

Public School Yule Programs Will Be Given During Week

Medford public school students will present a program of Christmas music Wednesday, Dec. 19, at 8 p. m. in the high school auditorium, under the direction of Mabel L. Nansen and I. A. Mirck, music supervisors. Participating will be 460 students. The public is invited to attend.

The program will open with the procession "O Come All Ye Faithful," followed by "Angels From On High," Kountz, and "Babe of Bethlehem," Nolte, sung by a chorus of 270 elementary students. The high school choir will join the elementary chorus in Adams' "The Holy City."

The high school band will play "Christmas Rhapsody," Nowell Lang, a yuletide fantasy containing many of the familiar seasonal melodies.

Gounod's "Nazareth" will be sung by the junior high girls chorus and the senior high girls will present "Angels of Peace," Bohm; "Shelter Lullaby," Thomas, and "Sanctus and Benedictus," Gounod. The senior high mixed choir will be heard in "The Carol of the Birds," "Christmas Hymn," Jungst, and "Carol of the Russian Children," arranged by Gaul.

The high school girls trio will sing Staley's "What Can This Mean," and the sextet will present O'Hara's "Good Will To Men."

In response to numerous requests the program will close with the "Glory To God" canon used in last year's Christmas program.

In addition to the all-school program, there will be Christmas festivities at the various schools. Each elementary school is planning a program open to the public, to be given on Friday, Dec. 21, at 1 p. m. Jackson school is preparing a musical playlet, "A Christmas Surprise" by the primary grades, a play "The Nativity" and a glee club number by the intermediate

grades. At the Washington school the primary department will give a play, "Mother Santa To The Rescue," and "The Happiest Christmas" will be presented by the intermediate department. The Washington glee club will sing several numbers.

The primary department of Lincoln school will present Christmas carols and a playlet, "Christmas In Many Lands." A Christmas story in song and colored slides are being planned by the intermediates.

At Roosevelt songs and color slides will also be used by the intermediate classes and Mrs. Maxwell's first grade room will present a pageant, "The Year's Great Guest," assisted by the fourth grade chorus.

At 1 p. m. Friday a Christmas assembly will be given at the junior high school, which will consist principally of vocal and instrumental music, including carols by the student body.

On Tuesday at 10:40 o'clock the music department of the senior high school plans to present an assembly in which all major music groups will appear. Assembly singing with band accompaniment will be featured.

Roosevelt students will have their annual "Sing" around the Christmas tree on Friday morning at 9:10 o'clock.

At Lincoln school the various grades will take turns in singing songs in the halls each morning and noon of this week.

Bar Mrs. Gen. Jodl From Nazi Trials

Nuernberg, Dec. 17—(U.P.)—The American command, tightening security at the war crimes trial here, has banned from the courthouse several known nazis who have been assisting in the defense of their former leaders, it was announced today.

Brig. Gen. LeRoy H. Watson, commander of American security troops at the trial, said that the wife of the accused Col. Gen. Alfred Jodl, had been dismissed as secretary to her husband's counsel and denied entry to the courthouse.

GREEK AMNESTY

Athens, Dec. 17—(U.P.)—The cabinet last night approved a bill granting amnesty to all persons accused of crimes, except murder, committed during the German occupation or the civil war of last December.

JUNIOR RED CROSS DECORATES TREES AT NAVY HOSPITAL

Jackson County School children working under Miss Vera Humphrey at the Red Cross Junior Shop for the last two weeks have made 1563 individual Christmas tree decorations for the trees at the Navy Hospital. The decorations were sent out by Motor Corps Saturday for the patients' Christmas tree decorating over the week end. Each decoration is made from Oregon products, fir cones, acorns, pods, leaves and dried berries.

Saturday morning, Miss Neva Dallas, Junior Red Cross chairman of Josephine County brought down 745 decorations made by Juniors of Grants Pass for the hospital as their share of the Siskiyou Camp and Hospital Christmas plans.

"Since it is almost impossible to buy tree decorations, the Juniors of the five counties of the Siskiyou Camp and Hospital Council took on the job of making original ones," stated Miss Humphrey, coordinator of the Junior Red Cross on the Council. "We think the children have made beautiful things, and it has been fun doing it. Klamath County is taking care of the Marine Barracks and we certainly appreciate the help of Josephine County Juniors in making things for the Navy Hospital."

Many local people have brought in tree decorations of lights and colored balls to the Junior office which looks like a Santa headquarters as gifts for the navy men are also being wrapped there. Over 300 people have dropped in so far this month to bring gifts for service men or refugee children to whom a hundred gift boxes were shipped since December 1.

THE GRANGE

Gold Hill Grange will hold its Christmas tree program December 20 after a short Grange session. All attending are to bring a gift for exchange and a treat such as oranges, popcorn etc. The affair is for Grangers, their families, prospective members and invited friends.

The turkey dinner and bazaar December 10 was a grand success. The quilt went to Mrs.

Margaret Middleton of Grants Pass, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Reed, Gold Hill Grangers. Master John Gray arranged for dance music with Live Oak Grange orchestra composed of Mrs. Katherine Christensen, piano; Smith, banjo; and Frank Greenwood, drums.

H. E. C. met December 12 with turkey luncheon at noon. There was a business meeting, Christmas tree gift exchange, Flora friends were remembered and revealed. Outgoing Chairman Mary Shaw was presented a beautiful vase in appreciation of her kindly leadership in 1945.

