



A PRETTY WINTER SCENE shows the home of Dr. and Mrs. K. E. Kerby at 201 N. 5th Street.

Hometown News

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The Nyssa School Cafeteria cooks and their husbands enjoyed their annual Christmas party-dinner this year at the Palomino Cafe in Ontario, Saturday, December 26.

Mrs. George Whorton and Mrs. James Gibbons of Payette were Tuesday, December 12 afternoon callers at the Bernard Eastman home.

Dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Eldredge were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carpenter of Payette and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carpenter of Boise.

The Rev. and Mrs. David Wiens and the Rev. Carl Adams were noon-dinner guests Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Foster and Francis.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Gann were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Looney and boys and Leona Reeves. Afternoon callers were the Gann's granddaughter, Mrs. Judy Crayne and family of Vale. Evening visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Burton Richey of Juntura.

Ruth Ann McGinley is home visiting her parents, the Harry McGinleys for the Christmas holiday. Upon returning to college, she will go to Eugene where she will go to practice teaching next semester.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Kressly of rural Ontario visited Sunday evening with his aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Sam McConnell.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Smith attended the annual County dinner in Vale recently.

Visiting for several days at the home of her daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Don Oldemeyer is Mrs. Clara Blankenship of Fort Collins, Colo. Also here to spend the holidays with his parents is Keith Oldemeyer, Midshipman at the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis.

Mrs. Gary Sant met friends Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bastran of Santa Monica, California for dinner at the Rodeway Inn, in Boise, Saturday.

Visiting at the home of Mrs. Blanche Weeks Sunday was her son Glenn Weeks of Parma.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Culbertson had a birthday dinner Sunday in honor of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Talbot. Monty Culbertson was also a guest.

Hal Brendle is home for the Christmas holidays from Southern Oregon College to visit his mother Mrs. Harold Brendle and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Froerer hosted a Christmas party for the Treasure Valley Flying Club Monday, December 18 at their home. Six current members and three past members and their wives attended the party. The group exchanged gifts and games were played.

Tuesday evening, December 19, a "cookie party" was held at the home of Mrs. Owen Froerer. Each guest brought as many cookies as they liked and exchanged for the same amount, giving each a large assortment of cookies for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Farmer and children visited two days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dail and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Byers. They flew to Las Vegas to attend the funeral of a half-brother of Jim's and the children stayed with their grandparents, the Dails and Byers.

Sunday visitors in the Frank Byers home were John Somers and son Ronnie of Caldwell, Vera Hackett and daughters and her mother of Middleton, Ethel Laye, Francis Kratzberg and Edith Heiser of Nyssa. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Wilson visited from December 9 to 15 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wilson and family in Alameda, California. They also visited V. L. Seybold in San Francisco. They attended the New York Jets-Oakland Raiders football game, December 11 along with 54,000 other fans.

Visiting at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Tensen for Christmas vacation are Barbie and Mardi Tensen, students at OSU.

Ron Sarazin, a student at OSU is home for the holidays. His parents are the Norbert Sarazins.

Marilee Wilson is home from EOC for Christmas holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wilson and family.

Larry Miner is home for the Christmas vacation visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Miner, Lori and other relatives and friends.

Dr. and Mrs. David Sarazin visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Earl in Portland last week. While there, Dr. Sarazin attended meetings with the Board of Directors Oregon Academy of Family Physicians and the Oregon State Health Officers and Medical Examiners.

Mrs. Orma Cleaver was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Cleaver. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Brian Cleaver and baby Will.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ady, nee Linda Ballou, are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Ballou for over the holidays.

Mary Christine is spending the holidays at the home of her parents of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Haburchak. Mary is a student at OSU.

Home for the holidays at the Howard Myricks are Rus Myrick from OSU in Corvallis and Jim Farmer from University of Utah in Salt Lake.

Nancy Jackson is home to visit her parents, the Wilton Jacksons for the Christmas holidays from Southern Oregon College. Mrs. E. G. Thompson, Wilton's mother arrived December 20 from Abernathy, Texas for the holidays.

TRY THIS MOUTHWATERING CENTERPIECE

For children, much of the fun of any holiday is the anticipation. The fun of getting ready lives in their memory far longer than any of the well-chosen presents. It may be more work for mother, but work that is ever so rewarding.

Let the children help decorate the house, trim the tree, and putter in the kitchen. A real fun project is a decoration that is good to eat. Who cares if in stringing popcorn or making popcorn balls, more popcorn is eaten than not?

Lollipop Pond

Here's an enchanting idea for the centerpiece at a child's party or just a fun thing to make on a cold winter's day. Turn a large cardboard carton on its side with the opening at the front, stage fashion. Cover the outside parts of box, if unattractive, with white paper. Cover inside back and sides with sky-blue paper. Cover the bottom of the scene with cotton batting or white tissue paper, then cover with wax paper or plastic wrap. Place a lollipop pond (recipe given) at one side of the scene. Behind the pond, place an artificial tree or tree shaped from candied popcorn mixture (recipe given).

In one corner of the scene build up a popcorn ball hill. Fill in a round the scene with individual pieces of popcorn. Break small pieces of lollipop candy into icy bits and scatter it around the edges of the pond. String pieces of popcorn and hang from the carton above the scene. Complete the scene with a small doll dressed in winter togs.

