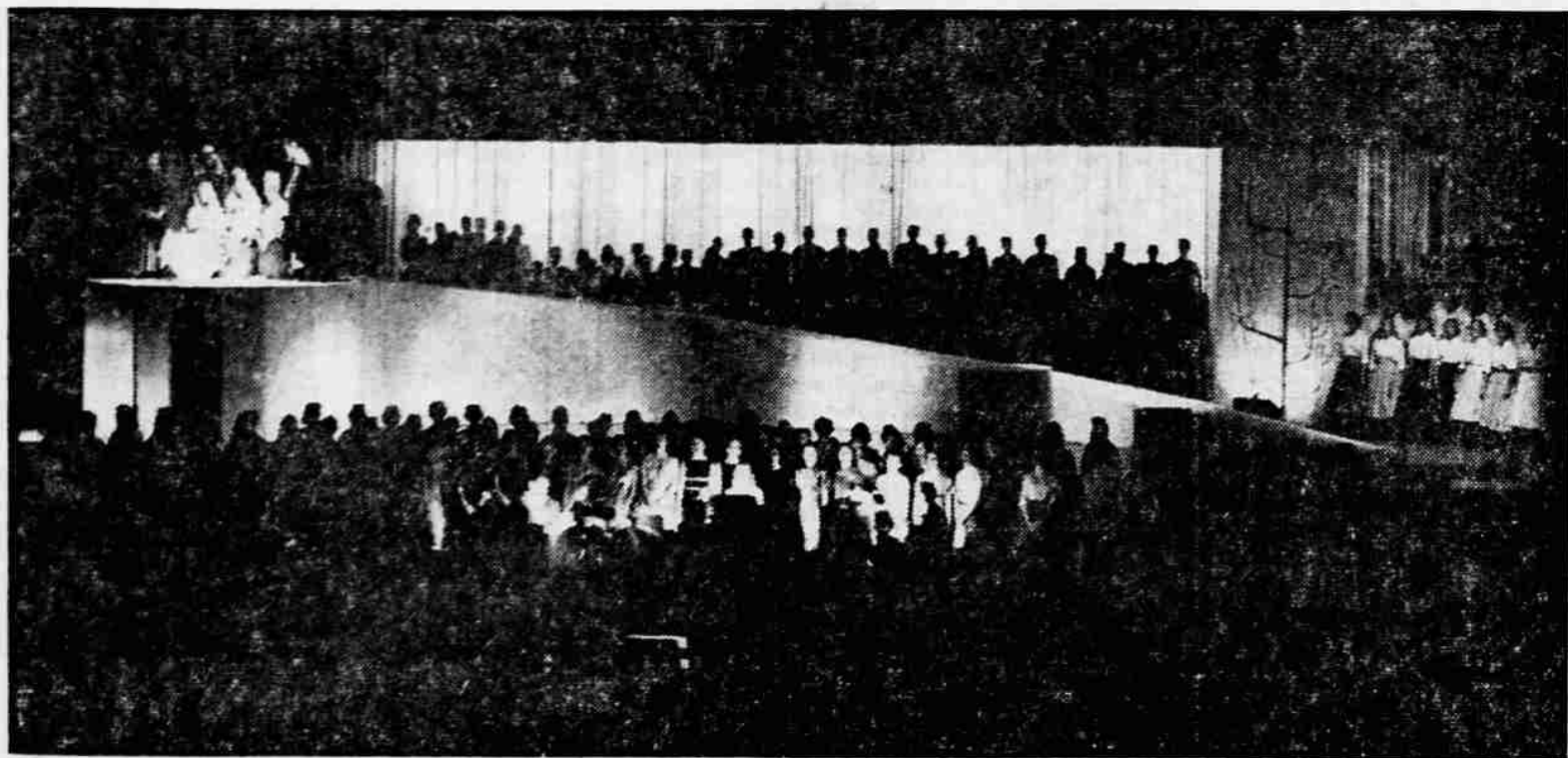




CHRISTMAS PROGRAM—An estimated 2,000 persons filled the Hedrick Junior High school auditorium last night to see the Christmas musical program presented by students of Medford's secondary schools under the general direction of Vocal Music Supervisor Jerry L. Dyrud. The program featured the combined orchestras and choruses of Medford high school and Hedrick and McLoughlin Junior High schools

as well as other music groups and soloists. About 800 students participated in the program, which was the first of its kind to be undertaken here. The cooperation of the faculty members and students was largely responsible for its success, according to Dyrud. The picture above was taken during the "Adoration," the second half of the performance.

