

PUBLIC INVITED TO SEE FIREMEN MEND OLD TOYS

Chief Elliott Opens Fire Hall Doors for Glimpse of Annual Aid to Santa—Lady Lions Dress Yule Dolls

The public was invited today to visit fire headquarters anytime during the day or evening to see how battered old toys are made into new playthings for poor children. The invitation was issued by Chief Roy Elliott.

If residents call at fire headquarters this week they will see the discarded toys in all processes of restoration, from a mass of twisted metal and battered wood to playthings that would pass for new in any store window. Several of the firemen have become real artists in toy making and take great pride in their work. All the boys of the department contribute in one way or another to the project through which underprivileged children are made happy at Christmas time by gifts that otherwise they would not receive.

The fire ladders give their time and talent to the project gratis. Materials and tools used in the project are paid for from the proceeds received each year from the firemen's ball. Over the course of years the department has equipped a work shop complete with the finest of power tools. The firemen welcome visitors at all times and are glad to show the public how the work of restoring the old toys is done.

Restoration of the old playthings is really a revelation. Battered toys that seem hopelessly beyond any further use are made into shiny new toys, expertly reconstructed and artistically painted. If any of the toys, such as wagons, tricycles and doll buggies, are too far gone for reconstruction, they are knocked down for their various parts. The parts are then used in making a completely new toy. Over a period of years the firemen have accumulated a collection of spare parts. This year, however, there is a shortage of wheels, of all sizes and sorts.

More Toys Needed

While a large mass of converted toys is already on hand for distribution to poor children at Christmas, the firemen stated today they are still short of their goal and in need of more discarded playthings to make over into new Christmas gifts. They urgently pleaded for more contributions. As the reconstructed and restituted toys must be ready for distribution two days before Christmas, all contributions should be made within a week, the sooner the better, the firemen emphasized.

While the firemen have been at work on the old toys, members of the Lady Lions club have been busy dressing old dolls for the poor children. The Lady Lions work with the firemen on the old toy project and take care of the difficult task of distribution.

150 Dolls Dressed

The Lady Lions thus far have dressed more than 150 discarded dolls and have bought and donated 165 new dolls and 34 new toys of various kinds. It was revealed today by Mrs. Earl M. Miller, general chairman. More old dolls for dressing are needed, however, and they may be left at the Miller Motor Service, 129 South Barlett street, Mrs. Miller said. The toys and dolls will be distributed on December 22 and 23 from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. in a vacant part of the Pantorium at 36 North Holly street. Mrs. Miller announced. Cards will be sent to parents and they will call at the Pantorium for the playthings. Mrs. Miller explained. She emphasized that the distribution must be completed in the two days specified and urged all parents who are notified to call sometime during the two-day period.

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Local Apprenticeship Commission Meeting Addressed by Coordinator—List of Apprentices Given

The Royal Apprenticeship commission held their December meeting yesterday afternoon at the Hotel Holland. Members present included Mayor Bush, chairman; James K. Hoey, Clyde Williamson and L. A. Mentzer, secretary and co-ordinator at Medford high school.

Mr. Mentzer explained the Fair Labor Standards act as applicable to the employment of apprentices. First, he said, to become an apprentice, a boy must be at least 16 years of age. He must procure a work permit from the State Welfare commission if he is under 18 years of age. The act further provides that an apprentice may be employed at a wage rate less than the minimum applicable under section 5, providing also that a written agreement must be signed by the apprentice and the employer and approval by the State Apprenticeship commission.

This agreement must provide for not less than 4000 hours of reasonable continuous employment and not less than 144 hours per year in school or related instruction.

The commission agreed that this new act conflicted very little with the Oregon plan for apprenticeship, which has been in effect since 1935. The plan in brief is a co-operative program of education and trade training between the school, the trades and business. The boy goes to school half of the day and works on the practical job the other half. Thus he is able to graduate from high school and at the same time learn or start to learn a trade.

Wall St. Report

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Stocks ran the gauntlet of further tax selling and profit taking in today's market and leading issues posted gains of fractions to 2 points at the best. Prices enjoyed a bulge in the forenoon when the trading pace was moderately lively. A few aircraft and others touched new high territory for the year. Transfers approximated 1,000,000 shares.

Christmas Trees

And Tree Decorations on Holland Hotel lot. Open Dec. 15. Chas. Sullivan.

New Home Burns

SALEM, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bagdale were living in a new house built during the summer. It was destroyed by fire yesterday.

TRAPPERS FINED ON LICENSE LACK

Martin L. Carter of the Ashland district, and Jonas Spitzer of Talent, charged with trapping fur bearing animals without a state trappers license, were each fined \$2.50 and costs in justice court Monday.

Carter agreed to pay the fine as soon as he sold the 30 muskrat pelts he trapped. Spitzer paid.

Spitzer, employed by Fred Rapp of the Talent district, on his farm, claimed Rapp gave him permission to trap, and that it was no violation of the law to trap under such conditions.

William Henry Smith, of Myrtle Point, was fined \$5 and costs for driving a truck on the highway, with an excessive height of 12 feet, seven inches when the law permits an even 11 feet.

Robert Paul Pickney of Ashland, was fined \$5 and costs for operating an auto without an operators license. Pickney ignored a previous warning, so the fine was doubled.

