



BILL ROPER was named the outstanding scout of the past year at the Court of Honor recently held for Tulelake Troop No. 44 in Tulelake. Bill, center, was presented with the Veterans of Foreign Wars citizenship award by VFW Commander Earl Trumbley, left. In rear is Scoutmaster O. E. Pedersen. Seated (left to right) are Elmer Rund and Mike Jamison.



EAGLE RANK IN SCOUTING went to Ed Duckett Jr., second from the left, member of Boy Scout Troop No. 44 in Tulelake at a Scout Court of Honor December 6. The Eagle Scout insignia was pinned on by Rhon Phair, Klamath Falls, president of the Modoc Area Boy Scout Council. Left is Mrs. E. J. Duckett, mother of the new Eagle Scout. Right is O. E. Pedersen, scoutmaster.

Tulelake Troop Wins High State Honor

TULELAKE — Tulelake's Boy Scout Troop, No. 44 received the highest honor offered in California to troops sponsored by the American Legion during the Court of Honor held December 8. The Ken-aid Trophy was presented to O. E. Pedersen, scoutmaster by District Adjutant, Elmer Rund, Tulelake.

The trophy and citation accompanying it certifies that the Tulelake Troop was named the outstanding Legion sponsored troop in the state during 1954. It was cited for troop achievement and advancement. The local troop won the honor on outstanding effort in the field of conservation.

Presiding at the Court were Mike Jamison, Commander of the Tulelake American Legion Post and Scoutmaster Pedersen.

During the ceremonies Bill Roper was named outstanding scout of the year and presented with the Veterans of Foreign Wars citizenship award by VFW Commander Earl Trumbley, Tulelake. Charles Smith, Legion-sponsored delegate from Tulelake, to Boy's state, reported on his experiences there.

Ed Duckett received his Eagle Scout rating from Rhon Phair.

Klamath Falls, president of the Modoc Area Council. Also present for the court was Jim Harpole, scout executive of the council.

Other awards were as follows: Bronze palms to their Eagle rating went to Steve Rudesill and Howard Clarke, and a bronze Explorer award and physical fitness rating to Bill Havlina. Roper was advanced from Star to Life Scout, and going up to Star Scout from First Class were Billy Walker, John King, Richard Flynn and Bob Osborne.

Larry King was advanced from Second to First Class, and receiving their Second Class badges were Tommy Alcorn, George Stenberg, Roger Rudesill, Lynn Alfred, John Baker, Robert Atkins and John Murphy.

Merit badge awards were as follows:

Bill Walker — cooking, marksmanship, camping, home repairs, safety; Bill Roper — hiking, marksmanship, cooking, fishing, conservation (soul and water), citizenship in the home, citizenship in the community, life-saving and personal fitness; Lynn Alfred, Johnny Baker and Roger Rudesill — marksmanship.

Robert Maharry — marksmanship

and home repair; Tom Procter — personal fitness, nature, automobile; John King — swimming, marksmanship, camping, cooking, first aid, fishing, home repair; John Murphy — home repair, swimming; Joe Rogers — marksmanship, home repairs; Larry King — fishing, swimming, marksmanship, cooking, archery; Bob Osborne — swimming, camping, rowing, canoeing.

Wayne Osborne — agriculture, farm mechanics, athletics; Ronnie Bailey — home repair; Steve Rudesill — athletics, painting; Howard Clarke — home repair, automobile, painting; and Richard Flynn — hiking, camping.

Numerous as qualified in emergency service were Pedersen and his son Mike, Clarke, Procter, Duckett and Steve Rudesill.

OVERWEIGHT

Excess weight is becoming more prevalent among men, less so among women, it is reported by doctors' surveys. Men are now about five pounds heavier for their height than they were in 1912 and women are about five pounds lighter. Farm women weigh more for their height than do women living in urban centers.

Italian Xmas Close Affair

BY STAN SWINTON
ROME (AP) — Christmas in Italy is the day when the family bond is closest.

On Christmas Eve, before the eager eyes of the children, mother and father construct a model of the Nativity scene. This "presepio" is to Italian children what the Christmas tree is to Americans, although the foreign custom of Christmas trees is spreading even here.

Usually the presepio shows the Child in a wooden or rock manger. An ox and a donkey flank the manger. Around it, kings and shepherds kneel in veneration. Colored lights shine on the scene.

