

# Midland Empire News

## SPRAGUE RIVER SCHOOLS HOLD BIG PROGRAM

SPRAGUE RIVER.—The largest crowd of the season attended the annual community Christmas program given by the Sprague River schools in the school auditorium Wednesday night, December 19. A large decorated tree and other Christmas season decorations gave a holiday air to the program, which was topped off by the appearance of Santa Claus and his giving of treats to all of the children.

The program for the evening was as follows: "Chromatic Choral," "Silent Night," played by the Sprague River school band; "The Angels Promise," "Mary's Lullaby" sung by the high school girl's glee club; Christmas play, "Why the Chimes Rang," with the following cast: Holger, James Little, Stien, Donald McKenzie; Bertel, Lloyd Detwiler; Old Woman, Doris Newlin; priest, W. F. Parks; alter boys, Gerald Haddock, Max Revis; sportsman, Charles Laracey; small girl, Charlene Laracey; rich woman, Velma Lee Poole; scholar, Carole Rumeihart; king, Harold Haddock; back stage assistants, Lenore Thurman, Buelah Sartere.

The musical background for the play was furnished by the elementary chorus under the direction of Mrs. Blanche Cowbrough. The play was directed by Miss Florence Stone. The girl's glee club was directed by Mrs. Helen Hoffman.

Following the play the entire audience joined in the singing of "Silent Night," "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem," "Joy to the World," "Come All Ye Faithful," and "Jingle Bells."

The big event of the evening was the entrance of Santa Claus with treats for all the children. The Friendly Neighbors club had collected donations from the townspeople and each child from babyhood to high school seniors received a large bag of candy, fruit and nuts.

## Pastor Announces Family's Loss of 3 Sons at Hawaii

NEW LONDON, Wis., Dec. 22 (P)—The Rev. Raymond Fox, pastor of the Most Precious Blood Catholic church, faced his congregation with unusually serious mien Sunday morning.

"I have an announcement to make," he said. "The navy has informed Mr. and Mrs. Peter Barber that three of their sons, Malcolm, Leroy and Randolph, are 'missing in action' since the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor."

A dramatic silence deeper than the usual quiet of the church followed the priest's announcement. In this manner the news came to New London that three of its sons had died for their country. The Barbers had received the telegram from the navy several hours earlier.

"I'm glad they died like men and could give their lives for their country," said their father, a quiet-spoken farmer and a veteran of the last war. "When their brothers are old enough, I'm sure they will avenge their deaths."

The other brothers are Clayton, 16, and Robert, 9, who are at home.

Formerly, the Sabbath began at 3 p. m. Saturday, and lasted until daybreak Monday.

## More Miranda



Carmen Miranda, left, welcomes her kid sister, Aurora, to these shores where elder of these Brazilian beauties plans to further hemispheric solidarity with a stage and screen career for Aurora matching her own.

## Malin Students Guests at Theatre

MALIN — Students of Malin schools were guests of Vaclav Kalina at a theatre party at the Broadway theatre as part of their pre-Christmas celebration in the schools. Individual trees were arranged in each room of the elementary school and small gifts were exchanged. Kalina for several years has graciously been host to several hundred children of the Malin community.

## DEFENSE CARNIVAL SET JANUARY 24

MALIN—Civilian defense is going to get another boost when Malin organizations get behind the big Western Night carnival on Saturday night, January 24 that is planned to raise funds for operation of the Malin civilian defense unit, according to an announcement made Friday by Irving Capek. Capek, with Everett Jones, is responsible for devising ways to finance the future needs of the local unit.

The carnival will be held in the Broadway dance hall. Carnival attractions of all kinds will be on the floor. There will be "eats booths," games and other attractions and every cent will be turned into the fund for either first aid equipment or for a siren to be used in emergencies.

Organizations that have pledged assistance include the Malin chamber of commerce, Malin fire department, Czech-American alliance, Malin post, American Legion, Malin Gun club and Helping Hand society.

