

# SCHOOL NEWS

## Medford High School

"Operation Snowshoe" is underway in order to give the Medford thinclads who are not engaged in other athletics plenty of time to work out before the track season actually begins next spring, according to Dean Benson, track coach.

The number of Tornado endermen who have turned out so far is reported to be 25. With this early workout, Medford hopes to have a top team for the first meet this spring.

The Girl's Athletic Association's state convention and the volleyball tournament were talked about at the GAA meeting Dec. 18.

This year the convention is being held at Eugene on Jan. 17. The girls who are going will leave Jan. 16 and stay at homes in Eugene. They will be chosen according to their activities in the club.

The volleyball tournament is scheduled to start after the Christmas holidays, although practice started two weeks ago.

Seven Latin club members are planning to go caroling Sunday afternoon.

At a meeting held Dec. 17, first praetor, Jim Fontaine, announced the Christmas project: making candies and cookies for the old folks homes. Members were asked to fill out a blank saying whether they could bring candy or cookies. These were to be turned in to Mrs. Edna Stewart's room, no later than Friday morning.

Sharon O'Connors donated the Christmas tree that was to be decorated in connection with the Christmas project.

Used Christmas cards, old tin lids, and willing hands are the ingredients the Future Nurses are using in a prescription for the purpose of cheering up less fortunate folks this Christmas.

The purpose of the Christmas cards is to make gay albs with bright cloth covers. The tin can lids can be manipulated and worked into interesting Christmas chimes.

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At the request of the Sodality of Our Lady, each home room has sponsored a Christmas collection of canned and packaged foods for a needy family.

The Safety committee of the Student Council reported a rapid and efficient fire drill last Tuesday.

Seniors entertained juniors at a Christmas "get-together" Friday afternoon in the activity room. Sophomores chose the annex for their social hours; freshmen met in room 205 for games and entertainment before dismissal for the holidays.

Dennis Duggan announces that tickets for the senior winter semi-formal, "Frosted Fantasy," should be purchased early before the price increases. The dance is scheduled for Dec. 29, in the Jackson hotel. Bids are being sold by Dennis, Sharon Roberts, and Gary Miksche.

Voting for the Princesses of the semi-formal has continued throughout the week. One of these class representatives will rule as queen of the "Frosted Fantasy"; Mollie Reavis, senior; Anne Haviland, junior; Mary Jo Batzer, sophomore; Jean Boat, freshman. Announcement will be made at the dance.

The Living Crib, sponsored by the Sodality, found a new setting this year on the stage of the activity room. Assisting Mollie Reavis, prefect, in the arrangement of the Nativity scene were Francis Ahern, Don Davy, Tom Rouhier, Jim Valentine, Dave Rouhier, Lynne Parsons and Sharon Roberts. Representatives elected by their classmates to portray Mary and Joseph were seniors, Connie Sokolowski and Dennis Duggan; juniors, Rene Greene and George Lucas; sophomores, Mary Robinson, Stephen Miller, Geraldine Elbert, and Fred Lucas; freshmen, Virginia Rausch and David Lowry.

Fourth period English class entertained classmates with Christmas legends, songs, and charades under the direction of John Snider. Marilyn Schultz, Mary Robinson, and Ray Nougier staged a snow-bound Christmas at a mythical Iblink, Ore. Stephen Corliss won the greatest applause with an ingenious accompaniment of "Jingle Bells."

McLoughlin Junior High

By Joel Gregory

McLoughlin staged its annual Christmas concert Friday night. Marsha Watson and Carl Washburn were the narrators. Ray Lewis and Mrs. Dorothy Jones directed the choruses consisting of the mixed chorus, girls' chorus and the seventh grade chorus. The orchestra played several numbers and accompanied the choruses in a grand finale of "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence." About 350 students took part in the program.

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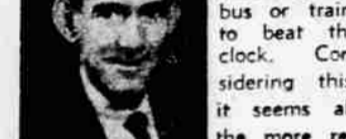
## "Let's talk dry cleaning"

By KEN HARDY

They say ours is the fastest moving civilization that ever was. We're always on the go, always hurrying to make the next light, to catch the next bus or train, to beat the clock. Considering this, it seems all the more remarkable how, each Christmas season, our world stops to turn back the clock, to remember the birth of a Child in Bethlehem, and, remembering, to feel a renewal of faith, a fresh new spirit of giving, a warmth of good will toward men. Some people say that Christmas has become too "commercial."

But it seems to us, seeing the faces of Christmas shoppers, and thinking of the wide-eyed faces of children on Christmas morning, that the spirit of Christmas is genuine. The tinsel and the glitter, gay ribbons and colored lights and ornaments, are an outward expression of an inner glow we all feel. And perhaps, being human, we need these things to brighten the light that shines in us each Christmas.

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