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SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR CHRISTMAS

St. Helens Schools Will Have Christmas Programs—Parents and Friends of Scholars Are Invited to Attend Exercises.

A holiday spirit prevails in the schools of St. Helens and both the public school and the Mission school have prepared appropriate programs. Parents and friends of the pupils are invited to attend the exercises. The programs follow:

Friday afternoon will be a gala day at the school house. Many of the pupils will have Christmas trees and appropriate exercises. The primary grade Mrs. Burnett's room, has a large stock of goodies which the little tots have brought some at a personal sacrifice and which they intend to give to shut-ins. The pupils in Miss Dethorlson's room, after the Christmas story has been told, then will have a tree and remarks.

Mr. Hedinger's room also, the primary grade, will follow the same plan. They also have brought gifts for Burnett.

The third grade is planning an elaborate program to be given before their tree.

The second grade will have a typical Christmas entertainment, consisting of songs and poems and will also have the Christmas tree.

The fifth and sixth grades will have part for the morning in Miss Dethorlson's exercises.

The seventh grade has decorated their tree and also their Christmas room. They will give songs and recitations, also "Betsy-mmers," in which we know will amusement a treat will be served.

The eighth students will exchange gifts and in a very novel selection for Christmas season.

In the high school there will be an exchange of gifts by the Hi-Y and the Student Library.

Music time and practice for the "Spirit of the Christmas" and "Silent Night" will be held at 8 hours day. The students have chosen a play and will give it soon. The room has been decorated with red and evergreen and present a very festive appearance.

In the McBride school in Wm. St. Helens, the "girls" second, third, fourth, 5th and sixth grade pupils have arranged an interesting program. It has been at the school to make Christmas time a time of cheer. Santa will be there. The boys in the second and eighth are getting in tune and meet time.

Friday will close the first half of the school year and the teachers are proud of the record made. The attendance has been 98.4 per cent, which is considered an excellent record. The entire program follows:

Christmas Program

First, Second, Third and Fourth Grades

Song, "Christmas Bells"

First and Second Grades

Recitation, "A Surprise"

Iris Shansbury

Song, "The Christmas Night"

Jack Sanders

Song, "Christmas"

Third and Fourth Grades

Fire Catching Exercise, Second Grade

Recitation, "A Christmas Fire"

Iris Shansbury

Current Recitation, "Just Everybody" Second Grade Boys

Recitation, "A Stolen Glimpse of St. Nick" Rachel Reber

Song, "Hang Up Babies Stock" 1st and 2d Grade Girls

Recitation, "Why Do Bells for Xmas Ring?" Leslie Parker

Recitation, "Errors" Benj. Perkins

Current Recitation, "First Xmas" 1st and 2nd Grades

Recitation, "A Possibility" Gladys Taylor

Recitation, "The Night Before Xmas" Nancy Billings

Song, "Jingle Bells" 3rd and 4th Grades

Play, "Mother Goose's Xmas Pa" First Grade

Recitation, "A Present for Mother" Arvid Smith

Recitation, "If You're Good" Ruth Kelley

Recitation, "First Xmas Gift" Max Britten

Song, "Merry Christmas" 3rd and 4th Grades

Recitation, "Cradle Song" Lois Mohr

Song, "Luther's Cradle Hymn" 3rd and 4th Grades

Exercise, "Santa's Little Helpers" 3rd and 4th Grades

Program of Fifth and Sixth Grades

Instrumental Music Lillian VanSatts

Recitation, "Hoppy Christmas" By School

Recitation, "The Little Match Girl" Anna Negri

Song, Dong, Dong, Dong By Girls

Recitation, Singer of Christmas Agnes Olson

Recitation, Just Before Christmas Lynnell Ketcham

Song, Luther's Cradle Hymn Margaret Negro

Song, Sing a Song of Sheepshead

Cast of Characters

Sheepshead	Errol Crouse
Shepherd	Bernice Smith
Gwen Kidd	Bert Powers
Blue Beard	Delmar Olson
Nursery Lady	Ruth Cro
Mrs. Muffet	Edith Kyle
Tommy	Mikel Based
Orphan Annie	Annie Gerber
Boy Blue	Harry Gaines
Tom Tucker	Olga Wagner
Jack Horner	Lloyd Olds
Piper's Son	Wendell Kirkland
Baby Bunting	Harry Cha-Pierce
Cinderella	Elizabeth Chapel
Scribe	Bessie Potter
Miss Question Mark	Earl Vanderpool
Old Woman's	Margaret Neely
Santa Claus	Lowell Chambers
Mother of Sheepshead	Verna Brown
Santa Helpers	B. Boles

CHRISTMAS TREE FOR S. S. CLASSES

Tuesday at the Guild room of the Episcopal church there will be a Christmas tree and entertainment for the Sunday school pupils of that church. There will be a short program, followed by the distribution of the presents. Afterwards refreshments will be served.

