

CENTRAL POINT Schools Observe Christmas

Central Point — A White Christmas was celebrated by the Central Point elementary and junior high school Friday. A 15-foot Christmas tree stood in the middle of the gymnasium. All the decorations for the tree were made by the students of grades 4, 5 and 6.

The decorations varied from the traditional paper chains to the newest handmade creations of foil and glitter. The Angel on the tree top was the work of one of the students.

Under the tree was a white covered platform divided into three sections. Signs of "miscellaneous," "fruits" and "vegetables" were attached to tall gift-wrapped "cans." Each marked a section.

Each of the 330 students had a gift wrapped in food in his or her hand, and as one group walked around the tree each leaving his gift, another group of students sang carols.

The carol singing was led by Ralph Humphrey. Mrs. C. A. Meyer played the piano. At the close of the program, Charles A. Meyer, principal, commended the students on their attitude to those less fortunate than themselves. The baskets of food will be given to needy families in the Central Point area.

Wednesday, Arthur Ayers returned home from the Medford Osteopathic hospital where he underwent surgery. He is reported to be recuperating rapidly. Here during their father's illness were Del Ayers of Portland, Mrs. L. Zimmerman, of Seattle, Mrs. John Sharp, of Eugene, and Mrs. Bill Grimes of Klamath Falls.

The Missionary Society of the Pilgrim Holiness church held its annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. C. W. Powell Dec. 17. The party began with a pot-luck dinner at noon. Mrs. Birch Scribner gave the devotions. Games were played in the afternoon and "secret pals" were revealed as the last feature of the day.

Those attending were Mrs. Clarence Jackson, Mrs. Annie Owings, Mrs. J. T. LaCasse, Mrs. Birch Scribner, Mrs. John Anhorn, Mrs. Hugh Freeman, Mrs.

Carl Alexander, Mrs. J. R. Wilson and Mrs. R. H. Alexander. The hostess for the affair was Mrs. C. W. Powell. Mrs. Annie Owings is the president of the Society. The Rev. Clarence Jackson is pastor.

Miss Helen Carlton and her sister, Miss May Carlton, left Tuesday morning for Los Angeles where they plan to spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Hoffman and children, Sandra and Jerry, have moved to Central Point from Sweet Home.

A party for the Cradle Roll families was given in Harmony hall of the Friends church Friday evening. A program was put on by the children. They also had a gift exchange. Twenty-four adults and 38 children attended.

One hundred eighty-five students from the Central Point junior high school went by bus Thursday to Grants Pass where they had a skating party at the Grants Pass Roller rink.

Mrs. Earl Moore, of Gold Hill, who recently underwent surgery at Rogue Valley hospital, spent Saturday through Monday convalescing at the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. C. Mapel, on Scenic ave.

Guests Monday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Van Horn were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kirkley of Kerby.

Miss Joan McBee of Tacoma, Wash., was a recent guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. Chester Chastain, of 243 Alder st., Central Point.

All schools in District 6C began the Christmas vacation Friday. H. P. Jewett, superintendent, said school would resume Jan. 2.

Miss Linda Obenchain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Obenchain, returned Friday from Oregon State college. She has just completed six weeks in the home management house. This is required of seniors in home economics.

Karen and Don Johnson of

Predatory Animals Affect Field Mice

Ontario — Dr. C. R. Van Patten, member of the Ontario city council Friday said that the killing off of predatory animals in Oregon has "considerable" bearing with the infestation of field mice in the southern part of the state.

Dr. Van Patten, a chiropractor and sportsman, said a recent Department of Agriculture report showed 887 predatory animals were killed in Oregon from Oct. 20 through Nov. 16 this year. These included 289 coyotes, 120 bobcats, 112 porcupines, 98 raccoons, 62 badger and foxes and other animals. These animals help control rodent population, he said.

If these predatory animals had not been slain by hunters, he said, "probably the mice problem would not be so great."

Oregon State college also are spending the Christmas holidays at home with their mother, Mrs. Helen Johnson.

Carl Dobrot arrived home from Oregon State Friday night to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Dobrot, Scenic ave.

Arriving Saturday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Parrish, was their son, Steve Parrish, also from Oregon State college.

The neighbors of Bill Lacy surprised him Tuesday evening by stopping in and wishing him a happy birthday. He was 89 years old. Visitors were Mr. and Mrs. John Clark, Miss D'Anne Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Rempert, Mr. and Mrs. Lyn Mathews, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Minnick and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wald.

