

Potpourri

It doesn't take a calendar to prove that Christmas is almost here. The colored lights and big red bells up and down Main street, the bright windows filled with tempting gifts and the shoppers bustling about with arms already loaded with unusual packages are enough evidence.

As for us, we wandered around in two or three stores Tuesday and Wednesday and ended up in complete bewilderment. Does anyone have a course in "How to Buy Christmas Presents" in 10 easy lessons?

Mrs. Otto Ewaldsen, who did her very best to help solve one of our gift problems, chatted about early shopping. She said that although merchants are sometimes criticized for "hurrying" the Christmas season, that actually customers start coming in before Thanksgiving hunting Christmas merchandise. "The war started it," said Mrs. E., "and now so many have sons or other relatives living abroad, and they must mail their packages by the middle of November."

Photographer Kenny Knackstedt, already caught in the Christmas rush, arrived at the YMCA Wednesday afternoon a little late for a picture-taking date. The girls, we said, had quit working on the "Y" float and gone home. Twenty minutes ago there had been five or six. Before Kenny K. could get back in his car, they materialized from nowhere like magic and in nothing flat the float swarmed with girls willing to be photographed.

There seemed to be some doubt that a couple had even so much as stuck in a thumb tack, but so what? Everyone grabbed a can of paint or a brush, flashed a smile, and there it was, a picture for The Page.

The rest came later in the evening. Kenny K. and Potpourri made about seventy-seven trips up and down South Ivy street bumping into people in the dark, borrowing flash lights and step ladders, asking questions of strangers, hoping fervently that "Dynamite" the burro wouldn't run away with little Suzanne Edwards when the flash bulbs popped in his face, and generally having a good time while taking the pictures.

One kind man beamed a flashlight on the Roxy Ann "angels," another held matches up beside the face of "Mary" and a third lighted up the wings of the "littlest angel" so the photographer could focus the camera.

"Aren't people wonderful," said Kenny K., while packing away the camera. "Not a single person got mad when we asked them to move out of range, or refused to help. This was fun, even if my hands are freezing." Maybe everyone was extra friendly because Christmas is coming, and it does something to people.

Later we stood on the sidewalk and waited for the parade to start. When we told how surprised we were to find that the "littlest angel" was a boy and not a girl, Mrs. Elizabeth Titus volunteered the information that some churches believe that angels are all males — that there aren't any female angels. (There they go, discriminating against women again, said our coworker darkly when we repeated this fascinating piece of lore.)

Mrs. Titus' daughter, Macine, who is on the library staff, gathered many an admiring glance as she rode on the front of the little car which made up the library entry. Miss Titus wore a little cap which encircled her curls with tinsel, a small dark jacket and a simply enormous white skirt which practically covered the tiny MG. And if you worried about her being cold, it was wasted. She had on ski trousers and boots underneath the filmy skirt.

Along about September church women start wondering what they can do to make the annual Christmas bazaar new and different. This year St. Mark's Episcopal guild members chose the railway station idea, and bazaar goes Friday were greeted by a replica of a pot-bellied stove set up in the entrance hall and booths decorated with intricately-lettered signs in foreign languages.

Some of the booth-tenders wore gay costumes, and Mrs. Roy Rickard's dress, an authentic Bavarian costume, was especially interesting. Mrs. Rickard lived in Germany following the war, when her husband, a retired general, was on duty abroad.

Potpourri sometimes wonders what would happen if she revealed the name of the minister who once told her "these Christmas bazaars actually don't make enough money to warrant the trouble—but we have to keep the women interested and busy."

Soon after W. J. Chipman arrived at the home of his son last Sunday for the 40th wedding anniversary party which the Harry Chipmans had planned for him and his wife, he was introduced to a guest — a Mrs. Hattie Lloyd. Mr. Chipman greeted her formally and went to another part of the room. But memory stirred and from time to time for several moments he looked her way. At length he remembered and called out her name. It was a cousin with whom he had made his home as a boy and whom he had not seen for more than 50 years. Mr. Chipman, his brother, H. H. Chipman, Medford, and Mrs. Lloyd promptly turned the calendar back and, as it was said, "they seemed to be shut off from the rest of the party by an invisible curtain."