In poor homes the presepio may be of cardboard. Among rich nobles there may be expensive hand carvings. But always there is the presepio.

Babbo Natale (Father Christmas) is known in Italy but it is the Great Bambino (the infant Jesus) who lays presents beside the heads of sleeping children before they awaken Christmas morning.

Thus begins Christmas, the one day of the year in which every Italian is expected to rest at home with his family. Through the day the family group plays cards, talks and jokes, drinks coffee and eats candies or sweets.

Sweets vary from city to city but everyone must have panettone. This is a sweet bread with raisins and candied fruit which has spread from Milan across the world. Thousands are shipped to the United States for Italian-American Christmas celebrations there. There is far less emphasis on gifts within the family than in the United States. However, tradition calls for presents to those who have done you services during the year. The postman, the telegraph boy, the policeman, the parking lot attendant — all call to pay their respects before Christmas and expect a panettone or cash present.

In home the great day of family gifts giving is Jan. 6, Epiphany.

Lakeview School Plans Festival

LAKEVIEW — A Christmas music festival will be presented by the Lakeview High School band and choral groups for the December 20 meeting of the PTA. The concert will be at 8 p.m. at the high school auditorium, and will be directed by Robert Shotwell and James Arment.

A coffee hour will follow the program. Donald Holchikiss, president, reminds PTA members to bring one item of canned goods or packaged non-perishable food to the meeting for the PTA Christmas baskets.

VEGETABLES

With winter upon us, are you having trouble getting enough vegetables into the menu? The Oregon Dairy Council suggests creamed dried beef in tomatoes. To two cups of white sauce, add 1/2 pound dried beef, 1 cup grated cheese and a half teaspoon of mustard. Left-over tomato pulp from six medium tomatoes, which the recipe will fill, can be added to the mixture or may be used next time you are making soup.



HANDEL'S IMMORTAL classic the Messiah, sung by the Independent, Missouri, Messiah Choir with selected soloists and members of the Kansas City Philharmonic Orchestra will be presented by the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 18 over KFLW. This annual presentation is a gift of the church to the nation.

Handel's "Messiah" December 18 Over Local Radio Station KFLW

Christmas music in the form of Handel's famous oratorio "Messiah" will be featured on Sunday, December 18 when radio station KFLW broadcasts this beautiful music to its listening audience. Time of broadcast will be 8:30 p.m.

For the seventeenth consecutive year, this immortal classic will be presented nationwide on radio by the Independence, Missouri, Messiah Choir. It is presented as a Christmas gift to the nation by The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

The Independence Messiah Choir has given sixty performances of the Messiah since the year 1916. Former members of this nationally known choral group now live in all parts of the world. There are still active charter members of the group who will perform with the 200 voice choir this year.

The orchestra which accompanies the choir will include members of the Kansas City Philharmonic. Conductor of choir and orchestra will again be Franklyn S. Weddle, music and radio director for the sponsoring church. Soloists will be Josephine Crinklaw Mader, Kansas City, Kansas, Soprano; Anna-

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Mount Laki Program Told

The Sunday Church School of the Mt. Laki Community Church will present its annual Christmas program on Sunday, December 18, at 7:30 p.m. Under the direction of Mrs. Rondal Whitlatch, assistant Sunday School superintendent, the program will consist of life-sized colored slides of the Christmas story with narration by the Sunday School pupils. Music will be provided by the senior high and adult choirs under the direction of Mrs. Earl Mack, Jr.

In keeping with the Christmas spirit and past custom, a voluntary offering will be taken which will be sent to the "Share Our Farm Surplus" program being sponsored by the Church World

Service, an interdenominational world relief organization. Under this program sponsored by more than 36 different denominations, foods from U.S. surplus stocks, made available by our government to religious and other voluntary relief agencies, are distributed free to hungry, ill and destitute people overseas. Every dollar provided can send more than \$20 in surplus food to undernourished men, women and children.

Following the program special Christmas treats will be given out to all the boys and girls, provided through the kindness of the Henley Grange and the Henley Farm Bureau. The community is cordially invited.

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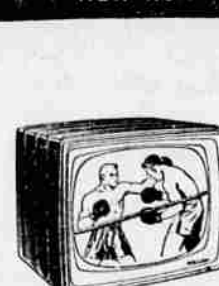
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