

Ione Overflows With Christmas Festivities

IONE—Many Christmas parties and programs have been presented this week in the community, prior to the Christmas holiday.

On Tuesday evening the Ione Rainbow girls and their fathers were guests at the Masonic Hall for their annual Christmas dinner and gift exchange. Eastern Star ladies preparing the ham dinner included mother advisor, Mrs. Lewis Halvorsen, assisted by Mrs. Adon Hamlett and Mrs. Roy W. Lindstrom.

Following the dinner the girls had an exchange of gifts and at the same time revealed their secret pals for the year. Each girl presented their fathers with a gift. Santa made a visit and presented each Rainbow girl with a gift from their mother advisor.

The Ione High School Chorale visited the Pioneer Memorial Hospital on Thursday afternoon. They presented a variety of Christmas songs for the nursing home patients. Mr. Darrell James is the director of the girls singing group.

Santa Claus Visits School

Thursday evening, the annual grade and high school Christmas program was presented at the Ione Cafeteria. Beginning at 7:15 the Ione High School band under the direction of Darrell James presented a variety of Christmas medleys.

Grade school classes two thru four presented a short Christmas play followed by the first grade which presented a short one act Christmas play. Grades six thru eight then presented their version of "Christmas Carol" another short Christmas play.

After a visit in the lower grades, Santa Claus made his appearance at the program and visited with the younger set and presented them with a sack of candy. Christmas sacks of candy were then passed at the doors for all the patrons and Junior High and High School students.

Teachers of the grade school classes worked with each of their classes in presenting this Christmas program for the community and special thanks are extended to all of them, including Mrs. Bob Rietmann, 1st grade teacher; Mrs. Doug DuBuque, 2nd grade; Mrs. Jerry Martin, 3rd grade; Mrs. Franklin Ely, 4th grade; 6 7 8th grade teachers Mrs. West and Darrell James.

United Church of Christ

The Sounds of Christmas was the theme of the childrens program at the United Church of Christ program Sunday evening. Each song was portrayed in a giant book as the melody was heard from various groups.

Mrs. Bob Jepsen read a brief history of each Christmas song. Silent Night Holy Night was sung by the 3rd and 4th grade choir while Mary Kincaid as Mary sat by the Manger. Away

In a Manger by the 1st and 2nd grade chorus was the background music while Troy Lindstrom as Joseph stood with Mary in the big book. Next came the angels, Anita Palmer and Kris Pettyjohn as the congregation sang "Hark The Herald Angels Sing". The 3rd and 4th grade choir sang "We Three Kings" as Melchoir, Leland White; Caspar, Brian Rietmann and Belthazer, Rick Gilbert, made their way up the aisle to make their picture in the Big book.

The congregation sang Deck the Halls as five from the Kindergarten group put ornaments on a Christmas tree. They were Colt Luedde, Paula Anderson, Darrin Padberg, Mark Meyer and Greg White. They also sang God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen while carolers like long-ago England donned wooly caps and mittens to stroll through the aisles.

The one negro Christmas spiritual was sung, "Go Tell It On the Mountain" with Todd Sherer as the child.

The Friendly Beasts showing the sheep, cow, donkey and dove from the song was sung by the 1st and 2nd grade. Brett Sherer was the sheep, Greg Rietmann, the cow; Glen Krebs, the donkey and Elizabeth McKinney, the dove.

The Nativity Scene was the finale with the others grouped around the book as the congregation sang "What Child is This?"

Sue Jepsen was organist, Mrs. Bill Rietmann, accompanist; Mrs. Lindsay Kincaid, the script; Mrs. Darrell James, props and music; Mrs. Paul Pettyjohn, Sr., Mrs. Pete Cannon, Mrs. Paul Pettyjohn, Jr., and Mrs. Gordon Meyers costumes. Assisting were Mrs. Art Lindstrom, Mrs. Roy Lindstrom, Mrs. Leland McKinney, Bill Rietmann, Lindsay Kincaid and Darrell James.

Supper was served in the church dining room. This was followed with a hayride and caroling at the homes of senior citizens. The haywagon was piled with bales of hay pulled by Lindsay Kincaid's pickup. The caroling was followed with more hot chocolate and sandwiches at the church.

The WAC of Willows Grange held their Christmas no-host party at the grange hall on Saturday afternoon.

