jesus Knows", Kent Sykes. Christmas songs by the Beginners Department. "A Christmas Wish" Johnnie Van Dyke. "A Secret", Lerry Stubblefield. "Lest We Forget" Billy Davis, Micky Hanson, Robert Lytle. "Sky Christmas Gifts" Gladys Culop. "The Christ Child" Gale Barnum. "Gift Time" Bobbie Madden. Christmas songs by the Junior Department. "All Through the Night", Isabelle Williams. "Into the Quiet", Jeanette Kinney.

At 11 o'clock the choir, under the direction Della Weber will offer a Christmas anthem. Mrs. Anabelle Davis will be at the organ.

The Methodist Young Adult Fellowship group will present a Christmas pageant, "The Christmas Story", in songs, carols, and solos with special lighting in colors at 7:30 on Sunday evening.

Also it is being planned that a candle lighting service with a thought for each of the men and women from the Methodist Church in the armed service of the country, shall be given during this evening hour. This promises to be a most delightful and reverent climax for the Christmas program at this church. All of these programs are open to the public in general.

The regular December meeting of the Junior-Senior Parent Teachers' Association was held Thursday evening at the Junior High school cafeteria. A small number of parents were present. Following the regular business part of the evening, the Rev. Gordon Griffin gave an interesting and inspirational talk on World Peace and the Christmas Spirit. His talk was greatly appreciated by those present. Refreshments and a social hour followed the address.

Next meeting will be held January 18th, Thursday, and will be a cover dish dinner and program arranged by the Dads.