

A colorful pageant depicting the life of Christ is presented by the many church windows of stained glass in Medford. The windows of these churches and others in the area form a reverent backdrop to the religious ceremonies this Easter. See page 14 of today's Mail Tribune.

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More Scholarships Awarded Students By Elk Lumber Co.

Three High School Students Get Awards

Three additional scholarships have been awarded by Elk Lumber company, Riley Cook, chairman of the scholarship committee, has announced. Scholarships were awarded Miss Marjorie Edens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred William Edens, Jacksonville; Thomas Jay Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Judson Morris, 240 Sunrise ave., Medford; and Lynn Hales, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Taylor, 1548 South Ivy st., Medford.

Miss Edens received a \$300 freshman scholarship to Lewis and Clark college, Portland. A member of the Jacksonville Presbyterian church, she has served as church pianist, and accompanist to the church choir. Activities at Jacksonville high school include accompanist to the chorus and girls' sextet, clarinetist in band, a member of the Torch Honor Society, International Relations club, Arrow staff, Pep club, Junior Red Cross and Girls' Athletic association.

Places First in Contest She placed first in the "Voice of Democracy" speech contest at Jacksonville, and participated in class plays. She plans to take a secretarial course at Lewis and Clark, and to participate in music activities.

Morris, a member of St. Mark's Episcopal church of Medford, was awarded a \$300 freshman scholarship to Willamette university, Salem. He is a senior member of the Acolyte Guild, and has served as Jay leader at the Feast of Lights service and at church school services.

His activities at Medford high school include football, wrestling, student body treasurer, junior representative to the student council, and prom committee man. He plans to major in mathematics at Willamette.

Hales, also a senior at Medford high, received a scholarship to Willamette university. A member of the Ashland has served as Outreach chairman and president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. He also has served as president of the Rogue subdistrict of MYF, president of the senior institute and a member of the Oregon council of MYF.

High school activities include participation in debates, second vice president of the student body at Ashland high, president of Bi-Phy-Chem club, vice president of International Relations league, member of the Honor society, and tennis team. He has been active in the Ashland YMCA and Boy Scouts. Hales plans to enter Willamette as a pre-law student.

Cook said there are scholarships available to both Lewis and Clark and Willamette university. Students interested are asked to contact Cook at post office box 606, Medford.

Adelaide, Australia — Eight men were burned to death today while fighting a fire in a government pine forest 300 miles southeast of here.



TALLY EGGS — The annual Kiwanis club Easter egg hunt took much planning and preparation but was over in a matter of minutes when about 3,000 youngsters swarmed Hawthorne park at the sound of the opening gun at 9 a.m. Saturday. About 30 Kiwanians were out of bed at 6 a.m. to hide the 10,000 candy eggs and to rope off the sections for the three different age groups. Children who showed up a few

minutes late for the event didn't find any eggs left but were given some that were saved out for the purpose. The four little girls in the picture above did pretty well for themselves and before they went home they stopped to count up the eggs they found. They are, left to right, Micky Hiser, 7, Adel Chisum, 7, Judy Chisum, 6, and Sharon Hiser, 8.

Mighty Atlas Zooms In Successful Test

Cape Canaveral, Fla. — The Air Force successfully fired the nation's biggest missile — the mighty Atlas — hundreds of miles over the Atlantic Saturday in a spectacular seventh test flight. The gleaming black and silver missile soared some 600

miles to an "impact area" in the ocean southeast of here, sweeping through the sky 70 or 80 miles above the ground at the peak of its trajectory, it was reported. The Air Force announced shortly after the launching at noon, EST, that the "limited range test of several hundred miles appeared normal throughout the entire flight."

Southern Pacific Lowers Charges On State Lumber

Portland — The Southern Pacific railroad has approved a reduction in existing freight rates on lumber products points in Oregon served by Southern Pacific to California and Arizona, according to E. C. Ordway, freight office manager, Portland.