Saturday evening the annual Willows Grange Christmas party and program was held at their hall. A program presented by the children preceded a visit from Santa and an evening of festivities.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Stefani and son of Eugene are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Stefani, Jr., during the holidays.

Gordon White and John Jepsen were in Corvallis recently for a schooling on various insecticides and sprays.

Gordon White motored to Portland where he was joined by Mrs. White for a trip to San

Francisco where they will spend Christmas with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles White.

Bill Nichols and daughter Shirley, motored to Portland on Friday to meet Linda Nichols, who has returned home following completion of her airline course at the Weaver Airline at Kansas City, Mo. Linda will visit her parents until she leaves for her new job.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Gaarsland were overnight guests this week with his mother, Mrs. Ida Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Gaarsland make their home in Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Matthews went to Monmouth to bring their daughters, Deniece and Berniece home for the holidays.

Concert Thrills Packed House

Christmas had a grand opening in Heppner when the first and second graders opened the Christmas Concert at the elementary school Tuesday. A double row of cute little dolls and guys sang their hearts out before a standing room only audience of more than 500. They were followed by other singing groups and bands.

The program was a splendid one with the student chorus directed by Ola Mae Groshens and the bands by Arnie Hedman.

This was the first time in three years that the Christmas Concert had been held in the gym. The area has been remodeled and redecorated. The white walls were beautiful with the new red stage curtain purchased by the PTA. The new dropped ceiling with recessed lighting has replaced the ceiling that dropped.

HAY TRANSPORTATION CERTIFICATES REQUIRED

Under provision of current Oregon law, hay transportation certificates are now required to move any quantity of hay on an Oregon public highway. The situation is much similar to that of the livestock transportation certificates that have been in use for a number of years.

Under the terms of the new law passed by the 1965 legislature, hay means any grasses, legumes, or other forage plants grown in the state and intended for use as feed for livestock.

The one exception to the hay transportation certificate requirement is the exemption provided the producer who is defined as being the person who raises and harvests hay on land he owns or leases and is moving that hay from a field to a place of storage, sale, or to a feedlot.

Certificates are available without cost from County Extension Offices.

Many of the college students arrived home this past week for the holidays and until winter term begins in January. Among those home are: Janet and Ronnie Palmateer, Eddie Sherman of EOC at La Grande; Bonnie Morgan, Virgil Morgan, Rodney Linnell, Charlene Hamlett, Frankie Snow, David Marick, Frank Halvorsen and Bob Ball of State, Earl James Pettyjohn and Jim Swanson; Bonnie Akers Deniece and Berniece Matthews of Monmouth; Tom McElligott of Gonzaga, Joyce Howton of Lane Community at Portland; Charity Beggs of Northwestern Nazarene College in Idaho and Susan Lindstrom of EOC, and Teresa Stefani of University of Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Marick and family recently moved into their home on "D" street.

Gus Janssen was called to Seattle this past week due to the death of Mrs. Janssen. She had undergone major surgery and seemed to be improving when she passed away unexpectedly. She is survived by one son and several daughters.

Pedro tournament winners this past week included: High, Mr. and Mrs. Al McClean; 4th—Bill Nichols and Joe Gaarsland; 5th—Mr. and Mrs. Don Ball and 10th—Darrell Padberg and Clyde Pettyjohn.

Because of the Christmas holidays the Pedro tournament will not meet on Sunday, Dec. 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom White are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Tucker during the holidays.

Two Ag Films Available

The importance of modern plant foods and weed control in improving quality and quantity of crop yields are the subjects of two new agricultural films just released by Union Pacific Railroad.

A 28-minute film, "The Great Difference", shows the benefits of added plant food in obtaining maximum crop production. It covers the sources of primary plant food elements, manufacturing and the scientific balancing of fertilizers.

The 27-minute companion film, "No Room for Weeds", emphasizes the beneficial effects of proper weed control on crop yields. The film shows how scientific research has developed selective herbicides to control weeds and grasses in different crops and illustrates methods of application and safe practices.

J. W. Jarvis, UP supervisor of agriculture, said "No Room for Weeds" has been scheduled for showing at state, national and international weed association meetings this fall and winter. Scheduling for "The Great Difference" includes state and national plant food association meetings during the winter months.

