



Shopping has tired out 5-month-old Mary Kathleen. She naps on a chair while mother, Mrs. Leo Donovan of Olene, finishes her lunch which she has sandwiched in between visits to Klamath stores.



A young matron, carrying her baby in her arms, was snapped while shopping in a downtown store during the early Christmas rush.



Helen Franco, a Klamath Falls toy shop clerk, winds up a toy for the entertainment of a shopper.

Christmas Season Brings Busy Days To Schools

By RONNIE BROWN

Christmas plays an important part in the life and program of our schools, and the two or three weeks preceding the Christmas vacation are perhaps the busiest in the entire year, excluding, of course, the year's end.

City and county schools this year are planning many and diversified programs, such as rehearsals for Yuletide productions, art projects and carol singing. Students in the elementary schools begin art projects with the Christmas theme in mind many weeks before the actual season, and posters, cut-outs, wrapping designs and even stage sets are turned out in volume by the young fry.

Rehearsals for Christmas programs have been under way for two and three weeks, and carols have been the main theme of elementary school music classes for some time.

Highlighting the Yuletide music and pageantry programs in the Klamath basin will be the annual extravaganza to be presented by Klamath Union high school on the evenings of December 18 and 19. The dramatics, music and art departments of the school will combine to produce the program. Mrs. B. B. Blomquist, dramatics teacher, will direct the production as a whole, with Andrew Loney, music director of the public schools, in charge of the musical portion. Robert Baulster, KUH's art instructor, is in charge of stage decoration. Frances Scapple, KUH's woodwork-instructor, and his stage crew, headed by Alvin Daniels, will handle actual construction of the elaborate stage sets.

A chorus of 215 voices will take part in the main portion of the singing. The cantata, entitled "Christmas Chorale," by Olbs,

contains three episodes, the "Annunciation," "The Division of the Shepherds" and "The Visit of the Magi."

The entire chorus will render the cantata, and the intermediate a cappella choir will present several Christmas numbers preceding the main part of the program. The orchestra, under the direction of John O'Connor, will give a 25-minute prologue of Yuletide selections. The staging will take two sections: the "Celestial and Spiritual" and the "Earth and Humanity." Brilliant costumes and lighting, with visions staged to accompany the musical phases will be featured, and the lighting will be especially intricate. Stage construction is under way, and will be completed shortly before the production is staged.

City grade schools will present a variety of programs, most of which will be staged on the afternoon of

December 18, the final day of classes before the Christmas vacation, which will begin on the 19th and will continue through January 4.

Riverside school will present the well-known Christmas playlet, "Why the Chimes Rang," and Roosevelt pupils will stage another Yuletide favorite, "The Birds' Christmas Carol." Pelham and Fremont grades will give musical programs and Conger's presentation will likely be musical also. Fairview will present a combined play and musical. Mills school's program will consist of a radio broadcast on the 16th of December, auditorium difficulties having discouraged an extensive all-school play or musical.

County schools will continue in the same vein as the city institutions, with most of the programs leaning to the singing side. A few playlets will be given in the elementary schools, however.

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