Christmas Shopping in Medford Reported Good Through Survey

Christmas shopping in Medford has been surprisingly good this year, according to many Medford merchants, although both fog and rain have slowed its tempo.

Some firms reported sales even exceeding those of last year—a near-record year—but the majority report them to be about even or slightly under those of 1956.

The survey of 20 retail firms was made Wednesday, comparing retail volumes for similar periods in 1956 and 1957. Retail lines contacted included department stores, gift shops, men's wear, ladies ready-to-wear, hard-

that the parade would have given a better boost to Christmas sales had it been held immediately following Thanksgiving.

Several in the survey claimed early Christmas shoppers had learned that the majority of the stores are ready for them in November and buy then when the stores aren't as crowded and have a better selection.

Many merchants reported that dollarwise they are even with 1956 level but sales were below last year.

Nearly all stores questioned reported good turn-outs on Monday evenings, the regular night that downtown stores are open. It was reported that this held true in 1956 as shoppers are inclined to keep the same shopping habits at Christmas as other times during the year.

Christmas sales in the Grants Pass area were reported to be equal or better than last year.

Most Medford retail stores will remain open until 9 p.m. today and Friday, and again Monday, for the convenience of Christmas shoppers.

The stores will close at their regular times on Saturday, and on Tuesday, Dec. 24, to permit their employees to be with their families Christmas eve.

ware stores, variety stores, jewelry stores, drug stores, appliance stores, furniture stores, and photography studios.

Poor Showing

Many stores reported poor showings in Christmas sales until after Thanksgiving, which was late this year. Monday was reported a very good day businesswise, with the sun shining for the first time in several weeks. Sales were reported good that evening but the rain Tuesday night slowed business again.

Several merchants said that buyers were doing more "careful thinking" this year when making purchases with much less "panic buying."

Firm spokesmen reported that stores were packed with buyers while the sun was shining and one stated that since the fog had lifted customers were smiling and wishing clerks a "Merry Christmas."

General Sales Off

Some stores reported general sales off from this period in 1956, but Christmas merchandise sales up from last year.

A majority of the firms' spokesmen thought that sales would continue climbing through the four remaining shopping days until Christmas.

A few of merchants reported early Christmas shopping in their stores, which they credited to the Christmas parade, held Nov. 16 this year. Others expressed opposite opinions, saying

Killer Tornadoes Batter Missouri, Southern Illinois

Murphysboro, Ill. — A wave of killer tornadoes rolled across parts of Missouri and southern Illinois toward Indiana Wednesday night and rescue workers today reported a rising toll of death and damage.

At least 12 persons were killed, according to reports from city and town officials and the Illinois National Guard in the stricken area. More than 200 were injured.

Damage here still was difficult to estimate. At Mt. Vernon, Mayor Virgil T. Bailey estimated damage at \$1 million.

Town Without Power

Eight of the dead here were identified, four of them in one family. Gen. Edmund O'Neill of the Illinois Adjutant General's office reported at Springfield that two more unidentified dead were found today. The National Guard's 130th Infantry headquarters at Carbondale sent 50 officers and men into the Murphysboro area. The town was without power.

O'Neill said the little town of O'Neil, (447 population) was completely wiped out. Jackson county deputies were searching for it dead and injured. He reported the town of Sand Ridge was also damaged badly.

Mayor Joe Williams, in reporting on the casualties, said that more than 150 were injured here, although the guard put the total at 135.

Diamond Lake Road Closed by Snow Today

Highway 230, the Diamond Lake highway, was closed for the winter because of snow at 10 a.m. today, according to state police.

New snow totaled 25 inches, bringing the total roadside snow to 55 inches, police said. Snow also closed McKenzie pass and the Sun mountain secondary road, the state highway department reported.

Heavy rain fell in western Oregon today with snow flurries in some areas east of the mountains.

The weather bureau predicted "moderate to substantial" rises in most rivers of northwest Oregon in the next two days with some flooding in the lower reaches of tributary streams. The Santiam river at Jefferson was expected to reach 14.5 feet, 1.5 feet over flood stage, by 8 a.m. Friday.

Several Items on Council's Agenda

The city council at its 7:30 p.m. meeting today will consider a recommendation from City Manager Robert Duff that \$56,800 be forwarded to the state highway commission for the city's participation in the Eighth st. construction.

