

Church Activities

St. Paul's Plans Special Yule Season Services

A series of special services will be conducted at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 409 and Military Streets, during the Christmas holidays, according to an announcement made by Rev. Walter A. Sylwester.

The first of the series will be held Sunday, at 8:30 a.m., the sermon topic being "The Christmas Visitor at Our Door." The second service of Dec. 22 begins at 11 a.m. and will be a communion service. "The Church and the Child" is to be the topic of the sermon. Special tribute will be paid to teachers of the congregation this Sunday school during the leading part in retelling the Christmas story.

The Christmas day service, to be held Dec. 25, begins at 10 a.m. and will be held at the church. "Good News" is the topic of the Christmas day message.

"Paul's Christmas and New Year's Message" will be the sermon topic for both services of Dec. 29, beginning at 8:30 and at 11 a.m., with the Sunday school and adult Bible class meeting at 9:45.

On Dec. 31 a New Year's Eve service will be conducted, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Holy communion will be celebrated at this service. The sermon topic is "The Christian at the Close of the Old and on the Threshold of the New Year." An invitation is extended to the public to attend all of the festival services.

Tri-City Church Plans Special Service Sunday

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church at Tri-City, meeting in the Veterans Memorial Building on Highway 99 about four miles south of Myrtle Creek, will conduct a special Christmas service Sunday, according to Rev. Walter A. Sylwester.

This service will begin at 7 p.m. The children of the Sunday school will tell the Christmas story in recitation and song. Frank Elst, Jack and Dale Whitmore, Judy Anne Davidson, and Laurel Sampson will serve as the lecturers for the service.

Special Christmas music will be presented by Frank Elst and Mrs. Alvin Barnhart. The pastor's Christmas meditation will be based on Luke's account of Christ's birth. Following the service Christmas favors will be distributed to all children attending the service. The general public is invited to these services.

Baptist Church Cantata Planned Sunday Evening

"Carols of Christmas" cantata will be presented at the First Baptist Church, corner of Rose and Lane streets, Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

Harold Withnell, choir director and organist, will direct the cantata. Soloists will be Peggy Powell, Bernice Merrill, soprano; Myron Lehn, Marvin Quick, bass; and Rev. Eugene Gerlitz, Owen Palmer and Jack West, tenor.

Also soloists will be Mrs. Marvin Quick, Mrs. George Hughes and Mrs. Esther Gilliland. The public is invited.

Rehearsals Set For St. Paul's Church

In preparation for the Christmas Eve service Dec. 24, the Sunday school of St. Paul's Lutheran Church has scheduled two rehearsals.

The first will be held at the church, West Corey and Military, this Sunday at 9:45 a.m. The second rehearsal is to be held at the Benson School auditorium on Sunday afternoon and begins at 2:30 p.m.

All members of the Sunday school are requested to be present for both rehearsals. The Christmas Eve service will be held at the Benson School auditorium Dec. 24, and is open to the general public. It begins at 7:30 p.m.

ELKTON CHURCH PROGRAM

Elkton Christian Church will give its Christmas program Sunday at 7:30 p.m. A special program has been planned and everyone is invited.

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Calapooia Church Christmas Play Sunday Evening

By MRS. GEORGE MUNSON
The Calapooia Free Methodist Church will hold its annual Christmas program on Sunday evening at the church, near Umpqua. Every one is welcome. Program begins at 7:45.

Visits Sister
Mrs. Lillie Wood drove to Eugene recently where she was a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. Marie Plasted for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Archie Moore drove to Eugene Wednesday to get their daughter who is attending college there. She will spend the holiday vacation with her parents.

Mrs. Emma Lansing, Mrs. Opal Munson, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Rippstein and daughter, Carolyn, of Umpqua attended the vespers services at the Oakland Community Church Sunday, presented by the Oakland Chapter of Jobs Daughters.

TODAY AND TOMORROW

Candy Sale, J. C. Penny Store, 8:30 a.m., sponsored by Amaranth ways and means.

Greyhound Bus Crash Injures Seven Persons

NORTH BEND, Wash.—A Walla Walla bound Greyhound has collided with two trucks on the snow-sweet Snoqualmie Pass highway 10 miles east of the summit early Friday, injuring seven persons, four seriously.

The State Patrol here said no one was killed. Officials at the North Bend Hospital identified the seriously injured as Clara Foster, 38, Seattle; Lavora Ferguson, 27, Seattle; Carl Loken, 68, Seattle; and Lois Bowman, 26, Seio, Ore. Mrs. Bowman's husband, Donald, 22, was described in good condition.

Two other persons were taken to Cle Elum Hospital. They were Alma Scott, 72, Clarkston, Wash., and Jimmy Hayes, 34, of Walla Walla. Neither was seriously hurt. Details of the mishap were sketchy but a state patrol officer said one of the trucks involved was a hay truck. He said the accident occurred shortly before 3 a.m. Traffic was blocked for almost three hours.

The patrol said the highway was later opened to one way traffic until wreckage could be removed.

The bus was en route to Walla Walla from Seattle where it had left at midnight.

A bus company official in Seattle identified the driver as T. C. Ford, Seattle.

A Cappella Choir Sings For Roseburg Rotarians

The Roseburg High School a cappella choir took the spotlight at the regular Thursday noon meeting of the Rotary Club in the Hotel Umpqua.

Taking solo parts during the session of carol-singing were Charles Utzman, Jean Gibbons, Gayle Geddes and Larry Rutter. A trio, the Harmonettes, also sang. Sally Hill was accompanist. Director was Robert Robins.

