



SANTA VISITS PHOENIX—Santa Claus paid a visit to Phoenix Saturday afternoon and distributed candies to about 45 youngsters of the community at the Phoenix fire hall, a short distance from the community's 24-foot outdoor Christmas tree. Santa was "assisted" by Ed Brown of Cabbagge Inn, Talent. The tree and Saturday's party were sponsored by the Phoenix Volunteer Fire department and auxiliary.

REGIONAL NEWS

JC's Shopping Tour To Start Saturday

Central Point — Gordon Burns, national director of the Oregon State Junior Chamber of Commerce, and Clarence Norris, state membership committee chairman, were visitors at the recent meeting of the Central Point chapter.

Hornbrook Scouts Are Selling Trees

Hornbrook — Again this year, Boy Scout troop No. 28 is selling Christmas trees.

Accompanied by Al Spearin, Ralph Chadwick, and "Ike" Dooley, the following members of the troop went up Ditch Creek behind Hill last Sunday and cut and brought in the trees:

Gene, Dale and Steve Farmer, Mike Turnbow, Frankie Cardoza, Billy Spearin, Pat Yarbrough, David Rutledge, Benny Bennett, Rusty and Jackie Smith, John Snyder, Bob Hutchins, Mike, Danny and Kenny Dooley, and George Chadwick.

The trees are stacked on the lot at Ray Blankenship's garage and service station, and may be bought at any time.

The Christmas shopping tour plans have been completed. Letters have been posted to all children who will be participating in the project, ages 4 to 13.

To date 70 children are listed as eligible in the area. Transportation has been provided by the District 6 School board and the Jaycees as a joint venture.

The shopping tour will be conducted beginning Saturday, Dec. 22, from 1 to 4 p.m. Funds for the tour are from the proceeds of Christmas tree sales and the local Jaycees take this opportunity to share with the children of the community.

Ruch Church To Offer Christmas Play Wednesday Evening

Applegate Valley—A Christmas play with an orphan's home as the setting will be presented by children and young people of Ruch Community church Wednesday at 8 p.m. Richard Bottger will portray the pastor in the scene. The play is written and directed by Mrs. Earl Best.

The Missionary Fellowship group in the church held their Christmas party and potluck dinner Thursday evening. The group has prepared a number of Christmas boxes for missionaries and others overseas.

Mayor To Represent Gold Hill At Freeway Dedication

By MARY KELL
Mail Tribune Correspondent

Gold Hill — Mayor Milton Steinmetz will represent the city of Gold Hill at dedication ceremonies Thursday at 2 p.m. of the 15.36-mile Rock Point-Barnett Road Section of Interstate 5.

He told councilmen at the last council session that the invitation was extended by the Oregon State Highway commission. The site of the dedication ceremony is approximately 1,000 feet north of the Barnett rd. interchange.

Due to complete satisfaction that the city has had in its dealings with owners of Pat's Sanitary service, Grants Pass, during the past five years, councilmen will retire in January agreed that the new council be advised to go ahead with a renewal of the garbage disposal franchise when it comes up in March 1963.

Improve Lighting

The council voted to improve street lighting in the area of Patrick and Hanby Elementary schools. Additional lighting will be done in accordance with funds allotted in the city budget for such projects.

Chief of police William M. "Bill" Young told the council that he felt an improvement of lighting is needed in the area of the Grange hall, Hanby and Patrick schools due to evening activities at those places, and night time traffic on Second ave. near the Patrick school.

Gilbert A. Mack, principal of Gold Hill schools, told the council that parent teacher association had agreed to provide expense of better lighting for one year if city would help with this program. This group also felt lighting improvement in the area of Patrick school would help to eliminate hazards when there

are school and social functions at night.

It was reported that the natural gas company wanted permission to make a survey study of Fourth avenue as the proposed location for the main trunk line for natural gas service. Steinmetz said the previous survey had been made to run the main trunk line along Second ave. He explained reasons that Fourth ave. is being considered.

Ted Gerow of county sanitation department from Medford and Richard Worthington and Associates Consulting Engineers of Corvallis discussed proposed improvements of the sewage disposal plant.

Recommendations for improvements were made by the state in May 1962. Steinmetz

said the present disposal plant is about 30 years old. Certain recommended improvements will bring it up to date, according to city officials.

