

St. Nick Aided by Towns With Christmasy Names

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Washington—U.P.—Santa's busiest helper is the post office, especially in towns swamped with mail because of their Christmasy names.

The children's grapevine has it that Santa has homes in at least four towns—North Pole, N.Y., Santa Claus, Ind., Christmas Cove, Me., and Christmas, Fla. And the annual deluge of mail means special preparation for postal authorities, said Rhoe Walter, of the U.S. Post Office Department.

"Postmasters are authorized to add temporary helpers to meet their demands," he said. "The rush begins about Dec. 10, reaches a peak around Dec. 21, and starts to decline on Christmas Eve."

This is standard procedure all over the country, Walter said. In towns where Santa has "homes"—it is another story. North Pole, N.Y., the "home of Santa's workshop," has special permission to handle mail in advance of Christmas. By October, 21 tons of mail were already bagged and ready to go.

Orphans Benefit
"This did not include the rush of letters to be forwarded, or much of the children's mail due to arrive for Santa," said Howard G. Fortune, executive vice-president of Santa's Workshop, Inc., a village playground for children.

"We'll have from 18 to 25 extra postmen for the real rush," he said, and probably five additional tons of mail. The station has two regular cancelling machines. With three more on call for emergency.

The special cancelling cachet has a sketch of the post office, with Santa, his sleigh and "eight tiny reindeer."

North Pole was founded in 1949 "to bring Santa Claus back to life," Fortune said. The village is open nine months a year and many visitors have letters for Christmas mailing.

A percentage of the money spent in North Pole is used to provide toys for orphans and underprivileged children in 13 states, two Canadian provinces and the District of Columbia. Last year a "reindeer" plane carried Santa to 199 orphanages

where he delivered 19,725 toys, Fortune said.

In the Midwest, mail pouring into Santa Claus, Ind., is nine times heavier at Christmas, the post office said. Nearly 4,000,000 pieces of mail are handled each year. The town, founded on Christmas Eve, 1852, has a population of less than 50.

However, the town went unnoticed until its unusual name was mentioned in a Ripley "Believe It or Not" column in the late 1920's. The publicity brought letters from children all over the country who wanted to know if there was a Santa Claus. The postmaster, James F. Martin, answered all the letters, reassuring the children there would always be a Santa Claus.

In successive years the children's letters grew beyond the postmaster's capacity to answer. Then the American Legion Post, appropriately named after the town, stepped in. For over 25 years the group has seen that no child's letter addressed to Santa Claus, Ind., goes unanswered. Recently other organizations joined this project.

A commemorative stamp honoring Santa Claus, Ind., is regularly proposed to the Post Office Department, said the office of Rep. Winfield K. Denton (D-Ind.). But the department said such a stamp would be "economically unfeasible."

And In Florida
Another of Santa's "homes" is Christmas Cove, Me. It was discovered by Capt. John Smith on Christmas Day, 1814. The small village, incorporated in the town of South Bristol, is mostly a summer resort and doesn't have an excessive rush of seasonal mail.

However, in Florida village of 250 inhabitants, Postmistress Juanita S. Tucker manages the mail alone for 10 months a year. Then in the remaining two, the tiny one-room post office at Christmas, Fla., handles 300,000 letters from all over the world. A dozen extra postal workers

Yule Party Held By Women's Club

Scottish Rite Women's club held the annual Christmas party in the Rogue room at the Medford hotel Monday noon. Lunch-eon was served on tables decorated as Christmas packages tied with red and silver ribbon; the bows were tall red tapers set in green holders with red bows. Holly decorated the room and a snow covered tree stood in one corner from which Mrs. Ralph Lue presented the members with gifts.

The president, Mrs. Fred Graten, welcomed the members and introduced a guest, Mrs. Bren Starcher.

Singing of the doxology, which preceded the luncheon, was led by Mrs. Edwin Andren. Bridge and canasta were played after the luncheon and poinsettia plants were awarded to those holding high scores. Mrs. Harry Nordwick scored high in bridge and Mrs. Edward Root high in canasta.

The committee for the day was Mrs. Elizabeth Hoffman, Gold Hill; Mrs. Mary Harder and Mrs. C. Weston, Rogue River; and Mrs. Charles Hoppe of Medford. Mrs. Ralph Lue served as hostess for the day. Next meeting of the club will be a business session at the Masonic temple January 9 at 8 o'clock. All Scottish Rite wives are welcome.

Miss Calista Farrell, who is a member of the research staff at the Center for the Study of Behavioral Sciences at Palo Alto, Calif., plans to arrive December 24 to spend Christmas and the New Year holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Farrell, 1510 East Main street.

start processing the mail in mid-November. The size of the post office means round-the-clock shifts.