Airman David Monia arrived home Saturday morning after being discharged from Parks Air Force base near Oakland, Calif. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Monia of Central Point.

Everett Beach left for Eugene Sunday. Beach, who is in the forestry service, was transferred to Veneta. His family will move to Eugene in January.

Try and Stop Me

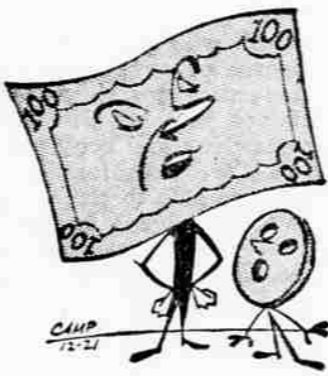
By BENNETT CERF

A HUNDRED-DOLLAR-BILL was high-hatting a common pants button. "I've been in the wallets of magnates and monarchs," boasted the century note. "Beautiful women and stalwart men have fought over me. Now tell me what you've done." The shabby button sighed, "I've been in a collection plate every Sunday for years and years."

Martha, 5, told her kindergarten teacher, "There's a new baby in our house today." "Fancy that," beamed the teacher. "Is he going to stay?" "I imagine so," said Martha. "He's got his things off."

"Is it not queer?" ruminates Clifton Fadiman, "that in babies and small children we welcome joyfully every sign of that intelligence we so much distrust in adults? A baby, whose very gurgles prove to its parents its strong powers of perception, is the pride of the family. But an intellectual candidate for the Presidency arouses serious doubts."

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Draft Status Sweated Out By Rock and Roll Singer

Memphis, Tenn. — Rock and roll idol Elvis Presley sweated out his military status Saturday, not knowing if he will get a draft deferment sought by his Hollywood boss.

Presley received his induction notice Thursday night. It was kept a dark secret for 24 hours until Presley telephoned his West Coast studio that a change in plans was in the works.

Presley had been slated to start his fourth movie, reporting to New Orleans on January 20, the same date he was ordered to report to Camp Chaffee, Ark.

As soon as the news broke, teen-age girls crowded around the big iron gate of his \$100,000 Graceland mansion in suburban Whitehaven.

"I feel like crying," said one girl.

"It's a crime," moaned another young brunet.

The Mississippi-born Presley rose to rock 'n roll fame with his hip-swinging, condemned by some groups as indecent. In less than five years Presley had moved from a public housing project with low rent, to a \$40,000 home, finally moving to his present swank lodgings.

Hollywood appeared more concerned over the draft notice than Presley, who said he was "ready to return something for what the country has given me."

He also told his draft board chairman Milton Bowers, Sr., that he "hated to leave his mother and father." Presley is an only child, his twin brother died at an early age.

Studio production chief Frank Freeman of Paramount said

Five largest bridges in the U. S. are the Golden Gate, Mackinac Straits, George Washington, Tacoma Narrows and the San Francisco-Oakland span.

Presley's induction would cost the studio as much as \$350,000 because of "preparatory investments" on the scheduled movie "King Creole."

Freeman said he had already sent a letter to Bowers here requesting an eight-week delay "so we won't lose this large sum of money."

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Robbers Net Over \$250,000 In Daylight Robbery

New York — Police searched Saturday for three "big" robbers who netted over \$250,000 in insured jewelry in a daylight parking lot holdup and escaped in a little black Volkswagen.

Three masked gunmen, all described as six feet tall and one said to be carrying two guns, Friday held up two partners and an employee of the S and S Jewelry Service company in a Queens parking lot.

Police said it was the practice of partners Max Schweitzer, 53, Oceanside, N. Y., and Arnold Schorr, 40, Long Beach, N. Y., and their employee, Lion Winnik, 40, Glen Oaks, N. Y., to make daily jewelry deliveries to Long Island jewelers.

The three would drive to the parking lot together from their New York office, police said. They would then split up into separate cars and make deliveries and pickups of jewelry for repair.

When the three messengers arrived Friday, Winnik got out

to unload jewelry bags from the trunk of Schweitzer's car. Winnik told police the two-gun bandit approached him, knocked him down and ordered him back into the car. The other two gunmen covered the partners who had remained in the car.

The bandits transferred all six bags of jewelry to their Volkswagen and drove off. Schweitzer suffered a heart attack in the excitement. He was reported Saturday in good condition in a hospital.