The council approved a resolution to apply for a loan from the government to do necessary engineering study of the disposal plant. Mayor Steinmetz was authorized by the council to take the necessary action in regard to the application of the city for a U. S. federal grant for public works.

Funds that were earmarked for needed improvements at the disposal plant were turned down by the voters in the last budget election.

Renewal of liquor licenses for the Sportsman and O. K. Pastime businesses here were approved by the council.

Eagle Point School Christmas Program Planned Thursday

Eagle Point — The Eagle Point Primary school will present its Christmas program Thursday at 7:30 p.m. If fog conditions are severe at that time notification of change in time will be sent home.

Every child in the first four grades will participate in the one hour Christmas program being held in the new Primary school gymnasium.

Students in the first grade will present a nativity scene with related songs. Second grade students will have a welcome to their parents and friends in Eagle Point. Third grade students will present "The Seven Joys of Christmas."

A playlette entitled "Babes

In Toyland" was selected by the fourth grade students to round out the representation of all phases in Christmas celebrations.

Mrs. Jessie Munyon and Mrs. Jackson Jones are co-chairmen for the program with all teachers in the primary school coordinating their activities and working on the program. Several of the mothers are assisting with costume construction to make it a colorful event.

Principal Ralph Humphrey said there will be no charge and encouraged everyone in the community interested in the children to come out and see their Christmas program.

Illinois Valley Firemen Study Holland Hotel Fire

Illinois Valley — The Firemen's Women's auxiliary served the rural Firemen a potluck spaghetti dinner Dec. 4 at the fire hall in Cave Junction.

An announcement was made of the special election held Dec. 3. Fred Sullivan was elected for a five year term. The other three members of the board of directors are Hal Moore, Carl Preston and Bob Martin.

Each man is elected to serve a five year term, terms being staggered so elections will be held once a year for one director.

Following dinner, the men and women divided into separate rooms for their business sessions.

The firemen spent some time discussing the Holland hotel fire. Diagrams were used and studied to give the men benefit of the experience from this fire.

There are 25 firemen in Cave Junction, 12 in Selma, 12 in O'Brien on 24-hour call. The men drill once a month.

The equipment is inspected once a week.

The newly formed women's auxiliary used the Holland fire as its opportunity to help a stricken family. It combined efforts with the local churches and within a couple of days had the Olsons set up for keeping house.

It was suggested those receiving new dishes and cooking utensils donate their old ones to the auxiliary for future use.

In President Mrs. Vivian Deaton's absence, Vice President Mrs. Don McAmoil announced a new member, Mrs. Joe Norton, of Kerby to serve as chairman there. Other community chairmen are Mrs. Bertha Wheeler, Selma; Mrs. Mildred Cardinal and Mrs. William Woodbury of O'Brien with Mrs. Vivian Deaton general chairman and co-chairman Mrs. Don McAmoil of Cave Junction.

Mrs. Lex Riggan was appointed historian, Mrs. George Blue of Selma and Mrs. Joe Norton were welcomed as new members.

Regional Calendar

Eagle Point — Monday, 7 p.m., Eagle Point Lions club dinner meeting at community building.

Eagle Point — Monday, 7:30 p.m., special meeting for parents of Girl and Brownie Scouts, community building.

Eagle Point — Tuesday, after school, Eagle Point Girl and Brownie Scout group, community building.

Eagle Point — Tuesday, 7 p.m., Boy Scout Troop 48 Christmas party, community building.

Central Point — Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Siskiyou Archaeo-

logical club will meet at Crater Rock museum. Each family is asked to bring sandwiches or cookies.

Central Point — Thursday, 7:30 p.m. American Legion Post 129 will meet at the hall on East Pine st. This will be an open meeting and the public is invited to attend.

Gold Hill — Wednesday, 8 p.m., Amethyst Rebekah lodge will meet at the Ever Jennings tenant home 1133 Fourth ave.

Gold Hill — Thursday, 8 p.m., Gold Hill Grange will meet at the hall corner 4th st. and 6th ave.

Gold Hill — Friday, 1 p.m., Gold Hill Garden club will meet at the home of Mrs. Paul Holderness, Maple ln.

Applegate Group To Meet Tuesday

Applegate — The Applegate Home Economics unit will meet Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Ivan Hartshorn.