Along with the regular postmark bearing the village's name goes a colorful cachet. Designed by Mrs. Tucker, it shows a green Christmas tree. Printed above the tree is "Glory to God in the Highest."

Mrs. Tucker said she receives letters from "hundreds of persons every year . . . drawn by the town's magic name." And the postmistress is trying to answer them all as Christmas draws near in Christmas, Fla.



DOMICILIARY GREENERY—Evergreen decorations are being provided at Camp White this year by Garden clubs of the Rogue valley. Samples of the work are shown above. Showing off the decorations are, left to right, front row, Gus Maattala, Jonas Snyder and Herman Hendriksen; second row, Mrs. Milo Lamb, Mrs. Ralph Hixon and Mrs. A. O. Floyd; and third row, Matt Lucas, Walter Hughes, Mrs. C. S. Hoover and Mrs. Earl Kelley.—(Sanford C. Payne photo, Camp White.)

Auxiliary Holds Dinner Meeting In Rogue River

Rogue River—The last meeting of Rogue River Lions auxiliary was a dinner, held at Fellowship hall of Hope Presbyterian church. Women of the church served a turkey dinner.

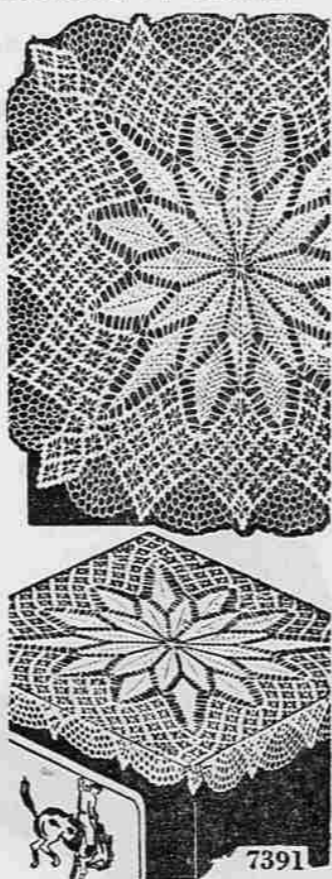
Mrs. Harold Sander, president, conducted the business meeting which followed.

Guests of the club were Mrs. Bill Hunter, Mrs. John Haar, Mrs. Charles Babcock and Mrs. E. F. Bowlin. Christmas checks were sent to the Oregon State School for the Blind and a school for retarded children near Roseburg. The club voted to sponsor the annual dinner for the March of Dimes which will be held early in January.

The program chairman, Mrs. Larry Sheehan, presented Miss Janet Robinson, who gave a reading and Mrs. Dudley Fabrick, who sang Christmas solos, accompanied by Mrs. Charles Babcock. Members joined in singing Christmas songs.

A colorful salad helps to brighten grey days and this tossed fruit slaw will be a family favorite. To 2 cups shredded cabbage, add 1 cup diced oranges and 1 cup sliced, unpeeled red Delicious apples. Toss together lightly and add 2 tps. grated onion, 1 tbs. lemon juice, 1/2 tsp. sugar and 1/3 cup mayonnaise. Mix thoroughly and serve on crisp salad greens.

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Pickin' Pears News and Notes From Camp White

By BILL HURN

Garden clubs of the Rogue valley are providing evergreen decorations for the Yule season at Camp White this year.

Mrs. A. O. Floyd, Medford, district director of garden clubs for Oregon, is in charge, and has made her assignments for the days at Camp White for the various units, whose efforts are supplemented by volunteer member aides. The preparations were completed last Wednesday evening.

Ward distribution and installations were to be made yesterday.

Extension Units To Hold Meetings

Two Jackson County Home Extension units have scheduled meetings during the week. Main dish casseroles will be the project for both.

Sams Valley — Mrs. Jack Korner will be hostess to the Sams Valley unit Tuesday, December 20 at 10:30 a.m. Each woman who attends is asked to take one-half dozen cookies made from her favorite recipe and an exchange of the recipes will be held.

Central Point —The project for Central Point unit will be conducted during the morning by Mrs. Leo Ghelardi and Mrs. Glen Branch when they meet Wednesday, December 21 at 10 a.m., at the home of Mrs. Donald E. Faber. Mrs. Chester Ashton will assist Mrs. Faber. A turkey dinner is planned for noon.

In the afternoon a Christmas party and exchange of gifts will be held. Members are reminded of a 25 cent contribution for UNESCO stamps. Child care will be provided.

Chapters To Hold Evening Sessions

Two evening meetings are planned by PEO sisterhood chapters this week.

Chapter CG will meet Monday at 7 o'clock at the home of Mrs. G. T. Hauptert, 2123 Capitol avenue. Supper will be served.

