



AVAILABLE JONES played by Craig Busse, danced in front of the audience during a scene at the Saturday evening performance of 'Li'l Abner.' Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

## Production brings laughter

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On Saturday evening, the Cheylin Choir performed their annual musical. This year's presentation was "Li'l Abner."

The gymnasium was full of friends and family who came to see the play. Guests were served by the cast members. The meal started with a mandarin orange salad, followed by the main course of roast beef, parmesan potatoes, green beans and rolls.

After the dishes were cleared off

the table, the curtains opened and, for the next two and half hours, the audience laughed and clapped to the antics of Li'l Abner, played by Jayden Cahoj, and Daisy, played by Sydney Busse, and the rest of the cast members.

During the break between acts, cast members served guests their dessert of cherry cheesecake; then it was back on stage to continue with preventing the evacuation and annihilation of Dogpatch, U.S.A.

In the end, the bad guy, General Bullmoose, played by Hudson

Louderbaugh, and his girlfriend, played by Mandie Walden, were foiled in their plans. Dogpatch was saved, and Daisy got her man!

The cast made a curtain call and thanked their parents for driving them to and from rehearsals. Pam Johnson was recognized for playing the music throughout the play, and Dennis and Rose Hengen, for patiently helping everyone with learning their lines. Teresa Porter, St. Francis, did the choreography, and Justin Miller and Stephanie Busse helped the cast remember lines.

## \$1,500 given out on Dec. 15

By Karen Krien

Tis (almost) the season and people are already asking when the businesses will start giving away the Christmas On Us tickets. This year as in years past, the fun and giveaways will be exciting and full of suspense.

There will still be the \$1,000 grand prize drawing along with a \$100 second prize. There will still be the eight \$50 drawings throughout the season. Like last year, each Christmas On Us business will be giving away a prize. Numbers will appear in the ads, the same as the numbers for the \$50 prizes. When one of these numbers is matched with a ticket number, the person will draw a business, then they, along with a Herald staff member, will go to the business for the prize and a photo with the owner for the next week's Herald.

(Starting today (Thursday), there will be tickets in participating businesses. Each time someone purchases \$10 in merchandise or services, they will receive a ticket. This is also a great time to pay that bill before the new year and get extra tickets for the drawing.)

Then, for the next four weeks, there will be numbers from the tickets listed in ads in the special Christ-

mas On Us pages. If the number on the page matches the number on a ticket, the holder of the ticket will need to bring it to The Herald office to claim \$50 in scrip. The winner will have their picture taken and tell what they plan to do with the scrip.

"It is a merry time of the year and giving away money and prizes makes it even more fun," said Casey McCormick, ad manager.

By Dec. 15, there should be eight \$50 scrip Instant Winners and 11 in-store prizes. If all of the \$50 tickets have not been claimed, they will be drawn for at the Christmas On Us and Chamber celebration on Monday, Dec. 15.

### Deadline

There is a deadline for matching the ticket numbers! Anyone with a ticket matching a number in the Christmas On Us ad pages must claim their prize before 5 p.m. the next Monday by bringing it into The Herald office. There is an exception to the deadline the week of the Christmas On Us drawing. That week, winners must claim their prize by noon on Monday.

There will be new numbers placed in ads each week and ticket numbers from the week before, if not claimed by the following Monday, will no longer be considered.

A total of \$400 in scrip will be given to Instant Winners.

At the Dec. 15 drawing, the big winner holding the first place ticket will find themselves with an extra \$1,000 in scrip to spend in St. Francis during the season. The second place winner will take home \$100 scrip. There will also be a drawing for any unclaimed Instant Winner and in-store prize tickets.

It is not necessary to make a purchase to claim a ticket because those coming to The Saint Francis Herald office may each receive one ticket per week.

Each week, participating merchants will be advertising sales and specials in the ads on the Christmas On Us pages so while looking for matching numbers, people are urged to take a good look at the specials.

Participating businesses in the Christmas On Us drawings are:

- Bier's Hometown Store
- Bumper To Bumper
- Hilltop General Store
- Owens True Value
- Parkhill Restaurant
- St. Francis Super's
- Schultz's
- St. Francis Equity
- St. Francis Tire and Service
- The Saint Francis Herald
- United Methodist Thrift Store

## High winds cause electrical failure

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Northwest Kansas residents are no strangers to high winds and with winds gusting over 60 miles at times, Bird City lost electricity for two hours last Thursday.

Electrical lines came down due to the high winds and mechanical failure that could not be determined. The downed lines were between Bird City and McDonald and did not affect McDonald. Midwest crews were also at the power station resetting switches and doing a general check up.

