

Program Given In Eagle Point By Three Grades

Eagle Point — The Christmas play, "A Song in the Night," was presented December 26 in the new gymnasium-auditorium of Eagle Point school by children of the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades.

The program opened with a selection from the grade school band. "The First Noel" under the direction of Charles Martin, musical director for both grade and high school.

The story was the night of Jesus' birth, and the setting the courtyard of the Inn. The cast was as follows: Ezra, the innkeeper, Alan Jeffrey; Ruth, his daughter, Christine; St. Joseph, Charles Pomroy; Ann, the maid, Sharon Kuyper; Mary, Joyce Moore; Joseph, Billy Hoeft; three wise men, Clifton Mitchell, Richard Wilson, Jim Meesis; shepherds, Donald Ottosen, Gordon De Haas, Richard Short, Arthur Harrison, Paul Pollock, Bobby Allison.

The "song" was provided by the mixed chorus of surprised carolers of these same grades, directed by Mrs. Maxine Perryman, singing "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," "The First Noel," "O Come All Ye Faithful," "We Three Kings," and "Joy To the World."

Credit for the excellent production is due the following teachers: Helen Barrow, general chairman; Jessie Callaghan and Elma McLarty, co-directors; Margaret Davis, Dave Harrison and Elma McLarty, costumes, scenery and properties; Viola Pomeroy, programs. Children from Mrs. Dees' sixth grade also assisted in painting the backdrops which were very realistic.

It has become the custom for the annual Christmas program to be presented by departments. Last year the upper grades were to perform, but due to floods and high water at Eagle Point, the schools were closed early. Next year the primary department is looking forward to presenting a program.

Planners Announce Four Balls for Inauguration

BY PATRICA WIGGINS United Press Correspondent

Washington—(U.P.)— President Eisenhower has taken a personal interest this year in the ladies' favorite inauguration festivity—the Inaugural Ball.

It was on his "specific request" that planners for the Jan. 21, event have planned "co-equal" balls in four locations—three hotels and the National Guard Armory—to ease the jam-packed crush remembered all too well by President Eisenhower, at the last inauguration.

But despite Mr. Eisenhower's intervention, there still is doubt in some quarters as to whether the move will save formal gowns from crushing, protect lightly clad toes from tromping, or free ball floors for dancing instead of elbow-to-elbow standing.

Ever since the first ball in 1809, when Dolly Madison tapped her toes to gavottes and minuets, inaugural committees have had difficulty in keeping attendance within bounds.

\$12 A Head There reportedly was just as much trouble keeping that 1809 ball at \$4 a head—as there is in

trying, unsuccessfully, to keep attendance at the 1953 ball down to 15,000 at \$12 a head.

Other obstacles have given the fair sex trouble through the years at the fancy dress events.

A blizzard came to town along with the celebrants of Grant's second inaugural, and accounts of that ball relate that "ladies who braved the weather ignored all vanities and appeared in the warmest wrappings they possessed." They kept their wraps on, incidentally, even on the dance floor.

The threat of civil war at Mr. Lincoln's first inaugural reportedly dampened the spirits of "even the gay butterflies of a Washington season" for the ball that followed the swearing-in.

In 1913, the ladies had no ball to enjoy and one report indicates it was his wife and not President Woodrow Wilson who called it off. The report claimed that Mrs. Wilson "could not bear the thought of modern dancing at her husband's inauguration."

Historic Gowns But despite such difficulties, the fair sex always has centered planning around the premise that "the gown's the thing." The First Lady's ball gown, besides being the center of attention on the gala night itself, also goes down in history.

Showing all too well how fickle dame fashion is would be a parade of the First Ladies' gowns — from Dolly Madison's buff-colored highwaisted velvet ensemble to Mrs. Eisenhower's 1953 full-skirted pink peau de soie, jeweled with 2,000 glittering stones.

Mrs. William McKinley fainted at the 1897 Ball. And her gown—on display in the Smithsonian Institution—still shows a black mark on the right side of the white satin skirt which was caused by her fall.

Mrs. William Howard Taft received an Empire fashion at the 1909 ball. Her white silk chiffon gown, with high waist and long, clinging skirt, had been sent to Tokyo to be embroidered in a goldenrod pattern outlined by silver thread and crystal beads.

Holiday Visitors Fill City

Medford is filled with holiday visitors, including students home from college, former residents and family members from cities far and near.

