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Lions Schedule Children's Party For Dec. 20

Final plans were being completed this week for the annual Lions club Christmas dinner and party for needy children, to be held at the Elks' club dining room next Tuesday night, Dec. 20.

Each year the local Lions obtain a list of needy children through the cooperation of the Elks club and city schools and prepare a dinner with a Christmas tree and gifts following the meal. Club members arrange for transportation to and from the dinner.



The Coleman Bros., N.B.C. and C.B.S. radio singing stars, who make their appearance in Ashland Dec. 19, at the Lincoln school gym.

Negro Singers, Pianist, Slated Here Next Monday

Monday night, Dec. 21, residents of this area will be given an opportunity of hearing some of the best professional talent ever brought to Southern Oregon when the Coleman Brothers, negro singers, and Hazel Harrison, negro pianist, appear at the Lincoln school auditorium under the auspices of the Ashland Lions club, it has been announced by John Hamstreet, chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements for the show.

The players will present a full two and one-half hour show starting at 8 p. m., with a thirty-minute period for special request numbers by the audience.

The Coleman Bros. won the Peabody award in New York for their outstanding performances and were the nation's choice for sacred music on the Columbia broadcasting system during the funeral services of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The first colored group to be televised, their transcriptions are currently heard on the opening and closing of the Bill Sterns radio program. They will be the feature stars on the local program, with Hazel Harrison as guest artist.

Miss Harrison is associate professor of piano at Howard University, Washington, D. C.

Familiar with the piano keyboard since the age of five, Miss Harrison, a native of La Porte, Ind., began studying with Victor Heinze of the Cosmopolitan school, Chicago, and gave her first concert at the age of twelve. Under Heinze's sponsorship, she went to Berlin while a high school student, and studied with Ferruccio Busoni in Berlin.

Hamstreet said that arrangements are pending whereby the group will present a program at Camp White on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 18.

Southern Pacific Officials Here

J. H. Pruett, jr., newly appointed general passenger agent for Southern Pacific, Portland, Robert H. Holmes, district freight and passenger agent, Medford, and Leith F. Abbott, representative of the advertising of Foote, Cone & Belding, were visitors in Ashland early this week.

Pruett succeeds Jim Ormandy, who recently retired from service.

Abbott is a former resident of Ashland, having graduated from the Ashland high school.

Grizzlies Meet Coquille Here Friday Night

Coach Ken Schilling has been sending his squad of Ashland Grizzlies through stiff workouts this week preparatory to their clash with the Red Devils of Coquille here Friday night.

The Grizzlies ran into a streak of bad luck last weekend when they invaded the hills of Coos county and dropped a game Friday night to the fast breaking Myrtle Point Bobcats 38-36, and moved to the Coos county seat to lose to the Red Devils 38-30 on Saturday night. The Grizzlies will be out to even the score with Coquille Friday night.

Probable starting lineup for the "fighting Grizzlies" will be Landing and Langer at forward; Smith at center, and Davis and Hanscomb at the guard positions.

Coquille is expected to use Woods and Jeffries at forward; Lininger at center, and Ingle and Tenny at guard.

In a preliminary game the Ashland Junior high school will meet the "Cave Kids" from Grants Pass, starting at 7 o'clock.

The Junior high school girls will entertain the fans during the preliminary halftime period with the Ashland high school twirlers and band stepping in to take over during the half-time of the Grizzly-Red Devil game which gets under way at 8:15.



Miss Hazel Harrison, famous Negro pianist, who will appear here at the Lincoln school gym on Dec. 19, under the sponsorship of the Ashland Lions club.

Kiwanis Dames Fete Husbands At Christmas Party

Dignity and decorum stopped at the door on last Saturday evening when the Kiwanis Dames entertained their husbands at the annual Christmas party. The Civic Club house was festive with holiday decorations of holly and evergreens and a lighted Christmas tree. The buffet supper was served Smorgasbord style with seconds and thirds for the more than sixty guests.

The evening's entertainment will go down in Kiwanis annals as a record breaker and a laugh riot from start to finish. Never did feminine inventive genius conjure up zanier stunts. The husbands found themselves the object of most of the penalizing objects. The masculine members of the losing balloon-busters drew K. P. duty with George Sennett ably presiding at the dish-pan. Janitorial service went to Walt Hamby. But the highlight of the program was a hard fought contest in which Fritz Koester, edged out runner-up Bert Miller, to win the annual title of "Glamour - Legs - Boy of 1949."

The gift exchange backfired on Harry Skerry and several other avaricious grabbers who didn't believe the old adage that the best things come in small packages.

The Barber Shop Harmonizers accompanied by Zoe Peters rendered many unrequested medleys amid mixed applause and catcalls. Walt Bosshard and Bert Terry won a technical victory over Enid Bracker and Lillian Moran in a speed dressing demonstration which seemed to prove nothing to the partisan fans on the sidelines.

