

FUN AND THRILLS PACKED INTO YULE OPENING PROGRAM

Crowd Will Have To Circulate To See Everything, Merchants Group States.

There's going to be a lot of fun and thrills packed into the hour and a half celebration that will formally herald the opening of the Christmas shopping season Wednesday evening. In order to see everything, spectators were advised yesterday by the Medford Merchants association to get downtown early Wednesday evening.

The whole celebration will start at 6:30 and will be over at 8 o'clock.

Rehearsing
Most of the downtown stores are rehearsing for the living model feature of the opening fete, an innovation this year. Real persons will enact home scenes in the windows and thus display the store's Yule merchandise. In a smart apparel shop, for example, a young lady will be seen preparing to go out for the evening to a formal social function and later returning and going through the usual preparations to retire for the night or what's left of it.

As an added feature one of the department stores will present a marionette show as a window attraction. Other stores were said to be working up individual features also.

Candy For Kiddies
Santa Claus will be downtown with a generous supply of candy for all the children. There will also be special music the complete program to be worked up tomorrow.

It was pointed out by Jack Matlack, celebration director, that to see everything spectators will not only have to get downtown early but will have to keep circulating throughout the business district.

OFFICERS SCHOOL HERE MARCH 9-14

Portland, Nov. 22.—(AP)—A series of six-day training schools in work peace officers might be called on to perform in war-time emergencies will be held in Oregon by the federal bureau of investigation.

J. D. Swenson, Portland FBI agent, said schools were scheduled at Portland, Dec. 1-6; Medford, March 9-14; Eugene, March 16-21 and Pendleton, March 23-28.

Methods of handling military traffic, police control in blackouts and the handling of unexploded bombs will be among the topics discussed.

McClure Is Promoted By United Air Lines To New Airport Post

Announcement was made yesterday of the promotion of William H. McClure from station attendant here to manager of the United Air Lines station at the new airport at Bellingham, Wash. Mr. McClure expects to be transferred to the new station shortly after the first of the year.

United Air Lines is now planning its Bellingham airport station and building is expected to be rushed as soon as the blueprints are completed. The new Bellingham airport is scheduled to be in operation by next March 6 and United Air Lines hopes to be established on the field before then, the Medford office said. The Bellingham airport, only 21 miles from the Canadian border, will be a port of entry and U. S. immigration and customs offices will be established there.

Mr. McClure has been with United Air Lines for seven years. He has been with the company at Medford municipal airport for five years, being second to Max C. Henne, manager.

Mr. McClure is married and has two children, Bonnie, 5, and Lennie, 2. Mrs. McClure is the daughter of Mrs. John W. Hoyt and the late Rev. Mr. Hoyt, retired Presbyterian minister, who made his home here. Since her husband's death, Mrs. Hoyt has made her home with Mr. and Mrs. McClure, who reside at 250 Beatty street, and will move with them to Bellingham.

HOGAN WILL PUSH LOCAL PUMICE USE

Further exploitation of Crater Lake area pumice is planned next summer by H. A. Hogan of Central Point. Mr. Hogan, who furnished 466 cubic yards of pumice to serve as insulation at the new Medford Ice Arena, has access to a vast supply of the material in the vicinity of the Diamond Lake lodge.

According to Sparty Bourque, manager of the ice arena, the pumice insulation has proved entirely satisfactory.

With the growing scarcity of cork and other materials long used in insulation, Hogan said last week he believes the use of pumice may be greatly expanded, particularly where a light, non-packing, cellular substance is desired.

RESCUE CAT

For the second time in two days the fire department was called upon yesterday morning to rescue a cat. The cat yesterday had climbed to the top of a telephone pole in the alley running from Ninth to Tenth street between Holly and Ivy streets. George Shreeve and LeRoy Williams, a volunteer fireman, went to the rescue, getting the cat to safety by means of a ladder. The previous afternoon Gordon Barker responded to a fire department call to rescue a cat that somehow had become trapped in the attic of the Episcopal church at North Oakdale avenue and Fifth street. Mr. Gordon located the cat and then left word that a carpenter would have to be called to do some cutting to get the cat out of its trap.

3 SOLDIERS HURT SLICK SISKIYOU HIGHWAY MISHAP

Slippery pavement on the Pacific highway over the Siskiyou mountains caused two automobile accidents Saturday, injuring four persons, three of them members of the 30th Infantry, U. S. Army, en route in a convoy of 250 vehicles to Ft. Lewis from the Presidio in San Francisco.