How To Pop Corn

1/4 cup corn oil
1/2 cup popcorn
Heat corn oil in a large (4-quart) heavy skillet or kettle over medium heat about three minutes. Add popcorn. Cover, leaving small air space at edge



of cover. Shake frequently over medium heat until popping stops. Turn popcorn into a large bowl, pick out any unpopped kernels. Makes 2 quarts popped corn. Do not double recipe.

Candied Popcorn

1/2 cup Karo light corn syrup
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla (optional)
Few drops vegetable coloring (optional)
2 quarts popped corn
Mix together in a heavy saucepan corn syrup, sugar and salt and bring to a boil. Cook 2 minutes over medium heat, stirring constantly. Stir in vanilla and food coloring, if desired. Pour over popcorn in large bowl and stir until corn is evenly coated with mixture. Spread margarine on hands and press popcorn into balls.

Lollipop Mixture

2 cups sugar
2/3 cup Karo light corn syrup
1 cup water
1/2 teaspoon vegetable coloring (optional)
1 1/2 teaspoons extract type flavoring
In a straight-sided 2-quart saucepan, stir together sugar, syrup and water. Cook over medium heat, stirring, until

sugar is completely dissolved. Boil, without stirring, until temperature reaches 290 degrees F. on a candy thermometer, or until a small amount of mixture dropped into very cold water separates into threads which are hard and brittle (hard crack stage). Remove from heat and cool a few moments. Add flavoring and coloring, if desired, and stir just enough to mix.

For Lollipop Ponds: Omit vegetable coloring and use essence of peppermint for flavoring. Pour about 1/2 cup of candy into center of ungreased foil, letting candy spread into a free form pond shape. Let harden. For pond, leave candy on foil, but cut off foil from around the edges. Remove other piece of candy from foil and break into icy pieces to arrange around edge of pond.

For Lollipops: Place wooden skewers or pop sticks 4 inches apart on lightly greased baking sheets. Pour mixture from tip of spoon over skewers to form 2 1/2 inch discs.

For Hanging Ornaments: Pour enough candy mixture into greased small gelatin molds to cover bottoms. Make holes with a food pick before mixture is set. When cool and hard, remove from molds and string with cord or ribbon.

1,700 Drivers Lose License

Nearly 1,700 Oregon drivers have had their licenses to drive suspended for 90 days this year because they have refused to take a chemical test to determine how much alcohol was in their blood.

Under the state's implied consent law, refusal to take a test after arrested for a driving while intoxicated charge is grounds for a 90-day license suspension. This suspension has no relationship to the subse-

quent outcome of the drinking charge.

Suspensions for refusal to take the tests have increased this year by 59 1/2%, according to the Motor Vehicles Division, and reflect the stepped-up enforcement programs against drinking drivers in the state. Through November, 10,015 driving under the influence convictions had been reported--a 32 per cent increase over 1971.

Under the implied consent law, police agencies report to the Motor Vehicles Division when a driver under arrest for driving under the influence refuses to take a chemical test.

The agency then notifies the driver his license to drive will be suspended, but provides 20 days in which he may request a hearing to determine if all terms of the law were complied with by police when the request was made. Although the majority decline the hearing, the agency notes that requests for a hearing have increased in the last year. The increase is attributed to new laws lowering the presumptive level to .10 for driving under the influence and providing stiffer penalties for readings of .15 or more.

As a footnote, the agency has received 324,609 abstracts of traffic violation convictions through November. The figure represents a seven percent increase over the comparable period in 1971.

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Double Trouble

Birds are having a tough time during this record Oregon cold-snow spell, say experts at Oregon State University. The snow covers most of their feed and the cold puts extra demands on their energy.

Many "local" birds may have to move south in search of warmth and food if the snow cover and cold spell continue, according to Michael Scott, assistant curator of the OSU Natural History Museum.

At the same time, many birds normally found only at higher elevations in the Cascades and Coast Range now are found in the Willamette Valley, including mountain chickadees, thrushes, gray jays, and Clark's nutcrackers.

The only thing song birds have to sing about these days, Scott noted, is the feed being provided by bird lovers and watchers. Bird feeders draw large numbers of hungry birds and are helping to carry them through the ice-snow period.

Robins that stay around regardless of the weather are having to switch their diets from insects and worms to berries of all kinds, including holly, Scott added.

Ducks and geese migrating south from Alaska and Canada are finding most of their normal "stop, rest and feed" ponds and lakes frozen over so are having to turn to large rivers that are still open and flowing. Stop-over time is shortened as a result.

Larger birds, such as hawks and owls can go longer without food and are better able to withstand extremes in weather. They too will migrate to areas farther south, however, when faced with prolonged periods of food shortages.

It's hard to assess bird losses from the weather, Scott said, but they may be substantial if the cold continues for a long time. He noted, however, that "birds are quite adaptable and very mobile and thus able to locate and take advantage of food sources."

Home for the holidays is Jon Morgan, a student at the U of O in Eugene. His parents are the Ted Morgans.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Riggs were called to Teton City, Idaho December 12 and 13 due to the death of Mrs. Riggs' brother, Henry Riggs.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sager recently attended a Lay Witness meeting at Clarkston, Washington. They also visited a nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Art Sager and family at La Cross, Washington.

Mark Stringer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stringer, Dave Danford, son of Dr. and Mrs. K. A. Danford and Greg Perdue, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Perdue are home for the holidays. All are students at Southern Oregon College in Ashland.

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