Jacksonville Grange

Officers elected recently by Jacksonville Grange will be installed at a joint ceremony at Central Point Grange hall on December 19. Those elected include:

W. H. Arnold, master; F. S. Jenosky, overseer; O. W. Dunford, lecturer; Bernice Gordon, chaplain; Nellie Niedermeyer, secretary; Nellie Dunford, treasurer; Glenn Gordon, steward; H. E. Conger, assistant steward; Gertrude Martin, Ceres; Myrtle Arnold, Pomona; Bernice Jenosky, Flora; Reva Henspeter, gate keeper; Emma Conger, lady assistant steward; Kathryn Wendt, H.E.C. chairman.

Griffin Creek Grange

A Christmas program and gift exchange has been planned by Lecturer Isabell Lavender for Griffin Creek Grange at the meeting Tuesday. The meeting will open promptly at 8 p. m. Each one attending is to bring a small gift for exchange and each lady is asked to bring something in the way of Christmas treats for the refreshment hour.

FRANCE WANTS TO DISCUSS FRANCO

London, Dec. 17—(U.P.)—France announced today that she has asked the United States and Britain to exchange ideas with her on relations with the Spanish regime of Generalissimo Francisco Franco, but best informed sources doubted that any diplomatic break with Spain was in prospect.

The French foreign ministry announced in Paris that the note had been sent. A British foreign office spokesman said it was delivered here Thursday night and asked for a mutual discussion of views on Franco, whose country is not a member of the United Nations.

Tule Homesteading Requirements Talked For Opening Of New Unit

Klamath Falls, Dec. 17—Methods of selecting homesteaders who will remain on the land as earnest farmers, were discussed at length at a conference held at the reclamation bureau offices last week in connection with the forthcoming opening of 88 additional homestead units on Tule lake.

Tulelake people at the meeting, in particular, spoke in favor of financial and farming experience qualifications for their potential neighbors, both for protection of the public interest and of veterans seeking homesteads.

The conference was called by Layton Stephens, reclamation superintendent, and was attended by representatives of the Tulelake American Legion, the Tulelake Grange, Tulelake Growers, American Legion at Klamath Falls, veterans' administration, agricultural advisory committee, selective service, Klamath irrigation district, extension service, Production Credit association, and the press.

Hear Suggestions

Purpose of the meeting was to get suggestions from those present on methods of selection of the successful applicants for the 88 homesteads, and to hear comment on the selective process used on the occasion of previous openings. The reclamation officials said that there is no assurance that any changes will be made in the previous regulations, but in view of the fact that there is now a new set of veterans from World War II, and other circumstances may be changed, consideration of possible revision is in order.

Reclamation officials present indicated their belief that the number of applicants for the 88 homesteads will run into thousands, probably exceeding any previous interest in Tulelake land. This is due to the large number of veterans of World War II (the land will be opened with veteran preference).

Under present law, veterans of World War II only would be given preference for the homesteads, but other legislation is pending which may extend preference to veterans of both wars.

7,500 Acres

The 88 units will range from 55 to 120 acres in size, the total comprising approximately 7,500 acres. The opening will occur next year or early 1947.

Under the old regulations, an applicant is required to have \$3,000 unencumbered assets (cash, farm machinery, livestock, etc.) There was divided opinion as to whether this requirement should remain the same or be reduced. A Tulelake spokesman said that it takes at least \$2,000 to set up a farming business in these times.

AUSTRIAN PUPPET OF HITLER HELD

Vienna, Dec. 17—(U.P.)—Karl Bardoff, field marshal in the Imperial Austro-Hungarian army in the first world war and considered one of the Austrians most responsible for the success of the Hitler-sponsored "anschluss," has been arrested in the British occupation zone, it was announced today.

Bardoff was an intimate friend of Franz von Papen and Arthur Seyssingquart, both on trial at Nuernberg as accused Nazi war criminals. He was president of the German club in Austria.

Belgrade, Dec. 17—(U.P.)—The Yugoslav government has demanded that Great Britain surrender three former puppet premiers who worked for the nazis in Croatia, Serbia and Slovenia and who are now believed to be in British hands, it was learned today.

FILM CZAR VISITS

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 17—(U.P.)—Eric Johnston, president of the U. S. chamber of commerce and czar of the movies, returned to his home today for a holiday visit.

ROGUE RIVER GIRLS WILL PRESENT SKITS

Rogue River, Dec. 17—Traditional skit night of the high school girls' league will be observed here in mid-January with the presentation of two one-act plays, "Deep in the Heart of Texas" and "High School Daze." Practice on the skits is under way although no definite date has been selected for the event.

NIMITZ TAKES OVER

Washington, Dec. 17—(U.P.)—Fleet Adm. Ernest J. King, who

led the navy from the disaster of Pearl Harbor to ultimate victory, turned over his duties as chief of naval operations today to Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 4:00 Saturday afternoon. Please remember.

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The railroads have one thought in mind—to give returning veterans the very best service they can with the cars and engines that are available.

This is the situation: Three-fourths of all the sleeping car space in the country is assigned to movements of our fighting men. Coaches, too, have been taken from regular train service—more and more of them—including 368 additional withdrawn from western trains early this month.

As you know, no new passenger cars could be built during the war. Even the 1200 government troop sleepers, ordered last spring, have not been delivered because of labor difficulties.

Only a small portion of our passenger equipment is avail-

able now for necessary civilian travel, to say nothing of the added demands of the Holiday Season.

Inconveniences, discomforts and delays are unavoidable under these circumstances. No one regrets this more than the railroads. The problem is particularly acute on the Pacific Coast where nine-tenths of the returning veterans must make long journeys to reach their homes.

This then is the situation for the next two or three months. We know you understand and will be patient, just as you were during the war years. For nothing is so important to America as her fighting sons.

The returning of these men—a million a month—is the final phase of the railroads' war job. It is the most difficult. But when it is behind us, normal service will be quickly restored, and plans that already are far advanced for many improvements and innovations in railway travel will become realities.

But first we must finish our war job!



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