

## News About Books From the Library

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Medford Librarian

If the week before Christmas finds you fagged, with much still to be done and your ideas for entertainment and decorations all but exhausted, visit your Medford Public Library for a fresh supply of suggestions.

Although there has been a heavy demand for weeks upon its Christmas bookshelf, there is still a good selection of helpful books on hand.

One of the library's latest acquisitions is Maymie Krythe's "All About Christmas," describing the customs, legends, and traditions associated with Christmas around the world.

Another remarkable book that will deepen our understanding of the worldwide Christmas period of festival and worship is "4000 Years of Christmas," by Earl Court. His pages are crowded with the legendary figures and exotic heroes who make up the long Christmas procession, yet his main concern lies always with the Child who gave Christmas its name.

Unusual Christmas Carols will be found here, also a Christmas Calendar which explains the meaning of each date in the Yule period.

Elva Smith and Alice Hazeltine have compiled for us two

excellent collections of poems, stories, and plays from the wealth of lore that has grown up concerning Christmas in their books, "Christmas Book of Legends and Stories," and "Christmas in Legend and Story."

**Tales Told**  
Teacher, homemaker, craftsman, clubwoman, and child will enjoy the Christmas tales and profit by the new ideas for fun, decorations, food, and programs gathered together in "1001 Christmas Facts and Fancies," by Alfred Carl Hottes. It includes recipes for traditional Christmas delicacies enjoyed throughout the world. Other compilations that include practical ideas as well as stories, songs, and legends are "The Christmas Annual," and the Christmas issues of "Ideals." The Medford Public Library has several volumes of each of these.

Also available are the Better Homes and Gardens "Christmas Ideas," and American Homes Magazine's "Christmas Book," each of which suggests many gay decorations you can make, new holiday recipes, and gifts that can be quickly and easily made at home.

**Yule Stories**

Gathered together on the Christmas bookshelf are a number of Christmas stories suitable

## Naval Reservists Plan Family Night

The families of the 58 officers and men of the Navy Reserve Electronics unit here are invited to a family night gathering at 7:30 p.m. Monday, it has been announced.

The family night is being held in conjunction with the regular drill session of the unit, and the families of the men will be able to observe reservists taking training, as well as being provided with any information they may desire about the Navy.

The unit gives general Naval training, as well as advanced training in radar, radio and electronics.

The session will close with the usual formal muster, at which time several new recruits will be sworn into the Navy reserve.

## Conservation Project Completed on Farm

A conservation project, recently on the C. V. Strang farm Sams Valley, included cleaning 1,500 feet of stream bed on Sams creek and construction of about 500 feet of earth dike to change the course of the stream.

The stream had been cutting away a 12 foot bank into a field.

Technical assistance for the project was given by the Medford office of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service.

Memo to the man of the house:

the prime rule in carving turkey is to cut across the grain of the meat. If you cut with the grain, the long meat fibers tend to give a stringy appearance.

for reading aloud at holiday programs. Among them are "Let's Keep Christmas," by Peter Marshall; "The Sign of a Child," by William Allen Knight; a "Christmas Secret," also by Knight; "Christmas Gift," by Margaret Cousins; "One Red Rose for Christmas," by Paul Horgan; "Room at the Inn," by Clark McMeekin; and "The Reward of Faith," by Elizabeth Goudge.

The junior department of the library has additional Christmas material, and Christmas books will also be found in the eight branch libraries throughout Jackson County.

A little denatured alcohol applied with a brush will remove stubborn tobacco stains from copper or brass ashtrays.



DECIDING TO QUIT while he's ahead, Stanley Skeens, West Virginia coal miner, draws check for \$32,000 from bag of Roscoe Wright, New York mailman, at Gotham TV quiz show. Wright himself reached \$16,000 mark by answering questions about poetry. His next try will be for \$32,000. (International)

## High School News Notes

By NELLIE RAWLINGS

With the students near at hand, most students welcome the Christmas season with anticipation.

Plans for what lies in store in the next few weeks.

Boys from the Boy's League council dragged themselves wearily over the hills in search of a suitable Christmas tree, used to adorn the hall at the north front entrance to our building. It is tradition that, every year, the boys bring in the tree and the G. L. council is in charge of decorations.

The senior football letterman and senior members of the raley squad were invited to the Lions' club football banquet, Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. at the Jackson hotel. The banquet was open to the public. Bob Watson, Oregon State college backfield coach and former Medford High athlete, was guest speaker.

Passers-by admire the realistic Nativity scene, which rests on the front lawn of the campus. This scene was built by Mr. Metzger's last year carpentry class, and Mr. Wolf's art classes painted the figures which the carpentry classes had cut.

The Future Nurses of America plan to send small Christmas gifts to the State Mental Hospital at Salem. These gifts include powder puffs, doll clothes for the children, soap, scarves, and handkerchiefs.

The Pep club recently made plans for new white skirts, which will be worn for the basketball season. These pleated skirts will add a great deal to the snappy outfits of the Pep clubbers.

An organizational meeting of the Jackson County teenage March of Dimes was held Dec. 10.

Co-chairman Nancy Adams and Greg Milnes met with student representatives from every high school in the county.

Fund raising activities are slated to begin early in January.

They will be designed to Have Fun for the Funds You Give.

"Follow the cards" was the slogan announcing the Future Homemakers of America Christmas project. The members brought old Christmas cards from home and strung them in the hall and pinned them to the bulletin board near the home-making room.

These cards will be sent to the Shrine hospital for Crippled Children in Portland, to be made into treats for the children.

This drive took the form of class competition, and the losing class has to sponsor the F.H.A. "Crazy Party," to be held later on.

Seniors are dreamfully hoping to pass their remedial English test as a pre-Christmas present. Some classes are behind others and will not have the test until after the holidays.

TRY ON A BATHTUB

A London plumbing shop has "sized up" the bathtub situation to assure customers of the right fit for a stretched out soak in the soapsuds. The bathtub offered for sale are placed upright on the sidewalk outside the shop, so a shopper can conveniently step into them until he finds one that will fit his torso while sudsing off.

There's no need to use a thermometer if the washing tag on your new garment advises lukewarm soapsuds and rinses. Instead, use the same test as for a baby's bath; the water is lukewarm if it feels just wet to the wrist, neither hot nor cool.

STAY-GRAY RINSE

New York — (U.P.) — One cosmetics house is out with a rinse for the gray-haired woman who wants to stay gray. The maker said the temporary hair-coloring removes the yellow tinge from gray and white hair, without adding the artificial blue or purple casts.

SELF-OPENING PIN

St. Paul — (U.P.) — A company has started making a self-opening bobby pin. The bobby pin has a plastic disc on the loop of the pin which slides to open or close the pin at a touch of the finger tips.



Photo of Nellie Rawlings, author of the High School News Notes.

The temperature setting for the average automatic gas water heater is 140 degrees. What most homemakers do not realize, says the Gas Appliance Manufacturers association, is that the thermostat setting can be raised

to provide hotter water for special tasks and returned to normal setting whenever the homemaker chooses. The success of gas water heating service is due to the speed with which cold water is heated within the heavily

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