

Color Operetta Staged at Ewing

EWING—"Red Candles", the Ewing grade school operetta, was presented to a large crowd Thursday evening at the auditorium of the Ewing public school. The three-act entertainment required many varied costumes which made it a colorful presentation.

A piano prelude by Mrs. Wilbur Spangler and a clarinet solo by Judy and Joan Spangler preceded the program.

A synopsis of the operetta was given by Eddie Rotherham.

In the cast were Kathleen Wanser, Larry Blunt, Myra Rotherham, Kay Bergstrom, Terry Schmidt, Clayton Hoke, Julian Sojka, Sharon Spangler, Marilyn Johnson, Sandra Tandler, Janelle Tams and Randall Tuttle. Gnomes in costume were Galen

Tuttle, Kenny Magwire, Marvin Steskal, Steve Boies, Leon Spangler, Richard Shain, Joe Rotherham, Phillip Savidge, Roger Miller, Jim Schliousky and Paddy Regan.

Lullaby chorus: Roberta Eppenbach, Leigh Ann Pruden, Barbara Johnston, Lynne Rotherham, Kathy Edwards, Vicki Miller, Mary Bergstrom, Monica Munn, Geraldine Snyder, Viola Parks, Donna Steskal, Debbie Yelli, Linda Yelli and Sharry Savidge.

Record chorus: Diana Hamilton, Marla Rae Magwire, Sandra Hill, Patty Munn, Linda Juracek and Rita Kay Snyder.

Train: Ronnie Funk, Mike Munn, Dennis Napier, Bob Pruden, Randy Rockey, Terry Yelli and George VanConet.

Dream chorus: Kay Hutton, Evelyn Truss, Evelyn Snyder, Mary Sharon Munn, Barbara Schliousky, Sandra Tandler, Florence Black, Karen Woeppel, Marilyn Johnson and Mary Karen Funk.

Wooden soldiers: Terry Wright, James Kropp, Frank Eppenbach, Francis Bergstrom, LeRoy Napier, Jerome Miller, Lonnie Wacker, Richard Wanser and Richard Kropp.

Waifs: Janelle Tams, Myra Pruden, Sharon Kay West, Richard Kropp, Kay Hutton and Kay Hahlbeck. Chorus one: Marilyn Johnson, Judy Spangler, Sharon Kay West, Janelle Tams, Linda Eacker, Shirley Funk, Debra Buxton, Tom Hutton, Larry Juracek, Jerry Baur, Anita Parks, Virtus Lee, Ronnie Tuttle, Billy Hobbs and Jim Tams.

Happy song chorus: Mary Funk, Karen Woeppel, Sharon Spangler, Joan Spangler, Judy Spangler, Florence Black, Sandra Tandler, Marilyn Johnson and Kay Bergstrom.

Chorus two: Joan Spangler, Karen Woeppel, Rita Rotherham, Larry Minarik, Donna Tams, Cynthia Savidge, Russell Tuttle, Gwen Spangler, Glenda Napier, Gale Fleming and Eddie Rotherham.

Chorus three: Sandra Tandler, Kay Hahlbeck, Jeanne Hobbs, Ronald Sisson, Lois Spangler, Carolyn Hill, Carolyn Bergstrom, Gloria Hamilton, Jerry Spangler and Myra Pruden.

Reindeer: Bob Black, David Shrader, David Rotherham, Maurice Hahlbeck, David Woeppel, Tom Hutton and Terry Schmidt was Santa Claus.

Teachers in charge of the program were: Mrs. Helen Grim, Mrs. Ruth Hansen, Mrs. Fern Rexine, Mrs. Neva Bergstrom, Mrs. Beulah Black. Lights were in charge of Jim Tams. Curtains—Jack Kropp and Billy Hobbs. Virtus Lee gave the thank you. Mrs. Wilbur Spangler was the accompanist.

