

## Standing Room Only Left For Performance Of KUHS Christmas Gift To Public

By LOIS STEWART

When a hundred or more people stand during an entire performance—that performance must be good!

It was. To say that a packed house and an extremely appreciative audience, greeted Klamath Union high school's annual "Christmas gift to the public" is putting it mildly. Last night was the first of a two-night performance and even though ushers and school officials were busy bustling around and inviting people to return Thursday night for the second presentation, most of those seated on and somehow squeezed into the auditorium, elbow to elbow.

The orchestra opened the Christmas program with the beautiful, "O My Soul Praise God the Father," and completed its part of the program by putting the audience completely into holiday spirit with the lovely "Christmas Fantasy" which includes virtually every Christmas favorite in the song book.

As the orchestra left the stage to a thunderous round of applause, the curtains were opened to disclose a striking setting, encompassing the entire stage where, to the right in choir robes, sat the training choir; the boys' octet, the girls' glee club, and the a cappella choir. To the left and on a raised stage, was depicted in pantomime and costume the Annunciation. The Vision of the Shepherds and The Visit of the Magi. Lighting effects were striking and the traditional star shed light on the pantomime figures as they followed in sequence to the glorious singing of W. S. Olds "A Christmas Carol" sung by the a cappella choir.

## Soloist

Soloist of the evening was Colleen Cresswell who, if applauding had been in order during singing of the sacred numbers, would have reaped a terrific hand. The narrator was Lee Overen. His voice was deep, clear and used with proper reverence to the theme of the evening.

The training choir opened the vocal section of the program with "The Seven Joys of Mary," "I Wonder as I Wander," and "Jesus, Jesus Rest Your Head." The boys' octet then sang, "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" by Praetorius, and "A Song of Peace." Three numbers, "Christmas Rose," "Babbarry Candles," and "Glory to God in the Highest," were sung by the girls' glee club followed by the beautiful "The Sleep of the Child Jesus" by Gevaert by the combined choirs. The a cappella numbers then followed and the finale, "Silent Night," was fitting and beautiful to complete the program.

## Good Stage Sets

Much credit for the beauty of the evening goes to the drama department as well as arts and manual arts. A ramp leading from the front of the stage at an angle to the rear, was an effective bit of artistry and was used by the angels, during the latter part of the performance as they entered the splendid picture spread out on the stage.

Nothing was left undone to create an atmosphere of solemnity and the sheer beauty of the last few minutes of the program was sufficient to bring a catch to the throat. Credit is so far reaching that let it be said that the "Christmas gift" was the combined efforts of the music, art, drama and manual arts department and never has a more professional job been turned in by the heads of

the departments and the students who carried out their ideas.

Those who missed last night's performance have an opportunity to see tonight. There is no charge, and seats should be more plentiful in view of the fact that four of the city's elementary schools have programs of their own which will attract hundreds. If you are unable to go to the high school auditorium, RFLW will broadcast the Christmas program in its entirety, starting at 8 o'clock.

## Angell Raps "Gamblers"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP)—Rep. Angell (R-Ore.) said today President Truman should fire "point blank" any government officials who have been "gambling on the stock market and funds."

Angell specifically named Edwin W. Pauley, special assistant to Secretary of the Army Royall.

"The president and Attorney General Clark recently castigated gamblers and speculators in foods, which have skyrocketed in price, due in part to these speculators," Angell said in a statement. "The attorney general stated they were gambling in human misery."

"Pauley and others similarly situated have advanced information on government operations," Pauley denied he had used any government information in his operations, as well as market conditions and it is reprehensible that they should contribute to the high cost of living while holding official positions. The president, to clear his skirts, should fire Pauley point blank and any others of his official family engaged in similar practices."

## Popcorn Meter Shows Travel Up

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 18 (AP)—The popcorn barometer indicated today that the usual surge of Christmas holiday travel is beginning in earnest.

At Kansas City's Union station, sale of popcorn has gained recognition as a reasonably accurate travel gauge.

"We can always detect the aroma of the corn when the crowds increase," said George Mock, chief ticket seller. "We seldom notice the scent when business is a little slow but just let it pick up, like now, with Christmas approaching. You really know the machine is popping in full force."

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## Oil Tanks Blaze At Long Beach



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## Yule Kettle Program On

Christmas shoppers for several days have noticed the familiar ringing bell and small "Christmas kettles," traditional symbol of the Salvation Army's efforts to help finance its holiday project of bringing cheer to needy families in the basin area.