Rates on existing minimum loads will be cut, in addition to new minimums of 60,000 and 70,000 pounds, each with lower rates, have been approved for lumber, plywood, box and crate material, lath and shingles. Some of the new rates will result in reduction approximating 30 per cent of existing rates, he said.

Southern Pacific is preparing to publish new tariffs and it is anticipated they may become effective late in May, Ordway said.

As an example of the reductions, Ordway said the present rate from Medford to Los Angeles, based on regular minimum of 40 thousand pounds for closed cars, is 80 cents per hundredweight. It will be cut to 67 cents. New special rates on 60,000 pounds will be 55 cents, and 70,000 pounds, 50 cents.

Klamath Fall, Ore. — Prisoners in the Klamath county jail Saturday submitted a list of two special requests to sheriff Murray Britton. The sheriff said he would grant the request for a complete Easter dinner Sunday with ham and all the trimmings. But he denied a request that jailers stage an Easter egg hunt for inmates.

Assessor Explains County Tax Base And New Proposal

Misunderstanding Noted By Officials

A tax base is the maximum any taxing district may levy in its budget year without a vote of the taxpayers, the Jackson county assessor's office pointed out Saturday. The assessor's office said there apparently seems to be considerable misunderstanding of the meaning of a tax base.

The Jackson county court recently placed on the May 16 primary ballot a proposal to establish a new, permanent tax base for the county. The proposed new base is \$652,386.68. The amount was determined by taking the present tax base and increasing it by 6 per cent as allowed under the state constitution.

County Judge Rodney Keating said it is the same total which automatically would have been established for the new fiscal year under the law.

Subject to Laws The assessor's office noted that "budgets" regardless of tax base, are still subject to the provisions of the budget laws, requiring advertising and public hearings.

Prior to a constitutional amendment which became effective December, 1952, a tax base was accumulative from year to year with 6 per cent increase allowable. The highest levy in the last three levies became the district's tax base, and if no levy was made in any three-year period, the district lost its tax base and any budget requiring a levy would have to be voted upon, the office noted.

"This restriction in some cases," the office pointed out, "caused taxing districts to make a levy to hold its base, building surpluses, or advancing some needed improvement or services, were the results of this law."

With the enactment of the constitutional amendment "all districts formed after the date of enactment, or existing districts wanting to establish a maximum tax base, could at any primary or general election, or other election allowed under law, vote upon a tax base for the district. This tax base, if approved by the voters, could be held indefinitely without levy, or adjusted by a vote of the people when needed.

Gold Hill Woman In Improved State Mrs. Rosemary Slaten, 33, Gold Hill was reported in an "improved" condition Saturday night but still unconscious, according to Sacred Heart hospital authorities.

Mrs. Slaten has been confined to the hospital since early Wednesday morning when sheriff's deputies found her unconscious in her Gold Hill home. They were attempting to serve a warrant charging her with the embezzlement of \$12,000 from the Rogue Valley Physicians' Service.

Jackson county sheriffs said contents of a coffee cup found near Mrs. Slaten have been forwarded to the state crime lab with samples of the contents of her stomach.

Water Supply Up, Over Average For Most Local Areas

The water supply forecast for the Rogue and Umpqua water sheds is above average for most areas and at least normal for others, according to W. T. (Jack) Frost, Portland based snow survey supervisor from the soil conservation service.

Frost gave the annual forecast at a meeting in the Jackson county courthouse auditorium Friday night. Several irrigation district managers, engineers and others were present.

Frost added there would be several exceptions to this prediction as areas served by streams fed from lower elevated mountains do not have the amount of snow this year as last year. He said most hills below the 4,300 foot level do not have the snow they normally would at this time.

He noted that although the lower hills do not contain the amount of snow as in a normal season, the higher elevations have a larger amount than normal. Frost said that the average snow cover in the Rogue and Umpqua water sheds is about 119 per cent of average or 146 per cent of last year.