The amount is the city's 25 per cent share of the cost. Eighth st. will be made into a one-way street to form a couplet with Main st. under the city's arterial street program. The state shares expenses since Eighth st. will serve as State Highway 238 through Medford.

The money would come from the arterial street fund.

Also on the council agenda tonight is consideration of four planning commission recommendations, a report on the fence ordinance, an informal hearing concerning a wrecking yard at Crater Lake highway and Hilton rd. and consideration of a transfer from the emergency fund and award bids for purchasing new police vehicles.

Planning commission recommendations include calling for a hearing on a change of zone in the Narraegan addition from single and two family residence to heavy industrial, and calling a hearing on vacation of D'Anjou st. from Spruce to Cherry sts. in the Central subdivision.

Missing K.F. Rancher Located at Eureka

Klamath Falls — Walter W. Watkins, Klamath county rancher missing since Dec. 7, turned up today in Eureka, Calif., apparently the victim of temporary amnesia. He was to be examined by a physician when he returned here later today.

New York — A federal jury resumed deliberations today in the wiretap case against Teamsters President-elect James R. Hoffa.

NATO Meeting Ends; Communique Blames Russia for Race on Arms

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Jupiter Fails To Complete Flight; Thor Thought Next

Liquid Oxygen Poured Into Missile

Cape Canaveral, Fla. — The Air Force prepared to fire a Thor missile today in the wake of Wednesday night's launching of the rival Army Jupiter, flight because of "technical difficulties."

When a heavy shroud of fog cleared from the cape this morning, observers saw the slim, white Thor standing outside its gantry. Liquid oxygen was already being poured into the intermediate range missile.

Wednesday night's spectacular Jupiter apparently was either destroyed in flight, or fell into the sea when its engines failed.

Scientists gained valuable information from the test, however, even though the 1,500-mile range Army missile failed to complete its flight for the second time in less than a month.

The Jupiter has been successfully fired a number of times and flew 3,500 miles in one test. The missile was sent up a few minutes after 7 p.m. (EST) and the Defense Department announced shortly afterward that the launching was successful. But a second statement announced that "the missile did not complete its full flight because of technical difficulties."

Usually missiles are destroyed by remote control from the ground when they have malfunctions.

Registration Set for Winter Term at SOC

Asland — Registration for winter term will start Jan. 6 and continue through Jan. 20, according to Mrs. C. L. Winston, registrar of Southern Oregon college.

Mrs. Winston said applications from 27 students anticipating enrollment for the first time have been received. Dr. Alvin Fellers, director of student affairs, will conduct an orientation session for new students at 8 a.m. Monday, Jan. 6. Robes, upperclasswomen's honor society and Tri Zeta, service group, will assist with registration and orientation.

Salem — The entire field staff of the valuation division of the state tax commission met here today for a two-day in-service training school.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES
New York — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 431.26, up 5.08; 20 railroads 97.37, up 1.41; 15 utilities 67.92, up 0.37, and 65 stocks 144.63, up 1.60. Sales today were about 2,740,000 shares compared with 2,750,000 shares Wednesday.



(Herblock is on vacation)

President Sees Less Likelihood of War

Paris — President Eisenhower said today at the conclusion of the NATO summit conference that he thought the decisions it reached made "war less likely, peace more sure."

The President said he also felt that the four-day meeting had made for "a stronger North Atlantic alliance."

Addressing his NATO colleagues in the closing phases of the final NATO council meeting in the Palais de Chaillot, Eisenhower said he recognized there were certain differences of detail among the 15 member states that could not be "surmounted completely."

The President's own attendance at the conference had done much to dispel the gloom that preceded it among Western European nations in the face of Soviet rocket and Sputnik successes.

The President, looking fit despite the heavy pace he set himself after his arrival last Saturday, boarded his personal plane, Columbine III, for an overnight flight back to Washington. He was scheduled to land at Washington about 6:30 a.m. (e.s.t.) Friday, with one brief refueling stop at Keflavik, Iceland.

Monday at 8:30 p.m. (e.s.t.) (5:30 p.m. p.s.t.) Eisenhower and Dulles will make a joint radio and television report to the American people on the results of the NATO meeting.

CP Post Office Building Planned

Construction of a new building for the Central Point branch of the Medford post office probably will start soon after Jan. 1, according to S. G. Schwartz, regional director, Portland.

Schwartz also announced that city delivery service will be extended to Central Point Jan. 11, 1958.