Contributions have been coming in fairly well since the kettles were set out last Saturday, according to Major W. Roswell. The kettles are not out for as long a period as usual this year, however, and the total is expected to be smaller than in the past.

The kettles will be on the streets until Christmas Eve. Donations to the Army's Christmas fund may be made either in the kettles or by sending to the Salvation Army, box 649, or 400 Klamath.

Funds from the kettles are used for grocery baskets, clothing, toys and the Salvation Army's traditional party for needy youngsters.

## Goods Stolen From Local Stores

One Lionel electric train locomotive and two cars were taken from a toy display sometime Wednesday at The Gun Store, according to city police report.

The two cars—a tanker and a box car—along with the engine were taken from a set valued at \$45. The theft was not noticed until a clerk took the set from the display to show to a customer.

Dick Reeder's men's store also reported a Christmas theft, a gold-plated silver belt buckle, worth about \$40.

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## Box Social Nets Sum Of \$238

MACDOEL, Calif., Dec. 18—The Macdoel box social sponsored by the Butte Valley Improvement League Wednesday night at the Macdoel hotel, netted the sum of \$238.95 to apply on the purchase of a fire engine for that area.

Col. Fred Howard assisted by Frank Hurd, both residents of Wocus, auctioned off the 30 box lunches prepared by the ladies in less than 45 minutes time.

The program was arranged by Mrs. N. Thompson, committee chairman. Entertainment was furnished by Margaret Stevenson, singing "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town" and "I'm Dreaming Of A White Christmas," a buck and wing dance with a "Jig" as an encore by Gale Duncan of Dorris and Mrs. Flora Lee Mericle, Dorris "Gay Nineties" belle.

Mrs. Mericle furnished the audience with laughs by her old vaudeville numbers done in costume. She did these some song-skits as an entertainer of military personnel during World War I.

Mrs. Fred Mericle of Wocus received the award in a game called "Merry Christmas."

The box bringing the highest price was prepared by Mrs. Henrietta Bailey, Macdoel octogenarian, who reached her 85th birthday November 20.

## College Conference Date Decided On

WALLA WALLA, Dec. 18 (AP)—The third Pacific Northwest college congress at Whitman college has been set for March 3-6. The meeting is expected to draw delegates from several Northwestern colleges and from Canada and Alaska. To broaden the international basis of the conference, emphasis is being placed on drawing more Canadian delegates, the executive committee announced.

## Police Hunt Double Killer

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 18 (AP)—Police today issued a statewide pickup order for an ex-convict being sought for questioning in connection with the slaying of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Jessup in their three-room cottage near the state capitol early Tuesday.

Police Chief Roy E. Kelly said the ex-convict, released from the reformatory at Monroe two weeks ago, was reported in Olympia recently and allegedly visited the Jessups prior to the date of their slaying.

In addition, he said a man answering the ex-convict's description was reported to have boarded a southbound bus at Centralia Tuesday, the day the Jessups' car was found abandoned in the Lewis county city.

A finger print expert from Portland, Ore. is scheduled to examine the car at Centralia today and then proceed here to check a butcher knife and rock believed to have been the assailant's weapons.

## Horton Named To Quarter Horse Job

LAWRENCE HORTON, prominent Klamath basin stockman, was named a member of the board of directors of the Northwest Quarter horse association at the annual election held at Pendleton today.

Election of Emil H. Muller of Helix, near Pendleton, as president of the association was announced. He succeeds Clay Brock of Seattle. First 1948 activity of the association, organized here last winter, will be a spring show and sale at Salem, tentatively scheduled for May 15.

## LIQUOR RULING

SALEM, Dec. 18 (AP)—A holder of a restaurant, club or hotel license may mix, serve and store liquor containing more than 14 per cent alcohol, Attorney General George Neuner ruled today for the state liquor control commission.

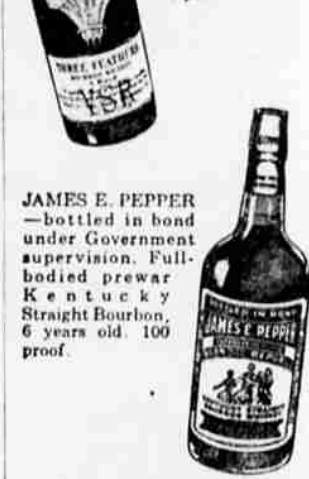
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