

Social Events ♦ Women's News

Santa's Troubles Include Back Pains, Sticky Hands

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Santaland, U. S. A. — (UPI) — If you think you have troubles making your list and checking it twice, you should hear about Santa's ailments.

The old gent's so upset he's tempted to get out of the spirit of Christmas and trip, sock or otherwise discombobulate a strain of humanity he refers to as "Santa's non-helpers."

"First of all," says he, "there are the non-helpers who react to Christmas trimmings and tunes by saying 'I hate Christmas' over and over again. Can't they keep the hate to themselves?"

"Then there are non-helpers who spill the beans about me being a myth — right within hearing distance of a child or two still believing in me. There's no punishment to fit that crime."

Some of Santa's troubles are small. He thinks parents might help eliminate them. Samples: A pain in the back, sticky hands and occasional hunk of gum in his beard.

Says Speak Up

"If parents would tell their children to speak up when they come to see me," he said, "I wouldn't have to bend low to hear their petitions. Bending low aches the back every time."

"And if they'd ask the children to wash their hands before seeing me, I wouldn't get the residue from sticky candy all over my hands. And the children really shouldn't stretch chewing gum when they talk to me. That's almost as dangerous as lighting a match near my beard."

Perhaps the worst kind of Santa non-helper, however, is the get-rich-quick scheme artist who tries to sell gyp merchandise to Christmas shoppers. In this class, Santa put the sellers of rare French perfume that isn't French, rare or even perfume.

"Tis the season to be wary of such trickery," Santa said. "Beware of merchandise that's offered for almost nothing."

Other non-helpers completely forget about the Christmas spirit when shop-

ping. Santa put in this class shoppers who:

- Push in crowded aisles; manhandle the merchandise; expect the store clerks to know the exact sizes of clothing for Aunt Susie and assorted other relatives they haven't seen in years!
- Other non-helpers commit their crimes before going to the post office.
- "They wrap the bundles only a very dainty way," Santa said. "My helpers at the post office tell me they have trouble keeping such parcels intact."
- "Some of the bundles never make it to the destination in time for Christmas, of course."
- In this class are packages with incomplete addresses and ones properly addressed — but mailed too late.
- Ditto for Christmas cards with poor addresses and ones mailed too late.
- "Christmas is a time to be happy," Santa said. "We all have to put up with the stresses of the days before the holiday."
- "But if all the non-helpers would run up the white flag and show that they've caught the Christmas spirit, we'd all have an easier time of it."



Holiday decorations such as this mantel arrangement will be seen by those who take the home tour sponsored by Eagle Point Garden club Thursday, December 13, from 1 to 5 p.m. All three homes are in the Agate road area and the route will be plainly marked with arrows and signs, the committee states. The homes are those of Mrs. O. A. Turnquist, Mrs. Ted Flury and Mrs. Thelma Short. This mantel decoration is made from pale green homemade candles trimmed with gold, green ribbon bows, gold and silver Christmas balls and evergreen sprayed gold. It was made by Mrs. Erma Cushman, Trail.

Trail Riders Elect Officers

New officers were elected at the last meeting of Medford Trail Riders, held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Vague.

Elected were Glen Porter, president; Carl Fincher, vice-president; Mrs. Vague, secretary and Mrs. Fincher, treasurer.

The club's annual Christmas party will be held Sunday, December 16, at the Boy Scout building in Eagle Point.

Thespians Troupe To Present Play

"The Beautiful People," by William Saroyan will be presented in the Arena theatre at Medford High school January 24, 25, and 26 by Thespians Troupe 358.

Mrs. Lenore Zapell, director of the play, announced the cast last Monday afternoon. Because there are only two women's roles in the play, they have been double cast. The role of Harmony Blueblossom will be played by Judy Foreman and Heather Rode; Agnes Webster will be played by Jean Allen and Madelyn Buonoore.

Owen Webster will be played by Jim Kerber; Jonah Webster by Dave Smith; Mr. Prim by Gary Staats; Dan Hillboy by Mike De Salvo; Father Hogan by Greg Keith; Harold Webster by Bill Bulger and Steve by Jack Barr.

Spray dried flower arrangements with hair spray to keep the fluff of such plants as milkweed from falling.

Women Set Meeting

Wilderville — Christmas cookies and candies for the Veterans Domiciliary will be packaged by the Women's Society of Christian Service when they meet Friday, December 18 at the home of Mrs. James Lindsay on Fish Hatchery road. The meeting has been set ahead from the regular meeting date of December 20, officers point out.

Boxes of fruit and costume jewelry also will be prepared for shipment to mentally retarded children at Fairview home.

Tiller-Drew PTA Will Sponsor Dance Classes

Tiller-Drew — At a meeting December 4 Tiller-Drew Parent-Teacher association voted to sponsor a tap and aerobic dance class. Mrs. Jack Wright of Tiller is to be the instructor. Classes will be held in the school gymnasium and will begin shortly after the first of the year.

By-laws of the organization were revised to conform to the state PTA requirements.

