

# Medford Schools Schedule Several Christmas Programs This Week

First in a series of Christmas programs to be presented this week by Medford schools will be given by West Side school Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Primary grades will sing Christmas carols, accompanied by musical instruments. A Christmas pantomime will also be presented. Grades five, six, seven and eight will present a musical play, "For Whom the Bells Rang."

**Musical Program**  
At 8 p.m. Wednesday, students

of Hedrick Junior High school will present a musical program featuring a variety of vocal and instrumental Christmas music. Participating will be the mixed chorus, seventh grade girls' chorus, orchestra, eighth and ninth grade girls' choruses, ninth grade sextet and five soloists. The audience will also be invited to participate in carol singing.

Wednesday at 1:30 p.m., fourth, fifth and sixth grades

## BUTTE FALLS Ice, Snow Close Schools

Butte Falls — Schools were closed for three days here because of snow and slick roads and resumed their regular schedules Tuesday, Dec. 11. Until the rains commenced residents were plagued by icy roads and windshields and putting on the chains, while children having the time of their lives romping in the snow, sledding and building snowmen. The rain has put a sudden stop to all of that for the time being.

The Butte Falls General Store, under the ownership and management of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Plagle, celebrated their third anniversary Saturday, Dec. 8.

Refreshments for customers include coffee, ice cream, cookies, candy and balloons were given to children.

Prizes were given every hour from noon until 7 p.m. Winners did not have to be present to win.

First place winners received surprise boxes made up of groceries, drugs, fruit and candy. Those winning were Master Jerry Capello, Ken Conrad, Lee Ellis, Les Ellis, Mrs. Bob Edmondson, Mrs. Donald (Porky) Smith, Walter (Mac) Frey and Art Backlund.

Second prize winners received a one-half gallon container of ice cream. These winners were Bill Harris, Noah Huskey, Aaron Smith, Ralph Conrad, Andy Hamstra, Miss Shirley Lytle, Mrs. Alva Webster, and H. E. Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rosenberg of Agra, Kans., were recent visitors in the Bruce Burton and Dwayne Burton homes. The Rosenbergs left here for Caldwell, Idaho. Bruce and Dwayne are of the Rosenbergs.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McComb and daughters, Daphne and Sherry, visited recently with relatives in the valley, the Joe-Madden and Hollis Hatten families, of Medford, and the Vern Helbig family of Grants Pass.

Louis Smith was recently put under doctors care and makes weekly trips to Shady Cove for treatment. Louis is the father of Mrs. Charles (Red) Capello.

Several in the community have added outside decorations and lighted trees, much to everyone's delight.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Burton spent several days last week in San Francisco, visiting with Mr.

and Mrs. Marvin Grimm. The Grimms are an aunt and uncle of Mrs. Burton.

Mr. and Mrs. Page Stauffer, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce MacDonald and Bill Harris motored last weekend to Bend to attend the funeral of Tim Sullivan, assistant district organizer, IWA union.

Stauffer, MacDonald and Harris were representatives of the local I.W.A. union.

A correction in last week's news is that Miss Shirley Irwin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Irwin, not the Ed Irwins as reported.

Miss Irwin and A. (Nick) Nixon have set Dec. 17 as their wedding date. Wedding and reception will be held at the Eyster Gilman home in Medford. Miss Irwin plans to continue working as a nurse aid at the Sacred Heart hospital for a short time.

Drawing for the Christmas basket sponsored by the Butte Falls Lion's auxiliary will be held Dec. 19 at the Butte Falls General Store. The Christmas menu will include relishes, green onions, olives, and pickles, Waldorf salad, ham or turkey, candied sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, peas and carrots, cranberries or pineapple, mince and pumpkin pie and after dinner mints.

The Mt. Pitt doll is now on display at the Butte Falls Tavern. Drawing will be held at the school Christmas program Thursday, Dec. 20 at the high school gym. This doll sits, kneels, walks, has washable Saracen hair and has a complete wardrobe. The winner does not have to be present to win.

Fred Stauffer of Eugene is visiting in the Page Stauffer home. Fred and Page are brothers.

The annual Christmas sale given by the Butte Falls Garden Club Wednesday, Dec. 12 at the city hall was reported to be a success. Mrs. Mattie Carson, president and members made wreaths, swags, dried arrangements, candles and various other items for this special sale.

Mrs. Everett Moore and Mrs. Roy Green were in charge of the Grange sale held in conjunction with the Garden Club sale. Both sales were profitable but not to the extent they have been in the past. Bad weather contributed much in hindering residents in getting out.

# ILLINOIS VALLEY Industry Need Studied

By FRANK STRICKLAND  
Cave Junction—Citizens here are launching an all-out drive for more small industries for the Illinois Valley. Additional payrolls, they say, are needed to bolster depleting revenue from the region's dwindling sawlog supply.