Central Point Mayor Donald E. Faber suggested the department build a new facility. The department selected a site directly across the street from the present post office.

The new building will have 2,656 square feet of inside floor space, and 2,475 square feet of asphalt parking and maneuvering area, which will include 63 square feet for a concrete loading apron, Schwartz said.

Quarters will be equipped with fluorescent lighting, asphalt tile floors, acoustical tile ceilings, fans, separate lock box and finance lobby, and a forced air heating system. Other improvements are scheduled for the new building, which will assure better working conditions for employees and more efficiency in handling mail, he said.

George L. Evans is superintendent of the new branch, which is now classified a branch of the Medford post office.

President, Dulles 'Highly Pleased' At Parley Outcome

Americans Expected To Endorse Decision

Paris — The 15 NATO nations today concluded an historic summit conference that agreed to convert NATO to a missile-age alliance while offering Russia a new chance to negotiate disarmament under international control.

President Eisenhower, acknowledged leader of the four-day session, told French President Rene Coty just before departing on his return flight to Washington that: "I think we are just a little bit closer to the ideal of peace, and I think this group has done a lot to make the chances of war a little more remote."

A 4,000-word declaration and final communique issued at the concluding session placed on Russia the whole blame for the present world armament race and failure to reach any sort of disarmament.

Eisenhower Pleased
Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles were "highly pleased" at the meeting's outcome. It showed on the face of the President, who beamed smiled and waved his arms as he boarded his plane and flew home.

Eisenhower said he was confident the American people would endorse the decision to arm Western Europe with nuclear warheads and 1,500-mile intermediate range ballistic missiles as insurance while seeking new disarmament talks with the missile-armed Soviets.

At the final session of the NATO council, the President said there were certain differences that could not be "surmounted completely." But these, he said, could be "accommodated."

But, the President said, there was a "fundamental unity" that kept the NATO allies moving forward together.

The Soviets have announced their agreement to hold East-West conferences at a high level — preferably at the summit. But their reaction to today's NATO communique was, as expected, violent opposition.

Radio Moscow said the conference was intended to "camouflage the nature" of the talks. A broadcast said the western nations gave further evidence of a "plot to undermine peace."

Russian Republic Premier Demoted

London — Premier Mikhail Yasnov of the Russian Republic, largest in the U.S.S.R., has been demoted and replaced by his deputy, Radio Moscow said tonight.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Rain tonight. Showers Friday. Little temperature change. Low tonight 37. High Friday 45.

Highest Yesterday 44

Lowest this Morning 37

Prec. to 10 a.m. today .49

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise 7:36 a.m.
Sunset 4:41 p.m.
Moonrise Friday 6:52 a.m.
New Moon Friday night
PROMINENT STARS
Altair, low in west 7:28 p.m.
Aldbaran, high in south 10:49 p.m.
Venus, low in south-west 6:13 p.m.
Jupiter, rises 2:52 a.m.
Mars, rises 5:42 a.m.



DOUBLE TROUBLE—Pictured above is rare pair of twin shepherd pups that are marked almost identically with a black patch on their left eye. The pups are full of mischief at that stage and look like they could make quick work of an old bedroom slipper. The Humane Society would like to place them in one home because, according to caretaker Mrs. Robert Garrison, it would be a shame to break up the set. In the picture, they both have their eye on a dog biscuit outside their cage.



LUCKY—This young dog, that is part shepherd and part samoyed, is lucky to be alive. He was picked up in the brushes of a Medford street sweeper while he slept in a pile of leaves in the street one day this fall. After finding him in the hopper the sweeper operator took him to the Jackson County Humane society, where he is waiting for someone to give him a real home. There are a number of dogs available at the kennels which would make fine Christmas presents for youngsters.



THOROUGHbred—This purebred black collie, named Shadow, doesn't feel at home behind the wire fence at the Humane society kennels, but will have to be content until someone gives him a home. The collie is an ideal ranch dog and has an inherent friendly nature. According to law, unless a dog can be placed in a home within a certain length of time, they have to be destroyed.



HOMELESS—This young beagle-type dog looks sad as she peers through the fence of her pen at the Jackson County Humane Society kennels on Table Rock rd. She is one of several dogs the society would like to place in homes before Christmas, according to Secretary Mrs. Perry Duncan. The beagle is an energetic dog and a fine companion for children. The Humane society telephone number is Spring 2-8222.