Mayor A. Kalina with F. P. Addleman expect to contact businessmen of Klamath Falls in the near future and Malin merchants will cooperate also. The town has only this means of raising funds with which to carry on the work of the defense unit.

Admission for adults will be 25 cents plus the 3-cent tax and 10 cents for children plus the tax.

## Junior Class at Chiloquin to Hold Christmas Dance

CHILOQUIN. — The junior class of Chiloquin high school is sponsoring a Christmas dance to be given on December 20 at the high school gym. This dance is one of the outstanding affairs of the community in that the alumni make it a point to be present to renew old friendships.

The Buzaid and Gilbert orchestra of Klamath Falls have been engaged to play for the occasion. Appropriate decorations in keeping with the season are being planned, and refreshments will be served during the intermission.

## Tulelake

TULELAKE—Mr. and Mrs. Don Reiben, San Francisco, arrived this week to spend the Christmas holidays with Reiben's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Reiben and with Mrs. Reiben's parents, Mr. and Mrs. French Johnson. Mrs. Reiben, a bride of the late summer, was formerly Mary Frances Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Street will have as Christmas guests, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Browncombe, Chico. Mrs. Browncombe, a recent bride, was the former Virginia Street. Mr. and Mrs. Street's son, Leon, who enlisted recently in the army, will not receive a leave of absence, it is believed.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Ryckman, daughter Caroline and son Norman, plan to spend the holidays at their former home in Wapato, Wash.

College students arriving home in the past few days for the holidays include Peggy Lagan, Western Business college, Sacramento; Neil Welsh, Sacramento Junior college; Barbara Bentley, University of Oregon; Maxine Barks, Stockton Junior college; Patricia Thomas, Oregon State; Robert Lidell, Wilbur Hartley and Robert McClymonds.

A Christmas party is planned by the Tulelake assembly, Order of the Rainbow for Girls on December 23, to honor members of the assembly, now away at school and a number of other guests. The party was postponed from December 17.

## OPERETTA GIVEN BY STUDENTS AT MALIN

MALIN — "The Crosspatch Fairies," operetta, was presented Thursday evening by children of the six grades of the elementary school to a packed house. From the little folks of the first grade who sang "Silent Night" as the opening number to the grand finale when brownies and fairies, Santa and Mrs. Santa, toy soldiers, Mother Goose children and small folks of the earth gathered for the last song, the play drew round after round of applause.

Ten-year-old Shirley K. Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Con Johnson, sang several solo parts with clarity and control that entranced those present.

"The First Noel" and "Oh Come, All Ye Faithful" were sung between acts by Mary Ruth Bay, Berlva McCoy, Melba Stevenson, Dorothy Loosley, Vera Howell, Donna Clugston, Ruby Renn, Teddy Stevenson and Joan Thompson. Mary Jane Hornbeak sang "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing." All were students of the junior high school directed by Miss Elizabeth Moomaw who was also accompanist for the operetta.

Lorraine Stevens was director; dialogue and properties were under the direction of Alice Lytle and costumes and music, May Taylor, Helen DeWilde and June Fowler.

Santa Claus appeared at the close of the program to distribute 350 generous sacks of candy, nuts and oranges filled by the Helping Hand society which also solicited funds for the treats.

## CHURCH SPONSORS HOLIDAY PROGRAM

SPRAGUE RIVER.—The annual Christmas program of the Sprague River Tabernacle Community church will be held Sunday evening, December 21. The public is cordially invited to attend the following program, which has been announced by the Reverend and Mrs. G. E. Sickels:

Preliminaries by the pastor, recitations by the Sunday school, Christmas story by Florence Hamblin. As Mrs. Hamblin gives the Christmas story, the following activities will take place: Song, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night," by the quartet; "Angel Voices," song by Dolores Cody; song, "Shine on Beautiful Star," by G. Sickels; song, "Star of the Morning," by the girl's quartet; song, "Bethlehem's Lullaby," by B. Reams; song, "Naught but a Manger," by M. Hamblin; song, "The Magi," by Fonzie Parrish; song, "There's a Light O'er Old Judea," sung by the entire cast. Following the play and music, the Rev. Sickels will deliver the closing remarks.

