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Combined Program Planned by Schools

The first combined Christmas program by secondary schools in Medford will be held starting at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, at Hedrick Junior High school's gymnasium.

The production will be staged by 800 students, including a 150-piece orchestra, and a chorus of 630 voices from Medford High and Hedrick and McLoughlin Junior High schools.

Jerry L. Dyrud, vocal music supervisor of Medford public schools, is directing the production, the first of its kind in the system. Assisting him are Lyn Sjolund, high school vocal music director; Ray Lewis, McLoughlin vocal music department; Bob Anderson, also of McLoughlin; Carroll Graber, Hedrick vocal music department; and John Drysdale, orchestra director.

The program will be in two parts, Dyrud said. The first part is the legend of Christmas, and the second is the Adoration of Christ.

300 Voice Choir Included

The legend part will include a 300-voice choir on stage supported by 380 voices in front and behind the stage. Selections will range from spirituals, and traditional Christmas carols to P. I. Tchaikovsky's "Nut Cracker Suite" which will feature orchestra, chorus and a special dance figure adapted to "Dance of the Reed Flutes," Dyrud said.

Three dimensional effects in stage decoration have been achieved by Miss Catherine Finken of the Hedrick art department, and Jack Teeter of McLoughlin's art department. Special lighting effects have been achieved by Jerry McDougal, Hedrick Junior High, and student technicians for various portions of the program, Dyrud noted.

The set of the second part, the Adoration of Christ, is so constructed as to depict the life of Christ from birth to death. A select choir of 150 voices, will serve as background for the setting, as they and the other 530 voices bring the portrayal through the medium of Roy Ringwald's setting of "Song of Christmas."

Narrator for the second portion will be Dennis Barr.

Christmas programs are scheduled in six elementary schools in the Medford district. All of them are scheduled Thursday, Dec. 19.

Jefferson school students will present a program including "The Shoemaker's Christmas" and choral speaking, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Jefferson auditorium. Mrs. Ann Stoughton is directing the program.

"Christmas Is Remembering" is the theme for the program for Washington school auditorium. Mrs. Alpha Jane Butler is general chairman of the program.

Operetta Included

A story, "The Capture of Santa Claus," an operetta for children, will be included in the program at Jackson school auditorium at 7 p.m. Thursday. Mrs. Sara Watson, Mrs. Lillian Bohrer, Mrs. Myrna Dean and Mrs. Louella Schneider are in charge of various phases of the program.

A "Children's Dream of Christ-

mas," a story written by Lincoln School Principal Roy Gilbertson, will be presented by primary grades at Lincoln school gymnasium at 1:15 p.m. Thursday. A special third grade chorus will sing and band and orchestra will play selected Christmas music during the program.

An all-school production is scheduled at Oak Grove school starting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. Title of the production is "The Little Fir Tree," with Mrs. Lois Seitz as general chairman. Dena Taylor will be featured soloist.

Each room at the West Side school will present a Christmas play in a program starting at 7:00 p.m. Thursday at the West Side school. Rooms will feature vocal groups and speaking choirs, and the entire student body will participate in a musical scene from the life of Christ.

Mrs. Eleanor Hamilton and Mrs. Marjorie Blaar will direct the program scheduled at the Roosevelt school annex starting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. Some 300 students will participate in the program, which will include solos and ensembles.

Teamster President Receives Conviction On Grand Larceny

Seattle — Teamster President Dave Beck was convicted Saturday on a charge of grand larceny involving union funds.

The jury reached a verdict after more than eight hours of deliberation.

The maximum sentence for grand larceny in Washington state is 15 years. Neither the judge nor attorneys would divulge what they discussed in the post-verdict meeting.

Beck, 63, was accused of putting into his own bank account \$1,800 obtained from the sale of a Cadillac owned by the Western Conference of Teamsters.

The Teamsters boss admitted he authorized the sale of the car and that the money was placed in his private account. However, the defense contended the money was used by the union for contributing to political candidates.

The jury received the case after judge George H. Revelle denied a mistrial motion by defense attorney Charles S. Burdell who accused deputy prosecutor Laurence Regal of "inflammatory and prejudicial" statements.

Regal had described Burdell's summation as "frantic."

However, he also described the stocky defense attorney as "the old master."

"I know where I'll go if I get into trouble, Regal said, looking at Burdell. "He's done a magnificent job with nothing to work on."

Washington — Two members of the Senate Rackets committee said today the embezzlement conviction of Teamsters President Dave Beck is a "vindication" of the committee's work.

Governor Expected To Arrive Here For Home Opening

Speeches Set for 2 P.M. At Fairgrounds Location

Gov. Robert D. Holmes is expected to arrive here today for a luncheon and to give the dedication address for the new Jackson county juvenile detention home this afternoon.

The detention home will be dedicated in ceremonies starting at 2 p.m. today. The new \$90,000 building is on the old Jackson county fairgrounds site behind the new Medford National Guard armory.

