

Pickin' Pears News and Notes From Camp White

By BILL HURN
Tuesday evening brought the regular American Legion meeting of Medford Post 15 to Camp White. A formal opening, short business session and initiation of eight Camp White new members was followed by introductions and responses by Albert Eugene Orr, commander of the 13th district and national executive committeeman, and Medford Police Chief Charles Champlin. An award of a merit citation was made to Linn Nesmith for his meritorious service as correspondent to the Oregon Legionaire. Due to Nesmith's hospitalization Mr. Glonning of special services received the award in Nesmith's behalf. Before leaving Medford, Orr announced the appointment of Nesmith as public relations secretary to the 13th district commander.

VFW auxiliary presented a variety show Wednesday night under the direction of Mrs. Helen Lusk. Vocal numbers by Donna Lou Blinster, reading impersonations by Mrs. Bauson, Bob Ayers orchestral sextette, dancers from Miss Pat's studio with tap varieties, hula and Egyptian ballet, Mrs. Woden with her dogs, Laurie, Phillett and Mitzi, participated.

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the VAVS committees under the direction of Mrs. Thelma Williams and Mrs. Marian Cech with volunteer helpers were wrapping, tagging and boxing for the Friday evening consolidation on wards of the gifts to be distributed by Santa on Christmas eve following the Theatre party.

Visitations each night of caroling groups have come from Scout Dens 5 and 7 of Central Point, First Methodist church, Lutheran Sunday school and Young Peoples chorus of Apostolic Faith church of Medford, and the instrumental quartette and chorus of Community Bible's Young people of Central Point. The accordians of the Eve Prentice studios worked in groups of five to a ward during the gift presentation Saturday evening.

The Navy and the Blue Star Mothers have had charge of decoration of trees in individual wards and Garden club members made a fruit basket distribution to the 24 wards as part of the Saturday program.

Dinner menu souvenir furnished by the Legion auxiliary bears greetings from Manager Ricker and Mrs. Klock and has everything from turkey through relishes, treats and sweets which go with those dinners her department can arrange.

Camp White Garden club met at Recreation center with routine business, introduction of visitors from other valley clubs, and a short program followed by refreshments.

Holiday greeting messages are in profusion. Former members have sent cards to old pals which go up on bulletin boards. The December issue of Dominews, the Camp publication, has greetings from administrative staff and department executives. A typed format of a Christmas tree has an interlinear greeting message from Manager Ricker and Special Service Chief Glonning. Each member has received from the White House a letter from President Eisenhower, and one from National Legion Commander Wagner from Indianapolis. A tape recording bearing messages from the VA administrator and the chief medical director will be released Saturday evening at the Theatre with copies of their talks handed out to each one as his gift is presented.

The kick-off of an eventful week at Camp White was inaugurated by the Christmas party "Dance of the Year" of VFW auxiliary. A formal grand march was led by Manager and Mrs. E. K. Ricker with F. J. Glonning, chief of special services escorting Mrs. Lelia Burch of Shady Cove, and Bud Ash. A side-line count disclosed 47 couples, an all time high for this year. Refreshments were served by the VFW ladies.

Engineering Staff Chief Bert R. Sims reports the completion of the program of holiday decorations and display, with the placing of the Santa and reindeer group near the main entrance. There are now lights on the big trees, a lighted church spire atop the bus stop shelter making it a primitive Pilgrim

Regular Periodical Service Resumed By Medford Library

Medford Public library has announced it has resumed regular service in back issues of periodicals, and has extended services in current magazines.

Leo Thomas of the City Park department has cooperated in furnishing labor and trucks to move and shelve collected files of periodicals so they are now accessible to library employees. Periodicals published within a year may be obtained quickly, but those published more than a year ago are stored in basement archives and 24 hours notice is required.

Shelving has been arranged to make current issues available without requesting them at the desk. A newspaper and periodical reading room has been created in the northwest section of the main floor.

The most recent issues of periodicals are available at a central display rack with tables adjacent. The six latest issues of more popular magazines are available, and may be borrowed for home use.

The Medford Public library will receive 66 different periodicals during the calendar year, 1956. Some 18 different magazines will be received at each of the eight larger county branches.

The task of moving and shelving the library's magazine files has been planned and supervised by Mrs. Charlene Tarvin. She has been assisted by Curtis Cook, library page, and by Johnny Dyer and Fred Grow of the park department.