Worth pondering, in this Christmas season, are the words of wise old Winston Churchill, who spoke them a short time ago during the annual Lord Mayor's banquet in London. He said: "I am one of those who believe that the powers of the West and of the East ought to try to live in a friendly and peaceful way with each other. It would certainly not be to anyone's disadvantage if they tried. We do not agree with Soviet Communism or with their system of one-party uniformity. We think there is a great deal to be said for two parties, and some even think three. But we think also there is a great deal to be said for nature and variety, and that governments are made for men—and not men for government."

"But if the Soviets really like being governed by officials in a sealed pattern, and so long as they do not endanger the safety or freedom of others, that, I feel, is a matter for them to decide for themselves. Nothing is final. Change is unceasing, and it is very likely that mankind has a lot more to learn before they come to their journey's end."

Whoever wrote the sign for the Four-H entry in Wednesday night's Christmas parade said something similar in less than a dozen words. The sign read: "Peace on earth depends on our good will toward men." O.S.

Medford Lady Lions To Hold Initiation

Medford Lady Lions will meet Tuesday, December 7 at 7:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Lee Mellish, 117 Black Oak drive. Initiation of new members will be held and a short business meeting is planned. The remainder of the evening will be devoted to the Christmas toy project.

Dickie Denning, son of R. H. Denning, assistant manager of the Veterans Administration, Camp White, will sing several numbers during the evening accompanied by his mother.

An estimated 1,500,000,000 chicks are hatched annually in the United States, most of them in the spring.

Programs Planned By PEO Chapters

Two PEO chapters have scheduled meetings during the week. Mrs. Fred C. Lorish, 830 Minnesota avenue, will be hostess to members of Chapter AA, Wednesday, December 8. Luncheon will be served at 12:30 p. m. Mrs. John Collins and Mrs. H. L. Brown will assist the hostess.

Mrs. Otto Frohnmayer will give a paper on "Musical America," after a business session is conducted.

The members of Chapter BE will meet at the home of Mrs. Victor Sether, 1007 Queen Anne avenue, Tuesday, December 7, at 8 p. m. Mrs. John Higinbotham will be in charge of the program.

Christmas Tree Cutters Warned Of Regulations

Salem — (U.P.) — Christmas tree cutters have been warned by the State Forestry Department that several laws and regulations cover their harvesting and transportation.

Harvesting permits must be obtained before cutting the Yule trees from all forest lands, Lynn F. Cronemiller, assistant state forester, said. Permits pertain to commercial cuttings only, he said, but even families in search of their annual trees must first get permission from the landowner.

In addition, forest lands which have been classified as reforestation lands, require a written permit from the State Tax Commission. At present, some 930,000 acres of cutover lands come under this tax classification.

Persons transporting Christmas trees should have proper credentials such as harvesting permits, bill of sale showing ownership and name of the owner from whose lands the trees had been cut.

Cronemiller said California inspection points may require certificates of ownership. Quarantine measures may also be taken on shipments of five-needle pines such as sugar and white pines. Public carrier trucks must also obtain P.U.C. permits before transporting trees for commercial sale.

Farm foresters, county agents, state and federal forest wardens and the soil conservation service can give assistance on permits and other requirements for cutting and transporting Christmas trees.

MODERN BEDS BEST

Many people admire the beauty of old Greek and Roman architecture, but they certainly wouldn't admire their beds—at least not to sleep on. Beautiful creations of bronze, ivory or silver, lined with tortoise shell, they were outfitted with mattresses and bedsprings which were a sharp contrast to our comfortable, scientifically designed sleep equipment. Mattresses consisted of dried reeds, straw, or wool covered with woolen cloth or leather. Bedsprings, when they were used, were no more than a lattice-work of vegetable fibers or leather thongs.

USE FOR STALE CAKE

New York — (U.P.) — Here's an easy way to have a brand new dessert from stale cake. Or you can use stale bread. Just cut the cake or bread into cubes about 1½ inches in size, roll in light corn syrup and then in coconut. Bake on a greased cookie pan for 10 minutes in a 375 degree oven. Remove from pan and serve at once.

