



SANTA VISITS EAGLE POINT—Santa Claus arrived at the Eagle Point Primary school just after noon Friday to find all the children lined up on a ramp singing Christmas carols. He passed out apples and candy canes to all 435 youngsters in school and to some pre-schoolers, like little Nancy Blank, seen in the bottom photo with her mother, Mrs. Joe Blank. The group responsible for Santa's visit had planned on only 400, so a fast trip to town was required by patrolman Bob Moore to help Santa refill his bag. Also helping Santa Claus distribute gifts were city officials Oran Chastain and Dave Hannaford. Santa Claus came to the youngsters of Eagle Point through the courtesy of the Beta Nu chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority and the Eagle Point Lions club with the help of the following individual businessmen: Karl Johnson, Oran Chastain, Jake Olsen, Jim Wallis and Jerry Devey.

Santa Is Surprise Eagle Point Visitor

By DOTTIE HARBISON
Mail Tribune Correspondent

Eagle Point—Surprise and excitement were expressed by open mouths, squealing, jumping up and down and with a few youngsters almost falling off the stage as Santa Claus appeared unexpectedly with a sack full of oranges at the Eagle Point Christmas program Thursday night.

The last number on the program called for all 350 youngsters in the primary grades to sing "Here Comes Santa Claus" as they were gathered on the stage, on the choir loft and along one side and front of the stage. Even though their play called for a youngster to play Santa, they knew they didn't have a costume, but were told to sing the song anyway.

A capacity crowd of 650 to 700 people besides the 350 youngsters participating in the program turned out for the Christmas program Thursday night even though the fog was fairly heavy. Several parents and students stood along the back and aisles with all chairs possible moved into the multi-purpose room for people to watch one of the most colorful and nicest programs ever presented in Eagle Point.

Every youngster in the first four grades participated in the program, either as a member of the choir or taking the part of talking dolls, rubberette cats, dancing teddy bears, horsemen, spinning tops, representation of the 7 Joys of Christmas, the toymaker, the

clown or one of the numerous pageant characters.

Mrs. Raymond Chamberlain was organizer for the school pageant. Parents of the children in the first four grades aided the teachers with costume and prop construction prior to the program. Mrs. Jackson Jones and Mrs. Jess Munyon were co-chairmen of the pageant with all teachers and their classes having a part.

Following the pageant, parents visited and wished everyone a happy holiday season while the youngsters were receiving their oranges from Santa. School will resume Jan. 2.

EP Boy Scouts Plan Christmas Tree Lift

Eagle Point—A Christmas tree lift will be sponsored by Troop 48, Boy Scouts of America in Eagle Point on Dec. 29. Residents should place their trees someplace in front of their homes where they are easily accessible to the boys.

This is a service project of Troop 48 in appreciation of the support given to their Christmas tree sales. Each year since the troop organized it has sold silver tip Christmas trees as a fund raising project for the year. This money goes for the up-keep of their troop expenses and includes their donations to the community building for its use and construction.

Regional Roundup

by Cleve Twitchell
Mail Tribune Regional Editor

Voters in an area of several square miles located immediately south of the city of Talent will cast ballots Jan. 15, 1963 in an election that will have a significant effect on the area's future. On that date the voters will be asked to approve the formation of a South Talent Sanitary district and elect a board of directors for the purpose of getting a sewer system installed to serve the area.

(Three days later the same voters will be included in a second election, of equal importance, concerning a somewhat larger area, regarding the formation of a Talent Rural Fire Protection district. We will discuss that election at a later date.)

'Yes' Vote Will Merely Create District

If the formation of the South Talent Sewer district is approved Jan. 15, it will complete the first of several necessary steps before a sewer system can be installed. A vote of approval at this election will merely create a district. It will then be up to the elected board to set in motion the machinery required to install a sewer system.

There are some problems facing the proponents of district formation—one of them the matter of financing. The south Talent area is composed principally of small farms, and some of the dwelling units are a quarter of a mile from each other. Fortunately, most of the homes are along one of two main roads, highway 99 and old highway 99, but we understand that the anticipated cost of installing a sewer system in the area may exceed somewhat the total bonding capacity of the proposed district.

