

Holiday Events Begin

By Olive Starcher

Pre-holiday festivities are in full swing in the Rogue valley, although the heavy-hanging fog has reduced attendance at parties and other events. However, even the fog could not spoil the annual Junior Chamber of Commerce parade down town Wednesday night. Hundreds of youngsters looked eagerly at brightly lighted windows filled with toys, and later scrambled happily for the candy which Santa Claus and his helpers, Jaycee members, scattered into the crowds.

A new event on the pre-holiday calendar this fall was the supper ball which Tudor guild of the Oregon Shakespearean festival gave at Rogue Valley Country club November 23. Since officers of the guild are mainly from Ashland, many of the guests were from that city. During supper three couples modeled clothing in the theme of the party—Christmas at home, Christmas in warmer climes and Christmas at Sun Valley.



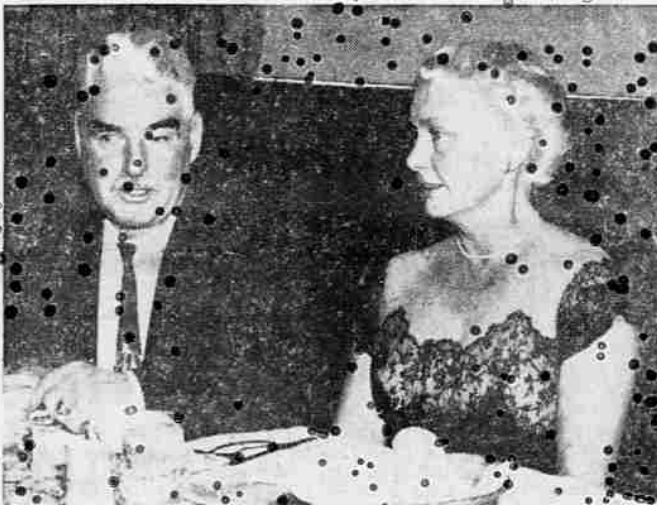
Little Linea Allison watched the Christmas parade from the vantage point of her father's broad shoulders, completely absorbing his head from the camera's lens. Linea, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delo Allison, 1866 Springbrook road, lovingly patted her father's cheek from time to time, has firm grip on his left ear in the picture. The top of Mrs. Allison's head is in the foreground.



Santa Claus, alias Donald Casper of 3102 West McAndrews road, waved to the small fry as he rode at the head of the Christmas parade Wednesday night. The float, jointly sponsored by Medford merchants and Medford Jaycees, was decorated by personnel of the Camp White VA domiciliary, where Santa Claus Casper is employed. Riding on the Medford Public library float, which won first prize in the adult division, were Charlotte and Copey Mattson and Terry Tarvin. The magic story tree and golden angel were planned by library staff members and executed by Mrs. Phyllis Moran of the staff.



Among the guests at the Tudor guild ball were Dr. and Mrs. John P. Dickson and Mr. and Mrs. John Raapke. The Raapkes came to Medford several months ago from Nebraska and Mr. Raapke, architect and interior decorator, designed the interior of the new Crest room at Rogue Valley Country club, in which the four are seated. Dr. Dickson and Mrs. Dickson, who laughed heartily at Photographer Bob Keenan's picture-taking quip, are seated at the left and the Raapkes at the right.



Courty Judge Rodney Keating and his attractive wife were among the Ashland guests at the Tudor guild ball. Mrs. Keating's dinner dress was of black lace. Judge Keating is a former president of the Oregon Shakespearean Festival association.



William Oyler, Shakespearean festival actor, was commentator for the style show given during the Tudor guild party. Shortly before the show started he checked the script with Mrs. B. A. Cope, program chairman.



Mrs. Larry Gordon, who played the queen in the festival production of "Cymbeline" last summer, is shown here with Mr. Gordon during the supper hour at the Tudor guild party. Mrs. Gordon wore a turquoise blue gown and enormous earrings which were the envy of other feminine guests. The Gordons live in Ashland—both are on KWIN staff.



Mr. and Mrs. William Dawkins, models for the brief style show which was a feature of the Tudor guild supper and ball, are shown wearing evening attire for "warmer climes." Mrs. Dawkins, president of the guild, is wearing a pink evening frock with matching jewelry and plastic slippers.



Tudor guild officers and chairmen not only staged the benefit supper and ball, which raised funds for actors' scholarships, but served as models as well. Posed here are (left to right) Ed Singmaster, Mrs. Gordon Serpa, Mrs. Harry Skerry and Mr. Skerry. Mr. Singmaster and Mrs. Serpa modeled lounging wear suitable for those who spend Christmas at home, and the Skerrys modeled outdoor attire.