Marketable timber from public as well as private land has been thinned out in accessible areas and good sawlogs are hard to come by. Some logging contractors have sold their equipment and moved to other localities to take up new occupations. Woodsmen working for daily wages have moved out of the valley leaving innumerable small houses vacant with little prospect of them being occupied in the near future. Consequently, house rent here is very low at the present time and will likely remain so until something happens to take up the slack.

Improved real estate, likewise, remains low-priced and cut-over land is said to be available at a wide range of low prices, depending upon location. The terms "cut-over" or "logged-over" may leave the impression with people who live in treeless sections of the country that no trees are left standing when logging crews pull out of the area of operation. If so their beliefs have no basis of fact. For their information, trees for lumber are not harvested, like wheat, with a combine.

It is believed that the average observer, not familiar with densely timbered country, can scarcely tell the difference between a logged-off section and one which has never had an axe in it as far as general appearance is concerned.

Only choice trees are cut for market. These are scattered throughout the forest and when felled are hardly missed in the overall picture. There are so many trees in western Oregon it is difficult to find room to build a house and garden in most sections, without cutting a few down. This will always be so in the Pacific northwest country.

Cut-over land is available in this particular area for almost any kind of ranch or country

homeite one could imagine, informed citizens say and, at prices the average big-city dweller can hardly believe are true. Old-timers here in southwest Oregon say the climate is a big factor with out-of-state buyers of homesites. They claim that long summers and short, mild winters coupled with the fact that almost anything you plant—with the exception of citrus and other semi-tropical crops—do well in the mountain-rung valleys in this section of Oregon.

Experiments are being made here with grapes, berries, holly alfalfa and other crops not already produced for market. In going after new business, leaders here propose a three-prong drive, namely: industries, home-seekers and summer tourists. According to Elwood Hussey, founder of Cave Junction, the valley's largest town, this region has always attracted sightseers from out of state because of the Oregon Caves National Monument and other natural scenic attractions. Hussey believes the tourist trade can be substantially increased with proper effort and additional man-made facilities such as public parks, impounded water for fishing, boating and swimming. It appears local interests have recognized these facts

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of Lincoln school will present their programs. The band and orchestra will perform and the fourth grades will present the Christmas story in shadowgraph based on the Gospel according to St. Luke. Fifth and sixth grades will give a program in music, telling of Christmas at home, Christmas in carols and Christmas at church.

**Thursday Programs**  
Six other schools will present programs on Thursday. At 8 p.m., the music department of Medford Senior High school will present its annual Christmas program in the school auditorium under the direction of John Drysdale and Lynn Sjolund.

The program will include selections from the girls' chorus, boys' chorus and Madrigal group. The "Song of Christmas" will also be presented by the choir and orchestra.

McLoughlin Junior High will present a program at 7:30 p.m., featuring the orchestra, seventh grade chorus and girls' chorus, eighth and ninth grade mixed chorus and combined choruses.

**Cantata Planned**  
A Christmas cantata, "Child Jesus," by Joseph W. Clokey and Hazel Jean Kirk will be presented by the fourth, fifth and sixth grade pupils at Jackson school at 7:30 p.m. Every child in these grades will participate.

Roosevelt school will present its Christmas program, "Season's Greetings," at 8 p.m.

The first grade will present "Fantasy and the Carolers," second grade, "The Poor Toy-maker," third grade, "Fun and Nonsense" and the prelude; and the fourth grade, "Blessing and Nativity" scenes. The band and orchestra will also participate as well as three soloists.

Jefferson school's program will start at 8 p.m. Members of each grade in the primary department will appear in a Christmas scene with the first grade presenting, "The Christmas That was Almost Lost," second grade, "Christmas Customs," and the third grade, "The Littlest Angel."

**Other Grades**  
Fourth, fifth and sixth grades will present the Christmas story, "Why the Chimes Rang." The orchestra and band will also perform.

Washington school will give a program at 8 p.m., with the theme, "In the Week When Christmas Comes," based on the poem by Eleanor Farjeon. The band and orchestra will open the program. The singing chorus, choral reading group, rhythms and pantomimes will also be featured.

A matinee will be given at 1 p.m. Wednesday afternoon.

## Jacksonville Yule Programs Planned

Jacksonville — Students of Jacksonville primary, elementary and high schools will participate in two Christmas programs Thursday, Dec. 20, and scheduled at each program are a Santa Claus visit and distribution of gifts.

Theme of the primary students' program, scheduled for 1:30 p.m., will be "Christmas Greetings."

The elementary and high school will jointly present their program at 7:30 p.m., in the high school gymnasium. Theme will be "The Christmas Story," with most of the students in grades 4 through 8 participating. The high school chorus will also sing.

**CRITICIZES DOCTORS**  
Napa, Calif. — (UP) — Dr. Dwight Murray, president of the American Medical association, Friday criticized Hungarian doctors for leaving their friends and patients to come to this country.

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