

VFW, Auxiliary Hold on Sunday Christmas Party

Medford Veterans of Foreign Wars and auxiliary held their annual Christmas party at the VFW hall last Sunday, with about 150 people present. Mrs. B. B. Ramsey introduced Mrs. W. L. Wheldon and her dancing dog, Miss Cinderella, who danced to the song of Jingle Bells. The dog wore a Mrs. Santa Claus suit. The act was well received by the children present. Mrs. Eve Prentice and a group of pupils gave a 45-minute program. Playing were Eric Shoen, Kathy Hill, Melba Grant, Sharnyn Talley, Vicki Hull, Dawn Oliver, Linda Messal and Carol Hildenbrand. Miss Judy Stuart sang and was accompanied on the accordion by Dale Quackenbush.

Three generations of Quackenbushes were represented in the entertainment. Merlin Quackenbush, grand father, plays the musical saw; Dale Quackenbush, father, and Raymond Quackenbush, his small son, who play the accordion. They played several selections.

William Watkins, post commander, and Mrs. Ben Allison, auxiliary president, welcomed every one.

Santa made his appearance and passed out gifts and treats to all the children present. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Ben Allison and a committee.

Next meeting of the post and auxiliary will be January 6 at 8 p.m. at 42 North Front street.

Kitchen Helpers May Jinx Safety

Chicago—(UPI)—Volunteer family cooks and bottle-washers home for the holidays create a special safety hazard, the National Safety Council says.

Improper handling of household work-saving appliances causes hundreds of deaths every year, and painful shocks, burns and near-death to thousands more, it said.

The Council offered eight simple rules for household safety.

—buy only electrical appliances and cords bearing testing agency approval.

—never immerse electrical parts of appliances in water.

—don't try to fix appliances, including TV sets, without knowing what you're doing.

—place electrical appliances out of reach of water sources.

—clean electrical appliances only when they are cool and the cord is disconnected.

—keep children away from old refrigerators without inside door handles.

—make sure that such foods as oatmeal and spaghetti do not block pressure cooker escape valves.

—have appliances checked periodically for gas leaks or other defects.

—Add a little fat or oil to water when you cook spaghetti or macaroni; this keeps the water from boiling over.

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In spite of the fact that Potpourri earns a living gathering and writing news, we wonder sometimes where other reporters get their ideas. Wednesday morning the voice on the early morning newscast included in his "headlines in the news" something like this: "Americans spending quiet, restful day in preparation for Christmas."

It was quiet and restful for us in the late evening, but not before. During the morning we cleaned the house as best we could in the time allotted, wrapped some presents, decorated the mantle, hung some mistletoe and did the dishes. Grandpa, down from Blue River, polished some silver (doing a far better job than Potpourri ever does) and tidied up the front porch, driveway and lawn.

When we arrived down town and looked around it certainly wasn't on a peaceful or quiet scene. The streets were crowded and we couldn't find a place to park. The grocery store was a solid mass of customers and harried checkers and clerks were pleading for "help up front" over the loudspeaker.

However, it was a little quieter than usual in the news room. Not so many typewriters clattering, and only a few visitors. And most of the visitors didn't have news — they came bearing gifts or dropped in to say Merry Christmas.

The experienced visitor in the news room can always tell if it's a holiday by the food. The usual assortment runs to bakery sweet rolls, crackers and even hardtack. But yesterday and today there's home-made Christmas cookies, fudge, fruit cake and other holiday goodies brought by kind friends and reporters' wives.

Grandchildren come in pairs for the Darell Husons. Saturday a second son was born to Lt. and Mrs. Douglas Wall (Laura Mae Huson) in Colorado Springs; yesterday morning a second daughter was born to the Kenneth Browns (Margaret Huson) here in Medford. The Walls named their new son Gregory Alan; his older brother, born in August of 1957, is Randy. The second daughter for the Browns has been named Karen and her older sister, born in October, 1937, is Diane.

Grandma Margaret Huson and the youngest daughter, Dorelynn, have been busy with Christmas programs, too, (the Husons are all musicians) and Grandma summed it all up in these words: "It was a real hectic week."

Anonymous letters don't often get into print, but Potpourri received one Tuesday which deserves space. It started out "A warning to healthy but foolish mothers at Christmastime" and continued, "All four children were off to school. Mother thought the Christmas tree bowl needed more water. She filled it, not to the middle, but to the top. There, safely flat on the floor beneath the tree, lay grandpa's new pajamas, sonny's tools, even the \$1.95 pocket watch. All that water gushed out — six bath towels helped mop it up. Remember ladies, not too much water in the tree bowl! And Merry Christmas all. Anonymous!"