The church will be thoroughly decorated and a large Christmas tree will stand at the front of the church. The entire program will be presented by talent from the Community church.

## Tulelake Masons Elect Officers

TULELAKE — Canby Cross Masonic lodge this week elected Fred Fisher, master; Otis Roper, senior warden; J. Lawrence Horton, junior warden; George Reiben, secretary; Ival Wolfe, treasurer, and Karl Gentry, trustee. Appointive offices will be filled by the incoming master prior to installation which hinges on completion of the examination to be taken in the near future at Alturas by the newly elected officers. The examination will be conducted by Charles Baldwin, inspector for this district.

Installation will probably be held about the middle of January.

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## FILIPINO PILOTS TALK AFTER RAID

MANILA, Dec. 22 (AP)—Scenes at an American airport in the Philippines where the dust from a dozen Japanese air bombs still is settling after a quick raid:

Filipino pilots remove their tin hats, brush the dirt from their uniforms, pour you a glass of ginger ale, and then display a magazine article entitled "Japan's Bush League Air Force."

"Hell," says one, "if they're bush league I am in no hurry to see the big-timers."

All had been flat on their faces except the anti-aircraft gunners during the brief raid when several Japanese planes dived to about 2000 feet with machine-guns blazing.

As they zoomed away the bombers came over at 30,000 feet and dropped 12 bombs. None hit the field, hangars, or other military objectives.

But over on one side soldiers are extinguishing a small fire in the cockpit of one plane which already was partly wrecked in a raid two weeks ago.

A shiny sedan drives up to the communications center where an American colonel sits. A Filipino major, graduate of West Point and commander of this base, gets out.

"We are lucky today, sir," he says, "only minor damage, and no air force personnel hit. The Japs had a line all right,

## FUNNY BUSINESS



but a high wind blew the bombs off their marks.

"They sneaked in on us, and we didn't have a chance to get into the air."

The colonel says "they sprang a new one in this raid—a pseudo-stuka plane. But they seem to be slow with non-retractable gear, unable to do better than 200 miles an hour."

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## STRIKE ENDS

HOOD RIVER, Dec. 22 (P)—A two-week-old strike of 300 CIO millworkers ended at the Oregon Lumber company at Dee Saturday as management and employees agreed to arbitration of a wage dispute.

The "masse shot" is used in billiards and is a stroke made by hitting the cue ball vertically, or nearly so.

## 1917 FLEET CHIEF DIES AT NEWPORT

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 22 (P)—While war raged again in the ocean to the west, Admiral William Banks Caperton, who was commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet in the first World war, died yesterday in Newport naval hospital at the age of 86.

The body will be taken to Washington for burial, probably Wednesday, in Arlington National cemetery.

Admiral Caperton, the oldest retired American of his rank, spent 47 years in the navy. In later years he lived at Newport. He had been in the hospital several months.

A daughter, Marguerite, survives.

## San Diego Alert Sounded Monday

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Dec. 22 (P)—All San Diego radio stations were off the air for 45 minutes early today, but there was no immediate explanation of their silencing.

The fourth interceptor command ordered broadcasting to

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cease at 3 a. m. The order was revoked at 3:45 a. m.

While the army gave no indication that it had been an air raid alert, some observers suggested that an airplane in trouble over San Diego may have brought the action about.

An army bomber, unconfirmed reports said, flew over the city for several hours, unable to land because of damaged gear.

The reports said that six of the crew of seven parachuted down, and that the pilot continued circling preparatory to a crash landing at Lindbergh field.

California poppies are not native to California nor to America, but came from the Old World.

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