

Tablets

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Mail Tribune Table Rock Correspondent

Recent holiday visitors here were Mrs. Dean Inglis and two sons, Michael and Craig of Santa Barbara, Calif., with home folks at the John L. Nealon farm.

According to Mrs. Everett Brown, president of the local Ladies Club, there will be a Christmas tree and program at the school house Monday night, Dec. 23, at 8 o'clock. The Table Rock Ladies Club is holding its December meeting at the home of Mrs. Ernest Smith, Wednesday, Dec. 18. Members are asked to bring an exchange gift not to exceed fifty cents in value.

We started out to write about the assassination of President Lincoln and other happenings of that time recorded in the Harpers Weekly, the leading newspaper of that era. Much of the paper is filled with pictures that of course we cannot use here. So we will use excerpts from stories and sketches, from Harper's Weekly in 1865.

"President Lincoln was shot April 14, 1865, by John Wilkes Booth, in Ford's Theatre in Washington, and died April 15. Lincoln was attending the theatre with relatives and friends when he was shot in the head with a pistol at close range. Booth, the assassin, ran and jumped to a lower floor, catching his spur in the American flag which was draped over the bannister, throwing him and breaking his leg, but he got away on a horse that was in waiting. Later, pursuers ran him into a barn, and when he refused to come out, the barn was set on fire, and when he ran out to escape the flames, he was shot to death, April 26.

"President Lincoln's Funeral: "Never was King or Emperor honored with such obsequies as those with which our Republic has laid to rest its greatest hero. It was not the pomp of the procession, not the splendor of the funeral rites, that gave character to the touching ceremony, but the infinite tenderness and love of a great people. It was the sorrow in every heart that moved each outward expression of affection. It was the universal grief so heavily draped our streets. Not only the mansions of the rich, but the squalid hovels of the poor put on the habit of mourning. The reward which the Republic gives to its faithful servants is not alone that the people have raised them to the seat of honor, but that when they fall in their country's cause their principal monument is the people's love.

Lying in State At The White House

The funeral ceremony proper took place at Washington on the 19th of April, at the White House. The remains of the President lay in the Green Room, in a metallic coffin. On each side of the coffin were four silver handles, with stars between, a vein of silver winding around the whole case in a serpentine form. This rested upon a canopy catafalque, and was decorated with wreaths of moss and evergreen with white flowers and lilies intermingled. Around the catafalque, at noon, were gathered the family of the President, the officiating clergymen, the delegates from New York City, the heads of bureaus, representatives of the Sanitary and Christian Commissions, the Governors of several States, the Assistant Secretaries, a large number of Congressmen, officers of the Supreme Court, and the Diplomatic Corps.

"Reverend Dr. Hall opened the services by reading from the Episcopal service of the Dead. This was followed by an eloquent and affecting prayer by Bishop Simpson of the Methodist Episcopal Church. This part of the service was most touching. At the close of his fervent appeal to the throne of Grace the Bishop repeated the Lord's Prayer, in which the whole audience joined as with one voice. The effect was sublime beyond any power of words to express, and the whole audience was melted to tears under its affect. Reverend Gurley, the pastor of the church which the President and his family were in the habit of attending, preached the funeral discourse. The service was closed with prayer by Reverend Dr. Gray, chaplain of the Senate.

To The Capitol Rotunda

"The procession started from the White House at 2 P.M. and proceeded up Pennsylvania Avenue to the Capitol amidst the tolling of bells and the firing of minute-guns. The funeral car was carried up the steps of the Capitol, beneath the very spot where six weeks before, the President had delivered his Second Inaugural, and into the Rotunda, where the body was removed from the car to another catafalque, where a second service was read. Here the procession dispersed, leaving the remains of the President in the Rotunda where they were open to view the next day.

"On the 24th, New York City received the remains of the President. The scene upon the route from the ferry-landing at the foot of Debraess Street, and at the City Hall, where the body was laid in state, was inexpressibly solemn and impressive. Early in the morning crowds of people gathered in the City Hall Park, and waited there for hours in order to obtain a view of the features of their departed hero. This scene was only exceeded in solemnity by the procession of the following day—the largest that ever thronged the streets of the great metropolis. It started at one o'clock p.m. proceeding up Broadway to Fourteenth Street, through Fourteenth Street to Fifth Avenue, and thence through Thirty-fourth Street to the Hudson River Railroad Depot on the way to Springfield, Illinois, where the President was buried."

Thought For The Day —

When one puts on the uniform and goes to war, he is offering to give his life for his country. Who can do more?

Mount Shasta Club To Hold Ski Swap

MOUNT SHASTA — The annual ski swap, put on by Mount Shasta Snowman Ski Club will be on Saturday, Dec. 7, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., at the Shasta Arcade Building in Mount Shasta.

Any used items of ski equipment or clothing may be brought and left for swapping or for sale. A 25 cent registration

fee will be made and 10 per cent on sales is retained by the club, going toward their fund sponsoring the Junior Snowmen Ski Race team.

Though children's ski needs are particularly in demand, any item related to the sport of skiing may be brought. The public is welcome to participate in this project.