The army truck, according to state police, skidded on a slick spot on the highway three miles this side of the summit about 12:30 p. m., turned on its nose in a ditch and caused injuries to Pvt. John H. Knowles, driver; a Pvt. Maynard and a Sgt. Ferguson. The victims, none of them seriously hurt, were placed in an army ambulance and proceeded north with the convoy, which camped at Grants Pass last night.

John Stilanos, 47, of Portland suffered a fractured left leg near the ankle and chest injuries when his northbound machine struck a slippery portion of the highway three miles this side of the summit about 9:30 a. m. and turned over on the highway twice. He was taken in an ambulance to Ashland Community hospital, and was not believed to be critically injured.

SPATZ PHEASANT DINNERS SHIPPED

Maurice Spatz, partner with his brother Ward in the Crystal Springs Packing company, yesterday told of his company's shipment of 18 complete Oregon pheasant dinners by air express to a Cleveland business man for a Thanksgiving dinner for a group of his associates.

The air express cost of shipping the order was exactly \$188.18, Mr. Spatz said, this, of course, not including the cost of the merchandise.

The complete pheasant dinner is one of the Christmas gift boxes being featured this year by the Crystal Springs Packing company. The Cleveland business man happened to see one of the company's folders picturing and otherwise describing the line of Yule gift packages being put out this year. The pheasant dinner, complete from soup to nuts, serves six persons and so the Cleveland host could have had more than 100 guests, Mr. Spatz related.

NEWPORT WINS
Newport, Nov. 22.—(AP)—Newport high school, Lincoln county champion, defeated the Arlington football team here today, 39-13.

OVERLIN EASY WINNER
New York, Nov. 22.—(AP)—Seldom has any ranking fighter received a more thorough, more humiliating beating than was handed out to Al Hostak former N. B. A. middleweight champion, by the veteran Ken Overlin Friday night at Madison Square Garden.

Lauritz Melchior, the tenor, has a hobby of collecting antlers.

R. J. Simpson Returns To Enter Insurance Business In Medford

After a short absence, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Simpson were being welcomed back to Medford yesterday as friends learned of Mr. Simpson's appointment as assistant general agent for the Aetna Life Insurance company with full supervision over and responsibility for organization and production in southern Oregon.

At the same time the company announced the advancement of O. O. Alenderfer to district supervisor. The announcement said that Mr. Alenderfer has made an outstanding record since his appointment to the company office here in June, 1939.

For the past 10 years Mr. Simpson has been manager of the special products division of the Standard Oil Company of California, his territory embracing northern California and southern Oregon. Prior to his Medford residence he managed operations of the company in Spokane, Wash., and San Francisco.

Mr. Simpson is a member of the Rogue River Valley Golf association and is active in the Presbyterian church. His son, Clinton Odell, is a member of the Cub Scouts and a pupil at Roosevelt school. Mrs. Simpson is a member of the Eastside Circle and immediate past president of the Parent-Teachers association of Roosevelt school. She has been active in Community Chest and Red Cross work here.

The Simpsons have taken up residence at 819 Minnesota avenue.

MAKING IT HARD FOR TAX DEPUTY

McMinnville, Nov. 22.—(AP)—Harold Messinger reflected ruefully on his task as Yamhill county tax deputy today. M. J. Trubey, Portland attorney, dropped a sack weighing 30 pounds on his desk to redeem tax-forsworn property.

Messinger counted out 495 silver dollars. Trubey said collecting them was a hobby.

Several months ago the navy discontinued requiring full dress uniforms for duration of the present emergency.

ARREST TACOMANS ON LADY'S CLAIM OF KIDNAP, RAPE

Tacoma, Nov. 22.—(AP)—Kidnaping and rape charges were filed in justice court today against three young Tacomans following their arrest on the complaint of a Tacoma woman who alleges she was kidnaped from a downtown street and subsequently attacked five times by the trio.

The three, held in jail with bail set at \$25,000 each, are Loren Hinton, 20, Russell Dolan, 26, and Ed Gaines, 26.

The woman, whose name was withheld by police, said she was forced into the car at the corner of 13th and Commerce street, taken to a deserted spot and attacked by all three men. The trio then took her to another place and two of them attacked her again, she reported.

She escaped while they were repairing a flat tire and a passing motorist brought her to the police station. She is being treated in a local hospital.

EXPRESS ROBBERY NETS CASH, BONDS

Tacoma, Nov. 22.—(AP)—Theft of a package containing \$5,000 worth of negotiable papers, including \$263.73 in cash, from an American Railway Express truck while it was parked on a downtown street this morning, was revealed tonight by police.