Tumbleweeds clogged up streets and doorways. Connie Miller's shed behind her restaurant, Heritage Café, lost its roof and siding, blowing the contents out onto Bird Ave. In addition, a roof of unknown origin landed in front of Mabel Carsten's home.

The winds hurt the already late corn and milo harvest, knocking down the stalks and making crops difficult to cut.

"We have heard about damage done due to the weather, but won't know how extensive until the farmers get back in their fields," said Tim Burr, Frontier Ag manager.

Mr. Burr continued by saying the rain on Monday also caused delay in the farmers getting to their crops. Moreover, the mois-



CINDY BURR WALKS AROUND the tumbleweeds and debris that blew in on Thursday. Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

ture is causing problems with grain crops weighting more. Grains cannot be stored properly until dried or it may mildew and not be sellable.

When corn weighs in more than 15.5-percent moisture, this can drive the price down. The reason is the corn has to be manually dried and the cost is passed on to the farmer. Natu-

rally, the cost varies with how much drying is needed. Storage is one of the problems that can come up during harvest and when grain has to be dried there needs to be a place to do it.

As the farmers are trying to get their crops in, more snow and wet weather are predicted for the weekend.

## WW II veterans honored during a special program

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Monday, the staff and residents of the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis honored the veterans living at the Village. Richard Cemensky, Bill Hilt, Buster Jenkins, Henry Scwhirmer and Glenn Glasco had brought memorabilia including photos of their military service. Mr. Glasco and Mr. Shirmer also had their uniforms complete with bars and medals.

Following the program, Cathy Loop, activities director, presented each of the veterans with a certificate of thanks for a job well done. People were allowed to look at the memorabilia and talk to the veterans about their military experiences. Patriotic cookies, furnished by Relda Schirmer Galli, and punch were served.

### Richard Cemensky

Before he graduated from high school in Montgomery, Minn., Mr. Cemensky was employed as an ordinary seaman and coal passer with the United States Coast Guard. Following graduation, he served in the Army for three years. He was stationed in Germany for two years as a truck driver and a courier in German, France and Austria.

### Bill Hilt

Mr. Hilt said he was in the Army from 1941 to 1945. At the end of his tour, he was 30 miles from the Russian border. Mr. Hilt was in five major battles/campaigns including Normandy, Northern Francis, Ardennes (Battle of the Bulge) Rhineland and central Europe. According to the Cheyenne County Veteran's book, Mr. Hilt's battalion landed on Omaha Beach on June 12, 1944, and fought through northern France. His 671st Field Artillery Battalion (155 Howitzer) was taken to General Patton's Army in northern France, both of which were sent to help the Battle of the Bulge.

### Buster Jenkins

Buster Jenkins, formerly of southeastern Colorado, was in the Army between 1942 and 1945. He fought in the Philippines and New Guinea where he was a machine gun section chief. He was injured, receiving shrapnel in his back. He



GLENN GLASCO WAS AMONG THE HONORED during Veterans Days ceremony at St. Francis Good Samaritan. Cathy Loop, activities director, talks to Mr. Glasco during his interview. Times staff photo by Karen Krien

received the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

### Henry Schirmer

Henry Schirmer was the only son of German immigrants. His daughter Relda Galli, on Monday, told that it bothered his parents that he was going to war in their homeland.

Mr. Schirmer was inducted into the Army in 1942. He was a field lineman, repairing telephone lines. He was awarded a Bronze Star for gallantry in action. Mrs. Galli said that her father's commander had ordered them to go up and resting the lines. The bullets were flying and no one wanted to go but Mr. Schirmer went up and the other followed his lead and the lines were repaired.

Mr. Schirmer had a Nazi flag which, when going through one of the villages following the war, he jumped up and yanked the flag down. He said the villagers cheered.

Mr. Schirmer had grown up speaking German. When the war

was over, Mr. Schirmer stayed in Germany for another six months where he was an interpreter and translator for the United States Military Forces.

### Glenn Glasco

Glenn Glasco was inducted into the Army and went to basic training at Camp Roberts, Calif. With emotion, he told about sailing under the Golden Gate Bridge on a new ship and wondering if he would ever come back.

He did come back but not before seeing action. He was promoted to sergeant and squad leader during the Philippine Liberation Campaign. He said he had 18 men under him. The combat team saw war at Leyte, Mindanao, Luzon and other islands in the Philippines. He was wounded in action at Mindanao.

He told about being lifted by a crane onto a hospital ship. He was asked if he was able to go home because of his injury. No, he said, the fighting wasn't over.

Mr. Glasco did come home in October 1946.