Mrs. John Utley was chosen as program chairman to replace Mrs. Robert Clauson, who retired.

Mrs. Charles Porter will be general chairman of the forthcoming Tiller Variety show which will be produced and directed by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mann, retired major circuit show people. Assisting will be the co-chairman, Mrs. Hillard Lillgren; stage manager, Robert Clauson; musical advisor, Boyd Swingle; publicity, Mrs. Jack Wright and Del Godbey; refreshments, Mrs. Glen Hunter; make-up, Mrs. Lenore Hale; tickets, Mrs. Gershom Roy; and choreography, Mrs. Jack Wright. There is still a need for a costume chairman.

The group voted to replace old skates with money taken in from skating parties. Principal Matthews stated that 71 skaters were on the floor at one time at the last skate night, and that others would have skated except for the shortage of skates.

A committee was chosen to trim a tree and sack Christmas treats December 17. The school Christmas program will be December 18.

Ashland Club Hears Pastor; Workday Held

Ashland — Members of Ashland Garden club spent a busy morning preceding their Monday luncheon and afternoon meeting when they worked on holiday decorations. The session was held in the Civic clubhouse which was gay in Christmas greenery.

A covered dish luncheon was served at a long table centered with an arrangement of evergreens and variegated golden balls. Beneath the lighted tree on the stage were wrapped gifts which the members exchanged during the social hour.

Guest speaker on the afternoon program was Dr. P. Malcolm Hammond, pastor of the First Methodist church, whose Christmas message stressed the true meaning and the origin of the observance together with customs and contributions from other than Christian faiths. Although decrying today's crass commercialism, the speaker declared that the spiritual significance cannot be lost.

Members of the club are to hold workshops December 12 and 13 to make holiday wreaths, swags and other decorations for the YMCA benefit sale that will be held in the Armory December 14. The club's annual Christmas sale is scheduled for December 22 and will be held at 180 East Main street.

Mrs. W. W. Hendrixson, president, conducted the Monday meeting and hostesses were the Mesdames R. Drew Lamb, Mary Hash, Clarence Mathes and Glenn Matthews.

Elected

Ashland — Miss Pat Calhoun, sophomore at Southern Oregon college, was recently elected as off-campus women's director. This is Miss Calhoun's first venture into student government at SOC. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Van Calhoun Jr. and reside at 1663 Biddle rd., Medford.

Ashland Club Honors BPW Girl of Term

Ashland — Before a fire in the candlelit recreation room of Wesley house members and guests of Ashland Business and Professional Women's club celebrated the holiday season with their traditional Christmas party.

Honored at the Wednesday night meeting was Miss Claudia Everett, high school senior, named BPW Girl of the Term. In recognition she was presented the club pin by her predecessor, Miss Jane Hennick, after both had been introduced by the special projects chairman, Mrs. Jacqueline Lewis. Also present were two of last year's winners, Miss Joy Fahrenhurst and Miss Judy Benson, who are now freshmen at Southern Oregon college.

Miss Everett has been active in student affairs and has held numerous offices. Her scholastic record is attested by membership in the National Honor society, Quill and Scroll and Thespians. Her ability as an artist has been recognized by appointment as art editor of both the Rogue News and the high school year book. She is presently serving as chairman of student body activities and recently was student director of the senior class play.

During a short business meeting conducted by the president, Miss Ruth Beber, a cash contribution was voted to the YMCA building fund.

Under the direction of Mrs. Elaine Duffy, novel "icebreakers" gave members and guests an opportunity to become better acquainted through a series of quizzes and games.

Unique and colorful Christmas tree decorations centered the large table from which refreshments were served by the executive committee hostesses, the Mesdames Beatrice Lindsay, Elaine Duffy, Sylvia Snyder, Anita Sample and Miss Beber.

Instead of the customary gift exchange members brought presents for patients in two local rest homes. They also contributed a collection of costume jewelry and scrap materials to the state women's prison for rehabilitation work.

Calendar

Calendar notices and news for the society section of The Mail Tribune must be submitted in writing and deadline for the Sunday edition is 1 p.m. Friday. Deadline for the weekly calendar is 9 a.m. of the day of publication and for week day news is 5 p.m. the day before publication.

Wednesday:

- 6:30 p.m. — Auxiliary to Siskiyou canton, Patriarchs Militant, Medford IOOF hall.
- 8 p.m. — Pythian club, Mrs. Carl Fichtner, 613 S. Holly st.
- 8 p.m. — St. Mary's Parents club, St. Mary's High school.
- 8 p.m. — Medford unit, American Legion auxiliary, Legion hall.