Both 16mm. color films are available on a free loan basis to schools, clubs and interested civic organizations as are all Union Pacific films. They may be obtained by calling Union Pacific or by writing to the railroad's Department of Agricultural Development, 1416 Dodge Street, Omaha, Neb. 68102.

A new president and other officers were elected at the Oregon Cattlemen's convention last month. OCA President is Fred Phillips of Keating, who succeeds Denny Jones. Other new officers are: Charlie Otley, Diamond, First Vice-President; 2nd Vice-Presidents — Bill Johns, Athena; Bert Hawkins, Ontario; Dick Nichols, Roseburg; Jack McClaren, Enterprise; D. O. Hyde, Klamath Falls; Gale Merwin, Post; and Treasurer, E. E. Davis, Haines.

An interesting note on President Phillips is that his grandfather, Fred Phillips I was the second President of the OCA in 1924.

CHUCK WAGON

WRONG WRIGHT

Which is the right Wright? Well, in our book all the Wrights are all right... it's the Gazette-Times that is all wet!

In a story last week about the Wrights starting a buffalo herd we said the Albert Wrights had brought the buffalo from Montana. It was the Harold Wrights.

IRRIGON NEWS

Two more 10-foot evergreen trees have been added to the park strip in Irrigon. They were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Louis "Buck" Shade and transplanted by Chester Wilson and Ival Sullivan. One is a spruce tree and the other a red fir.

Coast Guard Flotilla Formed on Mid-Columbia

By FRANCES ROSE WILSON

IRRIGON—Coast Guard Flotilla No. 94 has been formed in the area along the Columbia River from Arlington to the Washington State line. This also includes the towns of Hermiston, Stanfield, Pendleton and other communities that have residents who beat on the irver. There were 28 charter members and there are now 42 members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, although some members have not completed their training.

At a no host dinner Wednesday, Dec. 17 at the Caravan Broiler in Hermiston, Admiral Helmer of the Coast Guard, installed officers, Burrel Cooley of Irrigon, Commodore; Bob Leslie of Umatilla, Vice Commodore.

Mayors of surrounding cities were invited to the event to acquaint them with auxiliary activities. Councilman Warren McCoy, Mayor pro tem, represented the City of Irrigon, in the absence of Mayor Wilson.

A Basic Qualification Course will be offered to the public, free of charge, later next year, teaching safety and rules for boating. The purpose of the Coast Guard Auxiliary is to answer distress calls and also assist with recreation.

"Christmas Thieves" At A. C. Houghton

The 4th, 5th and 6th grades of the A. C. Houghton Elementary School presented a play, "The Christmas Thieves", on Thursday evening. A capacity crowd filled the auditorium as people from Irrigon and Boardman gathered for the annual school program.

The talented students sang a number of Christmas songs as well as solos and duets. During the course of the play, Christmas carolers came bring-

ing gifts to the "unfortunate family".

At the close of the program Santa arrived in his sleigh with treats for all. Rudolph was in the lead with his nose twinkling. The sleigh and reindeer were painted on plywood and were powered by a small tractor. Santa created quite a happy commotion as he drove through the front of the auditorium.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Wilson, Larry and Leon traveled to Lynwood, Wash., Saturday to visit their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bartlett, Steve and Cindy.

Mark Buchanan and his son Dan Buchanan of Seattle, Wash. are guests of Rev. and Mrs. John Kenny, planning to stay for several days.

Boardman News

The Boardman Tillicum Club's Christmas Carnation Sister Party was held Monday night at the home of Mrs. Vernon Russell. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Jerry Meyer, Mrs. R. K. Lake, Jr., and Mrs. Carroll Donovan. Guests included Mrs. Ray Gronquist of Pendleton, Mrs. Zoe Billings and Mrs. LaVern Partlow.

Carnation sisters were revealed with exchange of gifts and new names drawn for next year. The rest of the evening was spent playing bingo.

There were three tables of pinochle in play at the card party held last Tuesday at the Greenfield Grange hall, sponsored by the Women's Activity Committee of the grange. Mrs. Bernard Donovan was hostess.

High prize was won by Mrs. Ed Kuhn and low went to Mrs. Arthur Allen. Mrs. W. G. Seehafer and Mrs. Albert Warnock won the traveling pinochle prizes.

