

All Grades Take Part in Program

By KATHERINE LINDSTROM

IONE — Parents and friends of the school children crowded the school cafeteria last Wednesday evening for the annual Christmas program directed by Arnie Hedman, band and music teacher.

The high school chorus sang three selections, followed by the first grade rhythm band directed by their teacher, Mrs. Harry Ash. Three numbers were played by the intermediate band composed of the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades.

The second, third, fourth, and fifth grades presented a delightful play "Trouble in Toyland" with a large cast. The musical numbers were accompanied by Susan Jepsen and Kristine Peterson.

Hedman directed the fifth grade beginner's band, which was appearing in public for the first time. The high school band played three Christmas numbers to conclude the program.

Santa Claus came in at the close of the program and greeted all the little children. He was assisted in passing out treats to all by the members of the Lettermen's Club.

The Christmas holidays have been the occasion for lots of guests and traveling on the part of Ione residents. Miss Alice Nicholson of San Francisco arrived Friday evening to spend Christmas week-end with her mother, Mrs. Edith Nicholson.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Nelson and family, Christmas eve guests at the Nelson home were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smouse and family and Mrs. Ella Burgoyne.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Kincaid and family are visiting relatives in Caldwell, Idaho this week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lindsay were hosts for a Christmas dinner for their family. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pettyjohn and Jim of The Dalles, Mr. and Mrs. Earl McCabe, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Klinger and Michael of Kennewick.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crabtree and their grandson, Kevin, spent Christmas with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin McCabe and family at Colfax. They were accompanied by their son, Ronald, who was here a few days from his work in Tacoma. When they returned, Ashley McCabe came with them for a few days visit.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Crawford for Christmas were their sons and daughters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Crawford, and family of LaGrande; Rollo Crawford of Ione, and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Tad Miller and family of Lexington.

Mrs. Frances Mitchell of Portland was a Christmas visitor of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Griffith and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Lindstrom and family left Thursday to spend Christmas in Portland with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dorro Mason and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Heimbigner and family spent the week-end at Odessa, Wash., with relatives. Their son, Tom, was to go to Tucson, Ariz., for a gymnastic clinic, but found on arriving in Portland that transportation there was practically at a minimum due to the floods in Arizona, so the trip was cancelled.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Drake and family are here from Fairfield, Calif., to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Drake and in Heppner with Mrs. Drake's relatives.

Rev. and Mrs. Walter Crowell were Christmas Day guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Martin and family left on Thursday to spend the holidays with relatives in Iowa. They made the trip by train.

Mr. and Mrs. Gil Lujan and family of Richland, Wash., arrived on Christmas Day to spend the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Goodrow and family.

Mrs. Sam Byrne was called to

Montana last Friday by the death of her sister.

Frank Wiley of the United States Marines has completed training at Camp Pendleton in California. He is home on leave visiting his mother, Mrs. Tom Sweeney and family, before leaving on January 30 for further training at Lajana, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller and family are spending the Christmas holidays visiting Mrs. Miller's relatives at Hyde Park, Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kirk moved recently to Condon, where he is employed by Highland Machinery Co.

William Ashurst, Nancy and Paul, left Wednesday evening for El Centro, Calif., to spend the holiday with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cofenas and her brother, Leslie Madden, of Portland left on Sunday for home after spending the holiday here with their mother, Mrs. E. J. Akers and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Haugen and family left for their home in Lake Oswego on Monday after spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Elmer Griffith and other relatives.

Mrs. Irene Bart and Henry Larson of Portland were week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Lindstrom.

Mrs. Lee Marcum of Portland was a guest of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Bergstrom for Christmas. On Tuesday the Bergstrom family took Mrs. Marcum back to Portland, where they will visit relatives before returning home.

Many Come for Funeral
Relatives here for the funeral of Lake S. Beckner on Friday, December 24, at the United Church of Christ were Mrs. Beckner's sister, Mrs. Ray Hinkle of Pilot Rock; her nieces and families, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harrison of Ukiah, Mr. and Mrs. James Hientz of Molalla, and Mrs. Kenneth Dalton of Albany; her nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hinkle and family of Long Creek; and Mr. Beckner's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beckner, and son Robert, and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Beckner of Washtucna, Wash.

Mrs. Ida Coleman is spending her Christmas vacation from cooking at the school cafeteria in Minnesota visiting relatives.

Miss Rita Kerr is spending the holidays with her parents at Republic, Wash.

John Rea, who is with the Job Corps at Tongue Point, is here to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clell Rea.

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AIRMAN DON CRABER

Airman Don Craber At Alabama Base

Airman Donald L. Craber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas H. Craber, Rt. 1, Heppner, has been selected for training at Gunter AFB, Ala., as an Air Force medical services specialist.