The package belonged to the Northern Pacific railway and was to have been delivered to a bank. It contained 19 railway remittance envelopes besides the cash and other papers.

The robbery, which occurred between 7:30 and 8:30 a. m., was reported by G. A. Gallo-way, driver of the truck, who noticed the package was missing from its place inside the cow of his machine after he returned from a store where he had made a delivery.

Sheep breeding on a grand scale is to be carried out in the Chinese northwestern provinces. Imported sheep will be crossed with local stock.

HEAVY DOWNPOUR IN DESERT AIDS BRITISH ATTACK

By Godfrey Anderson
British Journalist.

With British Troops in Libya, Nov. 18.—(Delayed)—A phenomenal rainstorm—one of the heaviest of years in the desert—battered German planes aground and gave British fliers decisive help on this first day of the new drive into Libya.

Aerial scouts reported the development, which apparently accounted for the little air opposition seen by the force I accompanied. By nightfall we were 70 miles inside Libya from the Egyptian frontier and still going strong.

The rain swept the Libyan coastal regions Monday night. We could see the lightning flashes splitting the sky along the Mediterranean coast from the British assembly zone.

The water, pouring into the dry sand, converted airports into quivering masses that prevented Nazi planes from taking off. The motors of Stuka dive-bombers roared angrily, but could not lift the craft.

The storm had spent its fury by the time it swept on eastward to the Egyptian border. United States-built aircraft dropped heavy bombs on the Derna airfield just as it was drying up.

AMERICAN TANKS IN LIBYA SCORE

Cairo, Egypt, Nov. 22.—(AP)—American-made tanks, receiving their first real test under war conditions in the British offensive in Libya, drew this tribute tonight from a British official:

"They have proved very fast, absolutely reliable and fully justified themselves. In a word, they've done fine work and we are glad to acknowledge it."

New York, Nov. 22.—(AP)—The American field service disclosed today that 124 volunteers had sailed recently for service with the British Middle East forces as ambulance drivers.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

WELDERS OBJECT TO HILLMAN PLAN FOR SETTLEMENT

Los Angeles, Nov. 22.—(AP)—West coast welders who aired their union-membership grievances in a recent shipyard strike expressed sharp displeasure today at an asserted settlement announced in Washington by Sidney Hillman, OPM associate director general.

The settlement was in effect no settlement at all, leaders of the welders said, and efforts will be continued to place the differences before congress.

Hillman said that nine AFL metal trades unions had agreed to grant welders "one-card" privileges and to cease alleged discriminations against welders who took part in the strike.

Hillman added that he hoped the action would satisfy the welders.

GIRL, 13, VICTIM OF GUN ACCIDENT

Medical Lake, Nov. 22.—(AP)—Deputy Sheriff Bill Reilly said tonight Shirley Schuster, 13, was critically wounded by the accidental discharge of a shotgun in the hands of a 16-year-old duck hunter.

Reilly said the girl stood in a doorway "kidding" three boys who were walking by on a hunt and that one playfully raised his gun. The weapon fired and the charge struck Shirley in the right hip.

The boy reported his glove "somehow caught in the trigger," Reilly said.

'DAVID HARUM' OF SPOKANE PASSES

Spokane, Wash., Nov. 22.—(AP)—Mitchell (Mike) Barmon, 68, trading store proprietor who once tried to take his horse into a motion picture theater to see a "western," died today of a broken neck received in an automobile accident Thanksgiving day.

Known as "Trading Mike," Barmon was the area's David Harum 25 years ago. As horse trading faded from the scene Barmon gradually developed his business into a general swapping enterprise and was operating "Mike's Trading Store" at the time of his death. There he bought, sold or traded, according to the customer's desire.

Years ago Mike owned a palomino horse, a five-gaited animal he had taught to come at his whistle, to kneel and to shake hands. Mike was an admirer of Tox Mix and thought his palomino would enjoy a glimpse of the actor's horse, Tony.

When he tried to ride into a theater the management turned a decisive thumb downward. Mike then offered to buy a block of seats for the horse, but the picture was over before he could reach an agreement with the manager.

REDMOND EDITOR CALLED TO NAVY

Redmond, Nov. 22.—(AP)—Joe C. Brown, editor of the Redmond Spokesman recently called into active service as an ensign in the navy, left Seattle last night for a month's training at Washington, D. C. He will be stationed at Seattle afterward.

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