

## O'Harra Students Present Recital

By DELPHA JONES

Mrs Newt O'Harra and her piano students entertained with a Christmas party and recital on Sunday afternoon. The following students took part in the recital: Arleta McCabe, Linda Halvorsen, Marilyn Morgan, Kristin Nelson, of Ione, Sheila Luciano of Echo, John, Jack and Donna Hatfield of Lexington, Joyce Peck, Theresa and Christine Munkers, Barbara Bloodworth, Marceita Messinger, Marianna Huber and Mary Kay Hughes of Lexington, Chris and Mark Brown, Vickey Barrett, Lynn Burkenbine, Carol Burkenbine and Marlene Fetsch of Hepfner. Parents of the children served punch, coffee and cookies.

Mr and Mrs Geo Irvin entertained Mr and Mrs Jim Angell and family and Mr and Mrs Bill Nichols at dinner at their home on Sunday.

Mrs Bob Davidson and family, Mrs B J Doherty and Becky, and Faye Thornburg were Pendleton visitors on Friday. While there they met Beverly Davidson who came in on the bus from California where she has been attending school and staying with an aunt.

Mr and Mrs George Irvin and daughter, Vick and Earl Miller were Pendleton visitors on Saturday taking Judy Darnielle there where she caught a bus to Reno, Nevada where she'll visit her parents and sister, Mr and Mrs Burt Darnielle and Betty.

Mrs Dorothy Zita and 4 children of Connecticut arrived at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs O W Cutsforth one day last week. Mrs Zita and family came to Pendleton by plane and was met by Mrs Cutsforth. Dick Zita arrived in Lex Sunday night from Connecticut having driven out to join his wife and family. He was accompanied by a brother, Don

Zita. Mr and Mrs Gar Leyva and sons are spending the holidays in Lakeview, Ore.

O W Cutsforth was a Seattle business visitor last week.

Hugo Leyva has arrived home from Missouri where he is attending school to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr and Mrs Gar Leyva.

Joan Patrick is visiting at the home of Mr and Mrs Geo Hermann from her school at EO College in LaGrande.

Linda Hams of Ione spent the weekend in Lexington where she visited Charlene Jones, and Dora Sue and Beverly Davidson.

Mrs Amy Sperry is spending the holidays with her daughter and family in Asotin, Washington.

Miss Marlene Galyen is spending the holidays with her parents in Ontario.

On Wednesday night the Lexington grade school presented a Christmas pageant "The Story of the Tree". There was a chorus group made up of grade school students under the direction of Mrs C C Carmichael with a play cast telling the story of the tree. At the same time the high school presented a skit "A Christmas Gift for Uncle Charlie" with the following cast: Hank Pointer as Uncle Charlie, Dora Sue Davidson as Mina, Charlene Jones as Lucy, Tom Pointer as Andrew, Stanley Schoonover, as Harvey, Jim Steagall as Tim, Linda Van Winkle as Mary. Following this the grade school band played Jingle Bells. The following students make up the band, Janet Palmer, Billy Klinger, Roger Schoonover, Leora Van Winkle, Robert Mathews, Jeanette Ledbetter, Kirk Mathews, Dan Wardwell, Linda Thornburg, and Theresa Munkers. After the singing of Christmas carols, Santa Claus appeared, and presented the youngsters of the community with socks filled with candy.

Mr and Mrs Robert Mathews and children are spending the holidays in Oregon City and Newport.

## Season Greenery Will Make Home Echo Xmas Spirit

Did you ever notice that the prettiest homes around the community at Christmas are the ones decorated liberally with the green things of the season? Their festive appearance is obtained easily with proper display of such things as evergreens, berries, seed pods, and pine cones.

These simple decorations are readily available to most everyone at no cost and to use an old expression: "The woods are full of them."

A trip into the country to gather them can also be turned into a pleasant excursion for the whole family and a brief rest period from the "getting ready" for Christmas company, parties, and holiday affairs.

One word of caution, however: Don't kill trees or bushes. Prune carefully when selecting your evergreens.

The Christmas tree—whether large or small—should be the center of the decorations. Place your tree in front of a window, so that its bright, cheerful glow can be seen from within and without. Dec-



orate the tree with balls of red, silver, blue and green, strands of popcorn and various decorations that are saved from year to year.

Be sure to hang a rope of evergreens, a spray or wreath on your front door—these signify to many who pass your home that you are celebrating this joyous season.