Pvt. and Mrs. David Shearer are in the city to visit Mrs. Shearer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Ronald Rice, Saginaw Drive. From here the couple will go to Hood River to visit Private Shearer's parents and will return to Ft. Ord, California, January 4. Pvt. Shearer is to leave the United States January 10 to report for duty at Bamberg, Germany.

Visiting Mrs. B. M. Lining, 135 South Keene Way drive, Medford for the holidays are her three daughters, Margaret, Geraldine, and Ruth. Geraldine is a teacher in Clairmont, Calif.; High school; Margaret teaches primary grade in Va Jerne public schools; and Ruth is public relation officer of La Verne college, La Verne, Calif.

They will return south around the first of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Gambee are visiting Mrs. Gambee's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Boitano. They will leave the latter part of the week for Portland to spend the New Year week end with Mr. Gambee's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Louis Gambee, and from there will return to their home in Seattle. Mr. Gambee is a medical student at Seattle university.

The Boitanos held a family holiday dinner last Sunday.

Among the holiday visitors were Lt. and Mrs. Arthur Beavers, who recently returned to the west coast after a tour of duty in the east. They left Christmas day to return to Ft. Lewis, Wash., after having been guests here of Mrs. Beavers' mother, Mrs. Robert Hart.

Also here is Mrs. Hart's younger daughter, Miss Sara Hart, who is a student at Oregon State college.

Arriving tomorrow will be Mr. and Mrs. John C. Beckett and sons, Tucker, James and will of Kent-Woodlands, Marin, California. The Becketts will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Buffington, Hillcrest - Phoenix road, over the New Year week end.

Miss Gail Bender is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Bender, 1941 Westerlund drive. Miss Bender, senior at the Helen Bush School for Girls in Seattle, will return to school January 6.

Jay Dow, air cadet in the United States Navy, is in Medford to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David N. Dow, Coker Butte road, and other relatives. Cadet Dow arrived by plane from Pensacola, Fla., before Christmas and will return January 2. The young man was attending Colorado school of mines when he enlisted.

CALENDAR

Calendar notices and news for the society section of The Mail Tribune must be submitted in writing and deadline for the Sunday edition is 1 p.m. Friday. Deadline for the weekly calendar is 9 a.m. of the day of publication and for week day news is 5 p.m. the day before publication.

Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Auxiliary to World War I Medford Barracks 540, Camp White domiciliary.

Thursday: 1:30 p.m.—Jacksonville Garden club, home of Mrs. Kenneth Farley, Medford - Jacksonville highway.

1:30 p.m.—Rogue Valley Herb society, home of Mrs. Otto Nagel, Brownsboro rd., Eagle Point.

University Club Has Annual Party

University club members held the annual open house Saturday, December 22, at the club. More than 100 guests attended.

A number of members provided humorous skits for entertainment. Participating were James Keeble, Martin Luther Jr., James Hayes, Don Herried, Edward H. Collins and H. L. Bush. Mr. Collins wrote the skits.

Berwick Wood is president of University club, and Mr. Collins is social chairman.

For an unusual sundae sauce for vanilla ice cream, try this: Add 2 tablespoons of pineapple juice and 1/2 cup of chopped walnuts to 1 1/2 cups of mince-meat. Heat, then stir in 2 tablespoons of brandy. Serve over vanilla ice cream or var pudding or custard.

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Boris Karloff Keeps \$16,000 on TV Quiz

New York—(U.P.)—The odds frightened movie horror man Boris Karloff Tuesday night and he decided to keep the \$16,000 he had won previously on "The \$64,000 Question" television quiz program.

Karloff, an actor who won fame portraying monsters on the screen, said he would keep the money he won in two previous performances by answering questions about "children's stories" and not try for a bigger prize.

Alfred A. Einfrank, 56, a Los Angeles truck driver, won \$16,000 in the "geography" category. A third contestant, Susan Sandler, 13, Oak Park, Mich., won \$8,000 in the "Sport of Kings" category.

Einfrank was required to name the two territories and 10 provinces of Canada and the capital of each province.

Ashland Couple Hosts for Party

Ashland—Dr. and Mrs. B. A. Cope entertained at a large holiday party at their home last Saturday evening. The Copes give the party each holiday season and serve glögg, a hot drink in the Swedish tradition.

About 140 guests attended, including a number from Medford.

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