For a tempting combination, make the biscuits from your favorite recipe or a quick-to-fix packaged mix. While baking, panbroil 2 slices of ham and remove to hot platter. Then pour 2/3 cup of evaporated milk into the frying pan and bring to a boil. Four servings of flavorful gravy to serve with biscuits and ham.



HAPPILY HOLDING TROPHY in one hand while other holds winning entry, Mrs. Theresa Blum, 59, Los Angeles, accepts congratulations after being named Grand National Crochet Champion of 1954, in New York. Prizes included \$500. (International)

High School News Notes

By BARBARA ROACH

This morning, more than likely, found several featured band soloists for this afternoon's 2 p.m. concert in a tizzy of excitement. Besides the Hollywood celebrities, the trombone trio of Dick Brown, Lyle Dawn, and Paul Emery, accompanied by the percussion section, will take a leading part in the program with their Spanish "Trombone." Tom Y'Blood, tenor saxophone, and Bob Ayers and Leonard Krause, trumpet, are tagged with solo parts in the number "At the Grmlin Ball," while Dick Arnold, trumpet, will be in the spotlight during "The China Doll." The choir will feature Emily Gannaway as soloist with her "O, Wonderful Counselor."

When midnight, December 30, rolls around, happy band members will be boarding Greyhound busses for San Francisco . . . thanks to this project and the Kiwanis "helping hand" \$200 donation.

Marilee Chisholm and Vicki Robertson, costumed as a Negro mammy and pappy, won first prize for dress at the girls' FHA box social last Tuesday night. Other costumes represented Daisy Mae, an old fashioned girl, Sam the logger, and a hill-billy family of three. Joan Strowbridge's hobo bundle took the top originality honors for box lunches.

Pep club, the only school organization to enter the Christmas parade, was awarded third prize for their rushed efforts. The float, put together within an

hour in the dark, was composed of angels surrounded by silver trees beholding a guiding star. The prize money will be used in the purchase of white skirts for the pep clubbers. Float decorators were Dorothy McGraw, Nancy Hamilton, June Apple and Sue Reichstein.

A thrilling inter-class girls' PE volleyball tournament got under way this week with teams battling each night after school. At the last report, the Eight Balls, Bloomer Girls, Bandra's Bambi, Speed Queens, Triple Trio, and Keith's Killers had triumphed through their first game. The championship playoff will be

held Dec. 20.

Don Robinson, Dan Kellington, Bruce Kellington and John van Dyke traveled to Forest Grove Thursday for a two-day Northwestern debate tourney at Pacific university. Their debate topic was "The U. S. should (or should not) establish free trade to countries friendly to it." Devere Taylor, the debaters' adviser, accompanied them.

The Spanish club called all MHS seniors and seniors to a dance after the Eureka game Saturday night. The gym was decked with familiar Christmas characters such as Rudolf, the red-nosed reindeer, Frosty, the snowman, and faithful old St. Nick. Viola Russell, assisted by Dinah Hutchinson supervised dance details while Tom Y'Blood headed the advertising committee, and Carole Pence was chairman of the decorating committee. Other workers were Judy Watson, Betty Jamieson, Sharon Wooten, and Donna Neff.

Some remedial English students will be traipsing back to study halls soon, as the review course is fast being completed with final lessons in correct usage. After they have learned it is correct English to say, "It is I, who am your friend," wondering seniors will be given their second test within the next two weeks. The yellow and gray text books will become even more familiar to those not making the required grade of 90 per cent.

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serve for the district school board dinner to be given in the high school cafeteria Monday night. They are Nancy Hamilton, Sharon Zumwalt, Judy Watson and Pat Read.

The highest continuous highway in the United States is Trail Ridge road in the Rocky Mountains national park. About four miles of it is above 12,000 feet in altitude.

Dead line Sunday classified is at noon Saturday: 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day

Class Will Aid Needy Families

Contributions which will make a merrier Christmas for needy families are to be taken by members of Shipmates class, First Methodist church when they meet Friday, December 10, at the church. The annual Christmas potluck dinner will be served at 6:30 p. m. The contributions will be made instead of having a gift exchange.

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