

## Casting Party for Kiwanis Kapers Is Tentatively Slated

Jan. 25 has been set as tentative date for the casting party for the ninth annual Medford Kiwanis Kapers, co-chairmen William C. Stram and Jack Fitzgerald have announced.

The party will be held under the direction of Dr. Abner Clark president of the service club and talent committee chairman for the Kapers.

"Guys 'N' Disguise" is the theme for the 1957 show which is set for Feb. 20, 21, 22 and 23 at Medford High school auditorium. The Kapers will require 75 singers, dancers and comedians and a mixed chorus of 50 voices. Dr. Stram and Fitzgerald have said that most of the performers will be Kiwanians and their wives.

**Acts, Scenes**

The show will depict "How a Ham Gets To Be a Ham" through six scenes of the first act. Second act, "Gentlemen Be Seated," will have a minstrel theme. Olson and Johnson type gags between the scenes will add variety to the first act. In the second act gags will be part of the scene and will be on the stage rather than in the audience.

Through a policy established last week by Kiwanis directors, the club has broadened the scope of its community service to include youth, welfare and philanthropic activities. Funds to support this community service are obtained through production of the annual Kiwanis Kapers.

## Grange Notes

**Phoenix Grange**

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## GOLD HILL Volunteers Answer Alarm

**MRS. CLYDE KELL**

Gold Hill — Firemen stood by at the flue fire Wednesday morning, Jan. 10, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lenard E. Gaskin, at 560 First avenue. According to firemen, there was no damage. The residence is owned by Fred Lewis of Gold Hill.

Among those who responded to the alarm were Delores Walker, Jack Arnold, Mayor Ernie Cooper, Virgil Gribble, fire chief Clyde Kell, assistant chief Wilmer Bailey, Donald Morrow, Bill Dungey and Howard Burdett.

No business session was held at the last meeting of the Volunteer Firemen due to the small attendance. A discussion was held concerning the plans for a partition in a part of the hall. Members of the department present were the president, Floyd Lance, Jack Arnold, Vaughn Whitmore, chief of police Floyd C. Taylor and the fire chief Clyde Kell.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hoffman were friends from the island of Guam, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Eastman, who have lived on the island since 1946. The Eastmans visited with the Hoffmans for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman also lived in Guam for a number of years.

Other guests at the Hoffmans were Mr. and Mrs. Charles McKay of San Francisco. Mrs. McKay is a daughter of the Eastmans and is a teacher of Spanish and English at Jackson, Calif.

Mrs. Helen Wegner of Litchfield, Minn., is spending the winter at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hoffman.

## NEWS NOTES from Crater High School

**By PAT MEDLEY**

Everyone is talking about the March of Dimes. Last year Crater High won the county trophy collecting the most money, and this year they are determined to win again.

The kick-off assembly was held Friday with class competition to see which class could get the most money laid on the floor during a set period of time. Coins tink-



Pat Medley

led into cans and the class officers scrambled around on the floor arranging the money into long lines, with the coins just touching each other. The juniors won with four long lines across the gym floor, but work has it that all their folding stuff had been changed into pennies for the occasion. Junior Class President Randy Campbell was comfortably seated, and the presidents from the other three classes bowed before Randy, repeating an oath to the effect that the "juniors are superior" to whatever class they represented.

Senior Class President John Greb almost choked on his words, but the juniors cheered wildly and cast triumphant looks toward the senior section. The juniors won the contest for the largest amount of money, also.

Further class competition will follow in the race for the most March of Dimes money. Among the events to raise proceeds are a March of Dimes dance sponsored by the junior class. Each class will sell tickets for their candidate for Miss March of Dimes, who will reign over the dance. Girls League is sponsoring luggage day, when girls carry the boys' books to class with the presentation of a ticket purchased for a nickel. The boy must purchase a new ticket for each time he goes bookless to class. Last year classes conducted everything from bottle drives to car-washes, all of which will be repeated again.

**THE HARDER THEY FALL**

Chicago — (U.P.) — A would-be purse snatcher got painful proof of the adage about the bigger they are, James Higgins, 11, tackled and brought down the 155-pound laborer as he fled the scene of a theft. James weighs 63 pounds.

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## SHADY COVE-TRAIL Family Attends Funeral

**By EVALYN P. WATSON**

Shady Cove-Trail — Mr. and Mrs. Ed Leaming of Shady Cove left Friday for Weed, Calif., to attend the funeral services on Saturday for Michael Bortolazzo, nephew of Mrs. Leaming, who was killed Monday when struck by a pick-up truck as he crossed the street in front of his home. The Leamings went to Weed Monday night upon learning of the accident.

The Bortolazzo family lived in Jacksonville for a period of time and had only returned to Weed, their former home, recently.

Mrs. Jim Cassal of Trail has written many of her friends here that the operation on her eye was to be performed Tuesday at St. Vincent's hospital in Portland. She has been staying at the Commerce hotel there.

Mrs. Edwin Strother of Shady Cove is convalescing at Emmanuel hospital in Portland following surgery, and expects to be confined to the hospital for another two weeks. Her address there is Room 305, Emmanuel hospital 2800 N. Gantenbein ave., Portland, Ore.

Crutches. Announcements of other events will be made as soon as the chairman is informed of them by the organizations. The free polio shots for everyone from 1 to 20 will be given at the Shady Cove School on Jan. 21. The doctors are donating their time and the serum free of charge. The polio shots will also be given at the Elk-Trail school Jan. 17 from 9:30 to 11:30. As a part of the polio drive the seventh and eighth grade students of the Elk-Trail school are making posters for display in public places to inform people of the need for these shots.