In addition to Governor Holmes, Judge William S. Fort of the Lane county circuit court also will speak. Judge Fort handles most of the juvenile cases in Lane county.

Governor Holmes, who will be met by a group of local Democrats, will be honored at a luncheon at the Medford hotel at 12:30 p.m. according to James Redden, Democratic Central Committee chairman. The public has been invited to the luncheon.

The detention home will be open for public inspection between 2 and 9 p.m. today, the second day of the open house. It was open yesterday afternoon and last night, and will be open between 2 and 9 p.m. Monday. The new home will be used following open house.

The new building includes a juvenile courtroom, judge's chamber and offices for professional staff. It also includes quarters for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Swan, superintendent and matron for the home.

"Let's Look At It This Way. It Takes Us Off The Hook On This Mess."



(Herblock Is on Vacation)

Friday Closing Set For County Schools

All Jackson county schools will close Friday afternoon, Dec. 20, for the Christmas vacation, according to the Jackson county school office. Vacation periods will vary this year, but most schools will resume classes Jan. 2, officials said.

Classes resume in Medford, Jacksonville, Griffin Creek, Ruch, Phoenix, Ashland, Applegate, Prospect, Evans Valley, Butte Falls, Howard and District 6C on Thursday, Jan. 2. District 6C includes Central Point, Gold Hill and Sams Valley. Classes resume Monday, Jan. 6, are Eagle Point, Lone Pine, Rogue River, Elk Trail, Shady Cove, and Pinehurst schools. Talent school students will return to classes Monday, Dec. 30, officials said.



HHMM—Buying Christmas gifts for the women-folk in his family seems to be somewhat of a problem for Art Longan who is being shown in a pair of pajamas in the picture above by clerk Marty Barclay of Pick's Apparel. The Longan family, who now

live in Brookings are former Medford residents and made the trip from the coast this week to do some Christmas shopping. Longan was formerly a partner in Modern Plumbing company of Medford.

Special Session Held For Transfer Of County Funds

To Pay For Fixtures, Furniture In Home

The Jackson county budget committee, called into special session Friday afternoon by the county court, authorized a transfer of \$14,500 in county funds to pay for fixtures and furnishings for the new juvenile detention home to be dedicated today.

A public hearing to validate the action has been called for Monday, Jan. 13, according to the county court.

The court, in a prepared statement following the budget committee meeting, said:

"Funds were collected during the tax year 1956-57 in accordance with a special three-tenths of a mill levy enacted by the people in 1954. These funds had reverted to the general county fund at the end of fiscal year 1956-57."

No Funds Budgeted

Members of the court explained that no funds were budgeted for furniture, fixtures and some equipment at the detention home for the current fiscal year because it was their understanding at budget time that needed monies could be appropriated from the emergency fund. They said it was the idea of the budget committee that the expenses should be handled this way.

Later, however, they determined that there is some question as to this procedure, and as a result they called Friday's meeting and the Jan. 13 hearing, they reported. The fund transfer was approved unanimously by the court and three citizen members of the budget committee, they said.

The court's statement added, "This action will have no effect on the tax rate in Jackson county, and is basically a bookkeeping transaction, and will involve the collection of no additional taxes. It was taken in accordance with local budget law."

The fixtures, furniture and equipment in question has already been ordered and installed in the detention home, but has not yet been paid for, the court said. County Clerk Bereth Hopkins refused to draw warrants in payment for the material due to the legal question involved, court members added, and their decision to settle the question by calling the budget committee into session resulted.

WEATHER

FORECAST: For or low clouds with occasional light rain through Sunday morning, intermittent rain Sunday afternoon through Monday morning, partial clearing Monday afternoon. Snow in mountains on Sunday. High today 42, low tonight 35, high Monday 45.

TEMP.
Highest Yesterday 38
Lowest this Morning 33
To 10 p.m. Yesterday trace

Our Skies Tonight
Sunrise 7:34 a.m.
Sunset 4:40 p.m.
The Moon rises 2:34 a.m.
In the constellation, Virgo, and appears quite near its principal star, Spica. The much brighter "star" to the left of the Moon and Spica is Jupiter, the largest planet.

Eisenhower Lands To Lead Alliance

Paris — President Eisenhower, who liberated Paris from the Nazi armies 13 years ago, came back Saturday to lead the Atlantic Alliance against the challenge of "despotic" Communism.

Agreement Made On Work Schedule For Road Link

An informal agreement that the proposed Klamath Falls - Medford route, by way of Lake of the Woods, should be "improved without long delay" was made last week in Portland, according to a Salem newspaperman.

James D. Olson, who writes a weekly column for several Oregon newspapers, reported in Friday's issue of the Klamath Falls Herald and News that the state highway commission took "the first official step towards modernization" of the route at a joint meeting of the commission with representatives of the U. S. forest service and the bureau of public roads.

The forest service agreed to send an inspection crew to gather data on costs to improve the 20-mile sections needing improvement, which lies in the forest reserve. The section lies between Lake Creek and Lake of the Woods. The route is paved from Medford to about Lake Creek and between Lake of the Woods and Klamath Falls.