Necessity Outweighs Problems

The necessity of having a sewer system in the south Talent area appears to outweigh the problems involved, however, as far as we are concerned. And we have somewhat of an interest in the matter, inasmuch as we reside in the proposed district and plan to vote in the election.

We occupy a rather unusual position in this regard, because we merely rent the property on which we are presently living. The owner is in southern California. When petitions seeking the election were circulated some months ago, we were ineligible to sign, because we did not own the property. But when the election takes place Jan. 15, those voting must merely be registered voters who reside in the affected area. Thus, the owner in southern California who will be paying the bills if the sewer system is installed cannot vote on that occasion. We, who will not be paying anything as a result of the sewer system, because we plan to build a house on some property we own elsewhere and move into it this coming summer, can vote the election.

Problems With Water Pollution

In all fairness to the owner, however, it should be added that we have ascertained how he would vote if he were permitted to do so, and we plan to follow his wishes.

The need for a South Talent Sanitary district was brought closer to home for your editor recently when a health department test of our water supply showed evidence of pollution. A few days later the well was chlorinated, and now we are daily enjoying the aroma of bleach in our bath water and elsewhere. We have been smuggling in Medford water to use for drinking purposes until some of the bleach tests goes away. So if you see a shadowy outline in the night of someone filling a jug from one of the downtown Medford drinking fountains, do not be alarmed.

Siskiyou Historians Slate Student Writing Contest

Yreka—The Siskiyou County Historical society announces a contest for pupils in grades 6 through 12.

Anecdotes relating to cattle or stock raising in this area prior to 1920 are wanted, the earlier in pioneer days, the better.

There will be three prizes, of \$5, \$3 and \$2 respectively. Honorable mention will be awarded to any other outstanding tales that are submitted, and should the quality of the entries warrant, they will be published in a book.

This is an opportunity for young historians to gain recognition. Tales must be fact, not fiction, and the prize winning stories will be checked for accuracy. Children are urged, although not required, to draw on their own families as a source of information.

The judges, who will be named at a later date, will base their decisions on interest of content rather than form. Brevity is desirable. Five hundred words is the maximum, but shorter tales are welcome.

Entries may be submitted at any time until Jan. 15, the earlier the better. Results will be announced in the February issue of "Nuggets," the monthly publication of the Siskiyou County Historical society.

Each school should send its entries to Mrs. Orlo Davis, Route 1, Box 44, Montague, or Mrs. Pat Carter, Gazelle.

Carols Sung at Evans Valley School Christmas Program

Evans Valley—On Dec. 19, the Evans Valley school presented its Christmas program.

There were selected Christmas carols by the school band, the Christmas Story by Sandra Purrier, Christmas carols sung by the third and fourth grade students, a short play of Mother Goose's Christmas presented by the first grade, and a short play of the Eight Reindeer was presented by the third and fourth grades. Many carols were sung by all the students.

At the conclusion of the program there were treats from Santa Claus. Approximately 240 bags of candy-nuts mix were given out.

ON DISPLAY—Central Point—The Central Point library will display a different oil painting each month from the Art Club at Crater High school. For the month of December the Art Club at Crater High school chose the oil painting of Carol Griffin to be exhibited at the library.

Gifts for the needy—Students of the Central Point Junior High and Elementary schools brought gifts Friday morning for a "White Christmas" under the tree. In the white packages were foodstuffs, which were subsequently given to needy families in the area.

Christmas Night APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH 3rd and Central CHRISTMAS MUSIC — 7:30 P.M. 40-Piece Orchestra — "Around the Christmas Tree" 60-Voice Mixed Chorus — "Hallelujah Chorus" CHRISTMAS MESSAGE The Rev. Loyce C. Carver, Pastor

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60 Central Point Youngsters Taken On Shopping Tour

Central Point—Sixty happy Central Point youngsters were guests of the Junior Chamber of Commerce at its annual Christmas Shopping Tour Saturday.

The children were transported to and from the tour by District 6 School school bus, with Scott Hamilton, driver.