TO AIRLIFT

East Rockaway, N. Y. — The efforts of an Air Force reserve transport plane crew and a grandmother, Mrs. Arthur Roemer, will provide Christmas gifts of 800 pounds of toys, food and clothing for Sioux Indians on four South Dakota reservations. Mrs. Roemer arranged for collection of the gifts and the 514th Troop Carrier Wing crew offered to take the load with it on a cross country training flight.

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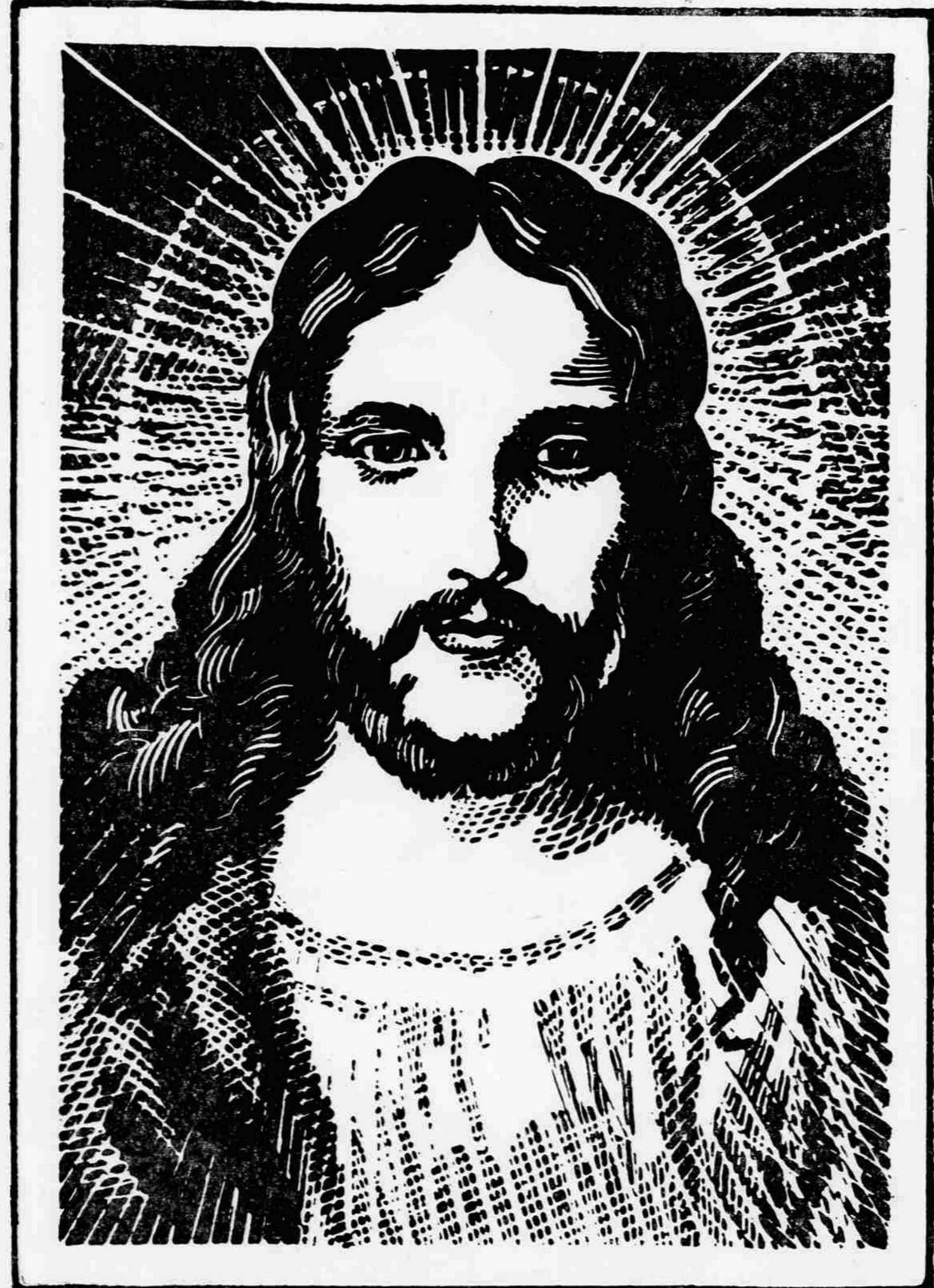
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