Eligible students have filled out applications for the Elks Leadership Award. Clarence Melby, vice principal, notified all students who qualified for the honor award. From these applications, the most outstanding will be sent to the Elks judging committee.

The Odd Fellows essay contest is underway. The faculty committee has selected 20 essays from the junior class and 20 from the senior class to compete for the six cash prizes. The essays are titled "Make Every Day Safe Driving Day."

The Crater agriculture chapter made a field trip to the Hubbard-Wray building to inspect John Deere farm machinery last Tuesday. The 70 boys and ag teachers, Bill McFarlane and Ed Griggs, were served lunch during the inspection. After the group had been through the entire building, they went to the Crater Theatre, where they were shown several movies on farming and related subjects.

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## News About Servicemen

**IN OPERATION**

Specialist Third Class Gorman V. Marney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kemit V. Marney, route 1, Medford, is participating with the 187th airborne infantry combat group in "operation market II" at Ft. Bragg, N. C. The operation is designed to test the combat efficiency of the new division under simulated atomic warfare conditions.

**COMPLETES TRAINING**

Darwin Bean, Prospect, recently completed basic training at Lackland Air Force base, San Antonio, Tex., and is now training to be a weather observer at Chanute Air Force base, Illinois.

**RETURNS TO BASE**

Merle Nyberg, Navy photographer, has returned to the Naval Shipyard at San Francisco, Calif., after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Nyberg, Central Point, during the holidays. He also visited the Ben Day's in Salem while on leave.

**Gresham Man Killed By Dynamite Explosion**

Camas, Wash. — (U.P.) — Oscar Roy Sedig, 62, Gresham, Ore., was killed Friday when a charge of dynamite exploded prematurely. Sedig was preparing to blast a stump on a clearing project here.

Coroner Paul Mylan said the explosion was caused by a faulty fuse.

Sedig was powder man for the Badger Construction Company of Gresham.

**NEW BOX OFFICE**

Hollywood — (U.P.) — The world's first drive-in box office was opened by producer Michael Todd. Starlets Patti Lawler and Stasia Lamont were on hand to sell reserved seat tickets for Todd's "Around The World In 80 Days."

Eugene Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rogers has returned to his studies at Pacific Union college after spending the holidays with his family at Elk creek, Trail. He returned to school by way of Paradise, Calif., and visited at the home of Miss Jean Yeoman and family. Jean accompanied him to St. Helena, Calif., where she is a pre-nursing student at the sanatorium there. Rogers and Miss Yeoman recently announced their engagement and the wedding is planned for sometime late in August of this year.

Arlene Rogers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rogers of Milo Academy at Canyonville, Ore., spent the school holidays at home and then returned to start the mid-winter term at the Academy.

Mr. and Mrs. Daun Chaney made a trip to Estacada, Ore., where they visited with Chaney's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Chaney.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hanson of Elk creek, Trail entertained at their home with a new year's eve party. Cards were played during the evening. Guests attending were Mr. and Mrs. Ted Shimek, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Bush, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Casebier and daughter, Jolene of Trail; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lacey and son, Norris of Central Point; and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Merriman and sons, Lynn and Danny and Vance of Ashland.

Miss Agnes Oliver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Oliver of Trail has left for Washington, D. C., to accept a position in the Navy civil service. She graduated from the Northwest Air college in Spokane Dec. 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cross of Shady Cove made a trip to San Francisco where they attended the funeral of Cross's mother, Mrs. Gertrude Jory of that city. Mrs. Jory had visited with her son and wife on several occasions and was well known in the area.

Mr. and Mrs. Hammons and son, Frazier, and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Pfeifer and son, Bill, made a trip to Sheridan, Ore., during the holiday season where they visited with Hammon's father, J. W. Hammons.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hoffman and sons of Applegate had dinner on new year's day and spent the day and evening visiting with Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson and family of Shady Cove. Leo Hoffman and John Wilson attended college together in California.

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Sara Richards, a senior, has been selected as the "Homemaker of Tomorrow" as a result of her high score on the Betty Crocker homemaking test, held last month. Sara was presented with a "Homemaker of Tomorrow" pin, especially designed by Trifari. She is now eligible to compete in the state contest for Oregon's Homemaker of Tomorrow, and should she win, she will be in competition for the national contest. The first place national winner will receive among other prizes, a \$5,000 scholarship.

The girls of month for November and December were presented at the Girls League meeting last Wednesday. Irma Penwell received the honor for November and Karen Johnson was named for December. The two girls were introduced, and the league president fastened the Girl of the Month discs around their necks.

Myrtle Otterdale, from the Pacific Telephone Company, was the guest speaker at the Girls League meeting. She talked to the girls about careers with the company, discussing such things as the salary, working conditions, and chances for advancement.

Salk polio vaccinations will be administered without cost to Crater High students beginning Jan. 24. Because the vaccinations must be given in a series with the second vaccination two months after the first, and the last one seven months after the second, only two vaccinations can be given during this year. The third will be given at the beginning of the next school year.

National Torch Honor Society has selected 20 new members, from the junior and senior classes. The new members held a meeting to discuss plans for installation. At the same meeting, the society pin was selected and orders taken.

The Rev. Jack Chase, a member of the Wheelers basketball team, presented an assembly last Tuesday. Chase demonstrated the game of wheelchair basketball, played by men otherwise unable to participate in the active sport. Mr. Chase was paralyzed from polio, but this in no way hampers his skill in the game of basketball. He held a shooting match with varsity bas-

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