Sidney Ashton, former purser for one of the McCormick fleets, but for the past two years a purser on one of the U. S. Shipping Board vessels, was in St. Helens Thursday for a few hours visiting old time friends.

S. OF F. DANCE SATURDAY NIGHT

Under the auspices of Avon Lodge No. 82, Knights of Pythias, a Christmas dance will be given at the Blue Boar dance room, Quarries, Friday night. Geo. Shepherd and Fred Wotkins, who were appointed by the lodge as committee to look after the affair, have arranged with Morris Wilring to have additional music by the orchestra and they have stored up enough for a dance that has been unusual in St. Helens. Dancers will take part in the program. Captain Sheppard said: "We want every member of the lodge, the wife of every member and the friends of both the Knights and wife to attend this dance for it is going to be a real event in the history of the lodge." Captain Sheppard added that everyone was cordially invited to attend the dance and he would assure them of having a enjoyable evening.

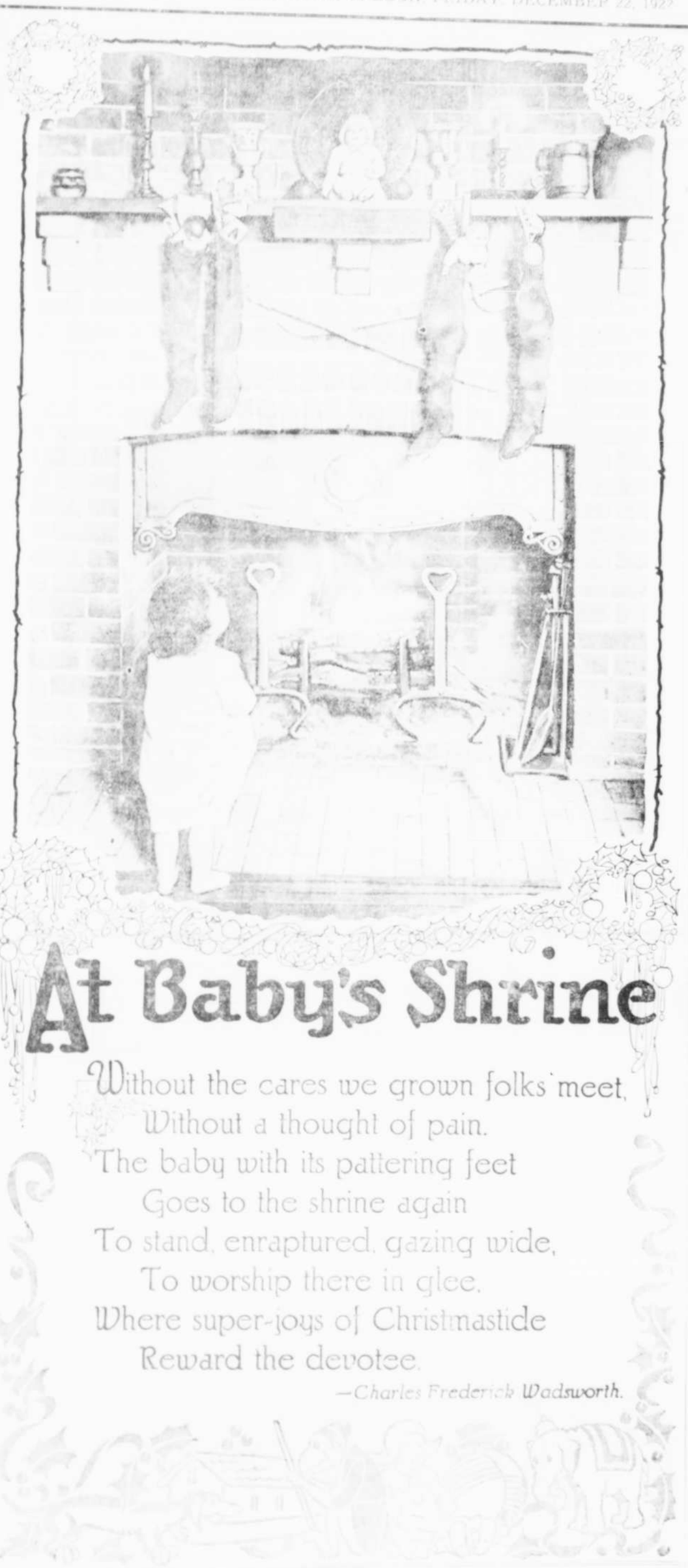
Mr. and Mrs. Chris C. Walker of Portland are expected to arrive in St. Helens tomorrow to spend Christmas day with Mrs. Walker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Quick.