Aged Portlander Fatally Injured By Automobile

PORTLAND—An 86-year-old man suffered fatal injuries Thursday when struck by a car in Portland.

The death of Richard A. Hoffer, Portland, raised the 1957 traffic toll for the state to 475 persons—only three short of the record number killed in 1952.

Police said the driver, Hamilton Cowles, 23, Portland, told them Hoffer stepped into the path of his car.

Gaily Wrapped Yule Gifts Will Appear Under Most Christmas Trees This Year

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Gaily wrapped gifts will be under Christmas trees in Oregon homes this year in the same abundance as in other years.

But they will, for the most part, be more practical and less costly.

This is the conclusion drawn from a survey of pre-Christmas buying in retail stores throughout the state.

Buying started slowly, picked up some momentum, but has quite a way to go at most stores to bring the December volume up to that of last year.

Wildlife Service Against Wholesale Poisoning Of Mice

WASHINGTON—The Fish and Wildlife Service recommended Thursday against a wholesale poisoning program to combat the Pacific Northwest's unprecedented field mouse infestation.

The widespread use of poison would be a hazard to the region's wildlife, said Clifford Presnall, assistant chief of the agency's Rodent Control Division.

He recommended instead, spot poisoning.

The mice number as high as 10,000 per acre in some areas of southeastern Oregon. They have caused millions of dollars in crop damage. Complaints about the mice have come principally from Oregon but have been received also from areas of Washington, Boise Valley in Idaho and Modoc County, California.

Presnall said the infestation probably was due to just-right climatic and food conditions. This has resulted in increases in the size and frequencies of litters, he said.

Sudden spurts of mice populations, Presnall said, are usually followed by sharp reductions from disease and other factors.

Seldom Carried Over
"Seldom do we find such infestations carrying over in a second crop-growing season," he said.

The Wildlife Service said it has no funds to help combat the infestation. But Presnall has advised Oregon officials that should they desire to divert other rodent and predator control funds, federal matching money also will be diverted to help solve the mice problem.

Presnall suggested that spot poisoning be undertaken in alfalfa fields and apple orchards facing possible destruction.

Then early next spring, a survey should be made to determine whether the mice had died off naturally. If not, another poisoning would be in order.

Asked about health hazards of the infestation, Presnall said the Public Health Service has found no traces of tularemia among the mice. This disease can be transmitted to humans by handling dead mice or eating food which they have polluted.

Now and again merchants are found who say business is fine. More often they say it is slow.

"It depends," said a Eugene banker, "on whom you talk to. One merchant appears happy, says business is better than a year ago. Another will tell you that business is lousy."

Have To Work Harder
A department store manager at Grants Pass said, "We have to work a little harder, but we are getting the business."

The manager of a high quality men's wear store in Portland said his sales volume was equal to last year's but, "It takes a lot of hard work; you have to use every sales gimmick you can think of."

In contrast, most dealers in major appliances say sales are off. A large Portland department store said its sales were running behind a year ago but were picking up and might wind up only 3 to 5 per cent under last Christmas.

Most merchants attribute the decline to the state's big unemployment total and to the uncertainty of paychecks in coming months.

One department store manager said his pre-Christmas sales would be all right but he was worried about the full month's totals. In the five shopping days after Christmas, he said, he expected virtual collapse of sales.

Need Careful Handling
Another merchant, who said he was keeping his volume up by hard work, said customers need careful handling. "They are very thin skinned and easily offended. Maybe," he added, "it's because they are a little hard up for cash and are sensitive about suggestions to buy more expensive items."

Whatever the reason, agreement

LOCAL NEWS

Miss Deborah Corkrum, who is a freshman at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash., will arrive in Roseburg Saturday to spend the holidays visiting her mother, Mrs. Bert S. Corkrum, and her sisters, Jody and Kathi Corkrum.

Mrs. Duane Brady (Donna Ellison), who is a senior at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, arrived here Thursday night to spend the holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Elms; her brother, Robert, and her grandmother, Mrs. Foster Butler.

Dr. and Mrs. Harry Hansen and daughter, Michelle and Heather, of West Linn, are arriving this weekend to spend a week visiting Mrs. Hansen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Michael. Mrs. Hansen is the former Nancy Michael.

Santa Claus will appear at a party Saturday, Dec. 21, at 1 p.m. for all children of members of the Roseburg Country Club at the clubhouse. Sunday the annual open house will be held at the clubhouse from 3 to 5 p.m. and the annual Christmas buffet will be served beginning at 5 p.m.

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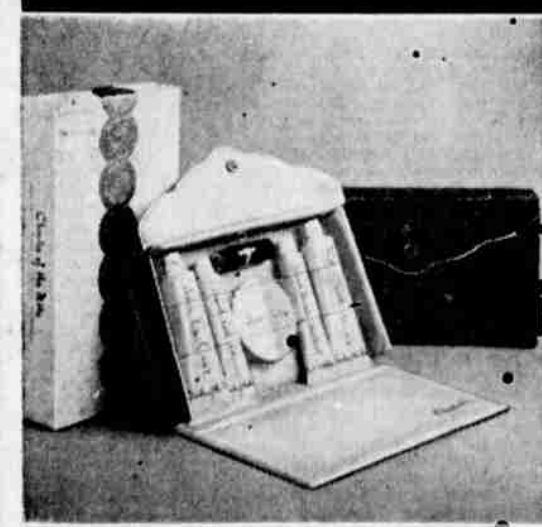
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