And then there was the clerk (according to Bob Sachs of Harpers) who resigned her job in a book store just before Christmas because it got too crowded. A case of santacaus-trophobia, says Mr. Sachs.—O.S.

Elaborate Decorations Mark Tea

Cave Junction—The home of Mrs. George Webb was the scene of the annual Illinois Valley Garden club Christmas party and benefit silver tea Friday afternoon.

The elaborate decorations, both indoors and outdoors, completely transformed the house and grounds. Outside, banks of sprayed madrasa, simulating poinsettias, were "planted," a giant mail box was erected with gaily wrapped packages and cards spilling from it and a silver tree graced the front window.

The broad fireplace mantle was covered with greenery as a background for the white madonna flanked by tall white candles. Della Robia wreaths made of cones, seed pods and acorns and arrangements of holly throughout the house was dominated by the large tree which stood in the patio, decorated with all gold tree ornaments and gold bows.

For the centerpiece of the tea table, a teasel tree shared honors with a lovely old epergne, a family hearloom dating back to 1883 and belonging to the hostess, Mrs. Webb.

During the business meeting preceding the party and program, Mrs. John Milburn, chairman, reported the Christmas swag project had cleared \$140. For the horticultural report, a paper was read on the care and culture of the Christmas cactus and its varieties. A question and answer period was held on the winter care of gardens.

The program, in charge of Mrs. Wesley Vahrenwald and Mrs. Wayne Petsch, opened with group singing of Christmas carols accompanied on the accordion by Mrs. M. O. Mikkelsen of Selma.

As a surprise feature on the program was a visitation of the fourth grade Brownie troop of the Evergreen school which is sponsored by the garden club. The Brownies sang carols and read the

Installation Planned For Bethel

Shady Cove — Bethel 56, International Ored of Job's Daughters, Shady Cove, will hold its semi-annual installation of officers Saturday, December 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the VFW hall.

Miss Suzi Chubb, retiring queen, will preside over the ceremonies, Miss Linda Eccleston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Eccleston, will be installed as queen.

The ceremonies are open to the public and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Bethel 56 Christmas Dads night and a Christmas party December 18 at the VFW hall. A large number of fathers and friends attended.

Escorted and introduced were Miss Phyllis Briggs, past honored queen of Bethel 56; Mrs. L. O. Rodgers, past guardian of the Bethel; and Alan Rodgers, past associate guardian. All dads were extended a special greeting.

A Christmas party followed the meeting with the girls exchanging gifts. The dads formed quartets and sang a Christmas Carol, the best group was chosen by applause. The fathers of the winning group were Richard Eastin, Kale Anders, Wilbur Blackman and Arthur Hume.

The girls have been busy the past week making gifts to send to the children in the Shriners' hospital. Most of

Christmas story. They were presented with holly corsages made by the club.

A general gift exchange and revealing of "posy pairs" followed.

The benefit silver tea proceeds will be distributed between the Doernbecher hospital and the local American Legion auxiliary for their welfare work.

Individual steam puddings topped with lighted candles were served with coffee by the hostesses, Mrs. J. J. Vilhair, her daughter, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. George Webb, Mrs. John Milburn and Mrs. Gladys King, who were also responsible for the outstanding decorations.

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Medford Couple Spend Holidays In Nevada City

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Dodge, 519 King street, are spending the Christmas holidays in Elko, Nev., as guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Read and family.

Another daughter, Noia Kathleen, was born to the Reads on December 18. She is their third child, having a sister, Jo Anne, and a brother, Larry. Mrs. Read is remembered here as the former Dorothy Dodge, who attended Medford high school, Southern Oregon college and Oregon State college, where she received her degree. Mr. Read, a graduate of the University of Nevada, also formerly lived in Medford. He is a public accountant in Elko.

Brandy Pate For Holidays
New York—(UPI)—A quick, delicious pate to keep on hand for drop-in guests at holiday time combines liverwurst with sour cream and cognac. Mash one pound liverwurst thoroughly and blend in 1/4 cup each of finely chopped onion and sour cream (or heavy sweet cream), 1/2 cup cognac, and one teaspoon mustard. Store in refrigerator until needed.

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