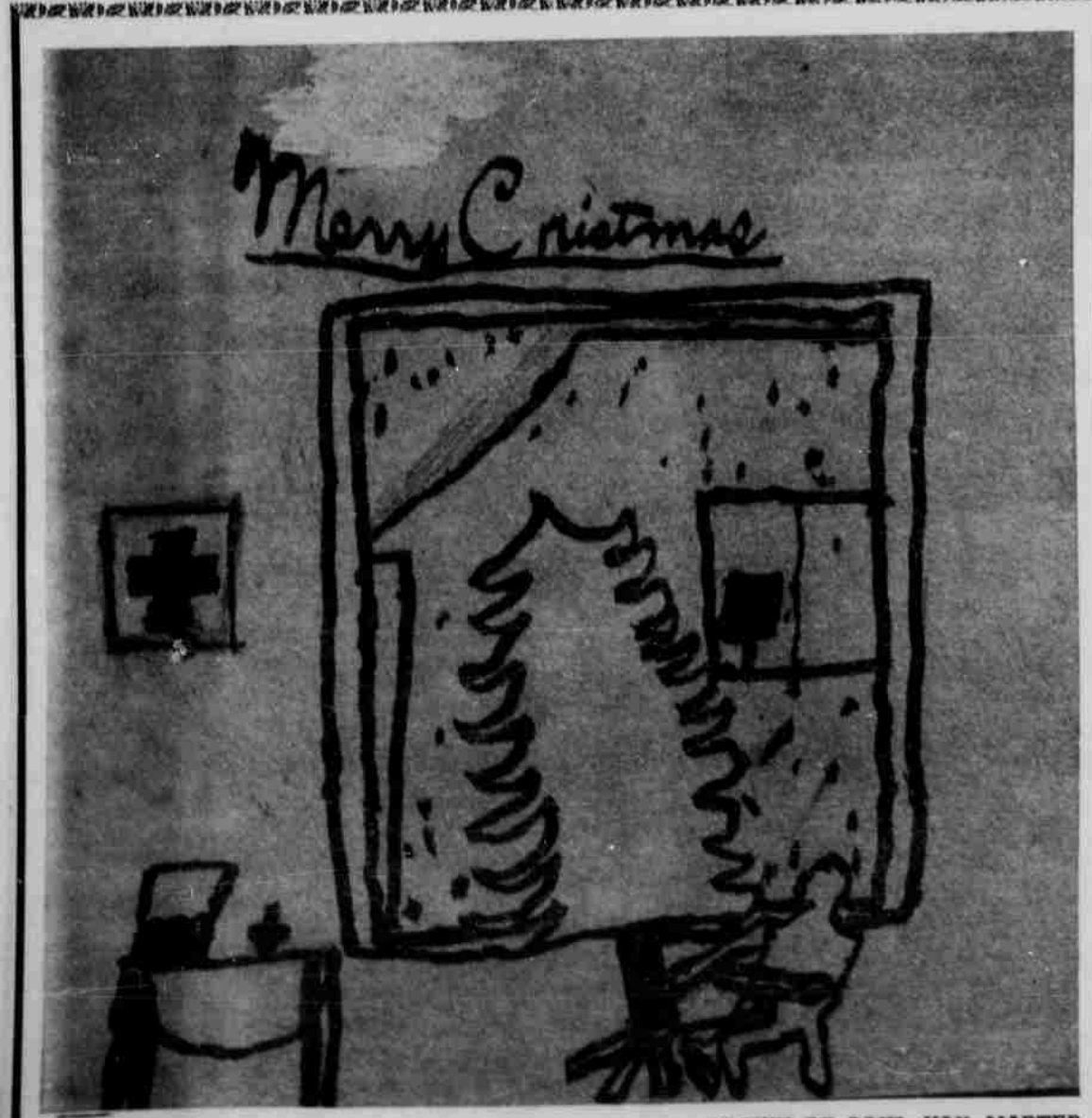
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Barlow of Eugene and Mrs. Glenn Mallory of Seattle, Wash., left for their homes Saturday after being here for the funeral of Mrs. Zeal Gillespie.



...and greetings! He will find a way into your home and with him come our best wishes.

EKSTROM FARM CHEMICALS

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DRAWN BY PAUL VAN MARTER

TURNER, VAN MARTER AND BRYANT



DRAWN BY KEVEN HAGUEWOOD

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