Thursday:

- 10 a.m. — Phoenix Home Extension unit, Phoenix Presbyterian church.
- 10:30 a.m. — Agate extension unit, Mrs. Duane Beaver, 5342 Gebhard rd.
- 10:30 a.m. — Willow Springs extension unit, Mrs. Ray Vogel, Willow Creek rd., Central Point.
- 10:30 a.m. — Lone Pine extension unit, Mrs. Floyd C. Lewman, 1906 Roberts rd.
- 10:30 a.m. — Howard extension unit, Mrs. Guy Havice, 25 Summit ave.
- 12:30 p.m. — Medford Sojourners club, Girls Community club.
- 12:30 p.m. — Blue Star Mothers, Mrs. Helen Watson, 617 Catherine st.
- 12:30 p.m. — Adarel Social club.
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Gardeners Plan Rose Donation For City Park

At the December meeting of Medford Garden club the group planned to purchase a dozen Sarabande rose bushes to be placed around the replica of the Statue of Liberty located in Hawthorne park. This will be the club's annual civic project.

The Sarabande is described as a florabunda rose of a brilliant orange-scarlet color which is hardy and long-blooming.

It was announced that members of all clubs in the Siskiyou district, Oregon Federation of Garden clubs, will meet at the Veterans' Administration domiciliary, White City, December 13 and 14 to make wreaths, swags and other decorations for the domiciliary. December 15 these will be hung. Mrs. C. F. Gordon is the Medford club chairman for this project.

For the horticulture, members heard a talk about poinsettias. It was stated that it is better to take cuttings of these and start new plants than to carry the old plant over more than one season.

A display of roses made from tin cans was exhibited.

Mrs. John Patnot closed the meeting with a poem about the dogwood. Mrs. I. D. Fitzgerald, president, conducted the meeting and Mrs. Mattie Carson was tea chairman.

Program Planned On Social Studies

Social studies in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades will be the topic discussed by Mrs. Ella Elle, fourth grade teacher at Washington school and members of Washington Parent-Teacher association at a meeting Friday, December 14. Students of the second year orchestra will select the members with selections of Christmas music.

Parents wishing to visit teachers may do so at 2 p. m. and coffee will be served before the meeting starting at 2:30 p. m. Child care will be furnished for children over the age of one year.

Family Visits

Hornbrook — Mr. and Mrs. William Wieward and granddaughter Patricia Adams, all of Jatterton, N.J., were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Marlow. The travelers had been visiting relatives in Washington state and were enroute to San Francisco. Mrs. Marlow entertained at dinner for her visitors, having as her other guests, Mr. and Mrs. John Sylvia.

For The Men

For the man who has everything — except a valet — the National Notion Association suggests a gift of a new 45 place hanger. It has a patented adhesive backing. Just press the unit on closet door or wall where it hangs indefinitely.

Stropes Return To Anderson

Hornbrook — Mr. and Mrs. Allen Stropes were visitors recently at the home of Mrs. Stropes' daughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Skeahan. When they returned to their home in Anderson, Calif., their granddaughter, Tonya Skeahan, accompanied them, and remained until Sunday when her parents drove down and brought her home.

Past Presidents Form New Group

Rogue River — Past presidents of the Rogue River Garden club formed a club at a recent meeting at the home of Mrs. Earl Brooks, Grants Pass. Mrs. Brooks formerly lived in Rogue River.

The club will be called "The Lilacs," lilac being the club's shrub. The letters, in order, stand for loyalty, inspiration, love, assistance to the club. The object of the group will be to provide assistance to all members and the president of the garden club whenever possible.

Elected president of the Lilacs was Mrs. Paul Hughes, the oldest past president living in this area. The vice president is Mrs. Earl Brooks and the secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Carl Christenson.

The last Sunday of every other month is to be the meeting date, and the first regular meeting is set for December 30. A dinner will be held at the home of Mrs. Paul Hughes, Portola drive, Grants Pass.

Husbands of the members will be known as the "Lilac Toppers" and will be guests at the dinner.

Dallas - (UPI) - A male voice from the back of a standing-room-only shopper bus cried out gallantly: "If there is any old lady standing up there, she can have my seat." There were no takers.

Christmas Music Presented For College Women

A program of Christmas music, arranged by Mrs. C. R. Adamson, was given for the College Women's club at a meeting Saturday, December 8, at the Girls' Community club.

Soloists presented by Mrs. Adamson were Linda Johnson, a student at Medford High school, who sang a group of Christmas carols, and Mrs. Gregory McDougall who sang "A Song of Praise" by Luigi Luzzi, a noted Italian composer of sacred music. Both vocalists were accompanied by Mrs. Adamson on the piano.

Mrs. James Medley introduced Cathy Watson, another Medford High school student, who sang several Christmas numbers. She was accompanied by Charlotte Brown.

Miss Alice Saunders, teacher of orchestral music in the Medford schools played a violin solo, "The Bells" by Fritz Kreisler. She was accompanied by Mrs. Adamson.

A Christmas story, "The Third Lamb," told by Miss Cora Mason, city librarian at Ashland, completed the program.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. L. H. Bohrer, social chairman, and her committee. The table was decorated in the Christmas theme. Mrs. J. W. Murray and Mrs. Ray K. Bailey poured.

For smooth apple sauce, cook the apples before adding sugar. Sugar added to fruit before cooking will help it hold its shape.

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