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PROSPECT CONSTRUCTION — Work on the 6.5 miles bypass highway around Prospect is shutting down for the winter, but the grading project is now about 93 per cent complete, according to the Federal Bureau of Public Roads. Grading and construction of bridges is expected to be completed by next June. The above photo shows a bridge which has been constructed where the new highway will cross the Rogue River. The grading and bridge work is being done at a cost of \$620,000. There is no word as yet on when the road will be paved. When fully completed, the highway will carry Oregon 62 traffic around Prospect and the Cascade Gorge area.

Regional Calendar

WILLIAMS — Saturday, 6 to 9 p.m., annual Christmas dinner hosted by the Williams Home Extension Unit will be held at the elementary school. Prices will be as usual, \$1 for adults, students 12 and under, 50 cents, and preschool children, 25 cents.

GOLD HILL — Tuesday, 10 a.m., Golden Circle Women's group of Gold Hill Christian Church will meet at church for Clean Up Day. Those attending bring sack lunch. Hostess will be Mrs. Wallace Neece and devotional leader will be Mrs. A. Harvey Beaumont.

GOLD HILL — Tuesday, 8 p.m., Odd Fellows Lodge No. 129 will meet in the IOOF hall.

GOLD HILL — Wednesday, Woman's Society of Gold Hill Community Methodist Church will meet in the home of Mrs. Carl Johnson, on U.S. 99 North. A coffee hour will be held at 12:30 and the business session and worship at 1 p.m. Mrs. Roy

Central Point Pumping Station Trouble Probed

CENTRAL POINT — Lloyd Clark of Clark and Groff engineering firm presented a report to Central Point City Council members when they met Tuesday night. The report concerned problems with the pumping station located at the new Central Point city reservoir.

Clark told councilmen that a motor overheating caused last summer's trouble with the pump-

New Road Under Construction Into Campground

UNION CREEK — Part of the Union Creek Forest Service crew, with Dale Thompson in charge, is building a new road into the south side of the Union Creek Campground.

This area was hit hard by the Columbus Day wind storm last year. The crew hopes to have the road finished by the end of December, weather permitting. Lowell Ash and a crew of men are still burning slash piles in the Woodruff area. These are small piles that have been covered with weather proof paper to keep them partially dry. They now burn readily with no fire danger.

Emil Sabol, district ranger, reports that Christmas tree business is under way, and anyone who desires a tree may contact the Union Creek Ranger Station and buy a permit. A designated area has been set aside for cutting of Christmas trees.

Eskeew will have charge of the devotions and program. Those attending are reminded to bring gifts which will be sent to patients at the State Mental Hospital in Salem for Christmas presents.



COULD HAVE BEEN WORSE—The teen-age driver of this auto used his head when involved in an accident near Prospect recently. He, Dwayne Chapman of Prospect, drove into the side of a bridge in order to avoid a head-on collision with an oncoming vehicle. An unidentified third car caused the accident

by passing in a blind spot. Chapman and a passenger, Larry Ray, were injured, but witnesses indicated there could have been several fatalities had he struck the oncoming car instead of driving his own auto into the side of the bridge.

Christensens Now Living In Germany

GOLD HILL — Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Christensen report that their son and daughter-in-law, Captain and Mrs. George Christensen and two children, Karen and John, are now residing in Bremmerhaven, Germany, where the officer is on duty with the Army Air Force.

They crossed the Atlantic Ocean aboard the U.S.S. United States, which they had seen when the ship was christened about six years ago in Massachusetts. However, Mrs. Christensen said at that time they had no idea that one day they would be traveling on it to the country they had so much wanted to see.

Prior to Captain Christensen's assignment to Germany, he had been stationed the past two years at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Rogue River Library Slates Book Auction

ROGUE RIVER—The board of the Rogue River Public Library has announced that a book sale auction will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the city council room at the Rogue River City Hall.

Books put up for auction include duplicates of volumes already in the library. Proceeds will be used to buy new books.

Announcing...



Johnny Blount

I am pleased to announce that there has been a change of ownership of Southern Oregon Trailer Mart in Phoenix, Oregon. For several years, I managed the Mart and now I take pride in announcing that I have purchased the business.

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Santa Arrives In Ashland Aboard Red Fire Truck

ASHLAND — Santa Claus rode into Ashland aboard the city's flaming red fire truck Saturday morning, Nov. 30, meeting all comers at a reception in front of the Plaza cottage.

The visitor was ushered down Main Street by an honor guard of several hundred costumed children and the junior high school band. Prizes totaling \$60 were awarded to the six best parade entries in two age groups.

First prize of \$15 went to the Foursquare Sunday School and to Carol Christlieb. Other winners of \$10 and \$5 prizes were Vicki Ragland, Larry and Michael James, Nona Westfield and Emily Phelps.

The traditional holiday event is sponsored each year by the Ashland Retail Trades committee of the Chamber of Com-

merce. Lyle Knower was chairman for the junior parade that marked the official opening of the 1963 Christmas shopping season.

Community Youth Meeting Scheduled In Gold Hill Sunday

GOLD HILL — Ray Hanson of Medford will be a guest at a community youth meeting Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Gold Hill Christian Church. He will present a musical number on the guitar and offer a short talk. At 4 p.m., there will be a refreshment and recreation period at the Assembly of God Church.

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