SCHOOL PROGRAM AT DEER ISLAND

Deer Island, Dec. 21.—(Special.) The school at Deer Island will have a program and Christmas tree at the school house, Friday evening, December 22. Both pupils and the teachers have worked diligently preparing the program and hope to have an entertainment of real merit, in spite of the fact that many children have been absent on account of illness.

In addition to numbers prepared by the pupils, there will be violin selections by Morris and Ruth Hoven and Catherine Welter of Goble, and Theodora Tarbell of Warren. Vocal solos by Mrs. William Loring and Evelyn Russell of Deer Island. A fancy dance by Agnes Hatton of St. Helens and Evelyn Russell of Deer Island. An interesting part of the program will be the play, "Christmas at Pumpkin Holler."

The Ladies' Aid societies of the Methodist church of Houlton and St. Helens desire to thank the public for the liberal patronage to the bazaar. A total of $400 was realized.



YULETIDE SPIRIT IN SCAPPOOSE

Scappoose, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The peace of that wondrous night; the wise men and the star of Bethlehem; tending their flocks and keeping watch star, of the song the angels sang, "Peace on Earth, Good Will," may the peace of that Christmas time, my friends, be with you still.

The American Legion will have a dance at the hall Saturday night. Members of the Legion Auxiliary will provide a bounteous lunch.

The children's Christmas cantata will be held in the church Christmas eve beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Christmas services will be held in the Community church Sunday, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. There will be music appropriate to the Christmas time. Everyone is cordially invited to attend the service. In the evening the cantata will be held and that it will be enjoyed is an assured fact.

The Yuletide spirit prevails in Scappoose. As Christmas day comes nearer here is the hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping. People are arriving to spend the holiday season with relatives and friends, and some of our residents will go to other places to be with the "home folks" or friends.

The pupils in the Scappoose high and grammar grades are glad that the Christmas holidays are here. The teachers and scholars have left the school for—it is the Christmas holidays.

HOLIDAY SHOPPERS THRONG STORES

St. Helens Merchants Say Christmas Business Exceeds That of Last Year—Stores Filled With Seasonable Gifts.

Christmas Day is almost here and the shoppers seem to realize this, for they have been busy during the past few days. The cold weather and snow interfered with shopping at the first of the week, so merchants say, but during the past few days and when the weather has been good the stores have been crowded with shoppers and each merchant reports that the Christmas business has been good. The local stores are filled with suitable gifts which Santa would recommend to the prospective giver and the merchants are doing everything possible to aid Santa and the tardy Christmas shopper.

Interviews with the merchants of St. Helens indicates that the Christmas business this year is in excess of that last year. The big rush is expected today and tomorrow for there are always a number who wait for the "last minute shopping period." The several mill companies and other industrial plants will permit their employes to draw on December time today and probably $10,000 to $15,000 will be disbursed and that means that Christmas shopping today and tomorrow will be given an added impetus.

The spirit of Christmas is with us and the people of St. Helens realizing that the year just closing has been a prosperous one and that the next year holds out promises of a continued prosperity, have taken on the yuletide spirit, and they should for it should be a Merry Christmas for St. Helens as it gives promise of a Most Happy and Prosperous Year ahead.

IMPROVEMENT OF HARBOR PROMISED

St. Helens has promise of a needed Christmas present. A present that will be appreciated and tend to the development of the city and the surrounding country, for the Oregon senators and congressmen have promised to do all possible to secure an appropriation for the improvement of the channel from the old quarry site near the "Nigger" creek bar. Both Mayor Ballagh and H. F. McCormick have received telegrams from the Oregon representatives stating they would do their utmost to secure an appropriation for the work. The officials of the Port of Portland have been active in the effort to secure this appropriation due to the insistence of Mr. McCormick and the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce. The Mist hopes to give full details regarding the matter in its next issue.

SCHOOLS CLOSE FOR HOLIDAYS

The schools of St. Helens will close this afternoon for the Christmas holidays and will resume on Tuesday, January 4, 1923. According the instructors in the schools the first four months of the school year has been successful and there has been a close co-operation between the students and instructors.