FIRE GUTS CLUB IN JACKSONVILLE

JACKSONVILLE, Dec. 13.—(Sp)—Fire, starting from a box filled with sawdust and used as a cuspidor, gutted the Pastime Club establishment in Jacksonville early Tuesday morning. The damage is estimated at \$500. A patron is believed to have dropped a cigarette butt into the homemade cuspidor, where it smoldered before breaking into flames.

The solid mahogany bar, brought to Jackson county 60 years ago via Crescent City, Calif., was a pioneer and valuable fixture in the place. The building was of more recent construction, built about 40 years ago.

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GATES & LYDIARD PREPARE FOR BIG CHRISTMAS PARTY

Guest lists were being prepared today for the big annual Gates & Lydiard Christmas banquet for underprivileged children of Jackson county.

The gigantic party will be held on Friday afternoon, December 23, in the basement dining room of the Elka temple, the lodge having again donated use of its hall. Usually the banquet is held the day before Christmas but this year it was advanced a day to avoid confusion with the last minute Yuletide shopping rush of Saturday, December 24.

The guest list is being prepared by the American Red Cross with the assistance of the county school department. Mrs. Una B. Inch, county school supervisor, is working with the Red Cross in preparing the list of deserving children.

Underprivileged children from all parts of the county excepting Ashland will be invited. Children of Ashland are taken care of in other ways.

The Gates & Lydiard Christmas party is certain to be the largest children's fete of the year in the county. A year ago more than 1,000 youngsters attended.

Gates & Lydiard initiated the Christmas parties for children in 1921, second year of the partnership's business. The partnership discontinued the parties to avoid confusion and duplication some years later when, in the lull years of the late 1920's, other companies began giving similar affairs. When the depression discouraged the giving of these parties, however, Gates & Lydiard came back to its original purpose of being of help to the county's deserving children.

The Gates & Lydiard Christmas parties were resumed in 1935 and have been held annually since. A year ago last November William H. Lydiard, original partner with William A. Gates, died. He had always been fond of children and the annual Christmas parties had been a happy event in his life. So the parties have been continued. Recently the Groceries business was incorporated as Gates & Lydiard, Inc., with three local employees as members of the company. It was decided then that the Christmas party would be held again this year.

San Francisco Butter SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—(AP)—(U.S.D.A.)—Butter, 92 score, 31c.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Churning cream butterfat: First grade 34½c; second grade 32½c.

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NAME CHAIRMEN IN COMMUNITIES FOR F. D. R. BALL

Plans for the annual President's Ball were carried a step forward today by the appointment of committee chairmen in various communities of Jackson county.

Homer Marx has been designated Medford chairman by the Active club which is sponsoring the ball here this year. The ball will be held on or near President Roosevelt's birthday, January 30. As in past years, dances will be held the same night throughout the county to raise funds for the war on infantile paralysis. The dances are

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Here are lovely gift bottles of world famous colognes and only \$1.00 to \$2.50 per bottle. Assorted fragrances from Dorothy Gray, Quinlan, Coty, Bourjois, Yardley, Lucien Lelong and Letheric. Mann's Toiletries Dept. Main Aisle.

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Montags Boxed Stationery

Why not give someone a beautiful box of Montags Stationery this Christmas? Gift selections now complete in fine quality papers in shades of Blue, Gray, Ivory and Snow White. Various shapes and styles to select from. Mann's Main Aisle.

50c and \$1.00

SKI TOGS

Wheel Down the mountain she skies in water-proof ski togs from Mann's. And what a Christmas gift they make! Newest types and colors now on display in the apparel section, ready for gift giving. Here are smart high shades as well as Black and White featuring angle and double breasted jackets with zipper closings. These may be bought as a suit or separate garments.

Ski Jackets, \$5.98 to \$10.95
Ski Pants, \$5.98
Ski Suits, \$11.95 to \$16.95

Women's Bootee Slippers

In the shoe shop you'll find just the right slipper for Her Christmas. Tomorrow we feature the Bootee type, snug and warm wool cuff styles with soft soles. Padded soles and long wearing leather soles. All sizes and colors.

\$1.49 to \$1.98 PAIR

For Men \$1.29 and \$1.49

Wilson Bros. Matched Shirt & Short Sets

Solve His gift this year with a matched Wilson Bros. Shirt and Short Set at 98c. These sets consist of one white athletic shirt and broadcloth shorts in smart colors. Attractively boxed.

98c

Gift Suggestions

- Men's Beacon Robes at \$2.98
- Boys' Parkas, all colors, \$4.95
- Boys' 69c Sweat Shirts at 39c
- Men's Rain Coats at \$2.00

Men's Section

Holiday Sale of "Empire State" Certified Dress Lengths

Here at last, and in time for Christmas. New 3 to 5 yard Empire State Certified Dress Lengths at \$1.98 per length. The selections offer new Fancy Acetates, Fallies, Gamas, Alpaca, Rough Crepes, Fine Satins, Sheers, Matchless, Nubby Weaves, Surfact Weaves, and Winter Novelties in plain and printed patterns.

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\$1.98 Length

of 3 to 5 YARDS

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PLAN TO VISIT THE GOLDEN GATE INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION BY GREYHOUND

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