Chapter BE will meet Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. A. A. Laussmann, 200 Medford heights. Mrs. R. G. Fowler will be the assistant hostess. A Christmas story will be read by Miss Annette Gray.

Mrs. Lawrence Messal, Eagle Point, headed the committee for the Garden Clubs of Eagle Point, Butte Falls and Shady Cove who provided the greenery for the clubs doing the preparation work. Club assignments were for Crater, Central Point and Rocky Gardens Monday; Jacksonville and Phoenix, Tuesday, and Talent and Ashland club ladies came to the domiciliary Wednesday.

Their efforts resulted in 8 large and 130 small wreaths, 35 large swags, 30 small ones, 180 tied table pieces and 60 feet of garlands.

Supplementing all this, a flat carton arrived by mail from the Astoria Garden club, which turned out to be a flat-pressed and decorated Christmas tree with colorful trim and decorations. In addition, dollar bills and many coins of all denominations had been taped to the branches. The total cash value is about \$20.

An unusually large turn-out of December-borns was on hand to greet American Legion Auxiliary 14, Ashland, under Mrs. Ken Lewis, chairman, and her staff, for the big birthday party, Wednesday night.

A musical program of seasonal numbers was given, followed by a community sing of carols and Christmas songs. Ice cream, cake and coffee, followed by carrying the traditional birthday cake about for the wheel-chair men to view, and then its formal cutting and sharing. Distribution of the little individual gift for each man closed the evening's program.

Tuesday evening marked the third annual pilgrimage to Camp White over the 109 mile mountain-road trek of VFW Auxiliary 5944, Dorris, Calif., bringing with them a sparkling cast of 20.

Emcee Mrs. Doris Branham opened her two-hour show with the Red Barn Western Band Five. The Barber Shop Hominy Quartette skit was the vehicle for vocals of all varieties; instrument numbers of piano, trumpet and string combos which all worked up into an all-cast finale to close with a community sing on the Christmas theme.

The candy treat and homemade cakes for the evening's refreshments stood the long hard trip, being as reported "only part; lost part of the time."

Annual Rotary Club Holiday Dinner Held at Club; Couples Give Parties

About 150 persons attended the annual Medford Rotary club holiday dinner party Monday evening at the Rogue Valley Country club. Dr. J. Scott Heatherington was chairman of the event and also was master of ceremonies during the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Perkins, Coos Bay, provided a mentalist act for the entertainment and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Fields led group singing. Special guests included three foreign exchange students, one from Southern Oregon college and the other two were from Grant High School, Portland. Rotary International has as a project the exchange of foreign high school students and those from Portland are in this country.

Dr. William W. P. Holt, who is the oldest member of the group in years membership, offered the invocation.

Joe Naumes is president of the club.

Several cocktail parties were held preceding the dinner. Among those who held the pre-dinner events were Col. and Mrs. C. E. Stafford, Mr. and Mrs. Royal Bebb, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Sands, and Dr. and Mrs. Earl Lawson who entertained jointly with Mr. and Mrs. George Gates at the Lawson home on Windsor avenue.

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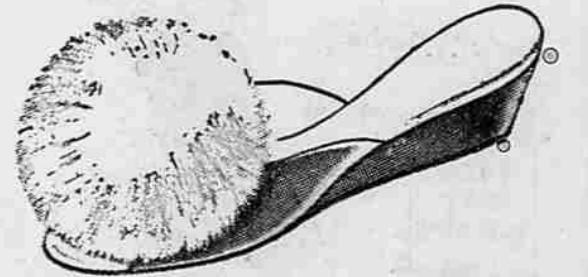
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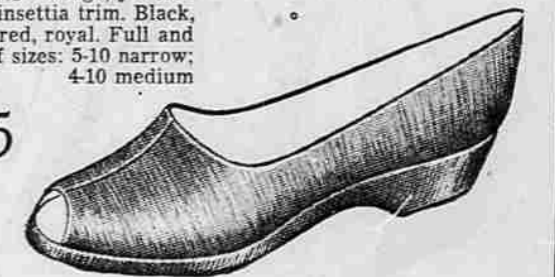
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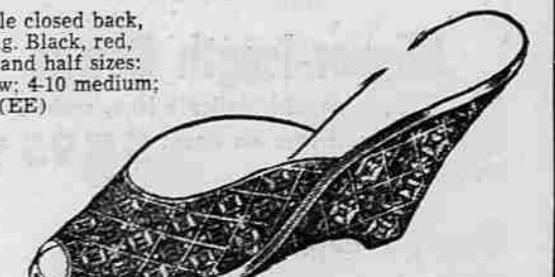
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