



THE ANNUAL ELK'S CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY was held Sunday afternoon in the armory. Shown passing out the bags of candy and nuts is Stan Ezell. The big armory was packed with children who enjoyed the festivities which included several numbers by the Elk's band under the direction of Ray Bigger. Santa Claus was in attendance at the party and heard many requests from the children.

United States Has More Than Half World's Phones

With one telephone, on the average, for every three persons, the United States had more than half of the world's 94.5 million telephones on January 1, 1955. This information was released in Oregon this week by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company from figures compiled by American Telephone and Telegraph Company in its annual survey, "Telephone Statistics of the World." It takes a year to compile the report. The state of Oregon, Pacific Telephone officials in Portland indicate, was right in line with the national

birthrate of new telephones jumped to 6.1 per cent in November. Pacific Telephone had 461,959 telephones installed through the state, as compared with 435,238 on January 1, 1955. Locally, telephone growth has also been good, according to Pacific Telephone Manager Howard J. Austin. In the Klamath Falls area the number of telephones has increased 6.2 per cent the best year from 11,902 to 12,643. Telephones by towns in the Klamath Falls area through November of this year were: Klamath Falls, 12,579 and Bly, 64. Despite telephone growth locally, and throughout the nation, Iceland has replaced the United States as the second talking nation in the world, American Telephone's annual report indicates. Canada, with 417 conversations per person, is in first place for the third consecutive year. Iceland is next with 394, and the United States, 393 per capita. Countries in the world included in the "more than a million telephones" list were 12, during the report period, as The Netherlands installed its one-millionth telephone in 1954. Leading the list is the United Kingdom, Canada, German Federal Republic, France, Japan, Sweden, Italy, Australia, Switzerland, Argentina and The Netherlands. Telephone service in the United States is supplied by some 4,800 private companies. In Oregon, besides Pacific Telephone, there are 69 independent telephone companies. The 7 companies as of today, are supplying telephone service to about 72 per cent of the 47.4 million households in the United States. Latest statistics put out by the Bell System show there are currently 99 million telephones in the world, and that 95.1 million can be connected with the Bell System. So any person, with a telephone connected in the Bell System, has a possibility of 95,099,999 other telephone numbers to call, if he had the time and the inclination.

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Agriculture Department Estimates Potato Crop

WASHINGTON—The Agriculture Department, in a final report for the year, Monday estimated this year's potato crop at 381,831,000 bushels. This estimate is well below the 10 year average of 401,146,000 bushels, and represents a drop over the estimate published last month. That estimate was 383,771 bushels. Last year's final estimate was 358,031,000 bushels. The barley crop was set at 390,939,000 bushels, compared with last month's estimate of 388,531,000 bushels and last year's final estimate of 370,502,000 bushels. The 10 year average is 269,918,000 bushels. In the figures, as reported by the Associated Press, there was no breakdown given as to area. The department estimated this year's wheat crop at 938,159,000 bushels and the corn crop at 3,184,836,000 bushels. The wheat estimate is 22,631,000 bushels more than last month's forecast of 915,528,000 bushels and compares with the government's goal of about 870,000,000 bushels. A revised estimate put last year's wheat crop at 984,845,000 bushels and the 10-year average at 1,154,073,000 bushels. The corn estimate is 1,995,000 bushels more than the department's November forecast of 3,182,870,000 bushels and compares with the government's production goal of 3,000,000,000 bushels. The wheat estimate included 703,372,000 bushels of winter wheat compared with 804,349,000 last year and 867,330,000 for the 10-year average, and 232,784,000 bushels of spring wheat compared with 180,497,000 last year and 286,683,000 for the 10-year average. The spring wheat crop was broken down further with 20,599,000 bushels of durum wheat compared with 5,124,000 last year and 33,432,000 for the 10-year average, and 212,188,000 bushels of soft wheat compared with 175,575,000 last year and 235,251,000 for the 10-year average. The production of other crops this year compared with last month's estimate, last year's revised estimate and the 10-year average, respectively, included: 1,575,736,000 bushels for final report; 1,636,030,000 last month; 1,497,045,000 last year and 1,323,321,000 for the 10-year average. Barley 390,939,000 bushels; 388,531,000; 370,502,000 and 266,918,000. Flaxseed 40,638,000 bushels; 42,985,000; 40,808,000 and 35,998,000. All hay 109,697,000 tons; 109,908,000; 104,987,000 and 102,199,000. Dry peas 2,793,000 bags; 2,833,000; 3,491,000 and 4,764. Sweet potatoes 38,406,000 bushels; 36,101,000; 30,131,000 and 46,931,000. Sugar beets 12,498,000 tons; 12,474,000; 14,083,000 and 10,431,000. Hops 36,874,000 pounds; 37,106,000; 43,477,000 and 33,621,000. Apples (commercial) 105,293,000 bushels; 104,813,000; 109,854,000 and 106,402,000. Peaches 51,231,000 bushels; 50,539,000; 61,310,000 and 68,767,000. Pears 30,511,000 bushels; 30,143,000; 30,434,000 and 30,950,000. Grapes 3,174,000 tons; 3,133,000; 2,569,000 and 2,925,000. Cherries 268,000 tons; 270,000; 206,000 and 211,000. Apricots 268,000 tons; 258,000; 155,000 and 234,000. Strawberries 1,035,000 barrels; 1,049,000; 1,018,000 and 830,000.

Jap Orphans To Visit U.S.

TOKYO (UP)—An airlines spokesman said today that five Japanese-American orphans between 4 1/2 and eight years old will be able to spend Christmas with their new foster parents in the United States after all. Two others, both two, will have to wait however. A spokesman for a commercial airline expressed concern yesterday that the children would not be able to make it "home for Christmas" because of regulations against minors traveling alone. He said then that the children would not be accepted by domestic airlines in the United States unless accompanied.

But today, the spokesman said that arrangements were worked out with an airlines to take the children to their new American parents. "I don't know what was worked out, but they are going," he said. Leaving Wednesday will be Takako, 6, adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Moses, Venice, Ill.; Rumi, 5, adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Zenis M. Smith, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Hiroki, 4 1/2, adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Albert S. Smith, Youngstown, Ohio. Sachiko, 8, whose foster parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stog, San Bernardino, Calif., and Tomoto, 7, adopted by Mr. and Mrs. W. Turner, Rayne, La., will leave Friday.

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BILL RAJNUS JR., 16, of Malin, won third prize in his age group in the record book division of the third annual Kiwanis 4-H potato project. The award was presented last week at the Kiwanis club awards banquet.

Court Records

KLAMATH FALLS MUNICIPAL COURT
Clark Almon Gist, drunk, \$25 or 12 1/2 days.
Raymond Jackson, \$30 or 25 days.
Freeman Smith, drunk, 30 days.
Carroll Lyle Ball, drunk, \$25, forfeited.
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Robert S. Little, no registration visible, \$3 forfeited.
Madeline Ezell, illegal left turn, \$5 forfeited.

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