He noted the above average rainfall in the areas had not resulted in an above average runoff and said the water must still be in the higher elevations. Stream levels have been about average with the exception of February, he explained.

Applegate Predicted High He told the group the Applegate would be the highest above normal this year with a prediction of 42 per cent above normal for the six-month period which started on April 1. He added that most other streams which are used for irrigation are considered excellent to average for the same period.

Sports Bulletin Boston — The Boston Celtics downed the St. Louis Hawks, 109 to 98 here Saturday night to even the best of seven playoffs at two games all.



GOV. ROBERT HOLMES To Address Democrats Here

Holmes To Speak At Demo Dinner Here On May 3

Gov. Robert D. Holmes has accepted the invitation of the local Democratic committee to be this year's guest speaker at the Eighth Annual Roosevelt Memorial dinner to be held Saturday evening, May 3, at McLoughlin junior high, according to Democratic County Chairman James A. Redden.

Selection of the Oregon governor as this year's speaker is in line with the Memorial dinner committee's decision to cooperate with the Oregon Centennial program in heralding the state's approaching 100th anniversary, Redden said. This theme will be carried out in both program and decorations at the dinner, he said.

Governor Holmes will be accompanied here by Oregon's first lady and top ranking state and national figures as well as Democratic party officials and candidates from upstairs.

Former State Chairman Robert A. Boyer is general chairman of this year's event, with Stan Zapell serving as ticket chairman. Arrangements chairman will be Mrs. Moore Hamilton, assisted by Mrs. Robert B. Duncan, Mrs. W. D. Werner, as in years past, will head the large foods committee.

Decorations are being planned by Mrs. Lewis Ulrich, assisted by Mrs. Harlan P. Bosworth Jr., Mrs. L. G. Miles, Mrs. Marvin Madden and Mrs. Neva Clark. Robert B. Duncan and Clyde Fichtner will head the reception committee and William V. Deatherage will act as chairman of the social committee. Hank Wilson, assisted by Art Lusk will be in charge of foods transportation.

WEATHER FORECAST: Partial clearing and showers Sunday, decreasing clouds Sunday night and early Monday morning, partly cloudy Monday, low tonight 32, high today 55, high Monday 58. Our Skies Tonight Sunrise 5:46 a.m. Sunset 6:42 p.m. Moonrise 10:13 p.m. JUPITER, the largest planet, rises 7:54 p.m. and will be in the southeast at moonrise. It will be brightest "star" in the sky until 4:16 a.m. when a brighter planet rises, which will be Venus.

Fresh Flooding Threatens New Fresno Farm Areas

San Francisco — It's raining again in northern California Saturday night. Just as the weatherman wearily predicted Friday the skies opened up at nightfall with a steady downpour which promises to add to the woes of thousands already weary from struggling against the ravages of the deluge earlier this week.

The latest storm was moving in on the water-logged state like a lamb compared to the lion-like squalls which sent normally tranquil coastal streams rampaging over their banks Wednesday. In many places it was a steady drizzle. In others it was showers.

But the man — who has been maddenedly correct in his

predictions to date — said in the latest forecast from the U.S. Weather Bureau gale-force winds and heavy showers were yet to come.

Fresno, Calif. — New farm land flooding was threatened Saturday night as the San Joaquin river broiled with a deluge of tributary runoff waters toward the sea in advance of another storm headed for the state.

Scores of evacuations already have been made with authorities grumbling that "it was easier to get the cows out than the people" from inundated areas. Damage was expected to be extensive in many areas.

The U.S. Weather Bureau here predicted rain would

commence in north portions of central California this evening, spreading southward during the night. Rain was anticipated up to 5,000 feet in the Sierra with the snow line dropping to about 3,500 under cold weather at midnight.