A rope of evergreens requires approximately four or five yards of rope. The place you plan to use it will determine the exact length. Next, you'll need several short lengths of wire, short sprays of evergreen, balls, bows, red berries or bells. Place a bunch of evergreen against the rope and fasten

in place with the wire; repeat until the rope has been completely covered. The rope may be draped over the door frame, mantel, or along the stair rail. Pick out other spots where additional decorations, like berries, balls or bells will add to the effectiveness of over-all appearance.

## Christmas Rose Is Hallowed By Legend

The delicate beauty of the Christmas-rose (helleborus niger) is hallowed by legend. A poor shepherd girl, the story goes, wept bitterly as she watched the Wise Men on their way to the Christ Child bearing rich gifts when she had nothing. An angel appeared. Upon learning the reason for the girl's distress, the angel caused the ground to be carpeted with shining white flowers. The young shepherdess gathered some blossoms. When she presented her gift, the Infant smiled and as His fingers touched the white flowers, the petals became tinged with pink.



KING SIZE . . . Letter of "thanks" is mailed by 19-month-old triple amputee in Roxbury, Mass. who received artificial limbs in time to walk for 1983 Christmas celebration.



## Holiday Plants Need Special Care

Holiday plants require special care if they are to look their best. Just like human beings, they need bright light or sunlight, in the day and a proper amount of water.

Wilting, leaf yellowing and burning, leaf drop and premature loss of flowers can be caused by under-watering or over-watering plants. Thorough watering is important as soon as plants are dry, but avoid leaving plants standing in water. Puncture the tinfoil or heavy paper on pots at the drainage hole to provide necessary drainage.

Here are some further suggestions:

Lower the night temperature to prolong the life of blooms. Minimum night temperature for poinsettias and Christmas begonias should be 60 degrees. The desirable night temperatures for azaleas, Christmas cactus, chrysanthemums, cyclamen, Jerusalem cherry, Kalanchoe, ornamental peppers, potted bulbs and cut flowers are between 50 degrees and 60 degrees. High room temperatures hasten the maturity of flowers and shorten their life.

Avoid sudden temperature changes and drafts. Keep both plants and cut flowers away from radiators and heat registers and out of drafts. Poinsettias are especially sensitive to sudden temperature changes. They should never be left near a window sill as drafts will cause leaves to turn yellow and drop.

## Farm Land Values In Oregon Climb To All-Time High

Oregon farm land values have risen steadily for four years and now stand at the highest level on record, reports Mrs Elvira Horrell, extension agricultural economist at Oregon State College.

Values of farm land in the state rose 2 percent this fall and now average 5 percent above a year ago, Mrs Horrell said. This is 50 percent above the 1947-49 postwar average.

Oregon failed to keep pace with farm land values over the nation, however, Mrs Horrell found as she studied reports from the U S department of agriculture. National farm land values rose an average of 3 percent this fall.

Most of the national gain was centered along the Atlantic Coast, the USDA reports indicated, where cities continue to crowd into rural areas. Florida led all states in rate increase with an average gain in farm land values of 5 percent this fall. Three states—New York, Utah, and Idaho—failed to show any gain in farm land values, however.

Real estate observers reporting to the USDA this fall generally agreed there are now fewer farms but more farmland buyers on the market than ever before, Mrs Horrell said. This situation—a generally strong demand and a limited supply—has been characteristic of the land market for several years, she added.

Demand for farm land may have been even more pronounced this fall, it was also reported by the observers. This coupled with the recent upturn in the general economy that revived concern about further inflation, has helped pull farm land prices upward, Mrs Horrell felt.

As to what's ahead, outlook economists expect market prices of farm real estate to continue to climb, Mrs Horrell reported. However, the economists feel the upward push may slow down later, especially in the last half of 1959 if farm income sags.

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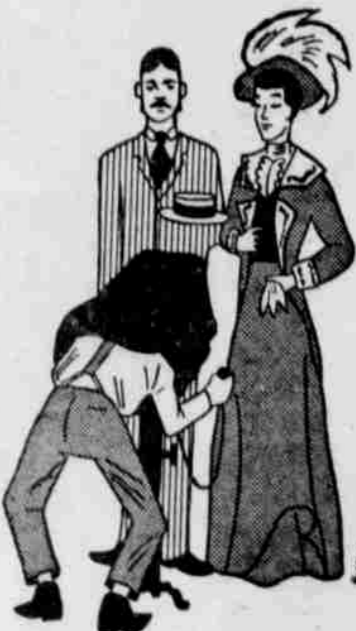
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