Hobbs Family to Hold Christmas Party

EWING—A Christmas eve family party is to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hobbs. A gaily decorated and lighted tree surrounded by packages of all sizes and shapes was the center of attraction. Later, these were presented by Santa and followed by an exciting hour when the contents were revealed.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. William Hobbs and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dorrence Hobbs and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Yelli and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Turay and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mick Hobbs and family, all of Ewing and Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Hobbs of Milford. The only member of the L. A. Hobbs family unable to be present was Pfc. Robert Hobbs and Mrs. Hobbs stationed in North Carolina.

Christmas in Other Lands Lesson Topic

CHAMBERS—Woman's Society of Christian Service met Thursday December 18, at the Methodist church with Mrs. T. E. Newhouse and Mrs. Darrel Gillette hostesses, eighteen members and one visitor were present.

The president, Mrs. T. E. Newhouse, conducted the business session. Several letters were read, one from a missionary, Leon Miller of Costa Rica, one from Mrs. John Wintermote and one from Mrs. Heyman Cook.

The lesson, "Everywhere, Everywhere Christmas," was presented by Mrs. Guais Wintermote, assisted by Mrs. A. B. Hubbard. Mrs. T. E. Alderson, Mrs. Ray Beed and Mrs. E. R. Carpenter, with Mrs. James Grimms giving the devotionals and Mrs. John Honeywell at the piano.

The theme of the lesson was the effect of Christian music and carols used in other lands.

The worship center showed the head of Christ above the open Bible, with candles, greenery and poinsettias. The service closed with each one presenting her gift of money for mission work, followed by prayer.

Lunch was served by the hostesses, who carried out the Christmas theme with a Christmas tree salad, nut bread and coffee.

Line Construction Included in Budget

Consumers Public Power district's board of directors Friday approved the 1959 budget which calls for an investment of 14 1/2 million dollars in construction work and equipment, including several projects in Frontier Land and work on the 100-thousand kilowatt steam plant near Hallam.

The Sheldon station (Hallam) investment during the new year is expected to total \$9,160,000. Major projects include construction between O'Neill and Inman, Bolden and Dixon, O'Neill to Atkinson.

Gilligan Home from Military School

Tim Gilligan, a student at Kemper Military academy in Missouri, flew into Omaha from Kansas City, Mo., Friday. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Gilligan, met him in Omaha. He will spend the holidays here until January 4.

Christmas at Holdrege

Mr. and Mrs. Laval Freeburg and family plan to go to Holdrege for Christmas to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Freeburg and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Broecker.

To Visit Sioux City

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Wilson expect to spend the holidays in Sioux City with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. S. L. Wilson and Mrs. Bernice Shinkle.



Boy Preacher

Dean Baker of Sioux City (above), first place winner of the 1957 boy preacher contest sponsored by the Youth for Christ International, will be guest speaker at the Assembly of God church in a series of sermons commencing Sunday evening, December 28, and concluding Sunday evening, January 4.

New President in Charge of Matrons

AMELIA—The Merry Matrons club met Thursday, December 18 at the home of Mrs. Irvin Forbes with Mrs. Asa Watson as co-hostess. Twenty-three members and one visitor, Mrs. Gertrude Adair, were present. Roll call was answered by reading a Christmas poem.

Mrs. Irvin Forbes, the new president, had charge of the meeting. She appointed Mrs. Stella Sparks to the card committee and Mrs. Ethel Hanson on the gift committee. Mrs. Helen Pokorny is the new song leader.

Each member is asked to bring candy to the next meeting for the soldier boy's boxes.

Mrs. Stella Sparks and Mrs. Dick Doolittle won the hostess gifts.

Mrs. Alice Prewitt and Mrs. Mary Kanzelmeyer had charge of the program.

Mystery sisters were revealed and gifts exchanged. New names were drawn for next year.

Next meeting is January 15 with Mrs. Charles Everett as hostess and Mrs. Lee Gilman as co-hostess.

