

Christmas Comes

106 Crippled Children Share Yuletide Cheer At 5th Annual Party Staged At Summer Camp

By Mildred Ann Smith

Calendar dates notwithstanding, it was Christmas all day yesterday at the Santa Cruz County Crippled Children's camp at Camp Campbell near Boulder Creek.

Climaxing a week of camping for 106 youngsters from the ages of 5 through 10, who will return to their homes today, this year's festivities marked the fifth annual Yuletide celebration.

Awakened by a group of the campers singing Christmas carols over the loudspeaking system, the children were swept into a round of activities that will bring them many happy memories in the months to come.

With "Merry Christmas" the salutation of the day, and the thoughts of a roast turkey dinner, Santa Claus and presents to add to their excitement, the first item on the agenda following breakfast was the selection of a Christmas tree.

The tree, chosen on a "walkers' hike" (Wednesday was the day for the "wheelchair hike") by the children themselves, was cut down by the counselors and dragged triumphantly back to the dining hall.

Decorated during the afternoon rest period by members of the Schooner club of the First Presbyterian church, the tree with its load of Christmas packages was the center of attention during the holiday meal of roast turkey with all the fixins'.

At 7 p.m. the children reassembled around the tree to sing Christmas songs led by the camp director, Vernon Brown. "Up On the Housetop," "Jolly Old Saint Nick" and "Jingle Bells" were among the songs which helped to set the stage for the traditional appearance of Santa Claus, enacted this year by Al Hansen.

Despite wheelchairs, braces and physical handicaps, the youngsters sang with gusto, their small faces alight with the happiness of the occasion.

The gifts which were provided through the generosity of San Lorenzo valley, Santa Cruz and other county civic and fraternal organizations, had been selected for each child by the counselors and wrapped on the previous night.

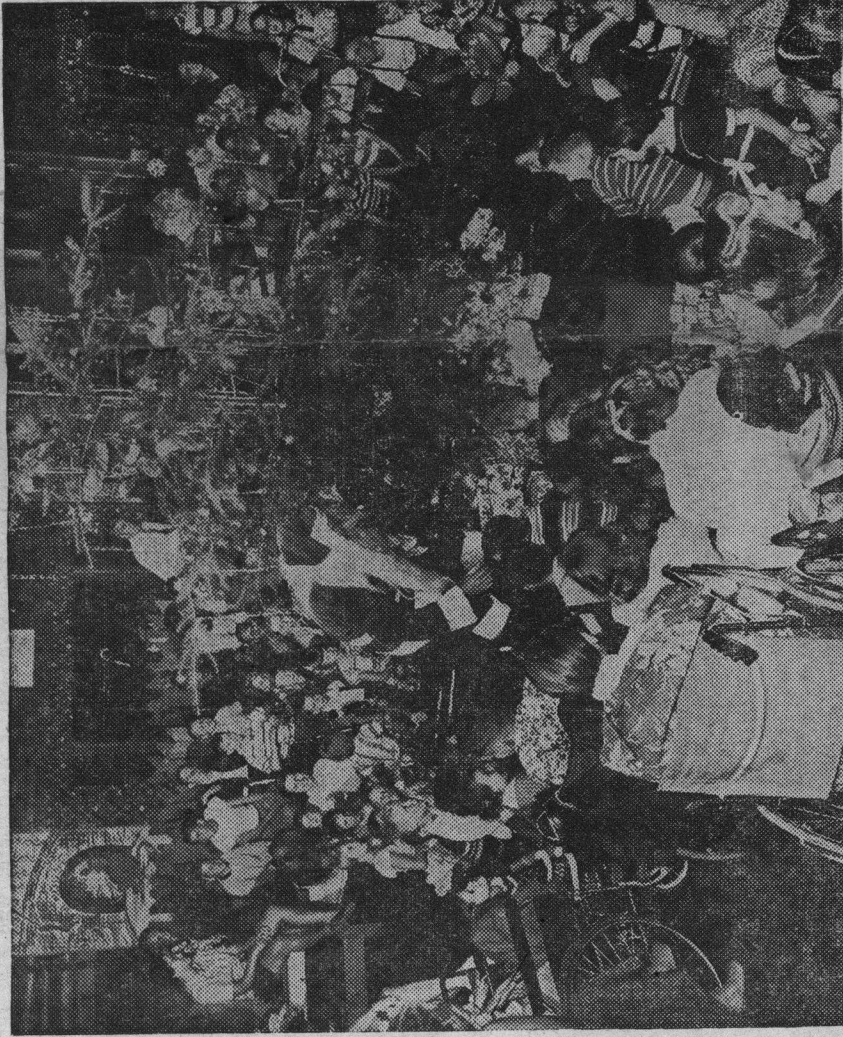
Following ice cream (furnished each year by the Golden State company) and Christmas cookies served by Schooner members, the children were trundled off to bed, weary but happy.

Brown, who is also curriculum director for Santa Cruz elementary schools, originated the annual Christmas celebration for the young campers so that they might understand the meaning of Christmas and the fun that goes along with it. Judging from the attitude of one little fellow who remarked that he wished Christmas would come more often, it

was not far from the truth. The first brigade field meet Sun-

Early To Camp Campbell

Holiday Glow Lights Every Face



Eager faces were alight last night when Santa Claus put in his traditional appearance at the Santa Cruz County Crippled Children's camp Christmas party. The 106 children, whose camping session ends today, represent 27 northern California counties. The annual celebration was originated five years ago by the camp director, Vernon Brown.