KWIN To Bring Basketball Games

Radio station KWIN will broadcast the Ashland-Coquille basketball game Friday night starting at 8:15.

On Dec. 20, KWIN will broadcast the Oregon-Stanford game at 8 p. m., to be followed by the SOC-Indiana State game.

The Oregon-Stanford game will be broadcast at 8 p. m., on Dec. 21, followed by the Medford-Coos Bay game.

Christmas Vespers To Be Presented By SOC Choir

Members of the a cappella choir at Southern Oregon college plan a program "Christmas Vespers" at the college auditorium next Sunday afternoon Dec. 18, starting at 3:30 o'clock. It has been announced by Oscar C. Bjorlie, director of the choir.

Featured as soloists for the choir are Rosemary Backus, Nancy Youngblood and Barbara Gertson.

Ashland Lady Bowlers Beat Medford Team

A team of Ashland lady bowlers won all three games from a Medford team Sunday afternoon on the Ashland maple lanes by a score of 2437 to 2112.

Lydia Crowson, of the Ashland team, rolled a high game of 236 while her team mate, Sarah Pena was accumulating 555 for high three-game series' of the afternoon.

Rabbit Raisers Hear About Marketing; Plan Medford Meeting For Dec. 15

Church Of Christ To Present Pageant Sunday

"The Greatest Story Ever Told," a Christmas pageant, will be presented Sunday night, 7:30 p. m., at the First Church of Christ. The pageant will be presented by a cast of young people from the Bible School and the choir of the church. Mrs. Lowell Hall is the director of the pageant and Glenn Matthews of the choir. The public is invited, stated Earl F. Downing, minister of the church.

Christmas Cards Should Be Mailed Now, Says Vail

Start mailing your Christmas cards, Postmaster Vail told local residents today.

Greetings for out-of-state should be in the collection boxes tomorrow (Thursday, Dec. 15), he said. Cards for local delivery should be mailed at least the Thursday before Christmas.

Extensive preparations have been made to handle the expected record flood of Yuletide mail. But the Postmaster warned procrastinators that extended bad weather could snarl deliveries and leave a mountain of undelivered Christmas cheer on Christmas Eve.

"It's better for your light-hearted Christmas card to arrive a few days early," he counseled, "than for it to limp in the day after Christmas."

The Postmaster warned that Christmas cards mailed with 1 1/2 cent stamps are being returned stamped "Insufficient Postage." The rate for unsealed third-class mail is now 2 cents.

Cards sent third class may not be forwarded or returned, without payment of additional postage. The Postmaster stated that large numbers of 1949 Christmas cards are liable to end up in the Dead Letter Office due to incomplete or incorrect addresses.

If you're not sure of the address, a 3 cent stamp entitles your Christmas greeting to first-class postal service. The card will be forwarded from one address to another, or if the envelope bears your return address, the card will be returned to you if the addressee can't be located, without additional charge for postage.

Douglas McKay Will Speak To CopCo Assembly

The North Umpqua hydroelectric project of the California Oregon Power Company will be formally dedicated in Roseburg, Thursday, December 15, when electric power from Toketee, the first of eight new generating plants in the project, will be channeled into the company's transmission network.

Governor Douglas McKay, Dr. Paul J. Raver, Bonneville Power Administrator, Albert S. Cummins, Copco president, Representative Harris Ellsworth, and others will address the guests assembled for the ceremony at the Umpqua Hotel in Roseburg. Part of the program will be broadcast over eight radio stations in the company's service area, at which time the dedication of the project and switching of the new power from the Toketee plant into the power company's transmission system will be heard. Mr. Cummins will make the dedication address and Governor McKay will throw the switch which will officially bring the new supply of power to the people of this area.

Mrs. Briscoe, who represented her husband, was presented with a bouquet of roses by Mrs. Mern Provost, vice chairman of the school board.

Rev. Earl F. Downing, pastor of the First Church of Christ, offered the invocation, after which the Ashland high school band presented several numbers under the direction of Clarence Wiggins. A joint committee of the PTA groups of the Briscoe, Lincoln and Walker schools served refreshments.

Lions Entertained By Accordion Players

Members of the Ashland Lions club were entertained with several accordion selections, presented by five pupils of the Eve Prentice accordion school in Medford.

Playing with the group were Kip Hodgins, Vida Childers, Lora Millage, Keith and Garry Lawson. Solo selections were played by Vida Childers and Kip Hodgins.

Members of the local den and their wives were invited to attend a New Years party, being given by the Jacksonville club on New Years Eve.