Amelia News

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Myers of Seattle, Wash., came Wednesday and are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fisher. They expect to go to Oklahoma to visit his parents, returning here later.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pavel, Sr., left Wednesday, December 17 for Ft. Knox, Ky., to visit their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Prewitt. Mrs. Prewitt is stationed there with the armed forces. Mr. Pavel will stay for a longer visit.

Dean Prewitt took his mother, Mrs. Alice Prewitt, and Sharon, to Palmyra to join Mrs. Prewitt's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hall, and go by auto to California. They will visit Mr. and Mrs. Larry (Janice Prewitt) Kennedy at Riverside, Calif., and other relatives. They stopped overnight with relatives at Haigler.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Blackmore attended the funeral of Francis M. Gregory, S. D., Wednesday, December 17. Mr. Leer was the foster-father of Mr. Blackmore's sister, Mrs. Gene Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cuddy have moved to O'Neill from Minneapolis, Minn. Mrs. Cuddy is the former Viona Burgett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louie Burgett of Amelia.

O'Neill News

Spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Froelich, are James, a student at Wichita university in Wichita, Kans., and Miss Mary Ellen, a student at Duchesne in Omaha.

Saturday Miss Ann Waters of Omaha arrived at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. H. Biglin, to spend the holidays. Mrs. Biglin's daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Carroll and sons of Denver, Colo., arrived Sunday evening for the holidays.

Expected from Omaha to spend Christmas with Mrs. H. J. Birmingham and daughters will be another daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Riley and Mrs. Ed Latta and daughter, Miss Libby.

Arriving last Thursday from Belleville, Ill., were Mr. and Mrs. Jack McDonald and son, Pat, who are guests for the holidays of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Froelich. Another daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Wanser and family of Holly Springs, Ia., came Sunday to attend a family Christmas dinner.

State Capitol News ... All-Time Death Record at Hand

Holidays May Push Total Over '53

LINCOLN—Nebraska officials are facing up to an alarming problem. It is the total deaths on roads in the state that threaten to crack the all-time record of 343 fatalities in 1953.

Gov. Victor E. Anderson summoned his coordinating committee of state traffic officials and members of the Nebraska Traffic Safety Foundation.

At a meeting, in the capitol, the group centered its discussion on possible re-examination of drivers periodically, driver training in every school, county road speed limit, public education and expansion of the state safety patrol.

A sharp increase in county road facilities is the reason for the big jump in traffic deaths. State Engineer L. N. Ress said he thinks the 1959 legislature should relieve the state highway department of the responsibility of reducing speed limits on other than state highways.

This authority, the engineer believes, should be delegated to county commissioners or, as in the case of Holt and Knox counties, they are supervisors.

Poor construction standards of county roads in the past is one factor of the high death rate, Ress commented. Most are built for a top speed of 35 miles per hour, he told the group.

It was brought out that a public opinion poll showed 66.6 percent of the people surveyed favored drivers license re-examination every four years.

Col. C. J. Sanders of the patrol said if there is going to be a re-examination it should be for every driver, not just the elderly ones.

The safety group agreed that all schools should be encouraged to have at least classroom driver training.

It was reported that 30 percent of the accidents in Nebraska involve young drivers.

Sanders said each year Nebraska wipe out a community of 300 through traffic deaths. In order to more properly patrol the highways more men are needed, the patrol chief reported.

Banning Boycott

Labor will be in for a good share of the limelight in the 1959 legislature. A survey of the state senators showed the lawmakers, at the present time, favor a bill governing the secondary boycott, and that a move to ban the boycott will be made.

Also slated for introduction is a bill creating a state labor relations act, to be administered by courts. This would outlaw second-

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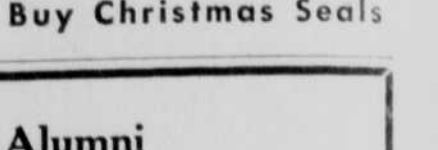
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Merry Christmas

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