Santa Knew What They Wanted



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Social and Club News

Couple Marks 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Kennedy of 215 1/2 Prospect Heights are celebrating their golden wedding anniversary quietly today with a dinner at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ballinger.

Kennedy's health curtailed any larger celebration.

The Kennedys who were married at Webster, S.D., August 19, 1905, have lived in Santa Cruz since 1937. Following their marriage, they farmed near Webster where their daughter, Goldie, was born. They came here on their retirement.

They have four grandchildren, Lynn, Diana Sue, Bradley and Dale Ballinger.

Many cards of congratulations have been received from their many friends.

Happy Birthday

AUGUST 20

Jack Wilkins
Stanley Covell
Nancy Salzmann
E. K. Booth
Nancy McRae
Verlin Vincent
Bobby Ryberg
Joanne Carroll
Arneal Ebe Beltrami
Joe Bellas
Mrs. Fred Norman
Frederick McAdams
Fred Hauselt
Peter Russell
Douglas McWilliams
Wilma Hanby
Mrs. Mary M. Mansfield
Mrs. Rose Garbini
Marie Tyler
David Franklin Martin
Joey and Stevie Grassi, twins

AUGUST 21

Marlene Raeletta King
C. M. Aldrich
Cozette Sparks
Beatrice Towne
Glen Coe
Bob Leonard
Nell Riley
Mrs. W. H. Giljohann
Leonard P. LaFrance
Ellen Gormley
Marcel Ann Fink
Johnny Clark
G. F. Miller
Mary E. Rickman
Bertha V. Huff
Eugene Reading

Leask's

DOLLAR

DAYS

Only 1 Day

To Go - Saturday!

Shop and Save In All Departments!

COTTON BRAS ----- 1.15
Petal cups, adjustable straps. White only. A. 32 to 36; B. 32 to 38; C. 32 to 38.

NO-MEND NYLONS ----- 1.00 pair
Slightly irregular. Proportioned. 8 1/2 to 11. Reg. 1.65.

COTTON ANKLETS ----- 3 pr. 1.00
Bonnie Doon anklets. White only. Every pair perfect.

BUBBLE BATH ----- bag 69c
Powder type in pine, apple blossom, bouquet fragrances.

HAIR BRUSHES ----- 1.00
Many styles with combs to match. Nylon bristles.

Broadcloth Blouses!

1.00

A terrific saving on fine quality, imported blouses. Short sleeve style in white and assorted colors. Regularly 1.98. Sizes 32 to 38. Buy several and save on your blouse budget!

ICE CREAM SCOOPS ----- 1.00
Solid, stainless steel, wood handles, mechanical action

TORTE CAKE PAN SET ----- 1.00
Heavy tin plated. Solid bottom and tube bottom.

5-SEWED CORN BROOM ----- 1.00
Red hardwood handle. Good quality.

TEA AND TOAST SET ----- 1.00
Imported China (plate and cup) assorted floral patterns

WOODEN CAROUSEL SET ----- 1.00
G. F. Miller

DUSTERS AND ROBES ----- 5.00 - 7.00
Cottons in solid colors or prints. Sizes 10 to 20.

SLEEP-ON SWEATERS ----- 3.99

On the statistics side of the ledger, the 106 campers represent 27 northern California counties. Most of their handicaps fall in three categories, post-polio, cerebral palsy and muscular dystrophy. There is a staff of 77 adults, high school seniors and college students to care for their needs which are considerable. The washing alone keeps two automatic washers, two dryers and two members of the staff going all day long.

Assistant camp director this year is Norman Walters, director of music for Santa Cruz city schools. Mrs. Vernon Brown is secretary for the Santa Cruz County Crippled Children's society and Mrs. Jean Lafabregue is

Santa Rosa.

IOOF Encampment To Witness Rites At Livermore

Plans to attend an outdoor patriarchal degree tomorrow at Livermore were completed when members of Santa Cruz Encampment 30 met last night at the IOOF hall.

Cars will leave Odd Fellows hall tomorrow at 3:30 p.m., it was announced by the chairman, Clarence Coon.

Chief Patriarch Hugh Kilpatrick conducted the meeting.

After the first thrill of opening gifts, feminine curiosity takes the upper hand as each

little miss inspects the "booty" of her neighbor at the Crippled Children's camp Christmas party last night. Counselors

sharing in the merriment include Mary Helen Anderson (right) of Santa Cruz.

'CHARLEY'S AUNT' TO BE PRESENTED TONIGHT, TOMORROW

"Charley's Aunt" will be presented tonight and tomorrow night at 8:15 o'clock at the Laurel school auditorium by the Santa Cruz Community Players. Under the auspices of the Santa Cruz Evening school, there is no admission charge.

Surprise Shower Is Given For Diane Disbrow

Miss Diane Disbrow, who will marry Robert Gassaway September 23, was honored this week at a surprise shower at the home of Miss Jolene Ocamou, 118 Hagemann street.

Miss Ocamou was assisted by

Family Reunion Fetes Mrs. Blake On Her Birthday

The 80th birthday of Mrs. Thomas Blake was the occasion Tuesday for a family reunion at the Blake home, 1060 30th avenue.

Present for the event were four of Mrs. Blake's sisters including

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All local young people will picnic at 1 p.m. at the park.

A men ice cream ed. Ticket purchase. Each fan dividual if desire

Tommy
Donna
Mrs. D.