Climatic Resources Of Rogue Valley Discussed By Head Of Weather Bureau

The climatic resources of the Rogue Valley was the principal theme of the talk which Mr. Robert Church, who has charge of the weather bureau at Medford, gave at the weekly luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce members.

Why do people like this country so much that they come in droves to this valley? The reason, says Mr. Church, is the climate which is made up of two mixtures, damp and dry portions. This provides a gradual change of seasons.

In giving a general picture of the climate, Mr. Church reported that from October to June there is a semi-coastal climate. The winter storms blowing from the ocean bring cool air which is spread evenly through the area. The valley lies far enough to the south to be missed by the force of most storms. The winters are moderately cool and damp with the temperature varying from 15 to 30 degrees. Summers here are relatively dry, due partly to the winds blowing from California. Maximum summer temperature is 100 degrees.

A big drawing card to tourists, continued Mr. Church, is the warm dry summers and the high humidity during the winter months. Also an attraction to tourists is the amount of precipitation. There is a minimum of thunderstorms here, the average being from five to ten during a year with a high of fifteen storms for one year.

Rainfall in Medford averages seventeen inches per year and this is spread throughout the winter months, enough so that the ground has time to absorb moisture. Ashland has an annual average of twenty inches. Co-operative observers establish climatic conditions of the country and report them. In the surrounding areas the rainfall varies from a low of fourteen inches in Klamath Falls to a high of sixty inches at Crescent Lake.

The surrounding ranges of mountains protect the valley from storms. The water falls along the hills and the hills act as storage pieces for water. The closeness of a valley to a range of mountains affects the amount of rainfall it gets.

In other places where rainfall is very heavy, the economy of the area is adjusted to the amount of precipitation. Here the chief industries are agriculture and lumbering, both of which are aided by water and soil conservation.

Mr. Church brought up another point concerning rainfall and soil conservation. He said that careless and sloppy farming and independent logging aids in the destruction of top soil. The ground is robbed of its growth and nothing is done to prevent the rainfall from removing all topsoil. The planting of cover crops helps to keep the topsoil in place. In the Medford area alone, last year such damage amounted to one-fourth million dollars, and the situation is becoming steadily worse due to wanton waste. Dams have a place in the rivers, but these will not cure the food situation; more planting of cover crops and contour farming have to be done first.

Mr. Church concluded by summarizing his talk in these words, "The extremes of both summer and winter in this valley are mild."

Kiwanians See Picture By Standard Oil

The motion picture, "The Enchanted Isle," was the program for the Ashland Kiwanis club at its noon luncheon Monday.

Mose Palmateer, of the Motion Picture Service division of Standard Oil of California, presented the film, one of the many pictures presented throughout the country by Standard Oil.

The picture was filmed in the south sea islands in the Polynesian group.

Next year the Kiwanians will see "Submarine Service," a motion picture presented by the recruiting office.

WHERE, OH WHERE IS SANTA CLAUS?

I've scanned the streets, I've searched the stores,
I've peered through windows and looked in doors,
But narry a whisker nor pack can I see,
No jolly old elf familiar to me.

Where then, I ask, in this child-filled town,
Is the one super-man, that saint of renown,
Who brings little children, (and grown-ups too),
The dreams of their hearts to keep and renew?

F.H.M.

Elks Launch Program To Build Leadership Among Youth

A program to strengthen democracy by developing leadership among America's youth has been launched by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, W. P. Hamby, Exalted Ruler of Ashland Lodge of Elks, disclosed today.

Hamby said that, as the first step in the program, the Grand Lodge Activities Committee this year will award eleven \$300 college scholarships to boys and girls with the most distinguished records for leadership. One award will be made in each of eleven districts into which the country has been divided for the purpose. The awards will be made to high school seniors, who are qualified for college entrance and must be used to finance the first year's college expenses.

"While a boy or girl to be eligible must be scholastically qualified to go to college, the emphasis in this program is on the qualities of leadership displayed by the applicant rather than on scholastic attainments," Hamby pointed out. "Which sets this program apart from the usual type of scholarship. Our purpose is to lend encouragement to those youths who have shown that they have a capacity for making great contributions to the betterment of our democratic society, and who deserve financial assistance that will help them to develop that capacity further."

The scholarship will be financed by a grant from the Elks National Foundation, the Order's charitable trust, to the Youth Activities Committee, which was established by the Grand Lodge convention at Cleveland last July and given the job of developing a broadened youth program designed to meet today's needs.

Last year's winners from the Ashland Jurisdiction were Venita Robertson and Bruce Smith of Ashland High and Heene Sutcliffe of Happy Camp. Miss Sutcliffe won the district title and took second prize in the state finals. Ashland lodge granted close to \$1000 in scholarships to deserving students last year. The scholarship committee is composed of John Schultz, Roland Parks and Roy Parr, Jr.

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