It is planned to pay for the modernization out of forest road funds and state secondary road funds, with federal aid.

Olson quoted Charles H. Reynolds, La Grande, chairman of the highway commission, as saying he considered this project one of the most important in the state. He said it would take a considerable amount of the Springs route (Highway 66) when completed. Initial plans call for it to be a low-gradient, all-weather road, with many fewer curves and grades than the Green Springs.

Forestry officials, Olson said, explained that after estimates have been made of the forest service share of the costs, the new road would be added to the list of forest service road projects. It was estimated that it would be a year before any funds would be available for construction.

Sports Bulletin

North Bend — North Bend turned back the Medford high basketball team 68 to 64 here last night, pulling ahead from a 57-all deadlock. Quarter tallies favored the Bulldogs 20 to 13, 30 to 26 and 50 to 45. Billie Lane of the Medford Tornado was high scorer with 22 points while Tom Younker had 18 for North Bend.

St. Francis (Eugene) 44, St. Mary's (Medford) 28

The President said the Communist threat would be met "effectively and in unity."

In a 700-word arrival speech that set the tone for the NATO Summit conference opening Monday he offered the worried statesmen of Western Europe the leadership they had hoped for. His voice was vibrant and loud as he spoke at Orly airport. He stumbled only twice over words—the only outward sign that might be attributed to his mild stroke suffered less than three weeks ago.

"It is for us, together," he said, "to determine whether men shall continue to live in freedom and in dignity or whether they are to become mere vassals of an all-powerful state."

He said NATO was the West's weapon "needed to neutralize the despotic and continuing threat from the East."

To Analyze Challenge
The heads of NATO are meeting this beautiful Paris to analyze the challenge we now face," he said. "We shall meet it effectively. We shall meet it in unity."

He restated the belief upon which NATO was founded that the Western Nations sought their own security "and above all... peace with justice and with honor."

It was an older, thinner and grayer Eisenhower who landed in a cold, raw wind at Orly airport. It was his first visit to Paris in the five years since he served at NATO commander. And it was 13 years since the August day in 1944 when he freed the city from the German army.

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said the President suffered no ill effects from the airport ceremony and the 13-mile drive to the U.S. embassy, despite the weather.

Feels Fine
Hagerty said the President "felt fine" and quoted his physician, Maj. Gen. Howard McC. Snyder as saying "the President is feeling in very good condition. He did not have the slightest chill."

Hagerty said it was the President's own decision to go through with the airport formalities despite the chilling 15 MPH gusts.

He spurned the use of the airport's VIP lounge so newly decorated that it still smelled of wet paint.

The presidential plane "Columbine III" nosed down at 2:53 p.m. (8:53 a.m. EST). Precisely at 3 p.m., as his timetable called for, the plane wheeled up to the apron where President Rene Coty and other Western dignitaries including John Foster Dulles were waiting.

Gaillard welcomed the President in a brief speech receiving him "on the soil you know so well, the soil you once liberated..."

"The people of France welcome you with joy," Gaillard said.

In his reply, the President went out of his way to praise France — unhappy over U.S. arms shipments to Tunisia.



MOUNTAIN OF MAIL—The Christmas season always means a lot of extra work for Post Office employees and this year is no exception. Above, Post Office Clerk Gerald Cramer, left, and supervisor of mails William Rose throw down sacks of mail to be loaded on the special Southern Pacific Santa Claus car that runs through Medford each day. So far the volume of mail seems to be about equal to last years, according to Postmaster Moore Hamilton, but he predicts that next week could be the heaviest on record due to the fact Christmas falls in the middle of the following week.

TREE SHOPPERS—Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without a tree for the children and it takes a lot of looking to find just the right size and shape. Some families like to cut their own out in the woods but its much easier to buy one at one of the many lots in town. Helping their mother, Mrs. Curt Butterfield, pick out a tree above are Lynne, 6, Pete, 3, and Joe, 1. The children seem to be visualizing how the tree will look all covered with tinsel and lights, standing by the window in their living room. The Butterfield's other son, Roger, 5, was not on the tree-hunting expedition.

NO PROBLEM—There is not much doubt about what two-year-old Sheryl Lee Wells, above, wants Santa Claus to bring her for Christmas. She headed straight for the doll section when she and her mother entered the toy department of a downtown store one day last week. While her mother looked at other toys, Sheryl was busy trying a doll first in a toy crib and then in a high chair. With a lot of people doing their Christmas shopping ahead of time, the toy departments in some Medford stores already look bare compared to what they did earlier in the season.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT—Giving help to the needy is a tradition at Christmas time and the Salvation Army, with the money collected in these kettles on downtown Medford streets, help many families have a better Christmas. Manning the kettle above is Mrs. George Smith, who has been with the Salvation Army here for 11 years. Attracted by the jingling of her bell, Mrs. Ken Corliss and her two children, Nancy and Anita, who were just starting out on a shopping trip, stop to drop in a coin.