Meanwhile, the reclamation bureau boosted releases from Friant dam into the San Joaquin from 6,000 to 7,000 second feet. There was slightly more than 15,000 acre feet of storage space remaining in the dam's reservoir and the bureau attempted to conserve room for later runoff.

The increased releases, posing a threat along the swollen river from western Fresno county to San Joaquin county, resulted in an immediate new sandbagging operation on levees near Firebaugh and Dos Palos.

Other tributary streams which feed into the river dropped slightly, however. These included the Fresno, Chowchilla, Merced, Tuolumne and Stanislaus rivers. Storage space was available behind dams on the latter three but the Fresno and Chowchilla are uncontrolled.

The most serious flooding which occurred Saturday was in southwestern Stanislaus county where Hogin levee on the east side of the river broke at the same spot where it crumbled in the 1938 flood. The river spread over a 15 square mile dairy farm section with the water slightly below window sill level at the deepest points.

The gap in the levee spread to about 80 feet in the afternoon and there was no hope of closing it because the river rose again. The stricken area was expected to increase slowly to about 20 square miles which contain some 200 farms.

Upstream from the levee, the river undercut the Hillsberry bridge at the Merced-Stanislaus county line, inundating about 150 acres of farm land. Downstream past the Stanislaus junction, the San Joaquin broke its banks near San Joaquin city and sent water surging toward Ripon.

President Eisenhower declared the region a disaster area Friday as the week-long toll stood at 12 dead and property damage in excess of 12 million dollars.

Medford Dentist On State Board

Dr. John P. Dickson, Medford dentist, has been named to the state board of dental examiners by Gov. Robert D. Holmes, it was reported Saturday by James A. Redden, Jackson county Democratic party chairman.

Dr. Dickson, whose home is on the Old Stage rd., and whose office is at 117 East Main st., succeeds Dr. Arch Milligan, Portland, whose term on the board expired April 1. The term is for three years.

Redden said Dr. Dickson's name was submitted to the governor, along with 11 others, by the state dental society, and that the governor picked the Medford man.

"You Think This Nuclear Stuff Really Produces Changes In People?"



Star's Daughter Stabs Mother's Boy Friend

Hollywood — Pale, tearful Cheryl Crane, 14-year-old daughter of film star Lana Turner, was placed in the custody of juvenile authorities Saturday to await a decision on whether she must face a murder charge for the butcher knife slaying of her mother's gangland boy friend.

Dapper Johnny Stompanato, 32, friend and escort of glamorous stars, was stabbed to death at the actress' Beverly Hills home Friday night. The tall, dark-haired girl said she stabbed Stompanato to "save mother."

Cheryl, daughter of Miss Turner and the star's former husband, Stephen Crane, was in a state of near shock at noon Saturday when transferred from the Beverly Hills police station to juvenile hall in downtown Los Angeles.

Crane, a filmland restaurateur and first of the 38-year-old beauty's four husbands, immediately rushed to the aid of his daughter and Hollywood's noted criminal attorney, Jerry Giesler, stepped into the case to represent the teen-aged girl.

Hills police station, but reluctantly yielded to the pleas of friends that she not accompany the girl to the juvenile hall. The star's attorneys and advisors insisted there was nothing she nor Crane could accomplish there.

The district attorney's office did not indicate what its next step would be. No charge has been filed and an attorney for Crane said an effort would be made to have the pre-detention hearing Monday instead of Tuesday—the usual day for such proceedings.

Earlier Saturday the girl had told police she stabbed Stompanato, her mother's almost constant companion in recent months, because he had threatened to disfigure the film star.

Protecting Mother The girl said she was "protecting" her mother when she stabbed Stompanato, an associate of ex-mobster Mickey Cohen.

Miss Turner spent most of the morning at the Beverly

Ronald, Five-Month-Old Son of Melvin Amaros, Gets His First Haircut



'You Say She Goes by Every Day'



'Take Plenty Off the Top'



'This is moider ...'



'Watch That Ear, Mac'