This will be the annual Christmas party and secret pals will be revealed. Those attending not having a secret pal are asked to bring a gift for the exchange, not exceeding \$1.50.

Baby sitting will be available at the home of Mrs. Virgil Prowell. A sack lunch should be sent for each child.

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Regional Roundup

by Cleve Twitchell
Mail Tribune Regional Editor

The week before last, a movie called "No Man Is An Island" played in Medford for four days. It is based on the actual wartime experiences of a man who now lives in Averill, our Grants Pass correspondent, in conjunction with the film's appearance locally, but the movie opened with so little advance warning and closed so quickly that the best we were able to do was to run a photograph of the man and his family a week ago last Friday.

The story is an interesting one, however, and the film will undoubtedly be shown elsewhere in the valley sometime in the future, so here is Mrs. Averill's report:

"The real life George Tweed, whose one-man war with the Japanese during their occupation of Guam is the subject of the film 'No Man Is An Island,' almost became a resident of Medford when he retired from the Navy after a spectacular career which included events depicted in the movie.



LOOK OVER PHOTOS—George Tweed and his son, George Jr. look over photos taken by the U.S. Navy after Tweed's rescue from Guam in 1944.

"Tweed, now a comfortably settled family man and businessman in Grants Pass, said he left his native Portland in 1922 to 'join the Navy and see the world.' By the end of his 25-year hitch, capped by a war all his own on Guam, he had seen enough of the world to know that he wanted to come back and settle in Oregon. He started out from Washington, D.C., with his wife, Dolores, and two small children and headed for the Rogue River valley 'because I remembered its climate was better than the rest of Oregon.'

Found What He Wanted in Grants Pass

"We kept going west until we got to Medford," he recalled. "Then we spent two weeks there hounding real estate agents to find us exactly what we wanted. One day we decided to go for a drive toward the Willamette valley. After spending the first night in Grants Pass, however, we got no further—because here, we suddenly knew, was the place we'd been looking for."

"The Tweeds now live in a comfortable white frame house on Redwood ave., just southwest of the city, with a horse, a dog, two Siamese cats, and various other livestock belonging to son George, Jr., 16, and daughter Lolly, 15, both students at Grants Pass High school. Behind the house sits another building housing Tweed's TV shop, where he puts to good use his electronics skill gained as a Navy radioman.

"Thus, the same abilities which gained him a death sentence from the Japanese 23 years ago are the ones with which he earns his livelihood today. Among the handful of American survivors who escaped to the bush when the Japanese occupied Guam in the early days of World War II, Tweed was considered the most dangerous because as a radioman he possessed skills which might enable him to communicate with the outside. Therefore, the price on his head was highest of all. Ironically, after 10 months all the other American survivors had been captured and killed, and Tweed alone remained. It was to be almost two years later before the Americans returned and he swam out to be rescued by the startled crew of an American destroyer.

Boyhood Trips Helped Out Later

"A knowledge of the woods gained during his Oregon boyhood hunting trips in the hills around Winona he credits with helping to keep him alive in the bush and one jump ahead of his pursuers.

"It would not have been possible for me to exist that long alone, however," he added, "without the help of the wonderful Guamanians who brought me food and sustenance in my various hideouts. That is where the title of the movie comes in."

"No Man Is An Island," he mused. "It means that... No matter how alone a man may be, his existence is never completely independent of all others. We need each other. I needed the Guamanians in order to exist alone during the occupation; and, strangely enough, they needed me. They felt that, as long as I remained alive, fighting for my freedom, I was sure that the Americans would one day be returning to the island. This made them also sure, and held out hope for a better future."

Diphtheria, Tetanus Shots Scheduled at CP Schools

Central Point — The Jackson County Health department will offer diphtheria and tetanus immunization shots at Central Point Elementary and Junior High schools Wednesday.

Parents may have this immunization for their child by signing the request form sent home by the school and returning it to the school via the student.

Students who have received the series in the past will receive only the booster shot. A student who has never received any immunization will receive two shots.

The same immunizations will be offered Thursday at Crater High school.

On Friday at Crater, the annual Christmas assembly will be held, sponsored by the student council.

Following the basketball game Friday night, the constellations will hold their annual dance, in the multipurpose room.

School dismissal will take place at Crater Friday. Students will return Jan. 3.

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