Pancake Festival Planned By Eagles

Plans for a pancake festival to be held Saturday, Jan. 21, at the YMCA, have been announced by Floyd Leith, president of Crater Lake Aerie 2093, Eagles lodge.

Proceeds will be used to purchase needed equipment for the Jackson County Disaster Car. The Eagles will be aided in staging the festival by the Medford Fire Fighters, sponsors of the disaster car. Advance ticket sales and appointment of committee chairmen for the event will be held after New Year's.

church, the chapel yard with its lighted Madonna and Child plaque, and the Nativity scene at the highway entrance to the grounds. Lights are on from dusk till 11 p.m. and will remain until after New Years.

The Nativity plaques and panels are assembled under concealed floodlights. An old-style rail fence pasturing two burros for donkeys and seven sheep have added an effective touch. The fence was given to VA by Meyers of Little Butte road, cut from cedar trees by his grandfather who split them by hand and carted them by ox team for the first fence on his homestead. The animals came from the ranch of the Sims.

Thelma Williams of the Legion office reports the distribution of \$2,000 checks to 90 men for their first 1,000 Buddy Poppies. A goal of 250,000 has been set for Poppy Day.



A REAL SINGING TREE—Members of the 65-voice glee club at West High School in Denver, Colo., form a living Christmas tree. The "tree" has been one of the features of the school's Christmas celebration since 1939.

News About Books From the Library

By MISS HELEN WEBSTER Medford Librarian

Now that Christmas has at last arrived, you're entitled to take it easy for an hour or two. Why don't you slip those tired shoppers' feet into the new slippers and curl up with something light and easy to read?

Something like the New Yorker magazine's delightful 1950-1955 album of cartoons, for instance. There's a chuckle on every page. Or pick up that biggest and funniest collection of international wit, the "Cartoon Treasury," edited by Lucy and Dyke Johnson. Or for a taste of playful British wit, there's the even newer collection of cartoons from "Punch."

Humorous Side
The humorous side of jobs, myopia, New Year's Eve celebrations that fizzled, flying lessons, and matchmaking are some subjects of chapters in Hildegarde Dolson's "Sorry to Be So Cheerful," by the distinguished French novelist, is the story of humility, forgiveness, and a miracle in the hearts of mountain villagers.

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Seven Men Receive Sentences In Busy Circuit Court Day

Seven men were sentenced to the Oregon state penitentiary and four received suspended sentences in circuit court Friday before Judge H. K. Hanna. Two cases were continued pending reports from the federal bureau of investigation and one woman was sentenced to the county jail.

Bert Glenn Parrack, 50, Allen hotel, was sentenced to three years on a charge of forgery. He also was held as a parole violator.

Wayne Harding, 20, Central Point, was sentenced to 18 months on a charge of petty larceny. He was charged with the theft of an American Cancer society container from a Talent grocery store.

James Rowden, 24, Medford, was sentenced to three years for breaking probation. He was arrested with John N. Boyce, 32, Medford, last week. Boyce was sentenced in district court to six months in jail for larceny of four automobile batteries and two radiators.

Earl R. Schneider, 56, and Roy L. Thurman, 58, of 1728 North Riverside ave., both of whom pleaded guilty earlier to charges of burglary not in a dwelling, were sentenced to 18 months and one year, respectively.

Florence E. Doney, 46, Talent, who was charged with concealing stolen property, was sentenced to six months in jail after the charge was reduced to a misdemeanor.

Livestock Larceny
Hubert Bruton, 37, and Mae Bruton, 23, Brawley, Calif., received suspended sentences of three years and one year, respectively. They were charged with larceny of livestock.

Sentenced to two years was C. R. Lowry, 35, of route 2, box

531 1/2, on a charge of forgery. Ralph A. Pearson, 31, of 30 South Central ave., was sentenced to two-years on a charge of grand larceny of an auto and Roy B. Armstrong, 21, Medford, who was arrested with Pearson, received a three-year suspended sentence. He was placed on probation.

K. R. Murphy, Spokane, who was charged with forgery, was given a two-year suspended sentence and placed on probation.

Denzil L. Dye, 46, of 116 Lincoln st., received a three-year suspended sentence on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. He also was placed on probation.

George W. Layman, 29, Ashland, received a three-year suspended sentence on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses.

All the cases were presented with information from the office of District Attorney Walter Nunley.

Cases pending receipt of FBI reports are those of James Westcott, Grants Pass, charged with

obtaining money under false pretenses; and Robert L. McCullough, 20, Klamath Falls, who is charged with forgery.

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