On arrival in town each child was given \$2 and accompanied by escorts from the Jaycees to different stores. Merchants cooperated with the thrifty buyers by reducing the cost of the articles purchased.

Following the shopping tour, Gay Hallett, Vernon Capps, Robert Bailey, Bill Kennedy, Bill Russell, Scott Hamilton and Rick Taylor escorted the group to the American Legion Hall on Pine st.

Here they were greeted by the Future Homemakers of America from Crater High school: Vineta McGoffin, Janice Johnson, Kathy Jones, Becky Williamson, Joyce Roberts, Gladys Schwes, Jean Duncan, Myrna Long and Ruth Daniels along with their advisor, Mrs. Frances Willett.

Hostesses were: Mrs. Donald E. Lacy, Mrs. Ernie Kennedy, Mrs. Gay Hallett and Mrs. Bill Kennedy, assisted by the FHA group from Crater, Mrs. Vernon Capps and Mrs. Bill Kennedy supplied the cookies.

Central Point—Chuck and Eleanor Poythresses, members and owners of the Midway arena, attended the National Rodeo finals, held in Los Angeles Dec. 4 to 9. Contestants competing in the races were the nation's most expert riders, coming from all parts of the United States and Canada.

Every contestant entered the events with eight head of stock. One rider known to many of local rodeo fans was Billy Hand, of Loxahatchee, Florida. He was third place winner in bull riding.

Winners—First place winner in calf roping was Tom Nesmith, Bethel, Okla., time: 120.1 seconds; saddle bronc riding, Alvin Nelson, Sidney Montana, 140.1 points; bull riding, Bob Robinson, San Diego, Calif., 101.4 points; team roping, Les Herdes, Turlock, Calif., and Julius Boschi, Patterson, Calif., 134.5 second; steer wrestling, Mark Schriener, Sutherland, Calif., 85.7 seconds.

Tom Nesmith, Bethel, Okla., was winner of the title "All Around Cowboy of the Year," given to the cowboy winning the most money in the rodeos throughout the nation for the entire year.

The national rodeo was held this year in the Coliseum in Los Angeles, Calif.

Community Tree Put Up In Cave Junction

Cave Junction—A 35-foot community Christmas tree has been erected in Cave Junction.

Members of the local Lions club erected the tree in front of Caves Building supply and decorated it, Dorence Notebook, club president, reported.

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HAUL OUT THE TREE—It was a cumbersome load, but members of the Phoenix Christmas tree gathering expedition brought in a 24-foot tree to be erected outdoors for community enjoyment recently. The tree, decorated with lights, now stands on a vacant lot next to the Phoenix Grange hall.

Regional News

2 Sales of Blown Down Timber Made in IV Area

Illinois Valley—Two salvage sales of blown-down timber from the Oct. 12 storm were completed at the Illinois Valley Ranger station earlier this month. The sales have a combined total of over one-half million board feet of wind thrown timber and are the first of many to be sold by the local ranger district.

On Dec. 10 Rough and Ready Lumber Co. bid \$5,648 to become buyer of the Pepper Buck salvage sale. The sale was estimated to have 290,000 board feet of timber with appraisal of \$6,644. Other bidders on this were J. R. Phillips, Cave Junction and Cabax Mills, Kerby.

On Dec. 11 Cross and Kaufman Logging Co., Cave Junction, Ernest Higginbotham, Grants Pass, Cabox Mills, Grants Pass, and L. E. Smith, Cave Junction, bid on 230,000 board feet of timber in the Rock Pit blowdown sale. The sale was appraised at \$6,345.50.

Cabax Mills bid a total of \$10,495 to become purchaser. The sale will be cable logged by a portable yarder from the main road.

Only damaged or blown down trees will be removed. Logging of this type requires highly skilled operators with

Christmas Basket Donations Requested

Cave Junction—The Elks club of Grants Pass is sponsoring a Christmas basket project in the Illinois valley this year. Donations of canned goods and toys may be left at the Cave Junction city hall.

Cash donations may be given to Mrs. Elwood Hussey, secretary of the American Legion auxiliary.

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