The airman, a 1961 graduate of Heppner High School, recently completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas. He received his B.A. degree from Southern Oregon College.

Former Ione Man Retires from Corps

Olin J. King, a crane operator with the Walla Walla District Corps of Engineers, retired from government service last week.

His first federal job was in San Diego, California, in 1925, and he came with the District here in 1951.

He notes that he was born in Ione, the year of the Heppner flood. The Kings presently live in Irrigon, which will continue to be their home, from which they plan to do some traveling later.

He is a life member of the NRA, and a member of the Eagles Lodge at Hermiston.

Among those coming from out-of-town to spend Christmas with relatives in this area were Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Drake and two daughters. They were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Connor in Heppner, and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Drake in Ione. They left Wednesday for their return trip to their home at Fairfield, Calif., where Drake is in his second year as teacher and athletic coach at Arnijo High school.

Lamb to Attend Annual Meeting Of Co-op Council

Al Lamb, manager of Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc., will be that organization's voting delegate to the 37th annual meeting of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, to be held in Washington, D. C., January 18-20. He plans to go to Portland January 15 and fly east from there.

"Because of the necessity for farmers to gain more strength in the markets in which they buy and sell, the meeting will give special attention to sound growth of farmer cooperatives," Lamb said. "In view of the increasing use of farm products as an instrument of U. S. foreign policy, discussions also will be focused on expansion of exports of both farm products and production supplies and also on government aid programs aimed at economic development abroad."

The Grain Growers' manager will work to expand the export of wheat under both private and government programs, he said.

Key speakers at the general sessions will include Professor James T. Bonnen of the Department of Agricultural Economics at Michigan State University and Executive Vice-President Kenneth D. Naden. Special conferences on particular phases of farmer cooperation are scheduled during the three day meeting. Delegates will elect directors for 1966 in accordance with a geographic pattern which became effective at the January meeting. Lamb has been a director in this organization since 1956.

Enjoying the Christmas week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thompson were their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Thompson, and two children, a son and daughter, of Portland. They returned to Portland on Sunday, where Thompson is employed by the Warren Construction Company.

L. E. Bisbee left today (Thursday) in company with his daughter, Miss Katherine Bisbee, to spend the winter at her home in Walport. Miss Bisbee was on Christmas vacation from her teaching duties at Walport, and visited several days here with relatives and friends.

Anderson Mail Takes Higher Rate

Much of the mail being directed to the Nels Anderson family in Niger, Africa, is being presented at the post office with less postage than is required, James Driscoll, postmaster, states.

From information from the Andersons it was believed that the mail could go at the regular United States rates, but a ruling received by Postmaster Driscoll indicates now that this is not the case.

Although the personal mail items are addressed Department of State, Washington, D. C., postage must be paid at the international rate to the country where the address is located, according to the ruling cited by the postmaster.

Therefore, the airmail rate when writing to the Anderson family is 25 cents per half-ounce, even though addressed to them in care of the State Department address.

The Andersons requested that friends send mail through the

State Department in order that it may reach them sooner.

The post office requests that the mail be addressed to them as follows: Name, foreign city only (omit name of country), Department of State, Washington, D. C. 20521. The name of the city where they are located is Niamey.

Facilities of the Department of State are available for sending personal mail to authorized United States government personnel stationed in other countries, Postmaster Driscoll said.

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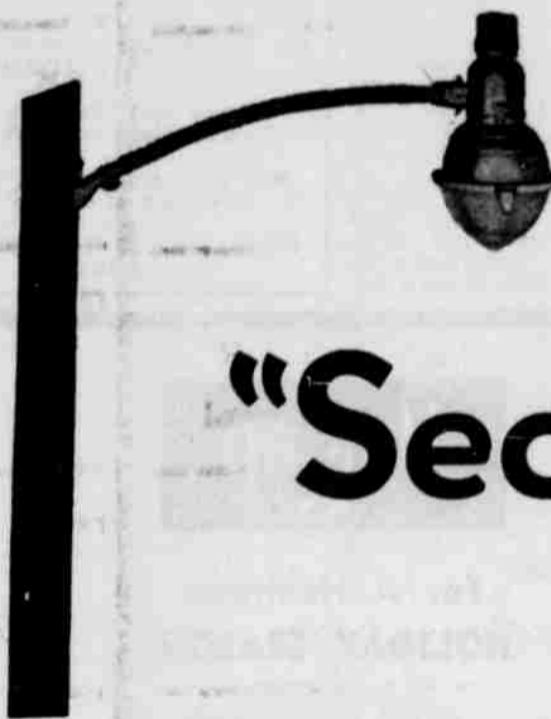
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