FREE METHODIST

Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Free Methodist church in West St. Helens, the children and young people will give a Christmas program. Christmas services will be held at 11 o'clock Sunday morning by the pastor of the church, Rev. George G. Edwards.

SPECIAL SERVICES AT THE CHURCHES

Local Churches Plan Special Programs Celebrating Christmas—Bishop Sumner Coming Sunday—Special Programs at Several Churches.

The coming Christmas time will be celebrated by the several churches in St. Helens. Each of the churches will have special Christmas services. This paper has endeavored to secure the Christmas Church notices and they are:

METHODIST EPISCOPAL

"The Friendly Church."

The wonderful Christmas story and its meaning will be featured at all services of the day next Sunday. The story of Christmas, the singing of Christmas songs and a brief, informal program will occupy the Sunday school hour, beginning at 9:45. The primary department will enjoy the usual Christmas treat and the upstairs classes, by their own request, will receive the price of their treat to add to their offering for the church. Appropriate decorations will add their charm to the Christmas atmosphere. The pastor will preach a Christmas sermon at the hour of morning worship.

The Epworth League Christmas service will begin at 6:30. Christmas songs will be sung, and the Christmas lesson will be presented by Mr. Lawrence Davies.

A special program of Christmas music will be given at the 7:30 hour. Members of the adult choir and of the girls' chorus will bring the glorious Christmas message in beautiful music. The program is as follows:

Chorus, "What Mean Those Holy Voices" ..... The Choir
With Trio by Mesdames Garriott, Blakesley, Johnson.
Chorus, "Cradle Hymn" ... The Choir
Solo and Obligato, Mrs. Paul Wiggins
Chorus, "The Heavenly Sign" ..... The Choir
Solo, Mrs. Garriott
Solo ..... Mrs. S. W. Garriott
Chorus, "Brightest and Best" ..... Girls' Chorus
Chorus, "O, Little Town of Bethlehem" ..... The Choir
Solo, Mrs. Paul Wiggins
Address, "The Star of Hope" ..... Rev. L. Dale Johnson
Chorus, "Silent Night" ... The Choir
Solos and Obligatos, Mrs. Garriott, Mrs. Wiggins and Dr. L. G. Ross
Quartet, "The Guiding Star" ..... Messrs. Thompson, Ross, Bacon and Amundson
Chorus ..... Girls' Chorus
Chorus, "Through the Silent, Starry Night" ..... The Choir
Solo by Mrs. S. W. Garriott
Solo ..... Mrs. Paul Wiggins
Chorus, "Come and Worship" ..... The Choir

The adult choir is directed by Mrs. Paul Wiggins; the Girls' Chorus by Mrs. S. W. Garriott.

CATHOLIC.

Vested Choir at Midnight Mass.

The feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, or Christmas, i. e., the mass in honor of Christ, will be celebrated with the splendor and solemnity befitting the Incarnation of the Son of God. The first mass will be sung at midnight on Christmas eve. The Rev. Albert Carmody of Portland will chant the mass and preach, subject, "The Child of Bethlehem." The Cecilian Choral society, a vested choir of twenty boys and girls will render the music, consisting of the mass, "Echoes of Heaven," and the carols Silent Night and Adeste Fideles, the latter to be sung at the Offertory of the Mass.

The other masses will be said at 8, 8:30 and 10 on Christmas day. A representation of the Manger at Bethlehem is being set up in the church, depicting the Blessed Mother in the midst of the Magi and the shepherds watching over her Divine child.

Hours for the Sacrament of Penance—Sunday from 2:00 p. m. until 6:00; and from 6:00 until midnight. Also before the other masses.

There will be a Christmas tree for the children Saturday, December 23, at 2 o'clock in St. Mary's hall.

The public is kindly invited to attend all services.

CONGREGATIONAL

Special services will be held next Sunday at the Plymouth Congregational church in celebration of our Lord's birth. At 11 a. m. Rev. Paul F. Hoffman will preach on "The Christmas Spirit." The quartette will sing, "O Come, Let Us Adore Him," by Calver. Mrs. P. D. Hoffman will render as a solo, "The New Born King," by L'Espair, and Mrs. L. H. Rutherford will sing, "The Star of Bethlehem," by Adams. At 5:00 p. m. the Sunday school, assisted by the church choir, will tell the Christmas story in songs, exercises and recitations.

EPISCOPAL.

Bishop Walter Taylor Sumner will be in St. Helens next Sunday morning, December 24th for the purpose of giving the Christmas communion to the communicants of Christ's Church Episcopal. Service will be held at 10:30 a. m. The bishop will preach a Christmas sermon. The public is cordially invited to be present.